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St. Augustine Catholic Church

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PASTOR: Reverend Jerry Schetter

DEACON: Jon Gottron

PARISH MANAGER: Laurie Brubaker • SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Ginny Minnick

Join us for worship

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Mass - 2nd Sunday each month, 1:00 p.m.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday * 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays and Weekends

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / FORMATION

*Educating all our children for lifelong, faithful,
participating membership in St. Augustine Parish*

- ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL (Pre K-8)

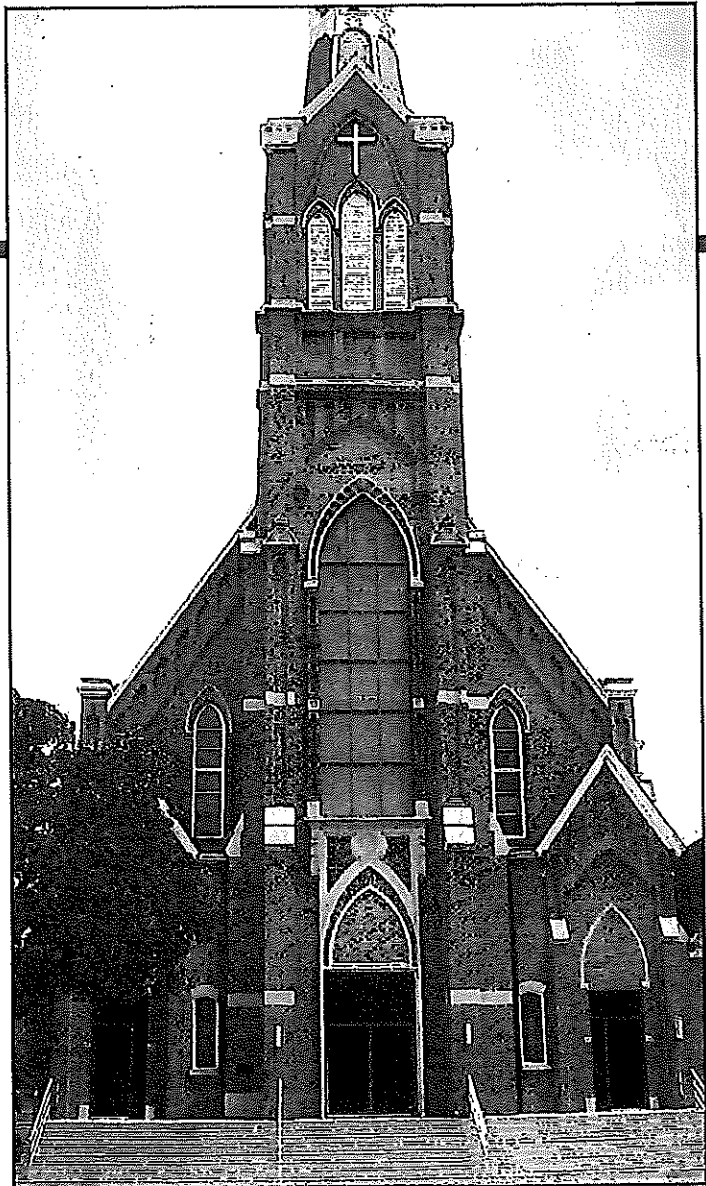
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- PARISH RELIGION PROGRAM (PRP) (1-8)

Sunday morning, 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. during school year. Catholic Education for Parish children attending public school

- Life Teen (High School Youth) meets every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. during the school year
- Edge (6th - 8th grade) meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. during the school year
- PRE-SCHOOL during Sunday 10:30 Mass



NEW PARISHIONERS

Please arrange to register at the Parish Office

PRAYER CHAIN ~ Please contact the parish office

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Tuesday noon

A Time for everything...

Advent Season is a TIME we are called to prepare for the Lord's coming by repenting of our sins, and removing the obstacles that make it difficult for us to recognize his approach, and remaining ever watchful for his arrival. Today is "Rejoice Sunday" or in Latin, "*gaudete*", because we focus on the knowledge that the One whom we await comes to embrace us, transform us, and redeem us... with Joy. There is joy throughout our reading. We hear how Isaiah, returned to the promised land after years of exile, and he discovers the wonders God has accomplished. In the psalm we sing that our souls rejoice in our God. There is a saying that after you leave the confessional you should go outside and jump for joy... for God is merciful and forgiving. Yes, even John the Baptist testified that he is not worthy to even untie the sandals of our Lord. May the joy we hear and receive from God rub off on us? – Fr. Jerry

Sacrament of Reconciliation Advent Season

Each Saturday at 3:30 – 4:15 in Church

Saturday December 16th. "Day of Grace" 10:00 – 12:00 in Church

Sunday December 17th. after 12:00 Mass in Ministry Center

Tuesday December 19th. from 6:00 – 6:45 – in Church

Thursday December 21th. from 6:00 – 6:45 – in Church

Sunday December 24th. after 10:30 Mass – in Church

Ministries for Christmas Liturgies

Sunday, December 24, 2023 4:30 p.m.
Lector: Joel Miller
Servers: Gwen & Allyssa Borck
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Vicky Delventhal,
Min. of Com.: **Volunteers (3)**
Ushers: Kevin Glanz, Paul Martin
Sunday, December 24, 2023 11:00 p.m.
Lector: Joel Miller
Servers: Taylor Glanz, Mackenzie Keller
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, **Volunteers (4)**
Min. of Com.:
Ushers: **Volunteers (2)**
Monday, December 25, 2023 9:00 a.m.
Lector: John Kline
Servers: Will and Henry Roth
Extraordinary Richard Fisher, **Volunteers (4)**
Min. of Com.:
Ushers: **Volunteers (2)**

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 25, 2023

Nursing Home: Volunteer

Homebound: Nelda Irving

Tellers: December 27, 2023 - Chris Peddicord,
Jan Stover, Dorothy Walker

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 16, 2023
4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling, Don & Louise Ramus
Sunday, December 17, 2023
8:00 a.m. - Carol Hoeffel
10:30 a.m. - George Johnson
Monday, December 18, 2023
No Communion Service
Tuesday, December 19, 2023
8:45 a.m. - Mass
Wednesday, December 20, 2023
10:00 a.m. - Mass at Genacross Lutheran Home
6:00 p.m. - Bob Bernicke & Michael Rabe
Thursday, December 21, 2023
8:45 a.m. - Mass
Friday, December 22, 2023
8:45 a.m. - Mass
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*

Save the Date

March

St. Patrick's Day Auction - 9th

FORMED Family Focus

Read: *Cradle of Redeeming Love*

Watch: *Christmas in Rome*

Listen: *Journey Through Advent*

RECENT BAPTISM - Welcome to the newest member of our parish, Andrew Paul Green, son of Brian and Jessica.

CHURCH DECORATING - We are looking for help with carrying and setting up trees, balcony garland and indoor manger. Dates will be Tuesday, December 19th and Thursday, December 21st from 6 - 8 p.m. Community Service Hours available for students. Thank you! - Jeff and Jodi Stover

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. We are currently at 85%. Thank you!

MINISTRIES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES -

Please check the current ministry schedule and if you are not able to fulfill your assigned time slot, please put in a sub request as soon as possible to ensure all ministries are covered for the Christmas masses.

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 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**.



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:

- 12/17 - Christmas Party and Alumni Night! Join us for a Christmas celebration with food, games, prizes, and a white elephant gift exchange! Bring a gift (\$15 budget) if you'd like to participate.



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



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!

Upcoming Events:

- 12/20 - Christmas Party. Bring a gift for the white elephant exchange! \$10 budget. And wear your best Christmas outfit!
- 1/3 - What makes me unique?

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.

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.

PROJECT RACHEL - Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion? Contact Project Rachel for confidential help in starting your healing journey. God's mercy is abundant and waiting for you. Go to kpakka@toledodiocese.org - www.hopeafterabortion.com or call 419-260-5811.

PRAYING AND FASTING for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Bishop Daniel A. Thomas is asking for the faithful to add a Hail Mary to their daily prayers and fasting or penance or some other small sacrifice. Learn more at toledopriesthood.com

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

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.

FOR SALE: Allen & Roth Cordless Faux Wood Blinds, White Finish, 2" Slats 46-in X 48-in. We have 12 blinds and they are \$55.00 each. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

COME ONE, COME ALL, WE NEED YOU!

We are in **great** need of more Extraordinary Ministers (communion distributors), Ushers, and Lectors (Mass readers) at Mass. **Please** call the office at 419-592-7656 to help us out with these ministries.

Thank you for stepping forward in helping us to share Christ with others through these ministries.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS -

To ensure that all our disabled parishioners receive Communion, please go down one side aisle, up to the choir and return back to the altar using the other side aisle. Also make sure to observe anyone in the middle aisles who is wanting Communion. **PARISHIONERS** - If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please raise your hand.

GOING ON VACATION - Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory contributions. Go to www.staugie.net and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy.

NORTHWEST OHIO FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST -

to take place on Sat., Jan.13, at St. John Catholic Church, 510 Jackson Ave., Defiance (downstairs in Emmaus Hall). Coffee and Fellowship at 7:30, Breakfast and Speaker at 8:00. Speaker is Eric Becker, Tinora High School football coach. For more information, call George Westrick at 419-7843975.

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 or email bishop@annunciationradio.com

DIOCESAN WEBSITE - Have you had the chance to visit www.toledodiocese.org recently? Visit our site and sign up for our e-newsletter. The diocese is on Facebook at Diocese of Toledo, on Twitter @DioceseToledo and Instagram at DioceseToledo.

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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Dec. 17** PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Reconciliation 1:00 p.m.
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Collection
- Tues., Dec. 19** Reconciliation 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 20** K of C and Auxiliary 6:30 p.m.
Edge 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Thur., Dec. 21** Reconciliation 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 23** Reconciliation 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 24** No PRP
Reconciliation 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
No Life Teen

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	6,495.00
On-Line Giving	\$	2,463.00
Christmas (to date)	\$	345.00
Holy Day	\$	10.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	1,970.00
School	\$	357.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	195,458.82

To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:
www.staugie.net and select online giving from the side menu.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- Reason V. Hunter (76) - 12/20/16
- Franklin M. "Huffy" Hoffman (94) - 12/22/01
- Vincent J. Minsel (90) - 12/23/07
- Louis E. Recker (63) - 12/24/06

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.

**Ministries for the 4th Sunday of Advent Liturgies
Saturday, December 23, 2023 4:30 p.m.**

- Lector: Rick Hoffman
- Servers: Evan and Owen Storch
- Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Ginny Bauer,
- Min. of Com.: William Lytle, Steven Reiser,
- Volunteer**

Ushers: Ruth Like, Sue Urban

Sunday, December 24, 2023 9:00 a.m.

- Lector Gene Grime
- Servers: Brady McKenzie, Bennett Westhoven
- Extraordinary Ann Grime, Gwen Howe-Gebers,
- Min. of Com.: Patrick Mauk, Shari Smith, Judy Wiles
- Ushers: Jeff and Jodi Stover

FROM THE SCHOOL

The students of St. Augustine Catholic School presented a truly incredible Christmas Musical titled, "Miracle at Midnight", by Ruth Elaine Schram and Mark Cabaniss, directed by Mrs. Alain Miller! The musical began with all students singing, "Good Morning, Bethlehem!". Next on stage was the Fifth through Eighth Grade presenting, "Count Your Many Taxes." Preschool through Second Grade sang their hearts out to, "O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem!", then students in Fifth through Eighth Grade took the stage again and performed, "Heavenly Hallelujahs" beautifully! Next, it was time for our students in Third and Fourth Grade to shine as they performed, "Holy Light Tonight." Then, Emily Flowers, a Seventh Grade student sang a beautiful solo in, "Bethlehem Bound", accompanied by students in Fifth through Eighth Grade. All students in Third through Eighth Grade sang, "Miracle at Midnight", together and finally all students joined them for the finale and reprise, "Good Morning, Bethlehem!" The students performed their lines with great confidence and intensity! The musical was adorable and the children sang beautifully. I cannot say enough about how blessed we are to have such an amazing music and drama program.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 12/18 - Elle Mohler
- 12/19 - Tyler Badenhop, Helen Birtcher, Tanya Fisher, Daniel Koch, Matthew Miller
- 12/20 - Donald Batt, Vicky Delventhal, Matt Kuser, Amanda Podach
- 12/21 - Pam Bauer, Sabrina Rivera
- 12/22 - Tim Barry, Claire Egan, Genevieve Gilson
- 12/23 - Chad Ball, Nelda Irving
- 12/24 - Tanyon Creager

IN MEMORIAM

We would like to offer our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Peggy Buckmaster who passed away recently. May Peggy now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

*Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you.
St. Augustine of Hippo*

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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.