

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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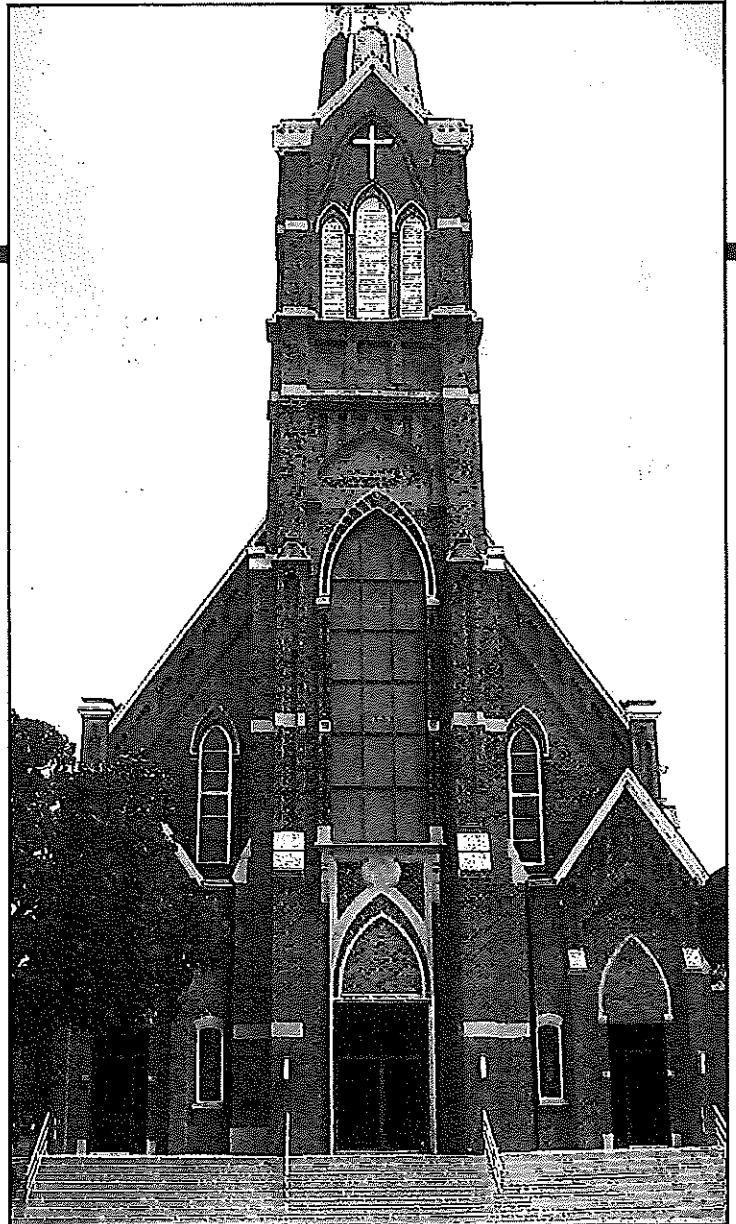
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Youth Minister - Regina Proshek


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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*

## ***Be the Man... Be the Woman!***

What it means to... be a man or... a woman? It's the question of the day; like never before it's important for one to ponder. While traditional gender roles have been eroding our lives for decades, now the very categories of male and female are being discarded with reckless abandon. Yes, some have become confused. Men are not called to be women and vice versa. Yes, God created us in his image and likeness, to be the person he intended us to be... sorry it's male or female.

How does one act like a gentleman or a gentlewoman in such confusing times? Being a Catholic gentleman or woman should be a solid and practical guide to virtuous personhood. It turns the person to the timeless wisdom of the Catholic Church to answer the important questions one is currently asking and seeking.

In short, the questions to be discovered are: How to know you are an authentic man or woman? Why our bodies matter? The value of tradition and our Catholic values. There is purpose in our lives and one of those purposes is courtesy. Being holy, real holiness lies in the lives we live and how to deal with failures in the spiritual life.

When we list Catholic doctrines, we usually mention the Trinity, the Incarnation, the Redemption, and the Eucharist. Fair enough. But, I wonder why we never include the *Doctrine of the Dignity of the Human Person*? It is pivotal; it is way up there; it is normative. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches... *Man alone is called to share, by knowledge and love, in God's own life . . .* This is the fundamental reason for one's dignity. Being in the image of God, the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but **someone**.

You set the temperature of the room. Yes, we are called to... **Be the Man! Be the Woman!** We have control of the temperature. Sometimes I think we need to stop being the passenger, and letting someone else drive. We need to stop calling "*shotgun*". **Get in the driver's seat!** - Fr. Jerry

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

**Saturday, April 27, 2024** 4:30 p.m.  
Lector: Becky Hilvers  
Servers: Molly Huddle, Brady McKenzie  
Extraordinary Steven Reiser, Karen Westhoven,  
Min. of Com.: **Volunteers (3)**  
Ushers: Kevin Glanz, Larry Hilvers  
**Sunday, April 28, 2024** 8:00 a.m.  
Lector: Jan Neiling  
Servers: Bennett Westhoven, **Volunteer**  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Rick Hoffman,  
Min. of Com.: Joe Krueger, Shari Smith, Judy Wiles  
Ushers: John and Jan Stover  
**Sunday, April 28, 2024** 10:30 a.m.  
Lector: Regina Proshok  
Servers: Isaac and Eli Herman, Ashlyne Minnick  
Extraordinary Vicky Delventhal, Vivian Dominique,  
Min. of Com.: Sandra Martinez, Mark Meyer,  
Cheri Schuette  
Ushers: Jeff Burkhart, Jim Wulf

**Eucharistic Ministers: Week of April 22, 2024**  
**Nursing Home: Volunteer**  
**Homebound: Nelda Irving**

***Stewardship is a way to thank God for blessing you  
with special gifts***

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

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
4:30 p.m. - Carolyn Schwab  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
8:00 a.m. - Terry Kistner  
10:30 a.m. - Earl and Victoria Austermiller  
**Monday, April 22, 2024**  
No Communion Service  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**  
8:45 a.m. - Mass  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**  
6:00 p.m. - George Lisak  
**Thursday, April 25, 2024**  
8:45 a.m. - Mass  
**Friday, April 26, 2024**  
8:45 a.m. - Mass  
2:00 p.m. - School Mass - Deceased Members of  
the Bauer and Westrick Families  
**Saturday, April 27, 2024**  
4:30 p.m. - Michael Cochran, Rich Baker,  
Jeff Diemer, Dave Lankeau  
**Sunday, April 28, 2024**  
8:00 a.m. - Hector Sifuentes  
10:30 a.m. - Mary Hoffman  
**Tellers: April 29, 2024** - Phil and Ginny Bauer,  
Kevin Milius, Jean Miller

Save the Date  
September  
Turtle Fest 20th - 21st



**FORMED Family Focus**

Read: *You Can Understand the Bible*  
Watch: *Lost Gospels or False Gospels*  
Listen: *The Case for Jesus*

**2025 MASS INTENTIONS:** Our 2025 Mass intention book has just arrived. Mass intentions can be made for **deceased** loved one or ones in your family. The Mass intentions are said for your loved one/ones as well as for others. They are \$10.00 per Mass. The intention can be scheduled for every third week, not each or every other week to allow for as many parishioners as possible to schedule for the Mass that they are accustomed to attending. Please remember that we can schedule also for the daily Masses as well as the 2:00 Friday afternoon school Mass during the school year. You can drop your request in the collection with your suggested dates, your name & your phone number and the office will contact you with the availability of your requested dates. You can also call in or stop in the office to schedule your Masses. ~Thank you for your understanding.~

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**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES?** - They can be dropped off at Memory Keepers or the Napoleon Elks and they will be sent to Latin America for children to enjoy the October 2024 eclipse.

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**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](mailto:kpakka@toledodiocese.org) - [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com) or call 419-260-5811.

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**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](http://toledopriesthood.com)

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**POP TAB COLLECTION** - We ask that any pop tabs that you have been collecting be turned in to the church office before May 3rd. Thank you for helping the Ronald McDonald House!

**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:

- April 21st - the Culture Project is making a visit! Join us as we talk about Human Dignity
- April 28th - Senior Swap Night. Upperclassmen will be running and planning the youth night
- May 5th - Culture Project will be coming back to present on Sexual Integrity



**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!

5th graders are officially invited through the rest of the semester! They got to step up last week at the Lock-In which was an absolute blast.

Upcoming Events:

- May 1st - Edge night
- May 15th - End of the year party

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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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**HENRY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING** - the next meeting will be held at the Hamler Summerfest Building on Thurs., May 9 at 6 PM. We will prepare the flowers for our Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale and have a short meeting after. We would love to see you and would appreciate help preparing flowers for the sale.

**FUNERAL LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS** - Jan Neil-  
ing will be taking over the calling of volunteers asking if  
you would be willing to make a dessert or salad for a  
funeral. Please note that her cell phone number is out of  
our area code and you may think that it is a robo call.  
How about adding her as a new contact in your cell  
phone directory? Her number is (803) 367-7041. ~  
Thank you ~ Funeral Committee

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**CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST**

- to take place at the Pinnacle in Toledo on Thurs., Apr.  
25. Doors open at 7:00am. Complimentary Breakfast/  
Networking and Program at 8:00. Noelle Mering's talk  
is titled "Understanding the Manipulation Behind the  
Woke Movement." She is the author of "Awake, Not  
Woke: A Christian Response to the Cult of Progressive  
Ideology." Register online: [https://CBN-  
NoelleMering.eventbrite.com](https://CBN-NoelleMering.eventbrite.com). If you have questions  
please contact Paula Kidney at 419-214-4898 or email  
her at [pkidney@toledodiocese.org](mailto:pkidney@toledodiocese.org)

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**LIVE A LIFE OF NO REGRETS** - Come and hear  
Robert Rogers, an accomplished author and songwriter,  
speak about the tragedy of losing his wife and children  
in a flood and how his trust in God helped him rise  
above the adversity of this tragedy. He will be speaking  
at St. Peter Catholic Church, 614 N. Defiance St.,  
Archbold on Thurs., Apr. 25 at 6:30 p.m. There is no  
admission fee but a free will offering will be taken to  
support Mighty in the Land Ministry.

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**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS** - the number of  
religious people has declined in the U.S. What better  
way to implore God for an increase in vocations than  
directly before Him in the Eucharist? On Tues., Apr. 30  
at 7:00pm, there will be an opportunity with a "Holy  
Hour for Vocations" at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 104  
W. Broadway St., Maumee. Fr. Joseph Mominee will  
lead us in prayer and reflect on his own calling to the  
priesthood and the young adult choir "Ecce" will pro-  
vide sacred music. Please join us.

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**GOING ON VACATION?** - Please use Online Giving  
to catch up on offertory contributions. Go to  
[www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net) and click on the Online Giving link,  
it's quick and easy.

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

**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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**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE** will be from June through  
September. We will also be scheduling for the Assumption on  
August 15th. Please log onto the Ministry Scheduler Pro web-  
site and update your profile with any dates you will not be  
available to serve in this period before April 30th.

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**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 and envelopes are available in the back of  
church. Every gift is so significant. Thank you for your gen-  
erosity. Our goal is \$29,882. We are currently at 59%.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS** - 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

**St. Vincent de Paul needs Spanish speaking volunteers to  
help with the Food Pantry. Please call 419-966-8174 if  
you can help.**

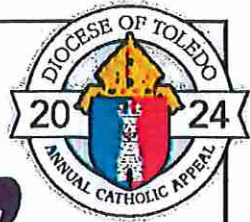
**SAVE THE DATE** - If you have helped St. Vincent de Paul  
minister to the needy in our area, you are invited to our Vol-  
unteer Appreciation Dinner on Thurs., May 16 at 6:30 p.m. in  
the Ministry Center. Hope to see you there.

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**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL** - Next week  
we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Today  
nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories  
are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communi-  
ties need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these  
faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully  
consider how you can support this appeal. More information  
can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

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**DRIVE-THROUGH CHICKEN BBQ** - Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church, New Bavaria, will be holding a drive-  
through chicken BBQ at the Holgate Park on Sun., Apr. 21,  
from 10:30 a.m. until sold out. Cost is \$12.00 per meal and  
\$9.00 for chicken only. Carry-outs available.



# Yesterday, Today, & Forever

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." - Hebrews 13:8*



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*Please consider the Diocese of Toledo in  
your will and financial planning!*

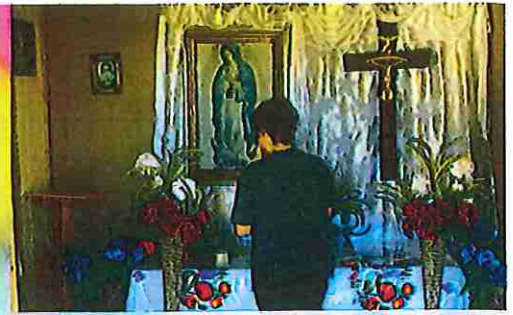


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## OUR PROGRESS

Our Goal	Total Pledged & Paid	Total Paid	Pledge Balance	# of Donors	% of Goal
<b>\$29,882.00</b>	<b>\$16,260.00</b>	<b>\$12,022.50</b>	<b>\$4,237.50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54.41%</b>

# STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



**J**esus calls his followers to love others as he loves them. Inspired by this call, Christians have shown his love through works of mercy such as visiting the sick and imprisoned, educating young people, and praying endlessly for others. Not only are these works of mercy directed to meet material or spiritual needs, but they are ways in which Christ draws people closer to himself.

In the Diocese of Amarillo, the diocesan criminal justice ministry answers Christ's call to visit and serve prisoners and patients confined to hospitals. Since 2004, this ministry has expanded to bring the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and prayer to inmates of the seven prisons and two large hospitals in the diocese. This ministry of mercy includes retreats during which inmates can encounter the love of Jesus, heal from past failures and wounds, and develop

new hope for the future. Many inmates have experienced spiritual conversions that have inspired them to join formation programs and enter the Catholic Church.

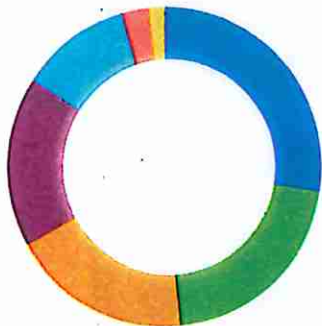
The criminal justice ministry is one of many innovative outreach efforts made by dioceses supported by Catholic Home Missions. Home mission dioceses have small or widely dispersed Catholic populations, large or rugged areas of land that make it difficult to minister to the needs of the people, or economic challenges caused by poverty, unemployment, or natural disasters. Your participation in the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States and its territories that need financial help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve.

For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

## CHMA FINANCIALS 2022



### Totals by Program Area

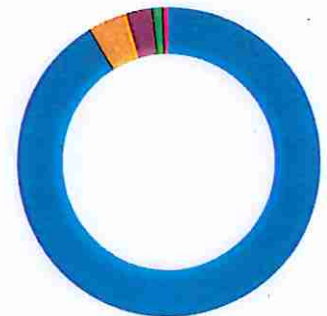
- Diocesan and Parish Assistance \$2,715,000
- Priestly and Religious Vocations \$2,085,000
- Special Grants\* \$1,832,200
- Faith Formation \$1,695,000
- Cultural Ministries\*\* \$1,125,000
- Strengthening Marriage and Family Life \$260,000
- Life and Dignity of the Human Person\*\*\* \$155,000

**Total: \$9,867,200**

\* Special Grants: Eucharistic Revival, \$680,000 | Natural Disaster Recovery Efforts, \$500,000 | World Youth Day, \$320,000 | Diocesan Professional Development Opportunities, \$174,200 | Installation Grants for New Bishops, \$108,000 | Staff Discretion & Agility Fund, \$50,000

\*\* including Hispanic and other ethnic and cultural ministries

\*\*\* including prison ministries and ministries for persons with disabilities



- Grants and Donations \$9,761,689
- Program Costs \$448,070
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses \$317,517
- Administrative Expenses \$90,847
- Allocations - Internal Grants \$47,935

**Total Expenses: \$10,666,058**



## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Apr. 21** PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
SAS Spring Musical 2:00 p.m.  
St. Vincent de Paul Collection
- Wed., Apr. 24** Women's Night 6:30 p.m.  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Apr. 27** Confessions 3:30 p.m.  
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 28** PRP 9:00 - 10:15 p.m.  
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	6,231.32
On-Line	\$	1,815.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	310.00
Easter (to date)	\$	10,418.00
School	\$	238.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	355,920.36

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**

- Genovevo G. Garza (66) - 4/23/19
- Irma C. Gasser (94) - 4/26/10
- Gerald P. Cameron (77) - 4/26/17
- James Donovan (75) - 4/27/02

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 the following: to Beth Huddle and the entire Lammers family following the death of her father, Donald Lammers and to Antoinette Rodriguez and the entire Rodriguez family following the death of her husband, Hilario "Eddie" Rodriguez May Donald and Hilario now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

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**UPDATE ON JACK HOFFFEL** - Jack was released from the rehab facility on 4/19/24 and is now back home! He continues to make great progress. If you would like to send him get well wishes his address is 1145 Chelsea Ave., Napoleon, OH 43545.

**FROM THE SCHOOL**

I hope you will join us on **Saturday, April 20 @ 7:00 PM** or **Sunday, April 21 @ 2:00 PM** as St. Augustine Catholic School presents, "Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical Jr." directed by Mrs. Alain Miller! This is the story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires along the way. These "revolting children" are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson. Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence...and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents, but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly lovable Miss Honey. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing – the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts. How will Matilda and the children make their situation better? Join us to find out!

Most schools of our size stay away from a Jr. Musical, but we believe these young actors are amazing and very capable! I cannot say enough good things about their dedication to memorize their lines and many difficult songs all while learning what it takes to be on stage!

**Become a Saint!**

St. Augustine educates children from Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade with small class sizes and dedicated, licensed teachers providing a wonderful faith-based academic experience. We offer affordable onsite Before-care beginning at 7:00am and After-care until 6:00pm. Our Full Day Preschool Program has openings in the 3-year-old class (Tuesday & Thursday) and our 4 or 5-year-old class (Monday's, Wednesday, & Friday) or Monday through Friday. If your child was born before September 30, 2019, he/she is eligible to enroll in our Kindergarten program. We offer scholarships to every student and have multiple financial aid opportunities. If you have any questions or would like to set up a family tour, please call the St. Augustine School office @419-592-3641. Thank you for considering this important investment in your children's future!

Blessings to your family,  
Ginny Minnick, Principal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 4/23 - Ann Grime, Mason Ham, Shannon Healy, Wilma Keller
- 4/25 - Ben Downey, Madelyn Flores-McCloud, Ruth Like, Heather McKenzie
- 4/26 - Scott Diemer, Haley Miller, William Richard
- 4/27 - Hayden Dotson, Charles Kretz
- 4/28 - Larry Irving

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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.