

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

## Our Easter celebration as we continue! Happy Easter!

This is day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118

It seems that mostly, Easter comes in spring. It's the time of year when nature itself brings forth the beginnings of new life. The tulips begin to rise from the cold and dormant earth, the leaves begin to bud on the trees, transforming the forest into a sea of green, and the Sun begins to shine with a new radiance, sending warmth at its rising each morning. Creation itself reflects the glory and splendor of the Resurrection of Christ in many ways.

The death of winter reflects the death of Christ and the silence of the tomb experienced on Holy Saturday. Everything goes dormant. Vegetation appears to die, and even the animals and insects retreat into various forms of hibernation and immobility. However, at the appointed time, as the warmth of the sun rises anew, nature itself is called forth from the death of winter into the new life of spring.

The cold winter would be deeply depressing if it were to remain forever. Just imagine if scientists were to tell us that the forthcoming winter was a unique one in that it would now remain forever. Never again would we see the warmth of spring or summer. Never again would we see the insects, plants and leaves on the trees. What a hopeless situation that would be!

But God speaks to us in many and varied ways, and one such way is through the cycle of nature. New life is certain! Death can't have it's final say. Why, because of the hope of new life. The warmth will return after the winter freeze, nature will rise and the earth will sing again.

If the Father in Heaven is so diligent about caring for the natural creation, how much more does He care for the re-creation of humanity? How much more would He have cared for the Resurrection of His own divine Son? How much more does He care for our entrance into the new life won for each of us by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?!

As you enjoy the warmth of Spring; allow the beauty of creation to be a sign to you of a reality that is infinitely greater. Allow yourself to be drawn into the newness of life that is bestowed upon you by your sharing in the Resurrection of Christ. Yes, to rise with Him means you are to become a new creation. – Fr. Jerry

### Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

**Saturday, May 3, 2025** 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Karen Westhoven  
Servers: Emily Flowers, Volunteer  
Extraordinary Volunteers (5)  
Min. of Com.:  
Ushers: Will Wagner, Brad Westhoven

**Sunday, May 4, 2025** 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Gene Grime  
Servers: Cora Coolman, Bennett Westhoven  
Extraordinary Joe Krueger, Mike, Morgan, Miya and  
Min. of Com.: Noah Weber  
Ushers: Kevin Glanz, Doug Monnin

**Sunday, May 4, 2025** 10:30 a.m.

Lector: First Communion Families  
Servers: First Communion Families  
Extraordinary First Communion Families  
Min. of Com.:  
Ushers: Jeff Burkhart, Chad Roth

**Eucharistic Ministers: Week of April 28, 2025**

Nursing Home/Homebound: Nelda Irving

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

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

4:30 p.m. - Carolyn Schwab

**Sunday, April 27, 2025 (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

8:00 a.m. - David and Dennis Donnelly

10:30 a.m. - Ron Fisher

**Monday, April 28, 2025**

No Communion Service

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

8:45 a.m. - Vilma Aguiar

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

6:00 p.m. - Richard Thayer

**Thursday, May 1, 2025**

8:45 a.m. - Michael Cochran, Dave Lankenau,  
Rich Baker, Jeff Diemer

**Friday, May 2, 2025**

8:45 a.m. - Eleanor and Lawrence Irving

2:20 p.m. - Jon Creager (School Mass)

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

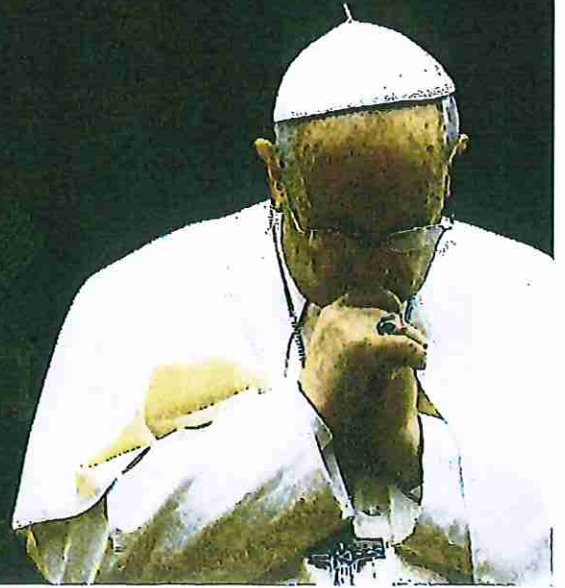
8:00 a.m. - Denny Westhoven

10:30 a.m. - Patricia Krauss (First Communion)

**Tellers: May 6, 2025** – Andy Driskel, Phil Parsons,  
Chris Peddicord, Joanne Westhoven

# POPE FRANCIS

1936 - 2025



*O God, immortal shepherd of souls,*

*look on your people's prayers*

*and grant that your servant Pope Francis,*

*who presided over your Church in charity,*

*may, with the flock entrusted to his care,*

*receive from your mercy*

*the reward of a faithful steward.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,*

*who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,*

*God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen!*

*Requiescat in Pace!*

*Rest in peace.*



CATHOLIC  
FAITH  
JOURNEYS

**We're going to Italy and we  
want you to join us!**

**Join Fr. Schetter on a pilgrimage to  
Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo & Rome  
May 11 - 22, 2026**



**A few highlights to look forward  
to include:**

Explore the medieval town of Assisi, home to St. Francis and St. Claire. Visit the beautiful Basilica of St Francis, the Church of Santa Clara which houses her incorrupt body, visit the tomb of St. Carlo Acutis, as well as the Basilica



of St Mary of the Angels which houses the Porziuncola.

Take an excursion to Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica. Visit the new Abbey of San Benedetto in Monte, pending confirmation. Enjoy a beer tasting with the Monks and a delicious lunch from a local Agriturismo.

Visit the oldest Eucharistic Miracle on record in Lanciano before heading to San Giovanni Rotondo and Monte Sant' Angelo on the Gargano Mountain.

Pray at the Tomb of Saint Padre Pio, see his confessional, cell and the hospital he built for the sick and suffering.



On our way to Rome we will visit the Monastery of Monte Cassino, destroyed in WWII and rebuilt after the war. St. Benedict & St. Scholastic are buried in the crypt.

Visit the major basilicas in Rome; St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, St. Paul Outside the Walls, built over the Saint's burial place, and St. Peter's Basilica.

See Historical sites of the Eternal city like the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, the Colosseum and much more.

**Details are currently in the works and will be  
provided as soon as they are available.**

**Save the date and plan on joining us!**

**For more information please  
Contact: Maggie 419-290-8782 or  
e-mail [maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com](mailto:maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com)**



Save the Date  
 September 2025  
 TurtleFest - 19th, 20th

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL** - Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

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*On Easter Vigil, Fr. Jerry brought into full communion with the Catholic Church our Elect and Candidates that have been preparing for this for many months. Catechumen Elizabeth Ogan was received into Full Communion (which means she was baptized, confirmed & received First Holy Communion). Candidates Chris & Diana (missing from photo) Conner made their profession of faith, were confirmed and received their First Holy Communion. We welcome them as a part of our parish family. May God continue to richly bless them as they grow in their faith.*

# 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 high school group!

- April 27th - Movie Night in Defiance! We'll be going to the 4pm showing of "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality" with Pizza Hut afterwards
- May 4th - Life Night
- May 11th - No Life Teen
- May 18th - Senior Night/Summer Bash

## Edge Upcoming Events

5th graders are officially invited to the group!

- Fri May 2nd 6-10pm - Middle School Lock-in! Open to all students grades 5-8. We'll have all sorts of games including dodgeball and gaga ball, adoration, and snacks
- Tues May 6th - Coffee and Christ at Country Gourmet after school until 4:15

*Keep in touch with us!*

TEXT STAUGIE TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

[staugustinenapoleon.flocknote.com](http://staugustinenapoleon.flocknote.com)

RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES FOR GROUPS SUCH AS...

Family Catechesis      Edge      Bible Studies  
 Life Teen      Women's Group

## Today is the Feast of Mercy

A Day of Extraordinary Grace for those who repent!  
"Ordinarily, only the Sacrament of Baptism effects in the soul for the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." Jesus says to St. Faustina, "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." Receiving Graces of Divine Mercy Sunday: Celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday, Repent of all sins - go to confession, receive Holy Communion worthily, venerate the Image of Divine Mercy, be merciful to others in deed, word and prayer...The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive! Confession: 11:30-12:30 & 2:15-2:45. Service: 3:00

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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 are available in the back of church. 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 40%.

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HOME SCHOOL MASS - Join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2025 Homeschool Mas on Tues., June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo. This special celebration is open to all homeschooling families. At the end of Mass, we will recognize 8th grade and graduating seniors. If your student would like to participate, please contact Monica Depinet at [homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com](mailto:homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com)

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## 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](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com)

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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.*

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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.

## Men's Holy Hour and Prayer for Vocations -

What better way to stand together as men in prayer than to implore God for an increase in vocations. Real Men do pray. Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. at 7:30pm. Yes, ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Be the Man!

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2026 MASS INTENTIONS -We have received our 2026 calendar for scheduling masses. You can contact the office to schedule masses. We ask that you schedule weekend masses only once every three weeks.

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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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GARAGE SALES ARE COMING! Please consider donating your used jewelry to the Turtle Fest. Please drop off jewelry at the Ministry Center so it can be cleaned and prepared for resale at the festival. Thank you!

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL APPRECIATION DINNER - If you have volunteered or contributed to St. Vincent de Paul, you and a guest are invited to the St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 2025 on Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Please RSVP by calling or texting Nanci Westhoven at 419-966-8174.

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DO NOT BE AFRAID: CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC featuring Ecce Young Adult Choir will be at two local parishes: St. Rose, Perrysburg on Sat., May 3 at 7:00 p.m. and St. Aloysius, Bowling Green on Sun., May 4 at 4:30 p.m. Concert is free and open to the public, no reservations needed. For more information, contact Jessica Schuster at [jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com)

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HENRY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING - will be held at the Hamler Summerfest Building on Thurs., May 8th at 6:00 p.m. We will prepare the flowers for our Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale and a short meeting after. We would love to see you and would appreciate the help preparing flowers for the sale.

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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.