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

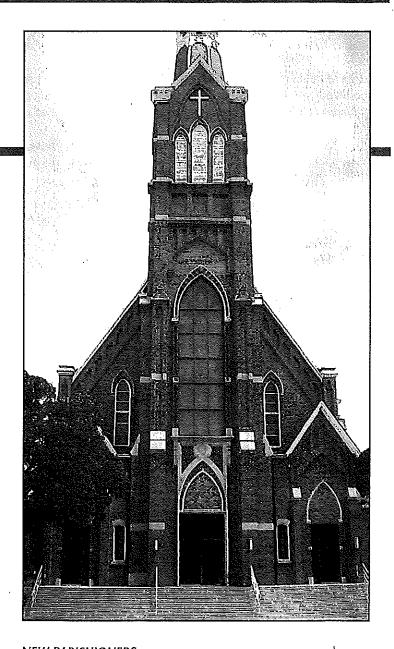
Tuesday - Friday * 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Mondays and Weekends

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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 CHAÎN ~ Please contact the parish office

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Tuesday noon

CHOSEN...

Today we hear God deliver the Ten Commandments to Moses and the "Chosen People". Who are the "Chosen"? Peter said, in 1Peter 2:9 to the "elect exiles" — that is, to Christians scattered throughout the Roman Empire — "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession".

Peter most like meant it as an enormous encouragement for a tiny, beleaguered, persecuted minority in a vast sea of unbelief and growing hostility. Sounds like today's society. At times adversaries may seem powerful and numerous and dangerous and dominant. But, we need to look again. We are God's chosen ones: "a people for his own." Peter would most likely be saying, do you feel what that means? We are God's Chosen Ones! There are so many reasons! Our faith is a wonder - more wonderful than any of the seven wonders of the world. Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you".

When you come to Jesus, the wonder is that you already belonged to the Father, and the Father gave you to Jesus. You were not chosen because you came; you came because you were chosen. That's what Jesus said: "All that the Father gives me will come to me". In baptism we are called, in baptism we come, and our names are called out. "I baptize you Thomas... In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We are now God's Holy people!

If you have believed in Jesus, the wonder is that you were first appointed to eternal life. You weren't appointed because you believed; you believed because you were appointed. When the Gentiles heard that the gospel actually included them, "they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed".

Revel in the wonder that you are a Christian because God chose you to be one. Through baptism our roots, as a child of God, are in eternity — as we live our baptism promises in the infinite mind and heart of God. Our faith, and all its graces (fruits), are God's eternal gift. - Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, March 9, 2024

4:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Lector:

Jan Neiling

Servers:

Owen and Evan Storch

Extraordinary

Ginny Bauer, William Lytle, Steven Min. of Com.: Reiser, Mary Steingass, Volunteer

Ushers: Sunday, March 10, 2024

Brad and Karen Westhoven

Lector:

Gene Grime

Servers:

Cole and Reese Wagner

Extraordinary

Deacon Jon Gottron, Ann Grime,

Min. of Com.: Gwen Howe-Gebers, Patrick Mauk,

Shari Smith

Ushers:

Kevin Glanz, Volunteer

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Lector:

Joel Miller

Servers:

Taylor Glanz, Luke Hardy,

Jillian Richard

Extraordinary

Vivian Dominique, Mark Meyer,

Min. of Com.: Cheri Schuette, Lori Siclair, Volunteer

Ushers:

Jeff Burkhart, Richard Fisher

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of March 4, 2024

Nursing Home: Volunteer Homebound: Volunteer Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 2, 2024

4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling, Ed and Helen Ramus

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. - For the Parish 10:30 a.m. - Pat Krauss

Monday, March 4, 2024

No Communion Service

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:00 p.m. - Mass

Thursday, March 7, 2024

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Friday, March 8, 2024

8:45 a.m. - Mass

2:00 p.m. - School Mass

Saturday, March 9, 2024

4:30 p.m. - Stephen and Kevin Schwiebert

Sunday, March 10, 2024

8:00 a.m. - Dick Denny

10:30 a.m. - Mary Ann Widdowson

1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Tellers: March 11, 2024 - Andy Driskel, Phil Parsons, Chris Peddicord, Joanne Westhoven <u>Save the Date</u>
<u>March</u>
Fish Frys – 8th, 15th, 22nd
St. Patrick's Day Auction – 9th

FORMED Family Focus

Read w/Children: Twenty Tales of Irish Saints
Watch w/Children: The Story of Saint Perpetua
Listen: Swimming Upstream

It's not a time of destroying... but a time of making new...

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17)... to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. What we celebrate is the true mystery of our salvation. He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples... our very church.

The God who made the heavens and the earth, comes to us at each and every Mass.

This Lenten Season we reflect on the mystery of Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—this is the new and true sanctuary, the vision of heavenly glory. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple and together builds us into a dwelling place of God. In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires.

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



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:

- March 1 3 Men's Purpose Retreat
- March 3 No Life Teen
- March 8 10 Women's Purpose Retreat
- March 10 No Life Teen
- Register for the upcoming Purpose Retreat and discover your sacred purpose! For sophomores, juniors and seniors. Scholarships available. Email regina.proshek@augustinenapoleon.com for more information.



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:

 March 6 - Join us for our new series all about Lent!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - From February 14th - March 24th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of—way outside the Toledo Women's Center at 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43612, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Kevin Jorrey at kjorrey@toledodiocese.org or go to 40DaysForLife.com/Toledo to sign up to pray.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - We want to thank all of our Parishioners who joined together in pledging their gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made your commitment, today would be a convenient opportunity to do so. Pledge cards, envelopes, and pencils are available in pews. Once completed, kindly place your pledge card in the offertory. Every gift is so significant. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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, 2019. 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! ******

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST - to take place on Sun., Mar. 3 from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Ridgeville Legion Hall. Free will donation. Event sponsored by Ridgeville Township Fire and Rescue.

CRAFT SHOW - St. Michael's Ridge Altar and Rosary Society is hosting their annual craft show on Sat., Mar. 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall, Defiance. There will also be lunch, a bake sale and a basket raffle.

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

YCP (YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS) ANNI-VERSARY PARTY - to take place on Thurs., Mar. 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pinnacle, 1772 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee. Looking for a community with a professional focus grounded in Catholic values? Your 20s and 30s can be a confusing and lonely time, but you don't have to be. Come and see. YCP brings together young workers and seasoned business professionals in a variety of programs to foster Catholic identity, encourage community, and inspire action. This series is a free event open to the public in which executives share their career and faith journeys with young professionals, challenging them to "Work in Witness for Christ."

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.

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.

ST. JOHN'S, DEFIANCE RENEWAL OF THE HEART RETREAT - On Sat., Mar. 16 Father George Wenzinger will speak on "Living in Faith." There is more detailed information available in the back of church.

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 or 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-

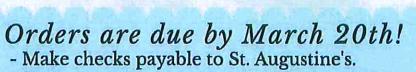
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- Orders may be dropped off in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

- Payments may also be made through online giving on the St. Augustine website.

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Address & Directions:				
How many eggs?				
□ 2 dozen (\$15) □	3 4 dozen (\$30)			
□ 6 dozen (\$45) □ 8 dozen (\$60)				
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How hard should we hide them?				
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March 2024

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One Minute Meditations

Pope St. Zachary

Born to a Greek family in Calabria, Italy, St.
Zachary was deacon to Pope Gregory
III before succeeding him as pope in 741.

As pope, St. Zachary skillfully negotiated peace for Italy several times, most notably with the Lombards and the Franks. St. Zachary supported St. Boniface's German mission, ransomed slaves sold by Venetian merchants, and supported the restoration of churches. He carried the Church through troubled times with charity, prudence, and skillful leadership.

Trust

St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta refused donations beyond the current needs of her community. Accepting such help would mean she didn't trust God to provide for their needs. When we rely on God, we demonstrate our faith, just as Mother Teresa did.

"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"

(1 Corinthians 10:13).

Finish Lent strong

The last weeks of Lent can feel like the last yards of a marathon. We're just pushing ourselves to reach the finish line of Easter. Instead, think of Lent as a time of silence,

simplicity, and sacrifice that helps us become the people God wants us to be. That's the real point of Lent.

Silence:
Prayer is oxygen
for the soul. It is
during prayer when
God speaks to our
hearts. Lent done right
removes distractions so
that our prayer is richer and
our focus more attentive. It is
critical to find time to be with
Him in attentive silence each day.

Simplicity: Avoid material clutter. Consider the six month rule – if you haven't worn it or used it in the last six months – give it away. Not only will you help those in need, decluttering creates room in our homes and hearts for God.

Sacrifice: Through sacrifice we give back to

God what we owe Him. While we can't repay Him for His gifts in equal measure, we can express gratitude with small sacrifices that show our return back to Him in gratitude and love.

Sacraments:

Sacraments are the fuel for fighting evil. During Lent, these spiritual battles intensify. Weekly

Mass and monthly Confession keep up our spiritual strength. Don't fight on fumes. Fuel up with the Sacraments.

Why Do Catholics Do That

Why do Catholics call Good Friday "good"?

Although it recalls a terribly sad event, Good Friday is "good" because it is the day when Jesus saved us from our sins, reconciled us with God, and reopened Heaven. Out of what seemed like defeat, God brought victory. By His

death, Jesus conquered sin and death. On Good Friday, we see more clearly God's goodness, justice, wisdom, power, and love. "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us"

(Romans 5:8).

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples..."

Each Triduum begins by recalling the Last Supper during which Jesus gave us the priesthood and the Eucharist as His means of remaining present to and in His Church, On Holy Thursday, we celebrate discipleship and are all asked to renew our commitment to following Jesus,

Disciples act with love. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). True followers of Jesus know that how we treat others proves that we know Him and follow Him.

Disciples answer the call. God chooses us first, but we must answer the call. If Peter had not dropped his nets and followed Jesus, he would not have been a disciple. Discipleship involves a choice to drop everything for Him.

Disciples make other disciples. Ultimately, we need to do what Jesus did, which is to make more disciples. This was His final command, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The Catholic Church's mission is to make disciples who make disciples.

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The Resurrection is the keystone of our Faith, making a claim no other faith can. When Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb, she expected to find a body. Instead, she found the stone rolled back, the grave clothes neatly folded, and the tomb empty. She concluded, wrongly, that

thieves had taken the Lord's body, and she ran to tell Peter and

John.

When Peter and John arrived. Peter entered first and also saw that the grave clothes had been left behind, not left in a heap, but neatly arranged. No grave robber would have taken the

John 20:1-9, Jesus - not death - has the last word

body and left the clothes behind. John followed Peter and saw that the cloth covering Christ's face was neatly folded in a separate place, perhaps by Christ Himself, He saw and believed.

The Resurrection proves that Christ is who He says He is. Therefore, we must give Him our final allegiance. Because Jesus rose from the dead in glory, we also have the hope of rising

in glory with Him on the Last Day. Christ - not death, sin, or evil - has the last word.



Q What are the Corporal Works of Mercy?

As followers of Christ, we're encouraged to care for each other. Jesus' parable of the judgment of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46) lists the ways we can care for those in physical need: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty

and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35).

These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry and give

drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to shelter the homeless and to bury the dead. Essentially, "it is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize His chosen ones" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2443).

The Corporal Works of Mercy are about being aware of others' needs and responding to them. Living the Corporal Works of Mercy is how we can make our love for God and others visible and effective. "Whatever you did for one of these...you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Feasts & Celebrations

March 8 - John of God (1550). Moved to repentance by a homily of St. John of Ávila, St. John left his career in the Portuguese military to establish a hospital for the sick and poor. After his death, his assistants formed the Brothers Hospitallers.

March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century), On

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by cheering crowds waving palms. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

March 26 - St. Margaret Clitherow (1586). St. Margaret converted to Catholicism soon after she married, when Catholicism was illegal in England. Margaret continued to practice her faith, even hiding priests in her house so they could say Mass. She remained joyful, faithful, and peaceful until her martyrdom.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., Mar. 3 PRP 9:00 -10:15 a.m. St. Augustine Study Group 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council 7:00 p.m. Tues., Mar. 5

Wed., Mar. 6 Parents Club 5:00 p.m. St. Augustine Study Group 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Confessions 6:30 p.m. Edge 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Board 7:00 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 8 Fish Fry 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 7:15 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 9 Confessions 3:30 p.m. Rosary 3:55 p.m.

St. Patrick's Auction 5:30 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 10 PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. St. Augustine Study Group 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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www.staugie.net and select online giving from the side menu.

MAY THEY REST IN DEACE

Aaron Koch (18) - 3/4/05 Leo Schneider (94) - 3/4/07 William N."Bill" Gustwiller (81) - 3/5/01 Mary Fran Meekison (98) - 3/5/18 Edword Miller (84) - 3/9/03

Norman Paul Kolbe (72) - 3/10/99

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.

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!

FROM THE SCHOOL

During Lent this year, our students come together to take part in the Stations of the Cross each week during the school day. This is truly one of the most special gifts they receive while attending St. Augustine Catholic School. I feel very blessed to experience this together on our Lenten journey.

If you or someone you know is interested in an amazing Catholic education and was born before September 30, 2019, he/she is eligible to enroll in Kindergarten at St. Augustine School. Our Kindergarten Screening is scheduled for April 11th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. If you know of someone who is looking for a faith-based Kindergarten program, please have them contact the school office at 419-592-3641.

Did you know 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! Please visit www.dotsgo.org to learn 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. Please contact the school office with any questions or more information!

Blessings to your family, Ginny Minnick, Principal

HADDY BIRTHDAY

- 3/4 Taylor Schroeder
- 3/5 Destin Armbruster, Lauren Bischoff, Bernard Briones, Mackenzie Plassman, Chad Roth, Shari Rubinstein
- 3/6 Ray Birtcher, Jeannie Gerdeman, Quintyn Nye, Mario Rivera, Jr.
- 3/7 Kevin Glanz, Judy Morua
- 3/8 Chad Moll
- 3/9 Matthew Stiltner
- 3/10 Jane Barocio, Melissa Cotter, Derek Cramer, Janet Foxe, Devyn Helmke, John Martinez

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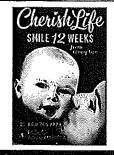
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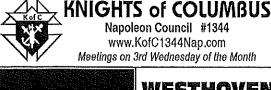


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BAPTISM To schedule instructions for the Sacrament of Baptism: contact the church office at 419-592-7656 before your child is born for directions to complete online classes.

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 for-

mation process. Call the Parish Office for details. **HOLY ORDERS/VOCATIONS** Contact the Parish Office.