

WELCOME TO St. Augustine Catholic Church

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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 Busi...ness... Why are we all so busy? I guess to fully understand the problem we have to seek the resolve. It is necessary to learn how we got to where we are today... what is causing our business? Business needs to be reflected on as the why question. **Why are we so busy?**

From one perspective we can see the history of business... the state of our business in society, and our own deeply personal answer to the question. One reason it is crucial; the history of business is because we are now living in the future that was predicted to be less busy... ah, ah! We have been "sold on" it for centuries. So, there is a tendency to scapegoat work for business. The forces of yesterday... become the same forces of today, and, yes, we have inherited many of them.

However most people today no longer expend much energy on just survival, so they have excessive extra energy, which they like to release through other actions. But... is it now focused on the mortal in their fears, and immortal in their desires, which is the wasteful of their time. Even wealthy people hustle their lives along and ruining their very fortunes... **Their inner lives.**

Our time has to be looked on as what is more important... and how do we spend it? Yes, our time on earth may be uncertain and fleeting, but nearly everyone has enough of it to take some deep breaths, think deep thoughts and smell some roses. So, how long is life? It is long enough if we know how to use it.

Sometimes we are at war with the business of the season. How do I win the war this Advent season? We must prefer peace to conflict. How much of our busy time do we give to the true "**Reason for the Season**"? The birth of our Savior is the true reason for the season.

What does Advent & Christmas mean to you? Take some time to ponder on that. Then possibly discuss that question as a family. Your children's answers may surprise you. Reveal to them - *The Way, The Truth, and The Life this Advent and Christmas.* — Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, December 13, 2025 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Karen Westhoven
Servers: **Volunteers (2)**
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Ginny Bauer,
Min. of Com.: Mary Steingass, **Volunteers (2)**
Ushers: Sue Urban, Brad Westhoven

Sunday, December 14, 2025 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Gwen Howe-Gebers
Servers: Cora Coolman, **Volunteer**
Extraordinary Mike, Morgan, Jacob, Miya, and Noah
Min. of Com.: Weber

Sunday, December 14, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Regina Proshek
Servers: Kelsi Eicher, Apollonia and Santino Schindley
Extraordinary Doug Burgei, Joe Keller, Mark Meyer,
Min. of Com.: Cheri Schuette, Lori Siclair
Ushers: Jeff Burkhardt, Larry Hilvers

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 8, 2025

Nursing Home/Homebound: Mary Gunter

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 6, 2025

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

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Dick Denny

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

Monday, December 8, 2025 (Immaculate Conception Holy Day)

8:45 a.m. - Mass

7:00 p.m. - Mateo Garcia

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Paul Westhoven

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

6:00 p.m. - Thelma Fontanilla

Thursday, December 11, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Ernie Tobias

Friday, December 12, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Kevin Cordes

Saturday, December 13, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Marian Parsons

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. - David Donnelly

10:30 a.m. - Mary DeWit

1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Tellers: December 15, 2025 — Andy Driskel, Phil Parsons,
Chris Peddicord, Joanne Westhoven

*Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you.*

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!

Save the Date

December 2025

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

Youth Ministry

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



High School Youth Group



Middle School Youth Group

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

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 7th - SAY topic night
- Dec. 14th - Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange (\$20 gift cap). Starting in the church at 6pm with adoration. 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
5pm games in the Gym
6pm prayer in the Church
6:30 optional dinner in the Ministry Center
7pm pick up

Confirmation

Please pray for our confirmation candidates as they go on retreat this Sunday with the NET missionaries. May they be open to all that the Holy Spirit has in store for them.

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

GOING ON VACATION - Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory contributions. Go to www.staugie.net and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy.

ST. AUGUSTINE ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

December 13th, Saturday "Day of Grace"

10:00 - 12:00 and 3:30 - 4:15

December 14th, Sunday - Confirmation Students

9:00 - 10:10 and 11:30 - 12:30

December 17th, Wednesday "Day of Grace"

5:00 - 6:00 - Holy Hour with Reconciliation (Mass follows)

December 18th, Thursday

12:30 - St. Augustine School Children

December 20th, Saturday

3:30 - 4:15

December 21st, Sunday "Day of Grace"

11:30 - 12:30

December 24th, Wednesday "Day of Grace"

11:30 - 12:30 (Last Call)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of a aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

HENRY COUNTY CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT - to take place at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Ave., Napoleon on Sun., Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be streamed live at www.youtube.com/stpaulnapoleon. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Henry County Chorale at St. Paul Lutheran Church.



**Celebrating
The Feast
of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary**

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, we take time to step back and celebrate his mother,
the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mary, conceived without sin, becomes The Mother of our Lord!
Monday Dec. 8th Masses
8:45 AM and 7:00 PM

Friday Dec. 12th
Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:45 AM

EXTRAORDINARY MISSION

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

SOUP & SALAD

AND THE

Parish Mission

SHARE A MEAL BEFORE THE PARISH MISSION WITH DR. JOHN WOOD

TUES, DEC 16TH
5:30-6:45PM
MINISTRY CENTER

THANK YOU . . . to Andy Driskel, Mel Kleman, Will Wagner and the St. Augustine 7th & 8th graders for setting up our nativity scene earlier this week. Also, thank you to the Fisher family for letting us borrow their straw bales.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Dec. 7 Christmas House 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Family Catechesis and Parents Meeting
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 10 OCIA 6:45 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 13 Confessions 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 14 Family Catechesis Sacrament Classes
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Confessions 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
SASS Group 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	3,325.76
On-Line	\$	1,952.00
Thanksgiving	\$	298.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	147.76
School	\$	452.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	170,852.76

To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:

www.staugie.net and select online giving from the side menu.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

David W. Walther (48) - 12/8/05
Lois Schueler (81) - 12/8/09
Peggy Jo Buckmaster (69) - 12/10/23
Stephen Thayer (56) - 12/11/06
Floyd I. Keller (92) - 12/11/19
Cheryl A. Weideman (60) - 12/12/21
William J. Foster (81) - 12/13/08
Michael W. Thourot (78) - 12/14/23

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.

IN MEMORIAM

We would like to offer our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Mary Hoover and Edward Medina, Jr., who passed away recently. May Mary and Edward now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

Ministries for Immaculate Conception Holy Day
Monday, December 8, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Suzanne Badenhop
Servers: Ashlyne Minnick, Taylor Glanz
Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron, Mark Meyer,
Min. of Com.: Lori Sicclair, Lindsay and Nanci Westhoven
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FROM THE SCHOOL

One of the biggest highlights for our students before Christmas Break is always Secret Santa! It is truly a beautiful sight to witness children learning the gift of giving and to see the excitement in their eyes as they pick out treasures to take home to their family members for Christmas. We are excited and thankful that our Parents Club will continue this tradition for our students next week!

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!

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/8 - Evalene Garcia, Lori Sicclair, Rhonda Slee
12/9 - Samantha Austermiller, Maricela Hernandez, Molly Huddle, Carter Meyer, Victoria Smith
12/10 - Cynthia Greenlaw, Aaron Miller, Delyah Rivera
12/11 - Rihanna Paiz-Beltran, Margarita DeJesus-Renteria, Kevin Rippee, Dennis Walker
12/12 - Gratian Davis, Cole Mason, Jeff Sonnenberg
12/13 - Rachel Greenlaw, Eric Kistner
12/14 - Caleb Duncan, Hannah Gerken, Larry Huber, Christopher Podach

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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