

WELCOME TO

# St. Augustine Catholic Church

MONROE & EAST CLINTON STREETS, NAPOLEON, OHIO 43545

PASTOR: Reverend Jerry Schetter

DEACON: Jon Gottron

PARISH MANAGER: Laurie Brubaker • SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Ginny Minnick



## *Merry Christmas...*

We celebrate God's greatest gift: Jesus Christ. He did not come into this world in a grand and spectacular way... No, he was born to an unassuming woman, in a humble stable, in an unfamiliar town, after a long and difficult journey. But soon the skies filled with angels from heaven, announcing the glad tidings to the shepherds in the fields. We are those shepherds now, coming together in joy and wonder and expectation to worship our newborn king.

The angels sing and shepherds greet the Savior of the world on this blessed day. Isaiah had prophesied centuries before. We are like the shepherds... we hear the message and we move in our response to him. May we always carry the message we hear to those of our families, friends and others we encounter... Praising God for sending us the Savior... Christ the Lord! Blessed Christmas to all... Fr. Jerry

## **Oh, Holy Night...**

Hush, the Baby sleeps... In the arms of his loving Mother Mary.

The night is still, and the beast of the stable hover near in soundless adoration.

Hush, the world's asleep in the dreams of his loving father Joseph, and our hearts are still in boundless adoration.

Sleep, child, sleep your sleep of purity. Sleep, world, sleep in God's security.

### **Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies**

**Saturday, December 30, 2023** 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Nelda Irving  
Servers: Emily Flowers, **Volunteer**  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Mary Steingass,  
Min. of Com.: **Volunteers (3)**  
Ushers: Brad & Karen Westhoven

**Sunday, December 31, 2023** 9:00 a.m.

Lector: **Volunteer**  
Servers: Cole & Reese Wagner  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, **Volunteers (4)**  
Min. of Com.:  
Ushers: Doug Monnin, **Volunteer**

### **Ministries for the Holy Day Liturgies**

**Sunday, December 31, 2023** 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Mark Morman  
Servers: Blake & Isaac Westhoven, **Volunteer**  
Extraordinary Sandra Martinez, Lori Siclair,  
Min. of Com.: Lindsay & Nanci Westhoven,  
**Volunteer**  
Ushers: Chad Roth, Ty Siclair

**Monday, January 1, 2024** 9:00 a.m.

Lector: **Volunteer**  
Servers: Kelsi Eicher, **Volunteer**  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Brenda Piasecki,  
Min. of Com.: Cheri Schuette, Judy Wiles, Jim Wulf  
Ushers: Will Wagner, **Volunteer**

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

4:30 p.m. - Carolyn Schwab

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

9:00 a.m. - Hector Sifuentes, Sr.

4:30 p.m. - Jim & Virginia Mullen-*Christmas Mass*

11:00 p.m. - For the Parish-*Christmas Mass*

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

9:00 a.m. - Janet Creager-*Christmas Mass*

**Tuesday, December 26, 2023**

8:45 a.m. - Mass

**Wednesday, December 27, 2023**

6:00 p.m. - Jeanne Lytle

**Thursday, December 28, 2023**

8:45 a.m. - Hector Sifuentes, Sr.

**Friday, December 29, 2023**

8:45 a.m. - Mass

**Saturday, December 30, 2023**

4:30 p.m. - Marian Parsons

**Sunday, December 31, 2023**

9:00 a.m. - Dr. Rey Soriano

4:30 p.m. - Stephen Schwiebert

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

9:00 a.m. - Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers: Week of January 1, 2024**

**Nursing Home: Volunteer**

**Homebound: Volunteer**



## Save the Date

March

St. Patrick's Day Auction - 9th

### FORMED Family Focus

Read: *The Blessings of Christmas*

Watch: *Advent Us: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*

Listen: *The Mystery of Christmas*

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - This Is The Day!** Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for your help. Please respond generously. For more information, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org). We are currently at 87%. Thank you!

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**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE** will be from February through May. We will also be scheduling for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter (and Ascension if not on Sunday). Please log onto the Ministry Scheduler Pro website and update your profile with any dates you will **not** be available to serve in this period before **December 31st**.

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**REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS** - Deadline is December 31, 2023. Did you know you can direct your RMD directly to St. Augustine for a tax write-off? If you're interested or have questions, you can reach out to your advisor. We thank you for your consideration and support.

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When sending in your **LIVING CHRIST** payments, you can send them directly to: Pastoral Center, Diocese of Toledo, ATTN: Living Christ Campaign, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or directly to the Processing Company: Living Christ Campaign, Diocese of Toledo, P.O. Box 7293, Kensington, CT 06037.

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**FRIDAY ADORATION** will take place each First Friday of the month after 8:45 Mass until 5:30 p.m. We will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church and would appreciate folks filling the day so that our Lord is not exposed on the altar without anyone present. If you are not able to come for your hour of adoration, please call Jane Recker at 419-508-0711. The day will end with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.



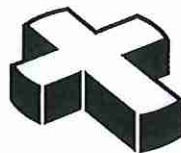
# LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**Life Teen** - Join us every Sunday 6-8pm, starting with dinner. Grades 9-12. Text "STAUGIE210" to 84576 to keep up to date!

Upcoming Events:

- 12/24 & 12/31 - There will be no Life Teen. Merry Christmas!
- 1/7 - Life Night



# EDGE

**Edge** - Edge is our youth group for grades 6-8. Edge will be from 6:30-8pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month! Text "STAUGIE210" to 84576 to keep up to date!

Upcoming Events:

- 1/3 - What makes me unique?
- 1/17 - Why should I live a good life?

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**WOMEN'S GROUP** - Our Women's Group is hosting a party on Dec. 27th! Join us after the 6pm Mass.





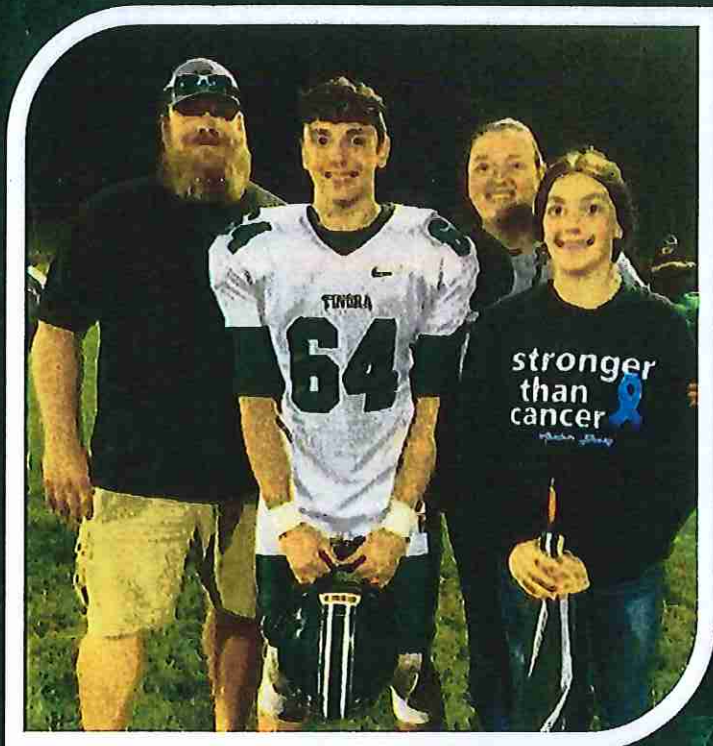
# N.W. OHIO FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Guest Speaker

*Eric Becker*

Head Coach

**Tinora High School Football Team**



**Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024**

**Coffee & Fellowship 7:30 am**

**Breakfast & Program 8:00 am**

**Downstairs in Emmaus Hall**

**We invite all men, women and families of all Faith's – Denominations to share fellowship and the love of Christ. Free Will Offering.**

## Family, Faith and Football

Eric is a 1998 Tinora High School Grad. He started his coaching career in 1999. Spending 18 yrs. coaching youth football, served as youth league president for 5 yrs. In 2018 he joined the Tinora High School staff and in 2023 was hired as the Head Coach for Tinora High School Football Team.

In 2017 his wife Amber was diagnosed with colon cancer and spent the last 6 yrs. fighting a courageous fight, always pushing him to be the best coach he could be.

Knowing her battle was going to be a long fight she pushed him to pursue the head coaching vacancy last winter.

All while dealing with her illness, his father was diagnosed with a terminal cancer as well.

"On August 27<sup>th</sup> I lost my wife Amber of 20 years to her cancer and 8 days later lost my Father to his cancer."

Please join us in welcoming Eric, as he shares a heartfelt witness of love for Family, Faith and Football.

St. John Catholic Church 510 Jackson Ave Defiance, Oh  
For Information call: George Westrick 419-784-3975 Email: grwestrick@gmail.com

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Dec. 24 No PRP  
Reconciliation 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
No Life Teen
- Mon., Dec. 25 **A BLESSED CHRISTMAS**
- Wed., Dec. 27 Women's Night 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 30 Reconciliation 3:30 p.m.  
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 31 No PRP  
No Life Teen

Office hours next week will be: Tuesday - Closed,  
Wednesday - Friday 9:00 - 4:00.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	8,591.00
On-Line Giving	\$	2,116.00
Christmas (to date)	\$	805.00
Holy Day	\$	10.00
Easter	\$	250.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	2,890.00
School	\$	27.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	206,165.82

To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:  
[www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net) and select online giving from the side menu.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Donna Russell (92) - 12/25/15  
Geraldine S. Yeager (85) 12/25/98  
Linda Palmer (63) - 12/26/15  
Helen Leona Sworden (86) 12/28/05  
Rita C. Behrens (76) - 12/29/13  
Larry "Moe" Brubaker (75) - 12/30/13  
Laura Margaret Davis (94) - 12/31/99  
Augusta Maria Keller (99) - 12/31/02

Remember those who have gone before us. Please pray for them.  
Due to space we are listing only the past 25 years. If you would like  
a parishioner listed who passed away longer than 25 years ago,  
please contact the office.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to  
Lynn Thourot and her family following the death of  
her husband, Michael Thourot. May Michael now be  
at peace with our Heavenly Father.

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Tellers: January 2, 2024 - Vivian Dominique,  
Mary Hoover, Bill Lytle, Jan Westhoven

**FROM THE SCHOOL**

We can all certainly get caught up in purchasing gifts and planning parties while preparing for Christmas. We tend to forget "the reason for the season". Please take time to attend Mass with your family and pray daily with your children. It is so important to remember to focus on the birth of Jesus Christ and to be thankful for what we have in our lives. I am very thankful and feel very blessed to be working with our students and staff at St. Augustine Catholic School!

May you be blessed with a heart that only knows love, may baby Jesus teach you to pass your blessings to all those around you and may you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Blessings to your family,  
Ginny Minnick, Principal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 12/25 - Nicholas Badgley, Holly Sifuentes  
12/26 - Josh Meyer, Mark Myers  
12/27 - Isaac Herman, Matthew Huber, Matthew Reiser  
12/28 - Candance Bruback, Allissa Hunter, Michael Lavin  
12/29 - Olivia Brink, Daniel Garcia, Jacob Gebers,  
Maria Howell, Grace Sonnenberg  
12/30 - Kalena Coolman, Victoria Fellers, David Gilliland,  
Tim Hunter, Fulton Irving, Dennis Michaelis,  
Emelia Nagel, Savannah Sizemore, George Wagner  
12/31 - Libby Hill, Nicol Mendizabal

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**THE BISHOP'S CORNER** - Do you watch or listen to The Bishop's Corner? Don't miss the weekly show where Bishop Thomas answers questions from the Faithful, gives a gospel reflection, and talks about the upcoming events on his calendar and around the diocese.

**Listen:** Annunciation Radio, Thursdays at 4:30pm  
Holy Family Radio, Thursdays at 3:30pm

**Watch:** [youtube.com/ToledoDiocese](https://www.youtube.com/ToledoDiocese) or [facebook.com/bishopdethomas](https://www.facebook.com/bishopdethomas). Send in your questions on the Catholic faith, diocesan news and events or anything you'd like to ask Bishop Thomas. Visit [annunciationradio.com/bishops-corner.html](http://annunciationradio.com/bishops-corner.html) or email [bishop@annunciationradio.com](mailto:bishop@annunciationradio.com)

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*Are you still traveling? If so, please pick up a bulletin from a church you visit and drop it off in the office. We are always looking for new ideas!*

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## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM** To schedule instructions for the Sacrament of Baptism: contact the church office at 419-592-7656 before your child is born for directions to complete online classes.

**RECONCILIATION** Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** The Parish Office should be notified whenever any parishioner is suffering from severe or prolonged illness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered by request.

**MARRIAGE** "As soon as a couple makes a decision to marry and at least six months before the anticipated wedding date they are to make contact with the priest/deacons in order to begin the various steps of the Marriage Preparation Program" (Diocese of Toledo Directive). Official dates for wedding celebrations at St. Augustine Parish must be approved by the Pastor or Parish Deacon.

**ADULT INITIATION/FULL COMMUNION - RCIA** Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the Catholic Church is invited to be a part of this formation process. Call the Parish Office for details.

**HOLY ORDERS/VOCATIONS** Contact the Parish Office.