

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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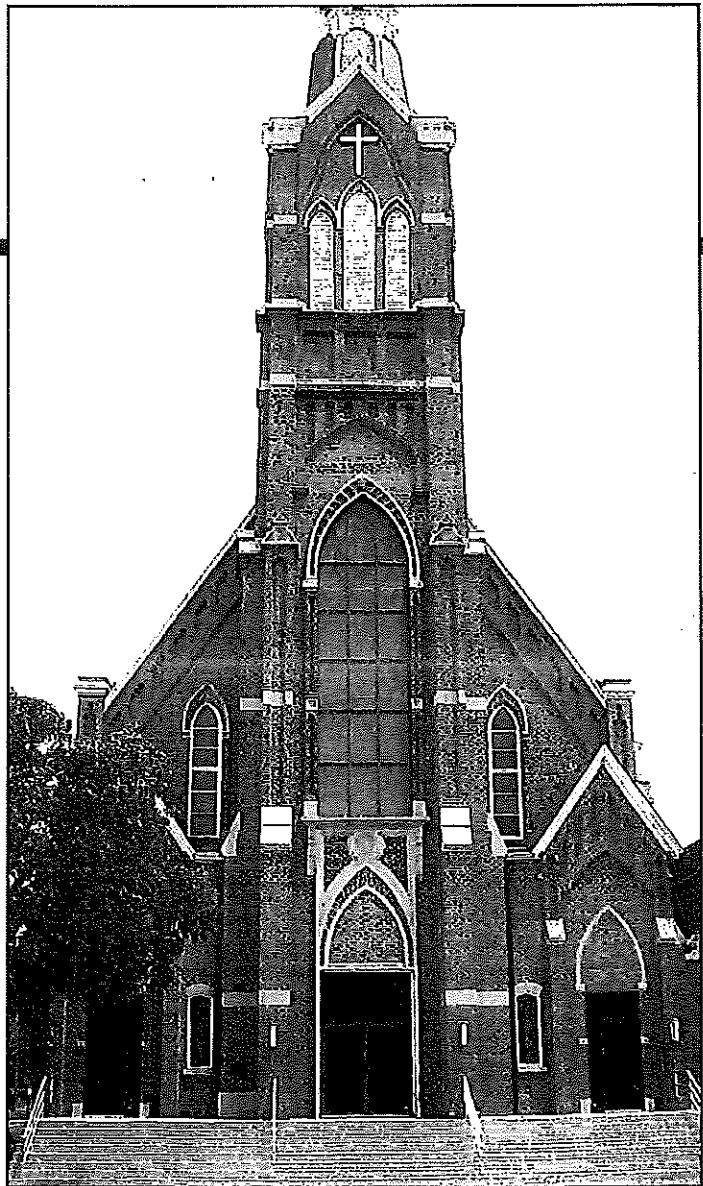
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / FORMATION

*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

The Power of Water...

Water is such an important element in our lives, both physically and spiritually. In many scriptures, it is used as a symbol of life, cleansing, and renewal. Just like how we need physical water to survive, we also need spiritual nourishment that comes from God. When we look into scripture, let's embrace the refreshing truths they reveal and how they relate to our faith journey. God's word has a way of washing over us, encouraging us, and reminding us of His presence in our lives, just like a gentle stream flowing through a beautiful landscape. Be on the mode of meditation as we read through God's word. In our spiritual journey, the concept of cleansing is foundational. Water often symbolizes purification. Just as we wash away dirt with water, we too can experience spiritual cleansing through faith, and the wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation. The bible verses remind us how important it is to let go of our past burdens and embrace the refreshing grace God offers us. We are invited to cleanse our hearts and minds, allowing God's spirit to renew us. Through this process, we learn that just as physical water cleanses, God's love and mercy wash away our sins, giving us a fresh start.

In the first reading today... *"water flowed from the rock to quench the people's thirst."* Without water, the Chosen People would have died of thirst in the desert. Then in the story of the woman at the well in the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself as the source of living water... *"The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life."* With that, many came to believe in Christ and are strengthened by their faith. In Lent we too are on a long trek across a desert, and it can be dangerous without provisions. Water is essential for our bodies when we are suffering; it's in staying hydrated, when we are extremely thirsty. So, yes, water is important in our spiritual lives when we are parched and dry. St. Paul speaks of *"the love God being poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit."* So, like water, the love of God helps sustain us. It softens a hardened, cynical heart. It cleanses a sinful, repentant soul. It reinvigorates a lifeless, despairing life. The Samaritan woman's life changed that day, as did the lives of her many neighbors who began to believe in Jesus. May we seize the opportunity to drink plenty and often of the love of God. — Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, March 29, 2025 4:30 p.m.
Lector: Becky Hilvers
Servers: Emily Flowers, Molly Huddle
Extraordinary: Ginny Bauer, William Lytle,
Min. of Com.: Steven Reiser, Mary Steingass,
Volunteer
Ushers: Larry Hilvers, Sue Urban
Sunday, March 30, 2025 8:00 a.m.
Lector: Jan Neiling
Servers: Reese and Cole Wagner
Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron, Benton Collins,
Min. of Com.: Gwen Howe-Gebers, Patrick Mauk,
Judy Wiles
Ushers: Jeff and Jodi Stover
Sunday, March 30, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Lector: Regina Proshok
Servers: Henry Dotson, Eli and Isaac Herman
Extraordinary: Vicky Delventhal, Vivian Dominique,
Min. of Com.: Sandra Martinez, Mark Meyer,
Brenda Piasecki
Ushers: Richard Fisher, Jim Wulf

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of March 31, 2025

Nursing Home: Volunteer
Homebound: Jane Conry

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 22, 2025
4:30 p.m. - Carolyn Schwab
Sunday, March 23, 2025
8:00 a.m. - Mass
10:30 a.m. - Mass
Monday, March 24, 2025
No Communion Service
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 (Annunciation of the Lord)
8:45 a.m. - Esmer Payuyo
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
6:00 p.m. - Ronald Fisher
Thursday, March 27, 2025
8:45 a.m. - Mass
Friday, March 28, 2025
8:45 a.m. - Mass
2:20 p.m. - School Mass - Clete Schindler
Saturday, March 29, 2025
4:30 p.m. - Elaine Lauf
Sunday, March 30, 2025
8:00 a.m. - Jeanne Lytle
10:30 a.m. - Stephen Thayer

Tellers: March 31, 2025 —Phil and Ginny Bauer,
Kevin Milius, Jean Kleman

Save the Date

September 2025

TurtleFest - 19th, 20th

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT - The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (Charter)* of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the *Charter* were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

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.millionsofmonicas.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

- 8th graders are officially invited to the highschool youth group!
- March 23rd - Movie Night, bring a pillow and blanket!
- March 30th - Culture Project missionaries will be visiting again to chat with us about Sexual Integrity. Do you know what God's plan is for love and relationships?

Edge Upcoming Events

- April 2nd - Edge Night on Lent
- April 16th - Edge Night

WOMEN'S GROUP

Bible Study

We are hosting a Lenten Bible Study at the Ministry Center on Matthew Chapters 26-28. It will be weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 - 7:30pm with the last one on April 10th. All women are welcome to join us. Feel free to come for just one session or all of them.

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



Looking to have some fun and enjoy the great outdoors?
Join the St. Augie CYO Track Team!

Anyone interested in joining the St. Augustine Parish CYO Track and Field Team is invited to join our team. If you are a 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grader attending the St. Augustine Parish Religious Program or attending St. Augustine School and you are in good academic standing, you are eligible to participate in CYO track and field. **An athletic physical is necessary** if you haven't had one in the past 12 months.

Sign up forms will be available in the school office for PRP and SAS kids. We will begin practice on **March 24** at St. Augustine and meets will start mid April. We are looking for exciting things from our St. Augustine youth and looking forward to those first meets. The season culminates with the Diocesan Championship Meet on May 18.

Forms are available or contact **Jeff Stover** at jlstover@henry-net.com for more information.
GO SAINTS!

MOTHER TERESA RESPECT LIFE GROUP, DEFIANCE SPEAKER - Come and hear Josh Kuhn speak about how he lived a crazy life doing worldly things that made him miserable until God gave him a purpose. He will be speaking at St. John's Defiance at 7:00 p.m. on Tues., March 25.

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.*

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal - "**Together For Good**" - We would like to thank all of our Parishioners who have joined together in pledging their gift to this year's 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 the pews. Once completed, kindly place your pledge card in the offertory basket. Every gift is so significant. Our parish goal is \$30,090.74. We are encouraging 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity! We are currently at 30%.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL APPRECIATION DINNER - will be held on May 15th at 6 p.m. in the Ministry Center. All who help with this ministry are cordially invited.

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.

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - Next week our parish will take up this collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

JOIN FR. DOUGLAS GARAND FOR A EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE - Visit the cities of Paris, Zurich, Lucerne, Lake Como, Assisi, Vatican City and Rome from September 28 to October 10, 2025 (13 Days and 12 Nights). For more information, there are flyers available in the back of church.

MEN'S HOLY HOUR... Be the Man!

Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a quiet place, and rest a while. For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat [drink]"
[Mk 6:31]

St. Augustine's Men's Holy Hour, a quiet time of reflection with Lenten reconciliation available, all are welcome.

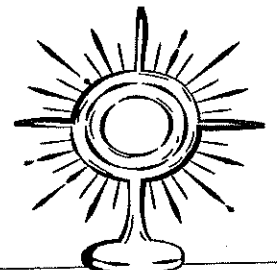
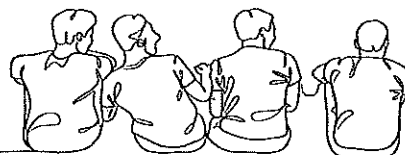
Become the man God created you to be!

This Lent, I encourage all men of this parish and area parishes to step out for a night on the town! Maybe the real reality is... Step Out for a Night with Jesus! A real man stays focused and keeps that focus on our Lord. A man who Changes... Changes Others! Yes, for us to change, we must start with Jesus. In coming to the Lord we are with the perfect example of manhood. He chose his disciples in order to change the world. He wants to do the same with us.

St. Michael once asked Jesus after His Resurrection and Ascension; "Jesus, do they know how much You love them?" Jesus said, "A group of them know!"

— Fr. Jerry

See you at this coming Holy Hour
Tues March 25th 7:30pm
— Prayer — Reconciliation — Social Time —



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon., Mar. 23 1st Communion & Confirmation
Classes 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Donut Sunday after 10:30 Mass
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 25 Men's Holy Hour 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 26 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 5:00 p.m.
RCIA 6:30 p.m.
- Thur., Mar. 27 Women's Group Bible Study
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 28 Fish Fry 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
Confessions 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 29 Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 30 Family Catechesis 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Venture Bible Study
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	9,178.25
On-Line	\$	2,053.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	5,235.00
School	\$	2,453.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	295,382.69

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

- Pauline Creager (91) - 3/24/88
- Juanita Blair (88) - 3/25/12
- Mary Elaine Lauf (83) - 3/26/22
- Alonzo Salaz (76) - 3/26/11
- Georgieann C. Gibson (56) - 3/28/03

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.

DAYS FOR LIFE - From March 5 - April 13, 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 Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH 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 www.40DaysForLife.com/Toledo to sign up to pray.

FROM THE SCHOOL

On behalf of the students and staff of St. Augustine Catholic School, I want to thank everyone who attended, donated, worked on the committee and prayed for our 26th Annual St. Patrick Day Dinner Auction!! We absolutely could not hold this event without your continued generosity in support of our mission. A special thank you to Rick Small, our alumni, auctioneer and emcee! I hope everyone enjoyed the tasty meal by Bavarian Caterers. Both the live and silent auctions had many, many generous bidders and everyone had a wonderful time! Final numbers will be released soon.

If you or someone you know is interested in an amazing faith filled education and was born before September 30, 2020, he/she is eligible to enroll in Kindergarten at St. Augustine School. **Our Kindergarten Screening is scheduled for April 9th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.** Please contact the school office at 419-592-3641 to reserve your spot!

There is still time for you to 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. Please visit www.dotsgo.org to learn how to redirect your tax dollars if you donate by 4/15/2025. 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.

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 3/24 - Rudy Beltran, Tiffany Dotson, Brady McKenzie, Carol Speiser, Jeremy Weber
- 3/25 - Mark Glanz, Devin Johnson, Christopher Millen, Robert Moon, Jodi Myers, Faith Rubinstein, Jessica Schwab
- 3/26 - Jennifer Arps, Jacob Barton, Zachary Barton, Kade Fields, Noah Mack, Kathryn Mohler, Lorenzo Zamora
- 5/28 - Robert Swank, Max Westhoven
- 3/29 - Ailyn Andrea Morales, Ryan Sizemore II
- 3/30 - Robin Creager, Matthew Krueger, Madisyn Nye

Remember St. Augustine Parish in your estate planning

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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.

ANOIDING 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.