

WELCOME TO
St. Augustine Catholic Church

MONROE & EAST CLINTON STREETS, NAPOLEON, OHIO 43545

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COORDINATOR OF PARISH MINISTRIES: Laurie Brubaker

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Ginny Minnick CATECHESIS CO-DIRECTORS: Jen Roth & Regina Proshek

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

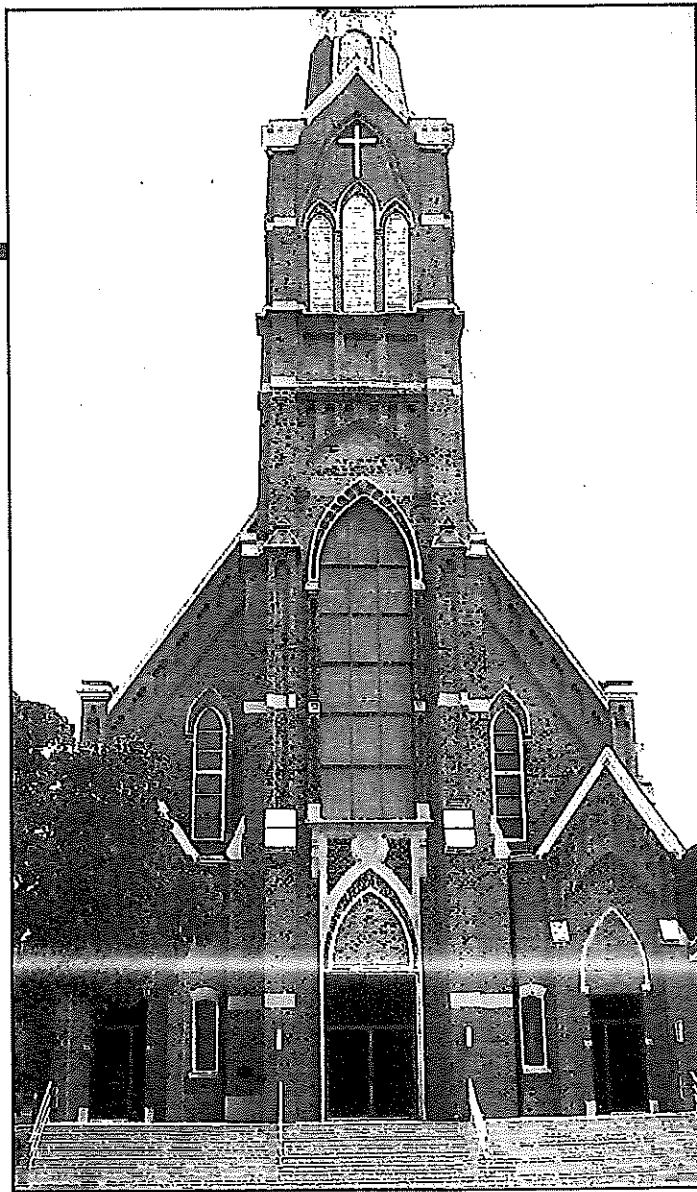


- **PARISH RELIGION PROGRAM (PRP)** (1-8)
Sunday morning, 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. during school
year. Catholic Education for Parish children attending
public school

- **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 CHAIN ~ Please contact the parish office

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Tuesday noon

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

October 2024

St. Augustine Catholic Church

Rev. Jerry Schetter, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Teresa of Avila

Born in 1515, St. Teresa joined the Carmelites—over family objections—in 1535.

Soon after, she became so ill that the sisters dug a grave for her. St. Teresa recovered and wrote a book on prayer called *The Interior Castle*, based on her suffering. In 1562, she founded a stricter order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. Despite initial resistance, she founded several convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

"I need all eternity to love them."

Jesus confided these words to Gabrielle Bossis referring to us. By spending time with God, we get vital graces and limitless love. God wants to spend all eternity with us. Can you give five minutes to Him today?

"Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people"

(Psalm 125:1-2).



Holiness grows from deep roots in God's Love

God is crazy-in-love with each of us: *"In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us"* (1 John 4:10).

Holiness begins when we accept His "crazy love" (John 15:9) and return it. We can do this by meeting God in the present moment, renewing our "Yes" to Him each day, and receiving the Sacraments:

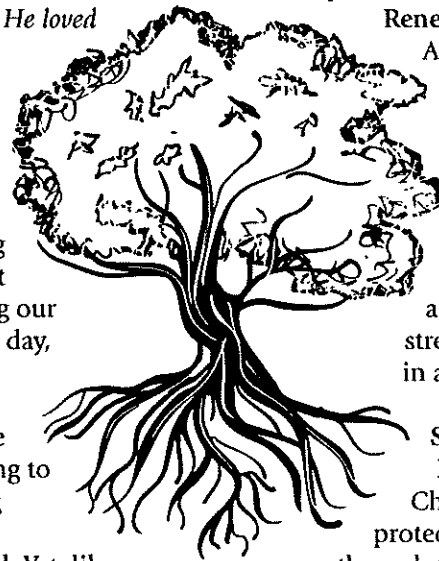
Meet God in the "now." It's tempting to delay approaching God until life is wonderful or awful. Yet, like any loving parent, He delights to be with us always (Proverbs 8:31), even when life is messy, unfinished, or imperfect. He knows we can't change ourselves without His grace. Give Him your heart

"as is," and receive the grace of the present moment.

Renew your "yes" daily.

Aligning with God's teachings and Commandments, as revealed in Scripture, affirms our "yes" to Him, showing trust in His plan over our own. Beginning each day with a sincere "yes" in prayer strengthens us to say "yes" in all areas of life.

Stay close to the Sacraments. Living the Faith is a battle, and the Church encourages us to protect ourselves with grace through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (in the Mass) and monthly Confession. In the Sacraments, God pours His grace and love into us, empowering us to share His love with others.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics wear saints' medals?

One way to recognize a Catholic is the crucifix or saint medal he or she may wear. Often blessed by a priest or deacon, these symbols represent the protection of God, Our Lady, or the saint depicted. Rather than being "good luck



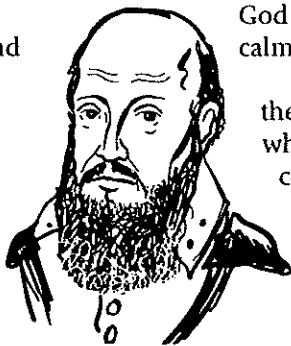
charms," they are sacramentals—consecrated objects meant to open the wearer's heart to God's grace. More than just adornments, they serve as constant, holy reminders to live out the values of the Catholic Faith in everyday life.

Advice on patience from a saint with a temper

St. Francis de Sales, usually known for his meekness and patience, also had a fiery temper, and struggled against it all his life. Here are his tried-and-true tips for staying patient in a bad moment:

Avoid speaking while angry. St. Francis said, "It is better to drive it away quickly than to start a discussion with it." Even if you're right, what is said in anger is rarely effective. Most of the time, you end up apologizing anyway.

Regain self-control "quietly and simply." Only



God never has "bad hair days." Focus on staying calm. Be patient with everyone, including yourself.

Prayer always helps. St. Francis said to call on the Lord as the apostles did in the storm. Jesus, who calmed the wind and the waves, "will command your passions to cease and there will be a great calm."

Apologize quickly. If your anger does get the better of you, offer an act of gentleness towards the person right away (or as soon as you're feeling better). The sooner, the better.

from Scripture

Mark 10:46-52, a blind man leads

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar who saw Jesus clearly. When he heard Jesus was near, he cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to quiet him, Bartimaeus persisted until Jesus noticed him and called him over.

Immediately, Bartimaeus threw off his cloak and ran to Jesus. Even the little he had was discarded to get to Him.

Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humbly, but he was confident that Jesus had the power to do whatever he asked. The only person in Mark's Gospel to call Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus asked Jesus

for his sight. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as His disciple.

It is this faith, this profound trust, that Jesus wants to elicit from the crowd and from us. The difficulties of being Christian in the world can blind us to the joys of following Him. Like Bartimaeus, approach Jesus with excitement and humble confidence. When

we throw off our fear and doubt, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.



Q & A How can I fully experience the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion?

God's grace is powerfully at work in this most accessible of Sacraments. To fully embrace this grace-filled experience, try these simple practices:

Prepare your heart. Just like medicine works best when taken correctly, being spiritually ready helps the Sacrament work more deeply in us. Dress respectfully, fast for one hour from food and drink, and confess any serious sins beforehand. These actions open us to fully receive this healing medicine for our souls.

Be real with God. If you're struggling, don't hold back. Talk to Him! Echo the words of Scripture, "I believe; help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). God welcomes your honesty, doubts, and questions. Ask Him to reveal His love to you in a personal way.

Say "Thank you!" We're taught to thank a giver for a gift, even when it's not what we expected, because the real gift is the love behind it. At Mass, we receive Love Himself. Thank God for this life-changing gift, trusting that the joy of His presence will grow within you over time.



Feasts & Celebrations

October 1 – St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1897). At the age of 15, Thérèse Martin became a Carmelite nun in Lisieux, France, and served others with "quiet acts of love." Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, includes her "Little Way" to holiness in daily life.

October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel, in charge of protecting us and watching over us. Remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 9 – St. Denis (258). Originally born in third-century Italy, St. Denis was sent with two companions, Rusticus and Eleutherius, to Christianize Gaul (modern day France). St. Denis became the first bishop of Paris. The three men were martyred by the pagan authorities for their success in converting souls to Christ.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (1st Century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70AD and 85AD.



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Save the Date

October

Blood Drive - 22nd

FORMED Family Focus

Read: *The Example of St. Jerome*

Watch: *The Book of Saints and Heroes*

Listen: *Winning the Culture War*

THANK YOU - The TurtleFest Committee would like to send a huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and chaired. We see everything you put into making TurtleFest a success and we truly could not do this without you! With that being said, if you are being called to get involved more, please reach out to the parish office. We can never have too many people involved. THANK YOU!! Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed TurtleFest! Stay tuned for our 25th in 2025!!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY will be celebrated October 19-20, 2024. The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is "Go and invite everyone to the banquet (cf. Mt 22:9). World Mission Sunday is a global effort for the entire Church. All Catholics of the world join into one community of faith to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half of the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

What is "Perpetuate the Gift"...How can I help?

Perpetuate the Gift is simply the annual appeal that supports our Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. It signifies the beautifully unending and total commitment of our priests to our spiritual salvation, and our contribution to their retirement. We currently have 86 retired and 90 active priests. Each parish is assessed a certain percentage, and our individual contributions reduces this dollar for dollar based on the amounts. Thank you for your continued support for our retired priests. You will find envelopes in your pews and the back of church.

VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN THE CHURCH - We are looking for volunteers to clean and sweep the church. What a privilege it is to clean Our Lord's Home. Please contact the parish office at 419-592-7656.

Youth Ministry

Providing a space for our youth to encounter and grow in relationship with our Lord and Christ centered friendships



LIFE TEEN

Sundays 6-8pm
Grades 9-12
At the Ministry Center



EDGE

1st & 3rd Wed 6:30-8pm
Grades 6-8
At the School

Life Teen Upcoming Events

- Sept. 29th - Life Teen Social
- Oct. 6th - Life Night, join us for our first topic night!

Edge Upcoming Events

- Oct. 2nd - Edge
- Oct. 16th - Edge

WOMEN'S GROUP

Join us for our monthly holy hour on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm! Join us on October 30th for adoration and a rosary after the 6pm Mass. Confession is typically available as well.

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT **STAUGIE** TO **84576**

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

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RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES FOR GROUPS SUCH AS...

Family Catechesis
Life Teen

Edge

Bible Studies
Women's Group

St. Augustine's
Monthly on the last Sunday

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DONUT SUNDAY

SUNDAY SEPT 29TH
After the 10:30 Mass
in Parish Hall



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 generosity. Our goal is \$29,882. We are currently at 74%.

HELP US TIDY UP OUR PEWS - At the end of every Mass you attend, please take a moment to put your pew back into proper order. Kneelers should be placed in the upright position, and return your missalette to the book rack. Please remove any personal items or trash including children's snacks. *Thank you!*

CEMETERY FALL CLEAN UP - Saturday, November 9th (9:00 a.m.) will be fall clean up at the cemetery. Please have all spring/summer flowers/decorations removed before this date. When placing flowers/decorations at a grave, please keep them at the headstone so they are not in the way of groundskeeping equipment. This has been causing issues and we are asking for you to abide by this so that your flowers will not need to be removed. Please remember - no landscape edging or live planting of any trees, shrubs or flowers is allowed, except by the authority of the Cemetery Board.

PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY - to take place at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Mon., Oct. 7. Archbishop Emeritus of Hartford and former Bishop of Toledo, Leonard P. Blair will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Mass at 7:00 p.m. For more information visit: www.toledoprays.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT THE STATE-HOUSE - As part of the National Eucharistic Revival "Year of Mission," the Catholic bishops of Ohio invite you to spend time with Jesus and pray for our nation, state and government leaders in the Ohio capitol building on Tues., Oct. 1 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. View details at ohiocathconf.org/adoration.

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.

A Strong Start in the Faith ...RCIA Process

Thinking of joining the Roman Catholic Church? Have questions about the faith? Want to explore the faith more deeply. The full content of the Catholic faith can be organized into four categories: Basic beliefs (the faith itself) - How to live (morality) - How Catholics worship (liturgy) and Prayer. In exploring the truth of our faith we go to the very essence of it through the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which contains the hidden energy of the Good News. When we have become convinced...we are able to convince others. Growing in faith is an understanding of the truth. A golden opportunity awaits all through this process.

The Catholic RCIA process is a good model of basic faith development. New classes will begin on Wednesday night, Oct. 2nd from 6:30 - 7:30. If you have questions please call the parish office or speak to one of the faith team members. **Strong start in the Faith...The Journey of Faith...**

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR BISHOP THOMAS' 10TH ANNIVERSARY - In celebration of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas' 10 year anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, we are building a "spiritual bouquet" to present to him. You are invited to offer Prayers, Holy Hours, Masses, Fasting, or Acts of Charity in thanksgiving for Bishop Thomas' ten years of service in the Diocese of Toledo.

Visit toledodiocese.org/10years to send in your offerings for the spiritual bouquet. They will be presented to Bishop Thomas on October 22, 2024. *Please note: This will be a surprise for Bishop Thomas! Please do not mention it to him.*

25 MASS INTENTIONS - Our 2025 Mass intentions book is here. 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 2:20 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.~*

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Sept. 29** 1st Communion and Confirmation Classes 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 2** Parents Club 6:30 p.m.
RCIA 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 4** First Friday Adoration 9:15 a.m.
Blessing of Pets 3:00 p.m.
Benediction 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 5** Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 6** Family Catechesis 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Confirmation Retreat 10:30 Mass - 5:00 p.m.
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	4,583.75
On-Line	\$	2,025.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	200.00
School	\$	408.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	89,752.79

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

- John "Jack" Koehler (83) - 9/30/03
- Viola Mary Westhoven Shaff (104) - 10/3/01
- William L. "Will" Yeager (62) - 10/4/06
- Debbie Creager (20) - 10/6/71
- Illa Fry (89) - 10/6/21
- Shelley L. Limber (65) - 10/6/23

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 extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Vilma Aguiar, who passed away recently. May Vilma now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

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 19-508-0711. The day will end with Benediction at 5:30.

FROM THE SCHOOL

The purpose of the St. Augustine Catholic School Student Council is to build school spirit, foster pride, increase awareness of student rights and responsibilities, encourage leadership skills and to introduce students to the workings of student government. We held Student Council Speeches and held Election last week. Congratulations to the following Officers and Representatives elected for the 2024-25 school year!!

Officers: President: Emily Flowers, Vice President: Ashlyne Minnick, Secretary: Delaney Black, Social Media Officer: Averie Schultz
Representatives: Third Grade: Brinnah Schultz, Fourth Grade: Audra Storch, Fifth Grade: Maria Alegria, Sixth Grade: Juan Gonzalez and Rosa Pullen, Seventh Grade: Jade Gonzalez, Eighth Grade: Alejandro Aranjó and Jude Davis

St. Augustine Catholic School has been selected by the Ohio School Safety Center to receive a "Buddy Bench", but we need your help!! **The OSSC will donate the cost of the bench after we collect 100 pounds of plastic caps!** Please drop off your caps to the School or Church Office. OSSC Buddy Benches are designed to provide a space to combat loneliness and social isolation, foster opportunities for friendship and connections, prevent bullying, create a climate of inclusion and solidarity, create connections to improve mental health, help others and be a positive influence, provide inspiration and acceptance, be a source for strength and help, be supportive, and teach our students about recycling and good stewardship! Thank you for helping us with this wonderful cause.

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 9/30 - Jack Abel, Andrew Downey, Sharon Fellers, Patricia Finn, Shari Smith, Crystal Westhoven
- 10/1 - Joshua Brickel, Cindy Mulholland, Kaiden Pringle
- 10/2 - Joyce Hartman, Rylan Nemire
- 10/3 - Eva Belmares
- 10/4 - John Black, Janette Carpenter, Ruger Healy, Anna Mack
- 10/5 - Martin Irving, Robert Sanchez, Robert Small
- 10/6 - Eldon Bostelman, Leo Slee, Janice Stover

2024 TURTLEFEST RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st Prize - \$10,000 - Gary Franz
- 2nd Prize - \$1,000 - Sue Hoffman
- 3rd Prize - \$500 - Terri Agler
- 4th Prize - Coors Light Metal Cooler - Robert Jones
- 5th Prize - Auto Detail Gift Certificate - Laura Lause
- 6th Prize - Sattler Meat Gift Certificate - Katrina Mason

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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.