

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

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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Youth Minister - Regina Proshok

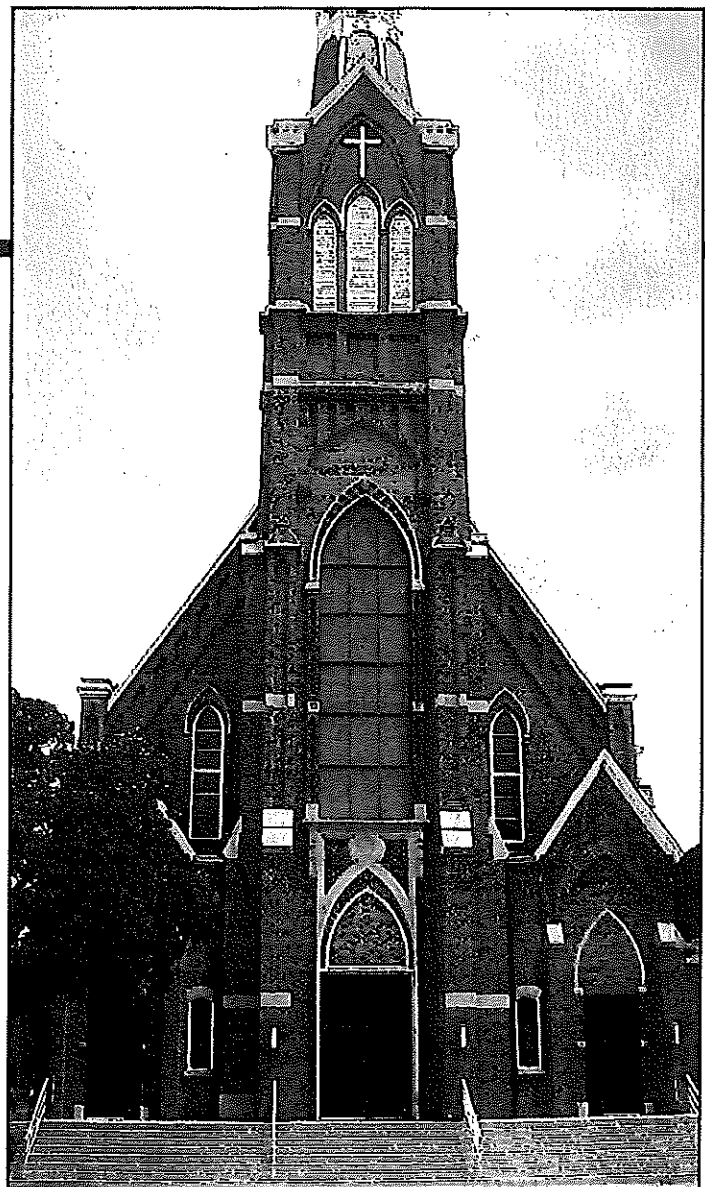
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St. Vincent de Paul Society 419-592-0438

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

- **ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL** (Pre K-8) 
Ginny Minnick, Principal, 419-592-3641
- **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

What's the Epiphany all about?

First he was a Child born to us, a Savior born to us, a Child, a son to a Holy Family... Now today a king... the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews.

As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth. Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son... remember Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother... And, now the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon... to pay tribute. His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

Yes, centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations.

This is the star the three magi follow... the biggest star in the night (that's that 7th star in our sanctuary). And like Balaam, they too refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign—that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God. Praise be God!

In a sense... we celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle.

We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star, and the light of the world. As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our own vow to serve Him, placing our gifts... our intentions and talents... on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will ever suffice for this newborn King. He deserves our best! - Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, January 13, 2024 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Nelda Irving
Servers: Molly Huddle, Ella Irving
Extraordinary: Steven Reiser, Mary Steingass,
Min. of Com.: **Volunteers (3)**
Ushers: Brad and Karen Westhoven

Sunday, January 14, 2024 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Rita Small
Servers: Emily Flowers, Kendall Miller
Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron, Shari Smith,
Min. of Com.: Judy Wiles, **Volunteers (2)**
Ushers: Jeff and Jodi Stover

Sunday, January 14, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Richard Fisher
Servers: Sophia and Aiden Pullen,
Jillian Richard
Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron, Sandra Martinez,
Min. of Com.: Brenda Piasecki, Cheri Schuette,
Jim Wulf
Ushers: Chad Roth, Ty Siclair

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of January 15, 2024

Nursing Home: Fr. Jerry

Homebound: Volunteer

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling

Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:00 a.m. - Jayne Westhoven

10:30 a.m. - Nancy Weaver

Monday, January 8, 2024

No Communion Service

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:00 p.m. - Mass

Thursday, January 11, 2024

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:45 a.m. - Marian Parsons

2:00 p.m. - School Mass

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:30 p.m. - Marian Parsons

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. - For the Parish

10:30 a.m. - Chery Weideman

1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Tellers: January 16, 2024 - Andy Driskel, Phil Parsons,
Chris Peddicord, Joanne Westhoven

Save the Date

March

St. Patrick's Day Auction - 9th

FORMED Family Focus

Read: *Sacraments in Scripture*

Watch: *Formed Now! The Baptism of the Lord*

Listen: *Changed Forever*

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 87%. Thank you!

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - If choosing St. Vincent de Paul when considering a donation, please write your check to St. Vincent de Paul Society as we are a separate entity from St. Augustine Catholic Church. Thank you! - Virgil Bohls



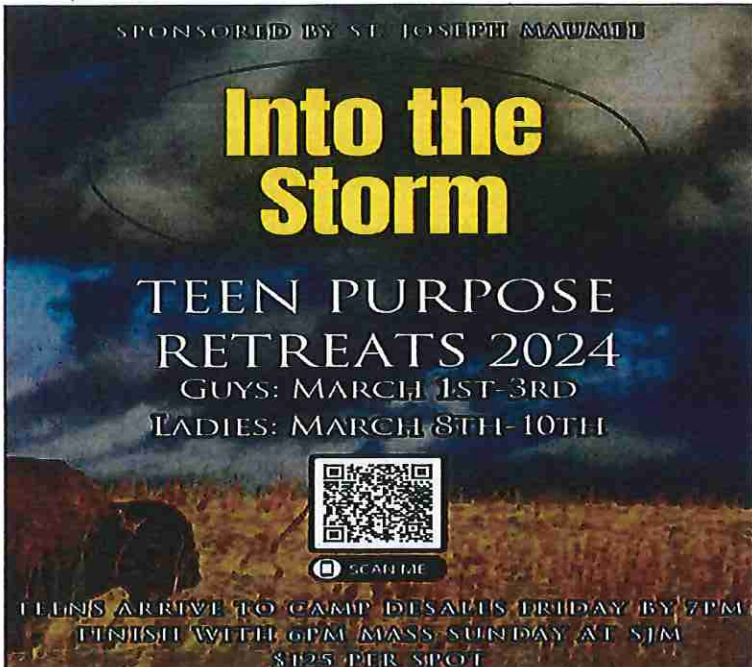
Looking for an achievable & satisfying idea.
Downsize & purge your Christmas décor.
Don't pack them away.
DONATE THEM TODAY!
Donate new or gently used Christmas items for your 2024 Christmas House!
Drop the items off through January at the parish office. Please text or call Laurie Nahrwold 309-361-1594 to arrange a time.
Thank-you in advance!!



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:


- 1/7 - Life Night
- 1/14 - Life Night
- Purpose Retreats! This retreat aims to help young people grow in community, discover their sacred purpose, and become more intentional leaders in the Catholic Church. Open to grades 10-12.



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Into the Storm

TEEN PURPOSE
RETREATS 2024
GUYS: MARCH 1ST-3RD
LADIES: MARCH 8TH-10TH



SCAN ME

TEENS ARRIVE TO CAMP DESALUS FRIDAY BY 7PM
FINISH WITH 6PM MASS SUNDAY AT SJM
\$125 PER SPOT



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:

- 1/17 - Why should I live a good life?
- 1/24 - Where am I going?

STANDING STRONG & TALL

We are fortunate to be offering a wonderful opportunity for the men of our area and parish to gather at St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio for a Catholic Men's Conference. The all day conference is January 13, and begins at 8:30 with registration and will conclude with Mass at 4:00. The main presenter is Dr. Ray Guarendi, who is a dynamic and captivating speaker who will lace his talks with humor, practical advice, and proven techniques. Dr. Ray is a strong Catholic man who has raised an (army) of ten adopted children; he is a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host.

RSVP - Text: **419-575-6936** / Email: mark@gerschutz.com Fee: \$10.00 at the door, lunch will be offered.

What a great opportunity for all our men (maybe even bring your teenage son along).

"Be the Man" - Stand up for your faith by taking the opportunity with hundreds of men just like you ...seeking wisdom, understanding, practical advice and proven techniques. Hope to see you all there! - Fr. Jerry

2024 RIGHT TO LIFE SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN - The Henry County Right to Life is having a signature campaign that will be placed in the Defiance Crescent-News and the Napoleon Northwest Signal on January 22. We will be collecting signatures after all masses this weekend. In case you can't make it to mass this weekend and want to participate, you can use Venmo or I can pick up your contributions. My phone number is 419-966-2286 if you have any questions. A donation of at least \$3 or more per name would be appreciated. - Mike Weber

MARCH FOR LIFE IN DEFIANCE - The annual March for Life will be held on Mon., Jan. 22 at noon at the Defiance County Courthouse. The purpose of the March for Life is to stand up for unborn children who cannot speak for themselves. Mother Teresa Respect for Life sponsors the march. The march will start with a prayer by Fr. David Cirata, pastor of St. John/St. Mary parishes. A police escort will lead participants from the Courthouse to the Monument of the Unborn at St. John's Catholic Church. From there, the event moves to St. John's Church basement. A number of speakers will share their thoughts. Hot chocolate will be offered. Also, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 8:00 a.m. After Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction at 10:45 a.m.

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.

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 419-784-3975.

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.

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.

Diocese of Toledo Snow Emergency Policy

With the winter season upon us, please keep in mind the policy for Level 3 Snow Emergencies, established in 2014: "Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in that geographic region are also cancelled."

People should always use prudential judgment when traveling. Stay safe and warm.



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RETROUVAILLE

A L I F E L I N E F O R M A R R I E D C O U P L E S

The Retrouvaille program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships

NORTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER

A WEEKEND HAS BEEN SCHEDULED!!

January 26th - 28th, 2024



WEEKEND RESERVATIONS

[HTTPS://HELPOURMARRIAGE.ORG](https://helpourmarriage.org)

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience in which husbands and wives are helped to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.

This part of the program is presented by three married couples and a priest. The team couples, who have experienced disillusionment, pain, anger, and conflict, offer hope as they share their personal stories of struggle, reconciliation and healing. You will find courage and strength in the realization that you are not alone in your struggle.

The weekend is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering, nor is it counseling.

You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. However you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain, in order to rediscover each other in a new and positive way.

The Retrouvaille Weekend offers a very different message from the current secular themes of self-gratification and self-reliance. The weekend will help you discover how listening, forgiveness, communication, and the dialogue process are powerful aids for building a loving and lasting relationship.

 <https://helpourmarriage.org>

 NWOhio@helpourmarriage.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Jan. 7 PRP 9:00 10:15 a.m.
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 9 Pastoral Council 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Jan. 10 Parents Club 5:00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 13 Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 14 PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	4,856.00
On-Line Giving	\$	5,119.00
Christmas (to date)	\$	16,290.00
Holy Days	\$	535.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	5,870.00
School	\$	904.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	225,443.33

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

- Carlton Lemon (79) 1/9/08
- Mary Jo Gruber (90) - 1/9/23
- James T. Small (83) - 1/10/11
- Antonio E. Sandoval (68) 1/11/21
- Arlene M. Herge (91) - 1/12/01

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.

THANK YOU! - Yes, thanks indeed for the many Merry Christmas wishes, goodies, gifts, and prayers from the blessed and appreciative parishioners of St. Augustine Parish. Every parish is blessed with gracious people, and we are no different. As a family we pray together, laugh together, celebrate together, and work together as a family caring for one another. Know that each of my Christmas and New Years Masses were celebrated for your intentions, prayers and hopes. May God continue to bless you in this New Year 2024! - Fr. Jerry

As God's steward, you are called to take an active role in your church - Volunteer

FROM THE SCHOOL

I welcomed our faculty, staff and students back to school this week after breaking to celebrate the Christmas and New Year holidays! It was such a pleasure to see so many children returning with smiling faces, eager to be at school! We hope the children have now settled back into to a regular routine. We had a fantastic first half of the year and look forward to a successful second half. May the closeness of family and friends renew your spirits and strength to carry you through the New Year!

Did you know a Catholic Education is affordable for everyone? The EdChoice Expansion Scholarship is open to all families to apply! The window will open on February 1st, 2024 for the 2024-25 school year for children entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade. The application form and additional information will be updated in the scholarship system website in late January. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1/8 - Augustin Escobar, Corina Garza, Alaina Gerken, Ashley Morey
- 1/9 - Otis Crawford, Phillip Krueger, Ava Myles, Anthony Rodriguez, Zachary Spurgeon, Brody Tejkl, Larry Vocke, Miya Weber
- 1/10 - Samuel Campos, James Jenkins, Jarid Jenkins, Josie Morales-Renteria
- 1/12 - Jasmine Corbitt, Brenda Piasecki
- 1/13 - Thomas Fahy, Khloe Fields, Selena Hernandez, Melody Hoffman, Cooper Small, Craig Wilson
- 1/14 - John Bustos, Susan Gray, Brittini Lather, Terry Osborn, Frank Rosiak

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.!

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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.