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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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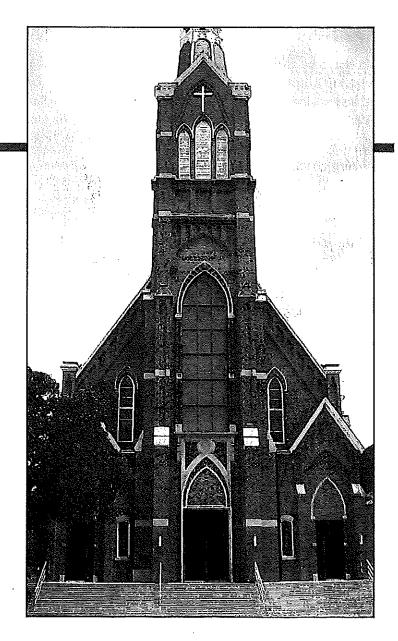
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

- ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL (Pre K-8) 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

Prayer Is the Power of the Heart...

An old woman tells a story of her being in the hospital and full of pain. She did not have the courage to take the test that would reveal what was wrong. One morning a member of her parish visited her and told her that a group of her friends were forming a prayer chain for her. (We have a prayer chain here at St. Augustine for those in need) They planned to spend the whole night in prayer for her. That night she slept like a child. In the morning she felt strong enough to take the test. She soon regained her health... So always make a habit to pray. Sincere prayer in your life will make noticeable changes. Prayer is the most powerful form of energy.

Our Catechism has four parts... Creed - Sacraments - Commandments and Prayer. (We will be forming classes here at St. Augustine doing just that... exploring and learning our faith, stay-tuned). The first three deal with falling in love with God, while the last one prayer is about staying in love with God. Prayer provides the faith to believe, the fidelity to sacramental celebration, and the courage to live the commandments. Prayer is the driving force for living the faith, lively liturgy, and fortitude in moral living. The Catechism deals with prayer in two parts. The first section describes God's Revelation and gift of prayer. The second meditates on the seven petitions of the Our Father.

The bible would be unthinkable without prayer. The biblical history of salvation has thousands of references to prayer and faith outpouring found in chapter after chapter. Even from the cross itself Jesus uses prayer. The first and last sayings of Jesus from the cross uses prayer. In fact one of the most important ways of making sense of scripture is in prayer. Why, because prayer is the language of faith, and the Bible is a book of faith. That's why the Church's liturgical words are mostly taken from the Bible. Revelation comes alive in prayer.

Pray without ceasing... in all circumstances give thanksgiving for this is the will of the Father for you in Christ Jesus. Give God a chance in faith... get in touch with Him. Love awaits Youl - Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, February 3, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Lector:

Volunteer

Servers:

Owen and Evan Storch

Extraordinary

Deacon Jon Gottron, Volunteers (4)

Min. of Com.:

Ushers:

Kevin Glanz, Ruth Like

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Lector:

Mike Weber

Servers:

Cole and Reese Wagner

Extraordinary

Joe Krueger, Volunteers (4)

, Min. of Com.:

Ushers:

Noah and Miya Weber

Sunday, February 4, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Lector:

Regina Proshek

Servers:

Faith and Megan Meyer, Jillian Richard

Extraordinary

Vivian Dominique, Richard Fisher,

Min. of Com.: Mark Meyer, Brenda Piasecki, Cheri Schuette

Ushers:

Volunteers (2)

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of February 5, 2024

Nursing Home: Volunteer Homebound: Volunteer

Tellers: February 5, 2024 - Phil and Ginny Bauer, Kevin Milius, Jean Miller

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 27, 2024

4:30 p.m. - Living and Deceased Members of the

Graetz and Recker Families

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. - Dick Denny

10:30 a.m. - Carolyn Schwab

Monday, January 29, 2024

No Communion Service

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

6:00 p.m. - Ernie Cabagay

Thursday, February 1, 2024

8:45 a.m. - Carol Hoeffel

Friday, February 2, 2024

8:45 a.m. - Mass - Presentation of the Lord

(Candle Mass)

2:00 p.m. - School Mass - Blessing of Throats

Saturday, February 3, 2024 - Feast of St. Blaise

4:30 p.m. - Stephen Schwiebert - Blessing of Throats

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:00 a.m. - Elizabeth and James Jackson - Blessing

of Throats

10:30 a.m. - Special Intention

Save the Date March

St. Patrick's Day Auction - 9th

FORMED Family Focus

Read: Angels and Demons
Watch: The Problem of Evil

Listen: The Four Levels of Happiness

REMINDER - Men's Night - Tues., Jan. 30 at 8:30 p.m. and Women's Night on Wed., Jan. 31 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The Women's Night topic is Relics. All men and women are invited.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND AUCTION

At St. Augustine Catholic School, we focus on providing students with the best Catholic education possible. We strive to equip our students with the tools and resources they need to prepare them for higher education. To continue offering our students an outstanding education, we hold our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Auction to help raise the funds necessary to meet the expenses of running our school. Please consider attending or donating to our 25th annual St. Pat's Auction on March 9, 2024. For more information, please call the school office at 419-592-3641.

"I STILL DO" - an evening for married couples - will take place on Sat., Feb. 3, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 429 Central Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio. Mass is at 4:00 p.m. with a blessing of married couples, followed by hors d'oeuvres and a four course dinner at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will be the keynote speaker. Cost is \$75.00 per couple. To reserve your spot, call 419-625-7465 by Jan. 27. Please make checks out to St. Mary's Church.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE - We transferred \$13,041 to Church Operations in 2023; \$12,860 in 2022; \$12,000 in 2021.



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:

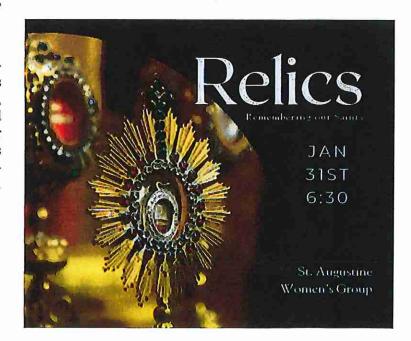
- 1/28 Life Teen
- 2/4 Life Teen
- 2/11 Superbowl Party at the Meyer's



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: 2/7 - Where am I going?

Women's Group - Join us for Wednesday evening Mass at 6pm followed by adoration and confession in the church from 6:30-7:15. Afterwards the Women's Group will move to the Ministry Center for a social (with wine and snacks) and a discussion on Relics. All women 18+ are welcome to join us.



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.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

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.

RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM

HOME - A Religious Recycle Group will be stopping by to collect Religious items that need a new home. Items they take are anything Catholic such as Statues, Rosaries (broken Rosaries OK), Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Framed Pictures, Prayer Books and Bibles as well as used musical instruments. Items they do not take - Religious Books, Pamphlets, Wax Candles, Angel Figurines (Saint Angels are fine). Please bring your items to the parish office no later than Feb. 25th.

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!

Candlemas - Feast of the Presentation of Jesus... Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, is a commemoration of the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22-40. It falls on 2 February, which is traditionally the 40th day (postpartum period) of and the conclusion of the Christmas-Epiphany season. While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve), those in other Christian countries historically remove them after Candlemas. On Candlemas, many Christian Catholics, also take their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year, for Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World. Candle Blessing will take place at the Friday morning 8:45 Mass. You may bring your candles in for this blessing.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS -

At the "Lamb of God" please come forward, stand as always <u>but</u> when time to go into the Sanctuary, turn <u>back</u> toward the railing. The last person goes up (others follow) beside the railing, behind the ambo and over to stand to receive the Eucharist.

THANK YOU - The Giving Tree was a success again this year thanks to Cathy Majewski and her helpers: Deb Flowers, Rita Small, Connie Wensink and the Roth family. Thanks also to the generous parishioners who provided gifts.

Become a Saint!

St. Augustine educates children from Preschool through 8th Grade with small class sizes and dedicated teachers providing a wonderful faith-based academic experience. We offer affordable onsite Before-care beginning at 7:00am and After-care until 6:00pm. We have a Full Day Preschool Program with limited openings available for the 2024-25 school year. Our Kindergarten is currently enrolling if your child was born before September 30, 2018. We offer scholarships to every student and have multiple financial aid opportunities. The EdChoice Expansion Scholarship and Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund application windows are now open. We also offer Tuition Assistance for children entering Preschool through 8th Grade. If you are interested in more information, please call the office at 419-592-3641. Thank you for considering this important investment in your children's future!



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SCAN ME

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Dear Parish Community,

I have some exciting news to share! Ohioans can now receive a TAX CREDIT of up to \$750 per individual or \$1500 for married couples, filing jointly, for donations made to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). St. Augustine Catholic School has partnered with the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund for you to take advantage of this opportunity. Your donation can directly impact a family's ability to afford a Catholic Education and help provide a high quality education to more children!

Here's how to REDIRECT your tax dollars to scholarships this year, if you donate by 4/15/2024. Donations may be applied to your 2023 taxes, if you have not yet filed them.

- 1. Make a monetary donation to our Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund either online at www.dotsgo.org, using the QR code or by filling out the form on the back and mailing it in with your check.
- 2. Select "St. Augustine" when asked for the school, if donating online.
- 3. Your donation receipt and acknowledgement will be mailed to you within two weeks.
- 4. When you prepare your State of Ohio tax return, add your tax credit amount to the Scholarship Donation Credit line on your Ohio-1040 form.

I would ask you to prayerfully consider donating your tax dollars in support of St. Augustine Catholic School to continue our incredibly important mission.

If you have any questions, please stop me after Mass, call me at school or visit the website which provides an informative Frequently Asked Questions section www.dotsgo.org. Thank you for your support and dedication to our current and future St. Augustine Saints!

Blessings to your Family,
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Ginny Minnick

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The Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund is a Scholarship Granting Organization registered with the State of Ohio's Attorney General's Office. DOTSF is a registered non-profit 501(c)3 organization that collects funds to assist students in grades K-12 to attend non-public schools within the Diocese of Toledo. The state tax credit is limited to \$750 for an individual taxpayer or \$1500 for married couples filing jointly. The tax credit cannot exceed the Ohio tax owed. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

Donations received before April 15th, 2024, may be applied to the 2023 tax year.

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Inculcamos en nuestros alumnos el valor del servicio al prójimo.

Usamos la tecnología de manera efectiva para optimizar la educación.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 28	PRP 9:00 -10:15 a.m.
	Life Teen 6:00 8:00 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 30	Men's Night 8:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 31	Women's Night 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 2	First Friday Adoration 9:15 a.m.
	Benediction 5:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 3	Confessions 3:30 p.m.
	Rosary 3:55 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 4 PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This is Catholic Schools Week

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE PARISH OFFERTORY

Sunday Collection	\$	3,500.00		
On-Line	\$	1,803.00		
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	50.00		
School	\$	283.00		
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	244,419.33		
To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:				
www.staugie.net and select online giving from the side menu.				

MAY THEY REST IN DEACE

Rosemary Small (75) - 1/29/03 Lydia I. Coressel (88) 1/31/14 Thomas J. Stelmachowicz (77) 1/31/14 Ronald R. Gustwiller (81) - 1/31/20 Carolyn A. Moser (92) - 1/31/22 Anna Mae Westrick (80) - 2/1/99 Alice A. Staton (76) - 2/1/20 Carol L. Hoeffel (77) - 2/1/21 Mary Lucille Sherman (89) - 2/2/03 Lillian R. Clark (89) 2/3/13 Mary Ann Funchion (79) - 2/4/12

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.

IN MEMORIAM

We would like to offer our heartfelt sympathy to Virginia Fetter and Norinne Hoeffel and the rest of the Westhoven family following the death of their sister, Mary Ann Widdowson and to Jim and Deb Sharpe and their family following the death of Jim's mother, Lois Sharpe. May Mary Ann and Lois now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

FROM THE SCHOOL

We are gearing up for the 2024 Catholic Schools Week beginning with Mass this Sunday, January 28th at 10:30am. Please join us in the gym after Mass for coffee, doughnuts and an Open House!

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It is time to start thinking about registering for the upcoming 2024-25 school year! We will begin our official registration process in early February; but if you or someone you know, would like information about St. Augustine Catholic School, please have them contact the school office @ 419-592-3641 or email ginny.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com.

Blessings to your family, Ginny Minnick, Principal

HADDY BIRTHDAY

1/29 - Timothy Downey, David Mullholand

1/30 - Diego Cruz, Virginia Minnick

1/31 - Olivia Bustos, Arin Kuhn, Rosemary Walker

2/2 - Danielle Cramer, Juan Garcia, Elizabeth Lemon,
 Alberto Mireles, Jodi Stover, Albert Tajblik

2/3 - Benigno Briones, Jr., Sage Siclair

2/4 - Konnor Gerdeman, Pamela Riedeman

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

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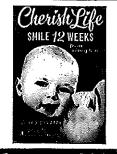
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BAPTISM To schedule instructions for the Sacrament of Baptism: contact the church office at 419-592-7656 before your child is born for directions to complete online classes.

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.