

WELCOME TO  
**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

MONROE & EAST CLINTON STREETS, NAPOLEON, OHIO 43545

PASTOR: Reverend Jerry Schetter      DEACON: Jon Gottron

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

## ***UNO... the Number 1...***

On this first day of December (Sunday), this 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the season of Advent, and this 1<sup>st</sup>. day of a new liturgical... the Year C, in liturgical cycle, a Year of Hope... we are reminded that our relationship with the Lord can always begin anew. Even as we eagerly prepare for Christmas we are reminded about our preparation for His 2<sup>nd</sup>. Coming. We make this season an opportunity to receive him more deeply into our hearts and make him more central to the way we live our lives. The readings on this 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday of Advent cover Christ's 3 comings. Jeremiah prophesies that God will send a Messiah, who will bring righteousness and justice to the world. Then in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. St. Paul prays that Christ may permeate the hearts of the Thessalonians, increasing their love for each other and for all. Then finally, Jesus tells his disciples that one day he will come again in glory to redeem all those who stand virtuously before him. Thanks be to God! Yes, may we be reminded that Christ came into this world two thousand years ago, and will do so again at the end of time, but also continually comes into our world through our hearts. May we have the same expectation we have for Christmas as we prepare for this during this Advent Season. We come faithfully to this holy place each week to be prepared, and fed at the table of God's word. The words of St. Paul are words that we take to heart. "*May the Lord make you abound in love.*" - Fr. Jerry

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

**Saturday, December 7, 2024** 4:30 p.m.  
Lector: Karen Westhoven  
Servers: Lucy and Chloe Brink  
Extraordinary Ginny Bauer, William Lytle,  
Min. of Com.: Steven Reiser, Mary Steingass,  
**Volunteer**  
Ushers: Kevin Glanz, Ruth Like  
**Sunday, December 8, 2024** 8:00 a.m.  
Lector: Rita Small  
Servers: Cora Coolman, **Volunteer**  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Joe Krueger,  
Min. of Com.: Patrick Mauk, Shari Smith, Judy Wiles  
Ushers: Jeff and Jodi Stover  
**Sunday, December 8, 2024** 10:30 a.m.  
Lector: Mark Morman  
Servers: Santi and Daniela Funes,  
Charles Pollock  
Extraordinary Mary Hoops, Amy Morman, Brenda  
Min. of Com.: Piasecki, Lindsay and Nanci  
Westhoven  
Ushers: Jeff Burkhart, Richard Fisher

**Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 9, 2024**  
**Nursing Home: Volunteer**  
**Homebound: Mary Gunter**

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

**Saturday, November 30, 2024**  
4:30 p.m. - Carolyn Schwab  
**Sunday, December 1, 2024**  
8:00 a.m. - Paul Westhoven  
10:30 a.m. - Hector Sifuentes, Sr.  
**Monday, December 2, 2024**  
No Communion Service  
**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**  
8:45 a.m. - Denny Westhoven  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**  
6:00 p.m. - Carlton and Betty Lemon  
**Thursday, December 5, 2024**  
8:45 a.m. - Bob Bernicke and Michael Rabe  
**Friday, December 6, 2024**  
8:45 a.m. - Alicia Garcia  
**Saturday, December 7, 2024**  
4:30 p.m. - Carol Hoeffel  
**Sunday, December 8, 2024**  
8:00 a.m. - Denny Westhoven and Steve Schwiebert  
10:30 a.m. - Michael Cochran.

**Tellers: December 10, 2024** - Phil and Ginny Bauer,  
Kevin Milius, Jean Miller

Save the Date

December

Christmas House - 6th, 7th, 8th

September 2025

TurtleFest - 19th, 20th

**NAPOLEON COMMUNITY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - to take place on Mon., Dec. 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene, 630 Appian Ave., Napoleon.

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**SIBERIAN SOLSTICE CONCERT** - to take place on Sun., Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at St. Caspar Parish Life Center, Wauseon. Freewill offering. You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

# 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

- Dec. 1st - No youth group, happy Thanksgiving!
- Dec. 8th - *You Are Not Alone*

### Edge Upcoming Events

- Dec. 4th - Edge
- Dec. 18th - Christmas Party

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

## A World of Christmas

DECEMBER

THURSDAY | 05 | AT 7 PM

Join us in the church for the program

HOT COCOA & COOKIES AFTER THE PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOL GYM

### Christmas Kids Crafts at Christmas House

Christmas themed kids crafts will be set up at Christmas House on Saturday the 7th at 3:30pm

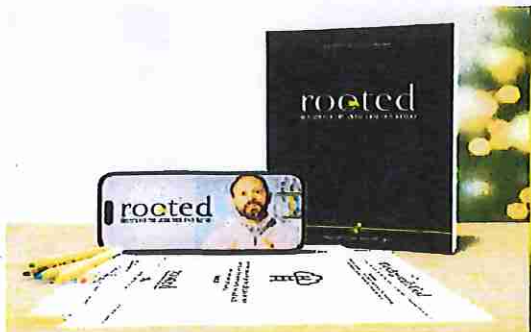
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RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES FOR GROUPS SUCH AS...

Family Catechesis	Edge	Bible Studies
Life Teen		Women's Group



## Deepen your roots in Christ this Advent.

Embark on a powerful journey with *Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree*. In just 7 minutes a day, explore Scripture, uncover the stories of Christ's ancestors, and experience meaningful Advent reflections that connect faith to your daily life.

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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 generosity. Our goal is \$29,882. We are currently at 76%.

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**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST** - Knights of Columbus Council 1344 is inviting all boys and girls ages 5-14 to participate in the international "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. "By engaging the creative talents and imaginations of our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas," said Council 1344 Grand Knight D.J. Batt.

The contest has five different age groups: Kindergarten, grades 1-2, grades 3-4, grades 5-6 and grades 7-8. Each winner will receive a \$25 prize and advance to the district/region and the state, national and international level. Posters must be submitted to the Parish Office during regular business hours no later than December 15. Contest entry forms will be available in the narthex. All contest rules are on the form.

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**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.

**AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP** - "Your help acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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**HELP NEEDED** - We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers to bring Jesus to our Homebound and Nursing Home residents. Prayerfully consider this need for our Parishioners. Please call office at 419-592-7656 if you have questions. *Thank you for your consideration.*

**TRY THIS for  
SIGNING-UP  
for  
2024  
Christmas  
House**



December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Pick a shift or two. Go  
on-line & help your  
parish have a successful  
fundraiser!

## The Attic Tours are coming

**Sunday, Dec. 1** after 10:30 mass  
*Your help is needed to bring boxes down  
from the rectory attic, so stay and pitch in  
... just 20 minutes of time*

**Mon. Dec. 2** - Set trees up & decorate  
From 9-5pm (lunch provided)

**Tues. Dec. 3- & Wed. Dec. 4** - Finish  
decorating & bring in donated  
craft items

**Thurs. Dec. 5 & Fri. Dec. 6** - Bring in  
donated baked goods & help frost cookies

**Fri. Dec. 6, Sat. Dec. 7 & Sun. Dec. 8** -  
**ENJOY the FESTIVITIES!**  
**Doors open at 9:30am**

**Enjoy a meal with family & friends,  
do some shopping, visit Santa,  
be first in line for cookies & cheeseballs,  
buy some homemade  
baked goods & Christmas décor!**



Your *John Hancock*  
is needed for  
**Christmas House**

That's right the sign-up sheets  
are coming November 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Check your calendar and save  
the date ...

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Pick a shift or two. Sign on  
the line and help your parish  
have a successful fundraiser!

## *Advent Reconciliation Services*

As we're in Advent Season, we find ourselves preparing for the coming. The Christmas Coming... and the end of our time. Parishes throughout the diocese are having Advent Penance Services. Whether you've gone to confession recently or haven't for many years, this is a great chance to "Prepare for the Lord".

I know many people have fear, but Jesus reminds us to "**Fear Not**"! People fear revealing things about themselves that may make them look as bad or appear less than nice; maybe it makes them feel less guilty. They want to keep the mask on without ever having to reveal the dark things in their heart. The guilt is still there; so, they only go into hiding, but from whom?

God doesn't look at us as sinners, no, he looks at us as a loving comforter; ready to show mercy. So, who cares about the others; there here for the same reason. To find and receive God's loving mercy and forgiveness. All are welcomed to find healing and mercy from God who desires only to forgive ones sins and lighten ones burdens and give them insight into themselves, our lives and even our behavior. It is not a place of accusation, hence the term "confession."

The priest is there in the person of Christ to listen, to confirm, to challenge, to encourage, and even comfort. The person who confesses his or her sins with a sorrowful heart is the receipt. They not only receive forgiveness from God, but also grace from God to help overcome committing the sin again. People sin every day, but they often become numb to its effects.

Most are very interested in their bodily health. Physical health affects how they live; what they do not realize is that **spiritual health is even more important**. The human person is both body and soul. If one is neglected, both will suffer.

Sorry, every person is a sinner, in little things and major things; including me. It is a part of our fallen human condition. I was placed here by the Bishop to be a spiritual father to the people. It is my mission to help those who come... **get to heaven**. The priest is not one who takes down the names. He helps people get out of the holes they have dug for themselves and start over again with the grace of God. Alleluia!

### **Here are the Advent Penance services at our Deanery Parishes:**

- **Wauseon St. Caspar: December 4 at 6:30pm**
- **Napoleon St. Augustine: December 11 at 7pm**
- **Swanton St. Richard: December 12 at 7pm**
- **Custar St. Louis: December 16 at 8-9am, 12-1pm**
- **Providence St. Patrick: December 18**
- **Assumption Holy Trinity: December 18 at 6:30pm**
- **Also every Saturday 3:30 – 4:15 and Sunday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. & 22<sup>nd</sup>. 11:30 – 12:30**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Dec. 1** Rosary 10:00 a.m.  
No Life Teen
- Wed., Dec. 4** Confessions 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
Community Penance Service after  
6:00 p.m. Mass  
Parents Club 6:30 p.m.  
RCIA 6:30 p.m.  
Edge 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Cemetery Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Thur., Dec. 5** School Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.  
(Church)
- Fri., Dec. 6** Christmas House 9:30 a.m. -7 p.m.  
First Friday Adoration 9:15 a.m.  
Benediction 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 7** Christmas House 9:30 a.m. -7 p.m.  
Confessions 3:30 p.m.  
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 8** 1st Communion and Confirmation  
Classes 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
Christmas House 9:00 a.m. -1 p.m.  
Rosary 10:00 a.m.  
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	4,178.06
On-Line	\$	1,993.00
Christmas	\$	50.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	150.00
School	\$	258.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	156,713.21

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**

- Genaro Gonzales (73) - 12/2/02
- Paul Torres (70) - 12/2/02
- Joseph P. Garcia (20) - 12/4/07
- Gertrude M. Wendt (101) - 12/4/10
- Marguerite Theobold - 12/5/08
- Constance E. "Connie" Fruth (50) - 12/8/99
- David W. Walther (48) - 12/8/05
- Lois Schueler (81) - 12/8/09

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.

**BANNS OF MATRIMONY**

- I - Neal Mahoney and Danielle Like

**FROM THE SCHOOL**

St. Augustine Catholic School is seeking a Middle School English Language Arts and History Teacher for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year, effective January 1, 2025. This position is full-time with a full benefits package. We encourage recent graduates and retired teachers to apply! Qualified candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree hold a valid Ohio Teaching license or Non-Tax Certification and successfully complete the VIRTUS program and background check, provide a positive learning environment with an ability to create engaging lessons and have the ability to collaborate as a member of our team. Interested applicants should email cover letter, resume, references, and letters of recommendation to Principal Ginny Minnick @ [gabby.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com](mailto:gabby.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to give thanks for the gift of our teachers, staff, parents, alumni and school families. I wish all of you a Thanksgiving filled with an abundance of Love and Blessings. May you experience all of God's love among your family and friends.

Blessings to your family,  
Ginny Minnick, Principal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 12/2 - Jessica Fahy, Sonya Helmke
- 12/3 - Joseph Hunyor, Hector Sifuentes, Nilda Sifuentes
- 12/4 - Ezekiel Hill, Richard Keller, Julian Whitehead
- 12/5 - Cole Barry, John Morris
- 12/6 - Christy Burgei
- 12/7 - Lauren Bates, Camryn Coolman, Robert Lautar
- 12/8 - Lori Siclair, Rhonda Slee

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**SNOWBIRD NOTICE** - Please notify the business office two months prior to your departure date and your anticipated return date. We will need your address if you wish to continue receiving giving envelopes. Thank you.

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**Priests Day of Sanctification...**

Kindly remember in prayers Fr. Jerry and all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 2 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, and the intercession of Our Lady, may the Lord grant them spiritual grace, renewed fidelity, and joy in ministry.

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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.