

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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St. Vincent de Paul Society 419-592-0438

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

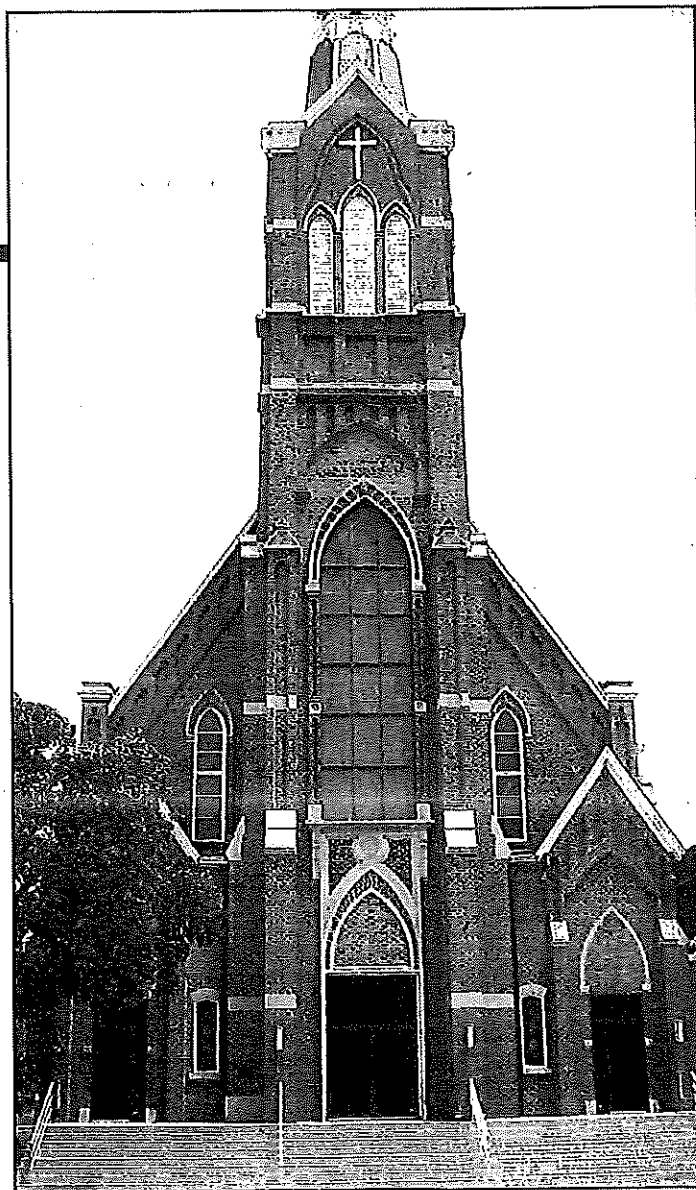
- **ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL** (Pre K-8)
Ginny Minnick, Principal, 419-592-3641



- **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

Happy and Blessed New Year...

Hopefully, this is not just a greeting. More so, let it be a prayer – that God may grant us a peaceful and fruitful new year. The ancient formula mentioned in the first reading: *“The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!”* (Num 6:24-26). Yes, the blessing we call upon.

As we enter the New Year, we look back at the past year. We humbly acknowledge God’s abundant graces bestowed on us, despite our unworthiness. And so, we come together to thank and praise Him for His loving providence and protection. It is fitting I write this on the day the magi brought gifts to the Lord. Yet, looking back, we also admit in our blessing that we had our failures and shortcomings, we have not fulfilled our resolutions. And so, we bow our heads in humble sorrow, asking God’s forgiveness and mercy.

And so, this New Year, once again we make some resolutions. This is what we do at the beginning of every year. But honestly, have we really fulfilled all those New Year’s resolutions in the past? There are two main reasons why we have failed to accomplish most of our resolutions. First, it is because most of them are not resolutions but are actually mere wishes. There is a vast difference between a wish and a resolution.

A wish is a desire to attain a particular goal, while a resolution specifically identifies the concrete steps to be taken to reach that goal. A wish says, *“I want to pass the Board Examination.”* A resolution will say, *“I will commit four hours of study every day, set aside my Facebook account and cell phone, and have more time for prayer each day.”* A wish will say, *“I want to be a better Christian this year.”* A resolution says, *“I will faithfully pray the Rosary daily, attend Mass every Sunday, go to Confession every month, extend my help to those who come to me for help and volunteer in the liturgical ministry of the parish.”* When there is no concrete course of action, it is just a wish, and not a resolution. And nothing will come out of it. In our New Year’s resolutions, we must be ready to take action and be willing to sacrifice.

As we always say, *“Man proposes, God disposes.”* It is important, therefore, that our resolutions are fully grounded on faith in God. Then He will help us fulfill them according to His plan. *“Do your best and God will do the rest.”* We need to acknowledge the truth that absolute power resides in God alone. And so, the most powerful man is not he who has lots of money, or who wields political power, or who has weapons of mass destruction. Rather, it is the one who bends his knees and prays to God. As a quotation says, *“When man works, it is only man who works. But when man prays, God works.”*

- Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, January 11, 2025 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Nelda Irving
Servers: Ella Irving, Evan Storch
Extraordinary Steven Reiser, Volunteers (4)
Min. of Com.:

Ushers: Ruth Like, Will Wagner

Sunday, January 12, 2025 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Jan Neiling
Servers: Volunteers (2)
Extraordinary Benton Collins, Ann Grime,
Min. of Com.: Rick Hoffman, Gwen Howe-Gebers,
Joe Krueger

Ushers: Gene Grime, Doug Monnin

Sunday, January 12, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Will Roth
Servers: Taylor Glanz, Jade and Juan Gonzalez
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Mary Hoops,
Min. of Com.: Lindsay and Nanci Westhoven,
Jim Wulf

Ushers: Richard Fisher, Chad Roth

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 4, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Michael and Sherlene Hoffman

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Janet Creager

10:30 a.m. - Carlton and Betty Lemon

Monday, January 6, 2025

No Communion Service

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Mass

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

6:00 p.m. - Daniel Dietz

Thursday, January 9, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Vilma Aguiar

Friday, January 10, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Dick Denny

2:20 p.m. - School Mass

Saturday, January 11, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Jayne Westhoven

10:30 a.m. - Patricia E. Speiser and Family

1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of January 13, 2025

Nursing Home: Volunteer

Homebound: Mary Gunter

**Tellers: January 13, 2025 – Andy Driskel, Phil Parsons,
Chris Peddicord, Joanne Westhoven**

Save the Date

March 2025

St. Pat's Auction - 15th

September 2025

TurtleFest - 19th, 20th

With Gratitude ...

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone. Your kindness, gifts, goodies, and prayers create a welcoming loving feeling of your support for me. Your very presence has brought much joy and meaning to me as your pastor. I am grateful for the opportunity to celebrate and worship with you.

Together, we truly are making a difference by living our Christ's Message.

May God continue to bless you in 2025!

- Fr. Jerry

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.

BECOME ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF MONICAS - One Hour, One Purpose, Our Children -

Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church. Join us at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Bryan from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month. For more information visit www.millionsof monicas.com

*Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you.
St. Augustine of Hippo*

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

- Jan. 5th - Life Teen
- Jan. 12th - Life Teen

Edge Upcoming Events

- Jan. 8th - Edge
- Jan. 22nd - Edge

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT STAUGIE TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

staugustinenapoleon.flocknote.com

RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES FOR GROUPS SUCH AS...

Family Catechesis	Edge	Bible Studies
Life Teen		Women's Group

Thank-you in advance!!

Decorating for Christmas and you're realizing that you've got too much or are tired of what you have? When it's time to take down the decorations don't pack them away. Donate to next year's Christmas House.

Donate new or barely used Christmas items for our 2025 St. Augustine Christmas House!

Accepting table top Christmas trees, 4ft. or smaller. Drop the items off from Jan 2nd - Jan 10th at the parish office.



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!*

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.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION - to take place on Wed., Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. All local boys and girls, ages 9 - 14, are invited to participate. Each winner will receive a Knights of Columbus basketball. Winners advance to the district level. Entry forms will be available in the church narthex and at the competition. For any additional information, contact D.J. Batt at 419-769-0176.

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.

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!

We bring nothing into this world and we take nothing out of it. Everything that we have while we are here comes as a gift from God.

RIGHT TO LIFE 2025 SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN

Following the masses the weekends of January 4 and 5 and 11 and 12, the Henry County Right to Life will be collecting signatures and donations to support the gift of life. A \$3.00 or more donation is suggested. Names of donors will be published in the Northwest Signal and Defiance Crescent-News near the Jan. 18 weekend.

HENRY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING - will be held on Mon., Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church basement, Hamler. Enter the north door going to basement.

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.

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.

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.

MISSALETTES! With the beginning of the new church year, we have positioned the new missalettes in the maroon covers differently by placing the front of the cover under the front pocket. This enables one to access the prayers on the back of the missalette. Please do not rearrange this. We are experiencing torn plastic covers. The missalette contains the precious Word of God and we ask that they are not mishandled.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Jan. 5 Family Catechesis 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 7 Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., Jan. 8 RCIA 6:30 p.m.
Edge 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Parents' Club Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 11 Moms' Morning Circle 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
(Ministry Center)
Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 12 Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	7,213.74
On-Line	\$	1,887.00
Christmas (to date)	\$	13,130.00
Holy Day	\$	30.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	275.00
School	\$	938.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	200,967.90

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

Julian H. "Chalky" Gilliland (89) - 1/7/04
Thomas J. Schwaiger (71) - 1/7/04
Carlton Lemon (79) - 1/9/08
Mary Jo Gruber (90) - 1/9/23
James T. Small (83) - 1/10/11
Antonio E. Sandoval (68) - 1/11/21
Arlene M. Herge (91) - 1/12/01

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

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.

As God's steward, you are called to take an active role in your church - Volunteer

FROM THE SCHOOL

Did you know Catholic Education is affordable for everyone! All families in the State of Ohio are eligible to receive a scholarship. The EdChoice Expansion Scholarship window will open on February 1st, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year for children entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade. The application form and additional information will be updated in the scholarship system in late January. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

I have some exciting news to share how you can redirect some of your State of Ohio income tax dollars to St. Augustine Catholic School! Rather than pay the State of Ohio the income tax money they are due each year, the State allows Ohio residents to give some of that tax money directly to St. Augustine Catholic School, to help pay for scholarships, benefiting our students! As a State of Ohio taxpayer, you can claim a tax credit up to \$750 as single or \$1500 married, filing jointly. Any amount you donate up to these limits to St. Augustine Catholic School can be subtracted from the amount you pay to the State of Ohio when filing your taxes. 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 call Mrs. Ginny Minnick at the school office (419-592-3641) with questions.

I wish you and your family a year filled with peace, love and happiness: may you always be certain of God's love! I pray you have a blessed New Year!

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1/6 - Denise Baden, Gavin Sifuentes
1/7 - Joel Frey, Jr., Jennifer Millen, Dave Neiling, Sara Niner
1/8 - Augustin Escobar, Corina Garza, Alaina Gerken, Ashley Morey
1/9 - Otis Crawford, Phillip Krueger, Ava Myles, Anthony Rodriguez, Zachary Spurgeon, Brody Tejkl, Lawrence Vocke
1/10 - Samuel Campos, James Jenkins, Jarid Jenkins, Josie Morales Renteria
1/12 - Jasmine Corbitt, Brenda Piasecki

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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.