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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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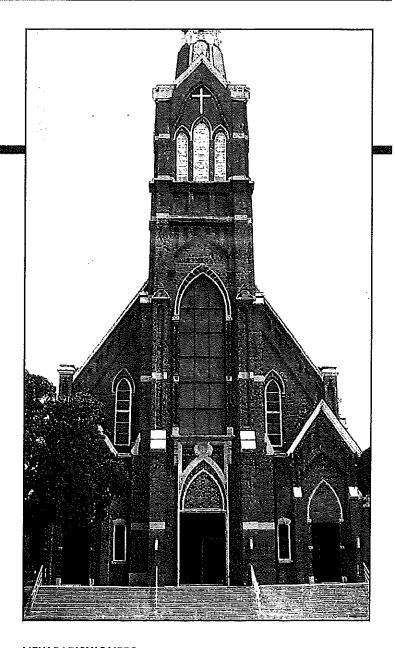
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- PARISH RELIGION PROGRAM (PRP) (1-8) Sunday morning, 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. during school year. Catholic Education for Parish children attending public school
- Life Teen (High School Youth) meets every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. during the school year
- Edge (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

This Sunday, we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross...

The guestion... how do we reflect on the cross? How does the Cross challenge our understanding of love and sacrifice in daily life?

Real love has a cost, and unfortunately we know the cost. All we have to do is look at the Cross of Jesus to see the price that was paid to redeem us. It was a price willingly paid by our Lord, when He chose to die on the Cross to set us free. A tree with a purpose. A tree with God's dream.

The world tells us to run from suffering, but Jesus shows us how to endure it patiently. That is one reason why the Cross is so essential to the proclamation of our faith. When we look at the Cross, we recognize that God in His great mercy forgives us when we repent and turn to Him. I believe it is truly unfair to look at a cross without Jesus on it. Yes, something is missing... The reason!

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him... might have eternal life. (John 3:16) Yes, a concise summary of why the cross of Christ is so central to our faith. Remember it's true real love with a cost. It's a love God wants to share with us so we can share it with others. Love and Life, this is the message of the cross. For us there is this leap of hope. Maybe not a bed of roses... but it still will smell just as sweet!

- Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, September 20, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Lector:

Karen Westhoven Lucy Brink, Volunteer

Servers: Extraordinary

Deacon Jon Gottron, Volunteers (4)

Min. of Com.:

Ushers:

Sue Urban, Will Wagner

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Lector:

Mike Weber

Servers:

Cora Coolman, Bennett Westhoven Deacon Jon Gottron, Shari Smith,

Extraordinary

Min. of Com.: Volunteers (3)

Noah and Miya Weber Ushers:

Sunday, September 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Lector:

Suzanne Badenhop

Servers:

William, Isabelle, and Mackenzie Keller

Extraordinary

Deacon Jon Gottron, Vicky Delventhal,

Min. of Com.: Brenda Piasecki, Cheri Schuette,

Volunteer

Ushers:

Volunteers (2)

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of September 15, 2025 Nursing Home/Homebound: Karen Kruse

Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you. St. Augustine of Hippo Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Marian Parsons

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Orlo Wiles

10:30 a.m. - Dr. Rey Soriano

1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, September 15, 2025

No Service

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Paul Westhoven

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:00 p.m. - Clete Schindler

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Rheba Falgout

Friday, September 19, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Denny Westhoven

Saturday, September 20, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Carolyn Schwab

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Vilma Aguiar

10:30 a.m. - Soriano Family

Tellers: September 23, 2025 - Andy Driskel, Phil Parsons, Chris Peddicord, Joanne Westhoven

WELCOME to the newest members of our parish, Matt and Rose Contreras and their daughter, Mia.

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 <u>25th</u> Annual TurtleFest.

TURTLEFEST SATURDAY CHICKEN DIN-NERS - We will be offering again our delicious BBQ chicken dinner consisting of 1/2 Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Cowboy Beans and Applesauce. Dinners will be available on Saturday at the festival until we are sold out for \$16.00/dinner. Pre-sale dinners and Saturday night purchases can be picked up after 5:30 on the Ministry Center driveway.

Great Food, Yes! Great Choices, and prices...Yes! Free...No!

TurtleFest is coming up soon. Are your lips smacking for the food? They should! From hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken tenders to the egg rolls...even the NEW Philly Steak sandwich. We haven't forgotten the Hispanic food either: Nachos, Tacos, and Walking Tacos. We have even set aside Saturday night for our famous Chicken dinners (while they last). With all the great choices and even the opportunity for an ice cream sundae...Even our ice cream sundaes take on a TurtleFest theme. At TurtleFest you can't go wrong! One thing is missing...and that is you! We need servers and eaters. Please take the time to work a shift and help out! TurtleFest the Best and Biggest Deal in Town!

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 or contact D.J. Batt. Text 419 -769-0176.

Youth Ministry

Providing a space for our youth to encounter and grow in relationship with our Lord and Christ centered friendships



LIFE TEEN

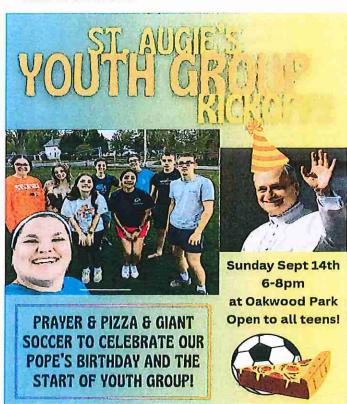
Sundays 6-8pm Grades 9-12 At the Ministry Center



1st & 3rd Wed 6:30-8pm Grades 6-8 At the School

St. Augie's Youth Upcoming Events

- Join us for our high school Youth Group kickoff this Sunday!!
- No Youth Group on the 21st, but we'll be serving up ice cream and other sweets at the Sweet Treats stand at Turtle Fest!



Keep in touch with us!

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RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES FOR GROUPS SUCH AS...

Family Catechesis Life Teen

Edge

Bible Studies Women's Group

A Strong Start in the Faith...OCIA Process

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Yes, becoming a Catholic is a process...a journey...a learning experience of becoming Catholic. Thinking of joining the Roman Catholic Church? Have questions about the faith? Want to explore the faith more deeply? The full content of the Catholic faith can be organized into four categories: Basic beliefs (the faith itself) - How to live (morality) - How Catholics worship (liturgy) and Prayer.

In exploring the truth of our faith we go to the very essence of it through the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which contains the hidden energy of the Good News, scripture itself. When we have become convinced...we are able to convince others. Growing in faith is understanding the truth. A golden opportunity awaits all through this process.

The Catholic OCIA process is a good model of basic faith development. New classes will begin on Wednesdays, the first one is September 24, at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions please call the parish office or speak to one of the faith team members.

Strong start in the Faith.... The Journey of Catholic Faith...All are Welcome!

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 73%.

ARE YOU NOT AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE TURTLEFEST THIS YEAR?

How can you still help to make our 25th successful?

- 1. Be sure to buy your raffle tickets
- 2. Sell additional raffle tickets to your kids, neighbors, friends, & co-workers.
- 3. Sponsor a basket for the raffle.
- 4. Donate an item to the silent auction.
- 5. Use the green envelope in your offertory packet and donate what you would have spent had your family attended the festival.
- 6. Donate vegetables and handmade items to the country store.
- 7. Use the flyer & donation bulletin insert. Hang a flyer at your office! *****

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!

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.

CEMETERY NEWS - Rick Keller has decided to retire from the mowing position a the cemetery, effective at the end of the mowing season 2025. We are in search of someone willing to continue with the mowing. Rick estimates 28 mows per season and he thought he spent about 3 - 4 hours trimming and 6 - 7 hours mowing (averages about once a week or so). The cemetery supplies the mower and trimmers. This is a paid position.

Fall clean-up is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 25 at 9:00 a.m. All spring/summer decorations are to be removed from gravesites

prior to this date.

SPEAKER ON VOCATIONS - Fr. Kevin McGraw from St. John's Parish, Defiance will speak about his vocation to the priesthood and Pro Life activities on Tues., Sept. 23 after the 6:30 Mass at St. John's Church, Defiance.

A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ...

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Starting September 23rd

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TUES & THUR

8:45am Mass SUNDAYS After the 10:30am Mass



Join Fr. Jerry for a bible study on the Gospel of Mark as taught by Franciscan University professor, Dr. Shane Owens.

The Gospel of Mark is bold, fast-paced, and filled with spiritual depth. In this course, Dr. Shane reveals how

Mark proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ as a New Exodus - freeing us from sin and death to become sons and daughters of God. You'll explore Christ's miracles, His healing power, and the call to follow Him by taking up your own cross.



Domingo Hispano en San Agustín

Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Cruz

Con la crucifixión de Jesús, transformó la cruz de un instrumento profano de ejecución a un símbolo de triunfo. Jesús santificó la cruz, haciéndola santa, sacrificando su vida para ganar nuestra salvación. Exaltamos la santa cruz de manera especial hoy, en esta fiesta de la cruz, y cada vez hacemos la señal de la cruz para expresar y dar testimonio de nuestra fe. Que la cruz sea para nosotros una señal del poder de Cristo para vencer la muerte y dar nueva vida.

La Vera Cruz

14 de septiembre. Es la Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz y se celebrará en todas las Misas de este día. Santa Elena (madre del emperador Constantino) descubrió lo que se cree que es la <u>Vera Cruz</u> mientras peregrinaba a Jerusalén. En ese sitio, Constantino construyó la Basílica del Santo Sepulcro. La reliquia de la Vera Cruz estará en exhibición y venerada en todas las Misas para adoración y bendición especial.

Introducción a la Liturgia... En la primera lectura de hoy, Dios hace que Moisés haga una serpiente de bronce, la monte en un poste y la levante para que aquellos que fueron mordidos por serpientes venenosas puedan mirarla y vivir. Siglos más tarde, Jesús le dice a Nicodemo que el Hijo del Hombre debe ser levantado de manera similar para que todos los que lo consideran su salvación vivan. En este este de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz, consideremos que lo que Jesús hizo por nosotros en la cruz para salvar nuestras almas inmortales recuerda lo que Dios hizo que Moisés hiciera en el desierto para salvar las vidas mortales del Pueblo Elegido. Al aceptar su muerte y sacrificar su vida, Jesús transforma la cruz de un instrumento de ejecución a uno de triunfo.

25º Festival de la Tortuga de San Agustín...

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Mes de la Herencia Hispana...

¡Que comience la celebración!

Es una celebración de un mes que reconoce la rica herencia cultural, las contribuciones y la profunda fe de las comunidades hispanas y latinas, especialmente aquí en Napoleón.

Observado cada año del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre, es una oportunidad para que la Parroquia y Escuela Católica de San Agustín honre las diversas voces dentro de nuestra comunidad y celebre cómo la educación católica ayuda a nuestros estudiantes a perseguir sus sueños... Sí, sus sueños, con propósito y fe. Seguimos pidiendo algo más.

Para ayudarnos a todos a celebrar esto, hemos desarrollado un plan especial para este mes bajo el tema unificador: *Sueños y éxito*. Lo que hacemos y los recursos que utilizamos proporcionan a nuestra escuela herramientas personalizables y listas para usar para elevar las voces hispanas y latinas, fomentar el orgullo cultural y mostrar la vibrante diversidad de la Iglesia. Esperamos brindar oportunidades para recursos de oración e ideas para celebraciones en toda la escuela y actividades comunitarias que estén arraigadas en la identidad católica.

Hagamos de este Mes de la Herencia Hispana una celebración significativa de los sueños basados en la fe y la educación católica como el camino hacia el éxito. El día de la fiesta de hoy se celebrará, mientras se celebra el impacto ilimitado de la Cruz de Cristo sobre toda la creación. Su gran e infinito amor por nosotros fue derramado desde esa cruz.

Para San Agustín... Nuestros sueños nos definen. Nuestro conocimiento nos inspira... ¡Nuestra fe nos impulsa!

-	P. Jerry				

Nicodemo, de quien oímos hablar en el evangelio de hoy, es un personaje fascinante.

Viene a Jesús por la noche, sugiriendo que tenía miedo de ser visto. ¿Con qué frecuencia venimos a Jesús en las mismas circunstancias?

Oremos... Oh Dios glorioso, eres verdaderamente grande cuando exaltamos a tu Hijo, quien aceptó su cruz e hizo el sacrificio supremo. Concede las oraciones de aquellos que luchan con sus cruces mientras miran a Aquel que triunfó sobre la cruz, a través de él hacemos nuestras oraciones. San Agustín ruega por nosotros... ¡Amén!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 14 Family Catechesis Sacrament Classes and Confirmation Parent Meeting 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 16 Men's Holy Hour 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 17 K of C and Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 19 TURTLEFEST

Sat., Sept. 20 TURTLEFEST

Confessions 3:30 p.m. Rosary 3:55 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Sun., Sept. 21 Family Catechesis Community Day 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

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Sunday Collection	\$	4,535.50					
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MAY THEY REST IN DEACE

Pilar Balleza (82) - 9/15/08 Florence K. Bowen (89) - 9/16/00 Oscar Sifuentes, Jr. (61) - 9/17/18 Frances A. Arvidson (74) - 9/18/11 Ann Hoover Schnitkey (79) - 9/18/15 Josephine Wiles (108) - 9/18/19 Patrick C. Borchardt (49) - 9/20/17 Felipe Arroyo (77) - 9/21/00 Vilma J. Aguiar (83) - 9/21/24

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.

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE WINNERS - The following were early bird winners for the TurtleFest raffle: Father Jerry, David Gilliland, and Jim Motycka.

FROM THE SCHOOL

Please join us for the 25th Annual St. Augustine TurtleFest next Friday, September 19th from 6:00 pm to Midnight and Saturday, September 20th from 5:30 pm to Midnight! The Kids Zone is looking for adults to monitor the Bouncy Houses at TurtleFest! Please contact Mrs. Minnick at the school office if you are available on Friday from 7:30-9:00 pm or Saturday from 5:30 -7:00 pm or 7:00-9:00 pm. Each Bouncy House must have at least one adult monitor to open. Thank you for your consideration!

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. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Blessings to your family, Ginny Minnick, Principal

HADDY BIRTHDAY

- 9/15 Ella Cordes, Aleshia Gomez, Ryan Miller, Alexander Monnin, Logan Piasecki
- 9/16 Blake Gerken, Karen Groll, Beth Meienburg,
 Laura Miller, Amanda Small
- 9/17 Casey Cotter, Devin Doud, Anita Miller, William Morey
- 9/18 Elias Frey, Doug Herman

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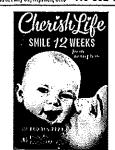
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RECONCILIATION Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

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.