

# 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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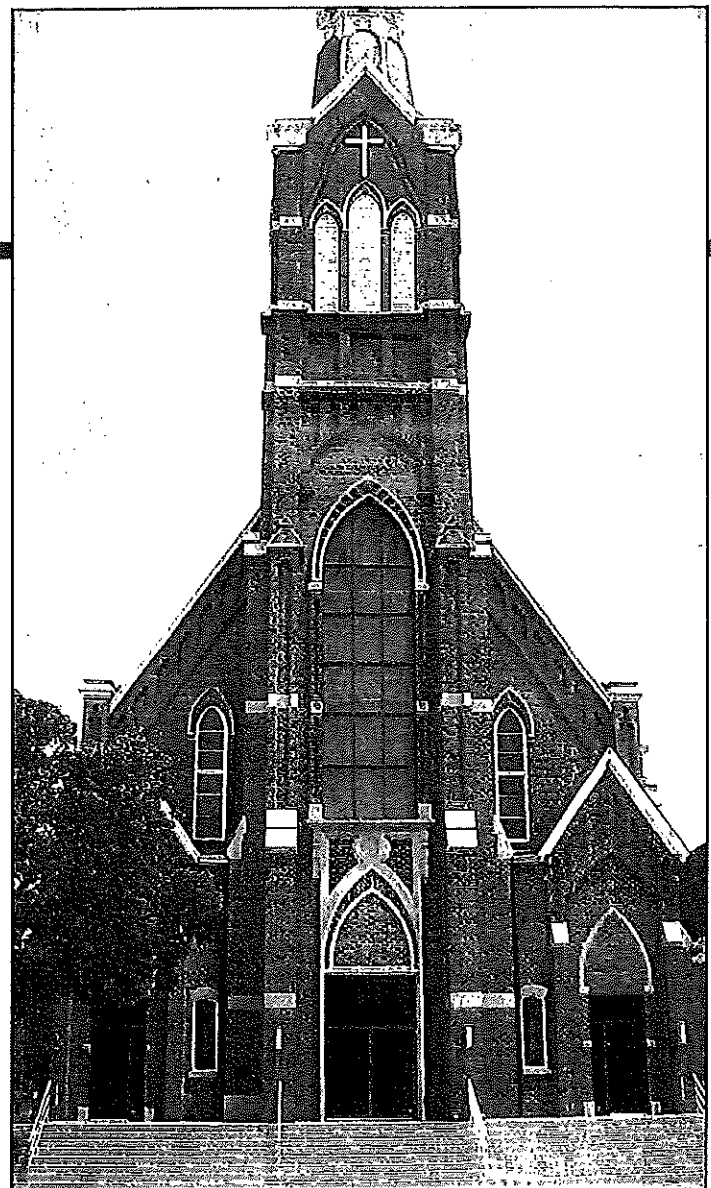
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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / FORMATION

*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

## What is the path of least resistance?

We have come to know that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. The origin of the phrase "*the path of least resistance*" is rooted in scientific and physical principles, particularly in physics and hydrodynamics. It was originally used to describe how natural forces, such as water, electricity, and even air, behave when encountering obstacles. These forces naturally move along the path where they encounter the least opposition or resistance.

Isaac Newton's work on classical mechanics, published in 1687, which deals with the flow of electrical current in relation to resistance, is an early example of scientific ideas that contributed to the understanding of how forces follow the least obstructed path.

The phrase was commonly found in scientific literature, from the 17th to the 19th centuries. The term "*path of least resistance*" does not have a clear, single individual who is credited with coining it, as it evolved gradually from scientific principles into common usage. But one sense of it is the effort that is necessary to achieve goals. So, the question is now how *do we achieve* these goals. What's the "*easy way*"? That's definitely what most look for... the easy way.

We all like our life to be streamlined. In the gospel Jesus replies to the question: "*how many will be saved*"? But the bigger question though is... Who will be saved? So, how are we saved? Jesus references the narrow-gate. Most people tend to avoid obstacles or challenges, they want the wide, easy gate. They often don't want to unload their burdens before-hand.

For some, our Catholic culture wants us to see God as threatening hell, fire, and brimstone instead of a warm fuzzy view of a realistic God. *God is mercy and forgiving...* so in a sense he's neither or both. Today Jesus helps us see the mission that lies ahead for him, but also the mission that lies ahead for us. To gain access to salvation, one must address the narrow gate first. Indeed salvation is made available to all, but not all will enter. It is important that we must strive towards holiness being "*Saints in the Making*"! The Greek word for strive is "*agonizomai*" it's a word used for strenuous effort. I guess... so much for the path of least resistance? — Fr. Jerry

### Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, August 30, 2025 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Karen Westhoven  
Servers: Emily Flowers, Molly Huddle  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Ginny Bauer,  
Min. of Com.: Mary Steingass, Volunteers (2)  
Ushers: Ed and Brigida Somoza

Sunday, August 31, 2025 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mike Weber  
Servers: Cora Coolman, Bennett Westhoven  
Extraordinary Mike, Morgan, Miya, Noah and  
Min. of Com.: Jacob Weber  
Ushers: Jeff and Jodi Stover

Sunday, August 31, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Becky Hilvers  
Servers: Allyssa Borck, Ashlyne Minnick and  
Charles Pollock  
Extraordinary Vicky Delventhal, Lindsay and Nanci  
Min. of Com.: Westhoven, Jim Wulf, Volunteer  
Ushers: Richard Fisher, Larry Hilvers

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of August 25, 2025

Nursing Home/Homebound: Jane Conry

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

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 23, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Carolyn Schwab

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Orlo Wiles

10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Feffer Family

Monday, August 25, 2025

No Communion Service

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Rheba Falgout

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:00 p.m. - Kenneth Gunter

Thursday, August 28, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Mary Ann DeWit

Friday, August 29, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Kevin Cordes

Saturday, August 30, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Clete Schindler

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Bernita Brubaker

10:30 a.m. - Patricia Krauss

Tellers: September 2, 2025 - Chris Peddicord,  
Jan Stover, Dorothy Walker

RECENT BAPTISM - Welcome to the newest member of  
our parish, Layne Austin Baxter, son of Byron and Ashelyn.

Save the Date

September 2025

TurtleFest - 19th, 20th

October 2025

Blood Drive - 21st

## TURTLEFEST NEWS

**COUNTRY STORE** - A request to all bakers, farmers and gardeners. We need your help to supply the country store with your wonderful offerings. Please help us make a success with donations of baked goods, produce, jams/jellies or plants. Your generous talents are appreciated by the customers who buy your delicious products.

**BASKET RAFFLE** - TurtleFest will be here before we know it and we are excited to have the Basket Raffle again this year! If you would like to donate a themed basket, please contact Megan Batt, Basket Chair, at 419-572-0267 (text preferred). If you are interested and/or need basket ideas, please let me know. Thank you for supporting the 25th Annual TurtleFest.

**JEWELRY** - We are again collecting costume jewelry no longer worn or wanted for TurtleFest. Please drop off jewelry at the Ministry Center as soon as possible to give us time to clean, repair and sort the jewelry for resale at the festival. Check with your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to see if they have jewelry to donate. Let's make this the best sale ever!

**H-WIRES** - If you still have H-wires left from last year's TurtleFest, we would like to have them returned to the parish office.

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**RELIGIOUS ED** - All families (grades 1-8) are warmly welcomed to join *Family Catechesis* this fall! The goals of the program are to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. With one adult meeting and one family meeting each month, this program replaces PRP and will give you all the knowledge and tools you need to bring your children up in the faith.

Extra registration packets can be found at the back of church or at the church office. Registration is due by August 31st and the first day of class is September 7th.

## 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

- Regular Life Nights will kick off on September 14th!
- Join us on the March for Life pilgrimage to DC! Registration is open! Contact Regina for any questions or scholarship opportunities.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**  
Washington, DC

JOIN THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE!

\$300 COVERS TWO NIGHTS IN HOTEL, BUS, AND MORE!

**JANUARY 22-24, 2025**

Registration Begins August 1, 2025  
[toledodiocese.org/marchforlife](http://toledodiocese.org/marchforlife)



### Keep in touch with us!

TEXT STAUGIE TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

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

RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES FOR GROUPS SUCH AS...

Family Catechesis  
Life Teen

Edge

Bible Studies  
Women's Group

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 72%.

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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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**WALK FOR VOCATIONS (Sept. 28 - Oct. 1)** - Join Msgr. Tad Oxley, Fr. David Kidd, and Fr. Joseph Mominnee for a 65+ mile Walk for Vocations to pray for an increase in Diocesan priestly vocations. The walk will take place over four days, from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Bono to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. All are welcome to walk part of the route or to join in prayer and fasting. Details and daily schedules can be found at [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org)

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**Did You Know?** Many employers' matching gift programs allow you to maximize your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal to make a greater impact. If your employer matches gifts, **your donation can be doubled or tripled.** For more information visit [acatoledo.org/match](http://acatoledo.org/match)

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - The Knights of Columbus are men of action, dedicated to living out their Catholic faith through charity and service. If you're ready to make a positive impact on your parish community, learn more about the Knights of Columbus! Visit [kofc1344nap.com](http://kofc1344nap.com) or contact D.J. Batt. Text 419-769-0176.

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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.

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**ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR** is auditioning singers for the fall season! We are an acapella choir of Catholic young adults from all across northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio, dedicated to evangelization through the beauty of sacred music. Interested singers must be practicing Catholics 18-33 years old and proficient in reading music. Please email Jessica Schuster, Director, before September 14th for more information and to schedule an audition: [jessicaschuster.155@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaschuster.155@gmail.com)

**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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**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE** - We will be preparing the next ministry schedule, which will be for October 1 through February 1. We will be scheduling for All Saints Day, Thanksgiving Day, Immaculate Conception, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Please log onto the Ministry Scheduler Pro website to update your profile and to list any dates you are not available to volunteer for this schedule. Please do this by September 5th.

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**ST. MONICA & ST. AUGUSTINE FEAST DAYS** - This week we celebrate two feast days of our parish St. Augustine and St. Monica. St. Monica, the mother of Augustine, her feast day is Wednesday, the 27th. She was deeply in prayer for the conversion of her pagan son, Augustine, and her husband. She is the Patroness of Mothers.

Then on Thursday, the 28th, we celebrate the feast of St. Augustine, our very patron and namesake. After a dissolute life, he received baptism from St. Ambrose. He was elected bishop of Hippo. He was most noted for his Confessions and City of God. He was a great homilist and Doctor of the Church; often referred to as the "*Doctor of Grace*". St. Augustine and St. Monica pray for us!

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**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE** - Join Bishop Daniel Thomas on a one day pilgrimage to three locations in the Toledo Diocese on Sun., Sept. 14. The first stop is at the **Sorrowful Mother Shrine** at 4106 State Route 269 in Bellevue, OH 44811. There will be a Mass at 11:00 a.m. in the Pieta Outdoor Chapel and you can bring a picnic lunch at 12:30 p.m. At 2:00, the group will be departing for **Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church**, 320 Stump Pike Road in Attica, OH 44807. There will be a Holy Hour from 2:30 - 3:30. The third stop is at the **Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation**, 315 Clay Street, Carey, OH 43316 at 4:30. Enjoy the grounds and the Lower Basilica. At 5:00 there will be Solemn Vespers in the Upper Basilica. You are invited for all or part of this pilgrimage. You need to provide your own transportation and pack a lunch.

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**COLLECTION BASKETS** - at offertory time, please pass the basket to your fellow parishioners up and down the row. Only hand the basket back to the usher if there are empty rows and passing the basket isn't available. Thank you!

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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)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues., Aug. 26 Finance Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Sat., Aug. 30 Westhoven/Buehrer Wedding  
 1:30 p.m.  
 Confessions 3:30 p.m.  
 Rosary 3:55 p.m.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE PARISH OFFERTORY

Sunday Collection	\$	4,758.00
On-Line	\$	1,903.00
Holy Day	\$	710.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	125.00
School	\$	63.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	52,418.45

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

Randy S. Rivera (40) - 8/25/07  
 William L. Hoefel (83) - 8/25/22  
 Anthony Spurgeon (54) - 8/26/13  
 Gloria A Crahan (91) - 8/26/18  
 Helen A. Brinkman (75) - 8/27/13  
 James P. Westhoven (84) - 8/29/08  
 Teri L. Sanholtz (48) - 8/30/10  
 Mary A. Worchuck (91) - 8/31/20  
 Carolyn J. Schwab (90) - 8/31/22

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.

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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 p.m.

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**RECYCLING RELIGIOUS ITEMS** - St. Mary Recycle Mission Group, Lancaster, PA will be here to collect religious items between Sept. 8 and 19. Any items of a religious nature that can be used by other churches or religious organizations can be donated. Please no religious books, DVDs, VHS tapes, Christmas items or wax candles. Items can be dropped off at the Ministry Center.

### BANNS OF MATRIMONY

III - Darian Westhoven and Lacie Buehrer

### FROM THE SCHOOL

Welcome back to the 2025-26 school year! It was wonderful to see so many eager, excited faces this week as we headed back to school. We continued our tradition by gathering for our Morning Assembly. Instead of announcements over the PA system, we joined together in the gym for daily announcements, the Pledge of Allegiance, to celebrate birthdays, and to begin our day in prayer. What a wonderful way to start the day as a school family!

**St. Augustine Catholic School is seeking candidates to teach in our After-Care program. The hours are from 3:15 pm - 6:00 pm.** Candidates will be responsible for planning activities and providing structure for St. Augustine School children in our After-Care program. Qualifications include passing the required background check and completing the Toledo Diocese VIRTUS program. All applicants must be at least 18 years old. Prior experience with children is preferred. Interested applicants should contact Principal, Ginny Minnick @ 419-592-3641 or email [ginny.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com](mailto:ginny.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com).

**St. Augustine Catholic School is actively seeking a part-time Music teacher for Preschool through 8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.** We are seeking an enthusiastic and talented individual who will inspire students and foster a love for music. A successful candidate will teach fundamental music concepts, including rhythm, melody, and notation, encourage creativity through singing and musical activities, and prepare students for school liturgies and performances. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in Education or a related field, valid Ohio teaching license or Non-Tax Certification, completed VIRTUS course and background check, ability to provide a positive learning environment and engaging lessons, with a strong commitment to Catholic values and ability to incorporate them into instruction. Interested applicants should email cover letter, resume, references, and letters of recommendation to Principal Ginny Minnick @ [ginny.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com](mailto:ginny.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Blessings to your family,  
 Ginny Minnick, Principal

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/25 - Suzanne Badenhop, Samantha Bloom, Gwen Borck  
 Maricella Corona, Braxton Cramer,  
 Brigida Somoza  
 8/26 - Brock Hardy, Brooke Helmke  
 8/27 - William Morey, Estella Sifuentes  
 8/28 - Deb Franz, Michael Gilliland  
 8/29 - Doug Monnin, Jose Sifuentes  
 8/30 - Scott Baker, Paul Dick, Austin Flores-McCloud,  
 David Hill, Elliott Vocke  
 8/31 - Israel Flores, Emily Nemire, Heriberto Sanchez

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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.