

WELCOME & BLESSED NEW YEAR

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

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St. Vincent de Paul Society		419-592-0438



Mary as the Holy Mother of God

Prayer

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

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

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

New Years Blessing, in Thanksgiving...

Hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas, and as we now await a New Year 2026. On this Sunday we honor the Holy Family and hold them as a model for our own families... **Holy Saints in the Making!** Hardship, yes, a part of life, even Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had to deal with them, uncertainty abounds. But yet, they place their trust in God! Placing one's trust is growing in wisdom and understanding in bonds of true family life with God. As "**Saints in the Making**" we continue our Christmas celebration, may all our families be consecrated in love of the Holy Family.

Blessed New Year, with the Blessed Mary, the Holy Mother of God! We celebrate New Years a joyous party day as we should, yes, her role as the Mother of God. Mary bore Jesus as man and as God. The fact that this is also the Octave day of Christmas, the eight day after Jesus was born, as a babe in the manger. As we celebrate a new year, let us celebrate the incarnation, the Son of God as true God and true man, and the Blessed Mother's essential role in it all.

New Years resolutions... I like to think of them as small, manageable goals, that will win the race. When January 1 hits, many of us feel determined to set new goals. But as it gets deeper into the new year, you may find it harder to stick to them. When setting your resolution, keep in mind that the only one that is truly committed to your success is you!

Research has shown that people who are internally motivated are more likely to stick to a task, invest more time in that task, and be more successful at that task. Stop worrying about what other people think you should be doing and create resolutions based on what is most important to you! I know you hear me speak of the number one and best resolution... becoming Saints in the Making, just a little task and purpose everyday.

On a personal note: I want to thank everyone who remembered me with your kindness, prayers, thoughts, and gifts this year, yes, I truly consider all of you a blessing. May the Blessed Mary, Mother of us all keep you under her protective mantle. – Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, January 3, 2026 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Volunteer
Servers: Molly Huddle, Volunteer
Extraordinary Volunteers (5)
Min. of Com.:

Ushers: Kevin Glanz, Ruth Like

Sunday, January 4, 2025 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Rita Small
Servers: Emily Flowers, Bennett Westhoven
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Ann Grime,
Min. of Com.: Patrick Mauk, Judy Wiles, Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteers (2)

Sunday, January 4, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Mark Morman
Servers: Henry Dotson, Will and Henry Roth
Extraordinary Doug Burgei, Vivian Dominique,
Min. of Com.: Joe Keller, Brenda Piasecki,
Cheri Schuette
Ushers: Chad Roth, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 29, 2025

Nursing Home/Homebound: Volunteer

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 27, 2025

4:30 p.m. - Jeanne Lytle

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Dick Denny

10:30 a.m. - Jay Agler

Monday, December 29, 2025

No Service

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

8:45 a.m. - Paul Westhoven

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 (7th Day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)

4:30 p.m. - Fausto Somoza

Thursday, January 1, 2026 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

9:00 a.m. - Mike and Sherlene Hoffman

Friday, January 2, 2026

8:45 a.m. - Bebe Falgout

Saturday, January 3, 2026

4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling, Mary Hoover

Sunday, January 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. - Mary Hoover

10:30 a.m. - Bob Bernicke, Michael Rabe

1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Tellers: January 5, 2026 – Phil and Ginny Bauer,
Kevin Milius, Jean Miller**

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

March 2026

St. Pat's Auction — 14th

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.

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.

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.

GIVING TREE - Thank you to all who contributed in any way to make this year successful! Whether you shopped, wrapped, sorted, distributed or took a tag from the tree, you helped make Christmas a little brighter for hundreds of area children. We would also like to thank the Christmas for Kids program which contributes to our Giving Tree project. When you are cleaning up your wrapping supplies on Christmas morning, please consider saving gift boxes, bags, etc. that are still in good shape for St. Vincent de Paul. If you leave them at the church office, we can save those for wrapping next year.

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:

- 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:

- Now on the second Sunday! Next event will be Jan. 11th.

YEAREND TAX INFORMATION - Any monies that you want to have counted for the 2025 tax year must be brought into the office by 4:00 p.m. on Tues., Dec. 30 to allow time for processing.

BAKED STEAK DINNER - Meal is being prepared by Napoleon K. of C to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Dinner will be held on Sat., Jan. 10 at 5:30 pm in St. Augustine Hall. A free will offering will be taken and it will be eat in or carry out. Menu is steak, mashed or baked potato, green beans or corn, slaw or applesauce, dessert and beverage.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed., Dec. 31 No OCIA
 Thur., Jan. 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
 Fri., Jan. 2 First Friday Adoration 9:15 a.m.
 Benediction 5:30 p.m.
 Sat., Jan. 3 Confessions 3:30 p.m.
 Rosary 3:55 p.m.

Holiday Office Hours

Dec. 31 - Closing at 12:00 Noon
 Jan. 1 - Office Closed
 Jan. 2 - Office Open

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE PARISH OFFERTORY

Sunday Collection	\$	13,377.20
On-Line	\$	2,210.00
Holy Days	\$	40.00
Christmas (to date)	\$	3,151.35
School	\$	2,043.44
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	201,162.96

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

Rita C. Behrens (76) - 12/29/13
 Larry "Moe" Brubaker (75) - 12/30/13
 Augusta Maria Keller (99) - 12/31/02
 Mary M. (Riebesel) Elling (75) - 1/1/02
 M. Wilma Sohn (90) - 1/1/03
 Richard Denny (87) - 1/2/23
 Patricia Joseph (80) - 1/2/18

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.

Ministries for Holy Day Liturgies

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Jan Neiling
 Servers: Apollonia and Santino Schindley
 Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Mary Hoops,
 Min. of Com.: Mark Meyer, Brenda Piasecki,
 Jim Wulf

Ushers: Ed and Brigida Somoza

Wednesday, January 1, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Will Roth
 Servers: Juan and Jade Gonzalez
 Extraordinary Mike, Morgan, Miya, Jacob and
 Min. of Com.: Noah Weber
 Ushers: Chad Roth, Volunteer

SPANISH MASS - Starting January 4th, the Spanish Mass will be on the first Sunday of the month

FROM THE SCHOOL

In this month's issue of "Partners in Faith," we are reminded that the new year presents a natural moment to start fresh and get back on the path to becoming the people God intends us to be. We learn that patience is a staple of loving relationships, and why St. Paul places it at the very front of his definition of love.

Did you know that a Catholic Education is affordable for everyone! All families in the State of Ohio are eligible to receive a scholarship to attend St. Augustine School. The EdChoice Expansion Scholarship window will open in February for the 2026-27 school year for children entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade. We will begin registration for the next school year at the beginning of February. Please call the school office if you have any questions @ 419-592-3641.

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!

I wish your family a year filled with peace, love, and happiness! May you always be certain of God's light and love. I pray you have a blessed New Year!

Christmas Blessings to your family,
 Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/29 - Olivia Brink, Daniel Garcia, Jacob Gebers,
 Maria Howell, Grace Sonnenberg
 12/30 - Kalena Coolman, Victoria Fellers, III,
 Tim Hunter, Fulton Irving, Dennis Michaelis,
 Emelia Nagel, Savannah Sizemore,
 George Wagner
 12/31 - Libby Hill, Nicol Mendizabal
 1/1 - Jevin Armbruster, Jodi Irving, John Kearney,
 Marsha Yarnell
 1/2 - Cecily Healy, Maria Mireles, Austin Monnin,
 Daphne Torres
 1/3 - Rick Fellers, Philip Holman, Alice Moriarty,
 Laila Westhoven
 1/4 - Kennedy Bruback, Sebastian Posadas-
 Dominguez, Lucas Koch, Elizabeth Pollock,
 Beth Vocke

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