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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.

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Tuesday - Friday * 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Mondays and Weekends

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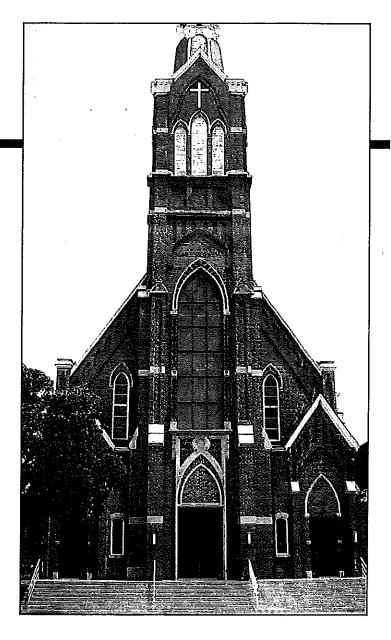
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- PARISH RELIGION PROGRAM (PRP) (1-8)
 Sunday morning, 9:00 10:15 a.m. during school year. Catholic Education for Parish children attending public school
- Life Teen (High School Youth) meets every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. during the school year
- Edge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

Domestic Church - More Vital Than Ever...

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- 2. A Sanctuary... in a Secularizing World
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How do I Know and see it? In this day and age when we can look up just about anything online and determine what is true and what is real, it's tough to have to rely on faith. But this is what God has asked us to do for thousands of years. One day our time on earth will come to an end... or the world itself will come to an end, and yes, no internet source knows when that will be. Let us pray that when we gather together this Sunday at worship with our faith family, our own faith is strengthened so that we can face our future with hope and resolve. - Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Nelda Irving

Servers: Emily Flowers, Molly Huddle Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Ginny Bauer, Min. of Com.: Steven Reiser, Mary Steingass,

Volunteer

Ushers: Ruth Like, Paul Martin

Sunday, September 28, 2025 8:00 a.m.

Rita Small Lector:

Cole and Reese Wagner Servers:

Extraordinary Benton Collins, Gwen Howe-Gebers. Min. of Com.: Joe Krueger, Patrick Mauk, Judy Wiles

John and Jan Stover Ushers:

Sunday, September 28, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Joel Miller Lector:

Kelso Eicher, Isaac and Eli Herman Servers: Vivian Dominique, Mark Meyer, Extraordinary Min. of Com.: Lori Siclar, Jim Wulf, Volunteer

Jeff Burkhart, Chad Roth Ushers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of September 22, 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, 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

Monday, September 22, 2025

No Service

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Kari Shortridge

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

6:00 p.m. - Communion Service

Thursday, September 25, 2025 8:45 a.m. - Clete Schindler

Friday, September 26, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Paul Westhoven

Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:30 p.m. - Tom Grabowski

Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Carrol and Dominique Families

10:30 a.m. - James C. Speiser Family

Tellers: September 29, 2025 - Chris Peddicord, Jan Stover, Dorothy Walker

Remember St. Augustine Parish in your estate planning

Save the Date
September 2025
TurtleFest - 19th, 20th
October 2025
Blood Drive - 21st

Catechetical Sunday Prayer...

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church here at St. Augustine. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Amen!

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.

WALK FOR VOCATONS (Sept. 28 - Oct. 1) -

ANNIVERSARY MASS - Each year, the Diocese of Toledo celebrates the gift of marriage with an annual Mass of Anniversaries of Marriage for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ years. This year the celebration is on Sun., Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. at Rosary Cathedral 2525 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following Mass. To register, visit toledoanniversarymass.org.

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

Serve God with your time, talents and treasures

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

- 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!
- Regular Youth Nights pick up on the 28th, starting with dinner as usual

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

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*) pf 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.

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 74%.

2025 OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE - to take place on Fri., Oct. 3, in Columbus. The event is sponsored by the Center for Christian Virtue and will be held at the Ohio Statehouse. The event begins with a Pre Rally Concert at 10am followed by an 11am Rally; the March for Life begins at noon.

The Ottawa K of C has generously partnered with us to schedule a bus which will leave Sacred Heart Church, New Bavaria parking lot at 6:45am and the Ottawa Walmart at 7:15am and will return at approximately 3:30 to 5pm. Call or text Eileen at 419-231-2994 to reserve your seat. Transportation costs for students are \$10, adults \$20. Storage space under the bus allows passengers to bring a chair to accommodate anyone preferring to sit during the hour-long rally.

The noon March (walk) for Life is optional; those unable to walk the distance may opt out of this portion of the event.

Your support at the rally is greatly appreciated.

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 ...

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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.



Forming Individuals... Forming Catholics... Forming Faith!

Every generation raises a voice that sparks questions... Yes, it stirs conversations and challenges the status quo. We have all heard and witnessed what has all transpired with the name of Charlie Kirk. The deeper question I think is "the why"? Why does a voice like his, or others matter? Every season and time require us to realize what God is asking, and why God matters. Society needs those willing to stand for conviction. Their presence is often a sign raging in our time, a clash between truth and lies. I would have to agree that sometimes it seems easier to stay neutral and not take a stand. Jesus said in John 15:18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first."

As we listen or read about some of the rebukes and conversation Charlie brought out in those who came forth to test him... I would have to say many would have avoided them. We must agree that there were many in scripture who would have gone through the same them. Like St. Paul standing in the crowds being rebuked. But what God is doing is using His people; to challenge His people. He is often sending and awaking the message that will bring hopefully a change and push them to the eternal truth. Why... why... God is still calling, yes, to shake one up, and for a challenging change. Time is short. It's not just all about Charlie Kirk. We are all called saints in the making in what we say and do. In being called, in a time like this is facing anew the voice that is calling you.

There is always something deeper happening around us and in our world. We must be awaken to the voices in the world around us. Just as in scripture there were rebellious men; so, to in our world there are rebellious people and nations. Even in the voices today comes our challenges Many are often igniting convict. Unfortunately, when truth is spoken, we will often seem to be divided. In every generation this is present. Remember, everything we hear is either coming from God or from the devil. Every generation must come to realize nothing happens that is good unless we make it happen. To choose the truth is not random in the hands of God. There is a bigger picture in Gods truth that will become a divine signpost for us to see the truth.

God can and does use small voices like ours to spark others to awaken those most in need. God's will be still present to use us to see his signpost to lead us with a deeper spiritual movement to awake others. It is... truth and light verse darkness and doubt. We are called; we are the chosen ones to awaken us to others. Yes, the world is calling us to what is to come. He is speaking, stay awake... yes, he is coming. Yes, the gospel today is a reminder of the urgency of discipleship. The time is now. Now is he time to respond decisively to God and others. Jesus does not commend the steward's dishonesty; he commends his prudence in responding quickly to the crisis of his future. Disciples should be as decisive in conducting their affairs, for what is at stake is not security in this world but eternal life. So, we are to treat everything of this world in relation to what is of ultimate worth. If you want to change the world? Go first and change the ones around you. - Fr. Jerry

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A Catechists... Lots of people give catechesis in the Church; teaching the principles of the faith to those preparing for baptism, who are called "catechumens." The same is true for the instruction of Christians, young or older, preparing for a sacrament.

The Code of Canon Law notes that, to a degree, every Christian has a role to play in teaching the faith and that "solicitude for catechesis belongs to all members of the Church according to each one's role." Parents and godparents, for example, have a particular role to play in the education of children in the faith after baptism, and pastors have a particular responsibility to see to the "catechetical formation" of the people in their parishes.

Canon law also explains that each level of the hierarchy of the Church, from the Holy See to the diocesan bishop, is to issue norms for catechetics, and to make sure that there is appropriate material and education available to form and educate Catholics.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

No Youth Group

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Tues., Sept. 23 Bible Study after 8:45 a.m. Mass (Ministry Center)

Wed., Sept. 24 OCIA 6:30 p.m. (Ministry Center)

Thur., Sept. 25 Bible Study after 8:45 Mass (Ministry Center)

School Advisory Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 27 Confessions 3:30 p.m. Rosary 3:55 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 28 Family Catechesis Sacrament Classes 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Bible Study after 10:30 Mass (Ministry Center)

Donut Sunday after 10:30 Mass Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE PARISH OFFERTORY

Sunday Collection	\$	4,708.50
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School	\$	103.00
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MAY THEY REST IN DEACE

Lucille Martinez Simms (72) - 9/22/08 LaVon T. Gwin (84) - 9/25/03 James C. Reese (65) - 9/25/04 Terry L. McBroom (81) - 9/25/19 Wayman W. Steed, Jr. (80) - 9/26/09 Stephen D. Baughman (68) - 9/27/15

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.

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.

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!

FROM THE SCHOOL

I'd like to extend a huge "Thank You!" to everyone who helps set up, tear down, volunteers their treasure or talents, works a shift, and supports the 25TH Annual TurtleFest this weekend!! We absolutely could not have this festival without the help of our church and school families and we appreciate you very much. A very special "Thank You" to our Parish Manager, Laurie Brubaker, and Chairs, Jessica and Brian Green!!

We are excited to begin our upcoming Academic Fair. a highlight of our school year that celebrates student learning, creativity, and critical thinking. This event is more than just a showcase; it's a comprehensive learning experience designed to develop key skills our students will use throughout their educational experiences and beyond. The fifth-grade topic is Art, the sixth-grade topic is History, the seventh-grade topic is Science, and the eighth-grade topic is Religion. Students will be graded on the creation of a Slideshow. Presentation Board, Oral Presentation, and a Project or Experiment related to their chosen research topic. This activity will culminate in classroom presentations and public judging during Catholic Schools Week. We believe these experiences prepare students for future academic challenges while fostering creativity, independence, and a genuine love for learning.

Blessings to your family, Ginny Minnick, Principal

HADDY BIRTHDAY

9/22 - Charles Baker, Hannah Miller, Thomas Tovar

- 9/23 Lina Cruz, Sylvia Lecklider, Amanda Mazur, Tyler Shafer, Ava Speiser, Stacey Steffel
- 9/24 Phyllis McCauley, Tom Nahrwold, Alexandra Roth, Jonathon Somoza
- 9/25 Katarina Mason, Nicole Sonnenberg, John Stover
- 9/26 Dave Alvarez, Kelly Campos, Carolyn Heinrichs, Christine Peddicord, Robert Tejkl
- 9/27 Sara Downey, Ashlee Groll, Dana Hilfinger, Devin Meyer, Matthew Reinbolt, Agustin Torres

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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.