WELCOME TO

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PASTOR: Reverend Jerry Schetter DEACON: Jon Gottron

COORDINATOR OF PARISH MINISTRIES: Laurie Brubaker

Join us for worship ...

New Parishioners

Please arrange to register at the Parish Office

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Mass - On the 2nd Sunday of 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

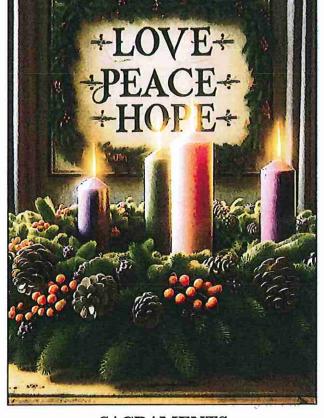
- ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL (Pre K -8)
 Ginny Minnick, Principal, 419-592-3641
- FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAM (FCP) (1-8)
 Sunday morning, 9:00 10:15 a.m. during school year.
 CO-DIRECTORS Jen Roth & Regina Fritsch
- · St. Augies Youth (SAY)

High School Youth Group - meets every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. during the school year

· St. Augustine Sainthood Seeker (SASS)

Middle School Youth Group - meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. during the school year

PRAYER CHAIN ~ Please contact the Parish Office



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM - Schedule Instructions, contact Parish Office

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Notify Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing will be administered by request along with other sacraments.

MARRIAGE - Contact Parish Office to plan for your wedding day at least six months in anticipation. No wedding can take place unless approved by the Pastor.

OCIA - For one coming into full communion within the Church call the Parish Office.

HOLY ORDERS/VOCATIONS - Contact Parish Office/Pastor

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Tuesday noon

"Saints in the Making" ** * * "Living and Sharing our Faith"

Advent Season...

"Advent is the time when we prepare for Christ's Coming". It's the great liturgical season of waiting and preparing... but not a passive waiting. We yearn, we search, and we reach out for God, who is willing to come to us in human flesh.

The word Advent in Latin mean "to come to" it is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church's people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world. It's not about getting so concerned with the trapping of coming season, but what lies ahead for us in our spiritual nature. Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for the great feast days.

The Advent Season is celebrated with four Sundays; one of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. It also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

One special opportunity this year is our Advent Mission Night at 7:00 with John Wood on Tuesday December 16th. The theme will be "Darkness to Light". It will also be a good night to share a meal together. Soup & Salad in the Ministry Center beforehand.

As we prepare for Christmas, we should take notes of some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the Advent Season. We are reminded each week with the lighting of the Advent Wreath. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the 'O' Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of the present ones as well.

Advent is a wonderful time for us in preparation for Christ Coming... we yearn, we search, and we reach out for our Lord! You will find new books for this Advent that are being made available for you. They are from Dynamic Catholic publication from Matthew Kelly, titled "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy" a perfect reflection for meditation during a Holy Hour or your special quite time. There are a limited number so please share with your family. - Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Lector:

Martin Irving

Volunteers (5)

Servers:

Lucy Brink, Volunteer

Extraordinary

Min. of Com.:

Ushers:

Kevin Glanz, Ruth Like

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Lector:

Jan Neiling

Servers: Extraordinary

Emily Flowers, Bennett Westhoven Deacon Jon Gottron, Rick Hoffman,

Min. of Com.: Joe Krueger, Patrick Mauk, Judy Wiles

Ushers:

Jeff and Jodi Stover

Sunday, December 7, 2025 Lector:

10:30 a.m.

Will Roth

Servers: Extraordinary Santi Funes, Juan and Jade Gonzalez Vicky Delventhal, Vivian Dominique,

Min. of Com.: Mary Hoops, Volunteers (2)

Chad Roth, Volunteer Ushers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 1, 2025 Nursing Home/Homebound: Judy Wiles

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Cochran and Wendt Families

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Paul Westhoven 10:30 a.m. - Hector Sifuentes

Monday, December 1, 2025

No Service

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Ernie Tobias

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

6:00 p.m. - Anna Kapitan

Thursday, December 4, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Lynn Speiser

Friday, December 5, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Bebe Falgout

Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling, Don and Louise Ramus

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Dick Denny

10:30 a.m. - Earl and Victoria Austermiller

1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Tellers: December 9, 2025 - Phil and Ginny Bauer, Kevin Milius, Jean Miller

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

<u>Save the Date</u> <u>December 2025</u> Christmas House – 5th, 6th, 7th Mission – 16th

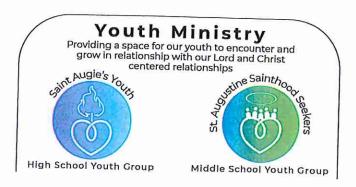
OUR GIVING TREE IS UP! Requests on the tree are a portion of what we will receive in the coming weeks. Choose a tag today and take advantage of Black Friday sales! Each child is assigned two tags: One for clothing and another for a toy or other item of interest. The items listed on the tag are suggestions, not a shopping list. To ensure gift continuity in the family, suggested gift value is approximately \$40. Please place your wrapped gift (with tag attached) under the tree by Sunday, December 14th. Gifts that are not returned by that date will need to be purchased by St. Vincent de Paul the following day. Please don't miss the deadline! If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Majewski at 419-966-2654.

2025 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 83%.

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - to take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 16976 Co. Rd. Q1, Napoleon on Wed., Dec. 17 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 (adults) and \$20 (students K-12). Tickets are available Monday through Friday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in the church office or by calling the office at 419-758-3522 to reserve tickets. Tickets can be picked up and paid for the night of the concert as well. Payment by cash or check only.

Remember St. Augustine Parish in your estate planning



St. Augie's Youth (SAY) High School Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 30th No SAY, Happy Thanksgiving!
- Dec. 7th SAY topic night
- Dec. 14th Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange (\$20 gift cap). Alumni are welcome!

St. Augustine Sainthood Seekers (SASS)

Middle School Youth Group

Now starting large group events on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 5-6:30pm! Join us for fun games and faith opportunities. We will end the night with an optional dinner at 6:30 in the Ministry Center with SAY. Open to kids grades 6-8.

Upcoming Events:

 Dec. 14th - Among Us and Adoration, meet at the School

Blessed Thanksgiving & Advent Season ...

As we begin our Advent Season this Thanksgiving weekend, I want to personally give thanks for all of **you**. I am praying for every one of you, who helps Christ to live in the St. Augustine Parish. You are part of what makes this work possible, and I am so grateful for you.

The Eucharist itself means thanksgiving (eucharista). Gratitude is not just a feeling; it is a way of life. Your thanksgiving becomes holy when it is united with His, when you offer your life back to the One who has given you everything. Yes, I am grateful that you are part of this community, a movement of faith, hope, and joy that is helping others encounter Christ and become active members of the vibrant, living Church today.

Fr. Jerry

SIBERIAN SOLSTICE CONCERT - to take place at St. Caspar Catholic Church's Parish Life Center, 1205 N. Shoop Ave., Wauseon on Sun., Dec. 7 at 7 pm. Free will donation. A non-perishable, unexpired item for the St. Vincent de Paul Society's food pantry at St. Caspar's would be appreciated. For more info go to siberiansolstice.com/showdates.htm





2025 Christmas House

December 5th, 6th & 7th. Pick a shift or two. Go on-line & help your parish have a successful fundraiser!



ADVENT WREATH KITS



Take advantage of this opportunity to grow closer to God and your family with an advent wreath in your own home.

Hits are available in the parish office for \$20. BONUS - Hiter advent is done, remove the candles & transform it into a Christmas centerpiece.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH FROM 5PM - 9PM

Perhaps you have Christmas shopping to do, want a date night, or just need a long quiet nap (no judgment here), drop your kids off for a fun Christmas themed evening! We invite kids ages 3-12 to get on jammies, bring their favorite blanket, and join us for a night of games, crafts, Santa and Christmas movies. The evening will start and end in the Ministry Center where we will have age appropriate movies and activities before and after heading to the church hall to see Santa and have a meal at Christmas House. The price is inclusive of a set meal, snacks, crafts, and picture with Santa (\$20 for child #1 and \$10 for each additional child). Please RSVP by December 1st using the QR code or call/text Jenell Denman. Anyone interested in joining in the fun by volunteering to help (age 13-113), please contact Jenell Denman at (419) 438-5243.



The Advent Celebrations....

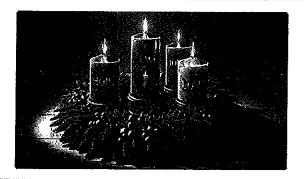
Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses Monday, December 8th. At 8:45 (School Mass) and 7:00 PM

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass Friday, December 12th, at 8:45 (School Mass)



Special Advent Talk with John R. Wood

From "Darkness to Light" - How to have a Life Changing Advent
Tuesday, December 16th At 7:00 PM in Church
Soup & Salad Nite in the Ministry Center 5:30 - 6:45 beforehand

Special Holy Hour & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 17th, Before the 6:00 Mass 5:00-6:00

Christmas School Program in the Church

An Ole Fashion Christmas with our Pre - 8th grade

Thursday, December 18th, at - 7:00 - Featuring Old Fashion Carols and Nativity Story

9 Day Novena Prayer - Dec. 16th - 24th

Most gracious God of infinite charity,

You gave your only begotten Son as an unparalleled sign of your love for man. Let our prayer come before you as a song of thanksgiving, uttered on behalf of every mortal man, for this wonder of your grace. Loving Father, there is nothing with which we can repay you, other than the poverty, humility, and other virtues of your Incarnate Son; I pray that for the sake of his divine merits, of every hardship that surrounded his birth, and of every tear that He shed at the manger, You may bring our hearts to such deep humility, such zealous love, and such perfect disregard for every worldly thing, that the newborn Christ may find in them his cradle and abide there forever. Amen.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 30	No Family Catechesis	
	No Youth Group	

Wed., Nov. 3 Parents Club 6:00 p.m.

OCIA 6:45 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 5 First Friday Adoration 9:15 a.m.

Benediction 5:30 p.m.

Christmas House 9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Secret Santa 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 6 Christmas House 9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Confessions 3:30 p.m.

Rosary 3:55 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 7 Christmas House 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Family Catechesis 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE PARISH OFFERTORY

Sunday Collection	\$	11,282.00	
On-Line	\$	1,965.00	
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	6,900.00	
School	\$	113.00	
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	167,527.00	
To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:			
www.staugie.net and select online giving from the side menu.			

MAY THEY REST IN DEACE

Paul J. Westhoven (85) - 12/1/19 Beth A. Medina (48) - 12/1/23 Genaro Gonzalez (73) - 12/2/02 Paul Torres (70) - 12/2/02 Marion J. Barry (90) - 12/2/24 Joseph P. Garcia (20) - 12/4/07 Gertrude M. Wendt (101) - 12/4/10 Marguerite Theobold - 12/5/08

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.

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.

FROM THE SCHOOL

I have some exciting news to share about how you can 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 tuition, benefiting our families. 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. 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. Thank you for your generosity and support!

We will gather together every Monday to celebrate Advent by sharing a Wreath Lighting celebration with our students and staff. I'm excited to share this experience together because it helps bring Jesus closer to our hearts during this Advent season. I want to wish you and yours a very Happy Advent season. I pray this time with your family and friends is abundant and very blessed.

Blessings to your family, Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 12/1 Sarah Fellers, Jason Hoyt, Wesley Johnson, Khalv Tran
- 12/2 Jessica Fahy, Sonya Helmke
- 12/3 Joseph Hunyor, Hector Sifuentes, Nilda Sifuentes
- 12/4 Ezekiel Hill, Richard Keller, Julian Whitehead
- 12/5 Cole Barry, John Morris
- 12/6 Christy Burgei
- 12/7 Lauren Bates, Camryn Coolman, Robert Lautar, Elizabeth Ogan

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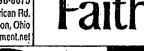




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