

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

St. Augustine Catholic Church

ON THE CORNER OF MONROE & E. CLINTON STREETS, NAPOLEON, OHIO 43545

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.

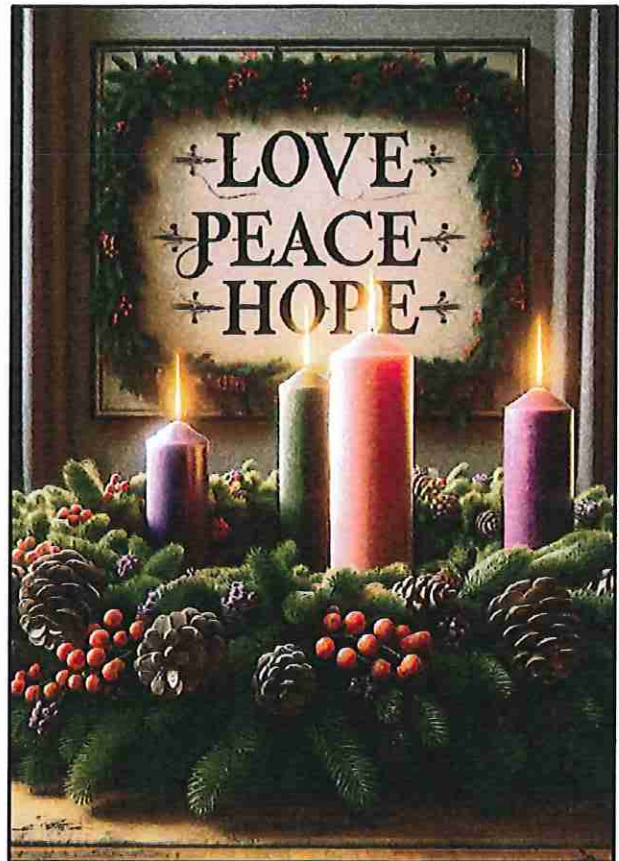
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

Parish Office	210 E. Clinton St.	419-592-7656
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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"

Polishing up the Heart...

It's not easy to get ready for Christmas. For one thing there is so much to do. For many of us this is the busiest time of the year. It is also the most nerve-wracking, particularly if you are a person who does not enjoy shopping. I read a statistic with which many men in our congregation will relate. It's about the "Mall of America" once published a poll that stated 31 percent of men believe they have a better chance of winning the Heisman trophy than finding the right holiday gifts for their wives. Only 18 percent of women feel the same sense of doom about shopping for their spouses. That means that a third of the men here this morning are under real pressure.

It isn't easy getting ready for Christmas. That is why each year about this time we hear the voice of John the Baptist calling to us from the wilderness: "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.**" John was the one who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "**A voice of one calling in the desert, Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.**" John's emphasis is important as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. In the first century the Jews took a bath called a *mikvah* in order to be ritually pure for worship. John also called people to cleanse themselves but not simply to prepare themselves for worship. John called for an *inner change* of heart and mind (*repentance*), which is to produce a pure and holy life. Let's look at three questions to help prepare our hearts for Christmas: 1. Are there some changes you need to make in your life? 2. Are there some people you need to reach out to? 3. Has Christ been born in your heart?

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night... Snoopy... of Charlie Brown comic strip fame is seen typing a novel. He begins his story, "*It was a dark and stormy night ...*" Snoopy always starts his stories in this manner. Then there was Lucy looking at what Snoopy has written. She goes into a tirade, putting down Snoopy for such a silly beginning. Doesn't Snoopy know that any good story starts with the words, "*Once upon a time ...*" The last frame of the comic strip has Snoopy starting his story again. Now he is ready. He types, "*Once upon a time, it was a dark and stormy night.*" Do you feel like Snoopy sometimes? No matter how you begin your story you somehow revert to "*a dark and stormy night.*" If you feel that way today you are not alone. Sin brings on that dark and stormy night. Most of us are struggling in one way or another to overcome the dark side of our existence. God's love and mercy bring calmness. The Advent season leading to Christmas should be a time of joy, anticipation and hope, polishing up our hearts. But, the very fact that it is supposed to be such an upbeat time only compounds the problem. - Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, December 20, 2025 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Karen Westhoven
Servers: Molly Huddle, Volunteer
Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron, Steven Reiser,
Min. of Com.: **Volunteers (3)**

Ushers: Brigida Somoza, Ed Somoza

Sunday, December 21, 2025 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Rita Small
Servers: Reese and Cole Wagner
Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron, Ann Grime,
Min. of Com.: Rick Hoffman, Patrick Mauk,
Judy Wiles

Ushers: Kevin Glanz, Gene Grime

Sunday, December 21, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Mark Morman
Servers: Mackenzie, William and Isabelle Keller
Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron, Vicky Delventhal,
Min. of Com.: Vivian Dominique, Brenda Piasecki,
Jim Wulf
Ushers: Chad Roth, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 15, 2025

Nursing Home/Homebound: Karen Kruse

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, December 15, 2025

No Service

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Paul Westhoven

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

10:00 a.m. - Mass at Genacross Lutheran Home

6:00 p.m. - Clete Schindler

Thursday, December 18, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Vilma Aguiar

Friday, December 19, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Graetz and Recker Families

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Carolyn Schwab

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Kari Shortridge

10:30 a.m. - Elizabeth Jackson

**Tellers: December 22, 2025 – Chris Peddicord,
Dorothy Walker**

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!

Serve God with your time, talents and treasures

Save the Date

December 2025

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. 14th - Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange (\$20 gift cap). Starting in the church at 6pm with adoration. Alumni are welcome!
- SAY will be on break but will pick back up on Jan. 4th

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

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.

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

We bring nothing into this world and we take nothing out of it. Everything that we have while we are here comes as gift from God.

**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 - They gave their lives in service - now they need help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation - it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE - We will be preparing the next ministry schedule, which will be for February through May. 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 December 30th.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

WEEKENDS - As you prepare your hearts for Jesus, consider enriching the gift of your marriage. Apply today at www.me.org to attend a Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience at one of these locations:
Jan. 30-Feb.1 - Comfort Inn & Suites, Grand Rapids, MI
Feb. 6-8 - Procter Camp & Conference Center, London, OH

Feb. 13-15 - Mar Eliya Retreat Center, Oxford, MI

Mar. 13-15 - Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Cincinnati, OH

For more info, contact Amy and Joe at 517-667-0433.

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

Christmas House is looking for a Cookie Maker -

Amy Morman is looking to take a step back from cookie making, this being her 13th year. She is willing to guide and assist in 2026, but she doesn't wish to oversee the entire process. If you would like to learn a little more about Christmas House cookies, please reach out to her (419.966.4168) or contact Laurie Brubaker at the church office.

Show thanks to God for all gifts you have received

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Dec. 14** Family Catechesis Sacrament Classes
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Confessions 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
SASS 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Fus., Dec. 16** Soup Supper 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
Advent Mission 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 17** Confessions 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
OCIA 6:45 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Thur., Dec. 18** School Program in Church 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 20** Confessions 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Collection
- Sun., Dec. 21** Confessions 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Collection

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
PARISH OFFERTORY

Sunday Collection	\$	5,077.00
On-Line	\$	3,180.00
Holy Day	\$	447.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	630.00
School	\$	478.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	179,109.76

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

Rose Donovan (83) - 12/15/07
Theresa A. Driskel (71) - 12/15/14
Kenneth C. Schreiber (50) - 12/16/21
Mary C. Lavin (86) - 12/16/07
Jose L. "Joe" Mendoza (52) - 12/17/10
Reason V. Hunter (76) - 12/20/16

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 extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Jim Brinkman, a former parishioner who passed away recently. May Jim now be at peace with our heavenly Father.

FROM THE SCHOOL

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 12/15 - Krysta Gerdeman-Pease, Beth Herman,
Robert Pollock, Sue Tobias
- 12/16 - Mara Cashman, Kali Fields, Patrick Hunyor,
Ashley Kistner, Megan Lytle-Steele
- 12/17 - Antonio Garcia, Georgia Gilson, William Gilson,
Jordan Kline, Ty Siclair
- 12/18 - Elle Mohler
- 12/19 - Tyler Badenhop, Helen Birtcher, Tanya Fisher,
Daniel Koch, Matthew Miller, Haley Peterson
- 12/20 - Donald Batt, Vicky Delventhal, Matt Kuser,
Amanda Podach
- 12/21 - Pam Bauer, Sabrina Rivera

2025 CHRISTMAS HOUSE RAFFLE WINNERS -

- 1st Prize - Doug Baker
2nd Prize - Rhonda Slee
3rd Prize - Therese Freiburger
4th Prize - Phil Parsons
5th Prize - Julie Lauf

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MSGR. JEROME

E. SCHMIT FOUNDATION DINNER - will take place on Thurs., Feb. 19 at the Pinnacle in Maumee. The speaker will be Tim Berta, survivor of the 2007 Bluffton University baseball bus crash and author of *Fielder's Choice: Honoring Fallen Teammates from Bluffton University*. The foundation benefits the CYO athletic program, the Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry programs, and the Catholic Club, as well as providing 12 partial scholarships to metro-Toledo area Catholic high schools annually. Tickets are \$60 each and may be ordered through the Catholic Club website (www.CatholicClub.org). Please email MSYFinfo@gmail.com with questions.

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