

**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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## 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 10, 2026 4:30 p.m.**

Lector: Karen Westhoven  
Servers: Lucy Brink, Juan Gonzalez  
Extraordinary: Ginny Bauer, Mary Steingass,  
Min. of Com.: **Volunteers (3)**  
Ushers: Paul Martin, Brad Westhoven

**Sunday, January 11, 2026 8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Rick Hoffman  
Servers: Reese and Cole Wagner  
Extraordinary: Mike, Morgan, Jacob, Noah and Miya  
Min. of Com.: Weber  
Ushers: Gene Grime, Doug Monnin

**Sunday, January 11, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Lector: Richard Fisher  
Servers: Kelsi Eicher, Jade Gonzalez, **Volunteer**  
Extraordinary: Deacon John Gottron, Mary Hoops,  
Min. of Com.: Mark Meyer, Lori Siclair, **Volunteer**  
Ushers: Jeff Burkhardt, Larry Hilvers

**Eucharistic Ministers: Week of January 5, 2026**

**Nursing Home/Homebound: Judy Wiles**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Monday, January 5, 2026**

No Service

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

8:45 a.m. - Clete Schindler

**Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

6:00 p.m. - Dmytro Kapitan

**Thursday, January 8, 2026**

8:45 a.m. - Alvin and Elsie Wilhelm

**Friday, January 9, 2026**

8:45 a.m. - Ken and Rita Behrens

**Saturday, January 10, 2026**

4:30 p.m. - Marian Parsons

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

8:00 a.m. - Elizabeth Jackson

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

**Tellers: January 12, 2026** – Andy Driskel, Phil Parsons,  
Chris Peddicord, Joanne Westhoven

*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

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.

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### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS -

**Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity!** "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

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### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**WEEKENDS** - As you prepare your hearts for Jesus, consider enriching the gift of your marriage. Apply today at [wwme.org](http://wwme.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.

**RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND** - Retrouvaille is a weekend program designed to help couples who are experiencing difficulty in their marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope, support, and practical tools to help couples, restore, rebuild and rediscover their relationship. The next weekend program for this area will be held Jan. 30 - Feb. 1. For confidential information or to register, call 419-481-1116, or email [3033@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3033@helpourmarriage.org) or visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org).

**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](http://kofc1344nap.com) or contact D.J. Batt. Text 419-769-0176.

## 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.

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**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.

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**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.

**GOING ON VACATION** - Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory contributions. Go to [www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net) and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy.





# **Baked Steak Dinner**

## **Sat. January 10, 2026**



**St. Augustine Hall, 5:30 p.m. eat in or carry out. Bake steak, mashed or baked potato, green beans or corn, slaw or applesauce, dessert and beverage. 100 % of the free will offering will go to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Napoleon. Meal prepared by the Napoleon K of C Council 1344.**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Jan. 4 Family Catechesis and Parents Meeting  
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
SAY (High School) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 6 Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., Jan. 7 Parents Club 6:00 p.m.  
OCIA 6:45 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 10 Moms Morning Circle 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Confessions 3:30 p.m.  
Rosary 3:55 p.m.  
St. Vincent de Paul Baked Steak Dinner  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)
- Sun., Jan. 11 Family Catechesis Sacrament Classes  
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
SASS (Middle School) 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
SAY (High School) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	5,539.00
On-Line	\$	1,902.00
Holy Day	\$	10.00
Christmas (to date)	\$	17,432.60
School	\$	2,144.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	208,603.96

To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:

[www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net) and select online giving from the side menu.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Julian H. "Chalky" Gilliland (89) - 1/7/04  
Thomas J. Schwaiger (71) - 1/7/04  
Carlton Lemon (79) - 1/9/08  
Mary Jo Gruber (90) - 1/9/23  
James T. Small (83) - 1/10/11  
Antonio E. Sandoval (68) - 1/11/21

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.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Megan Lytle-Steele and her family following the death of her father, Bill Lytle. May Bill now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

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

*As God's steward, you are called to take an active role in your church - Volunteer*

**FROM THE SCHOOL**

Meet our New Music Teacher!

Happy New Year! My name is Anna Eby, and I am so excited to be joining the St. Augustine Catholic School community as the music teacher. I graduated from Wyoming Catholic College with a degree in Liberal Arts, and most recently, I earned my second degree in Sacred Music from Franciscan University of Steubenville. It is a great passion of mine to teach traditions and theology through music, and to give back something beautiful to Our Lord in the sacrifice of the Mass. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and your voices!

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!

Christmas Blessings to your family,  
Ginny Minnick, Principal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 1/5 - Shannon Finn, Anthony Healy, Luz Mendizabal, Ruben Mendizabal
- 1/6 - Denise Baden, Gavin Sifuentes
- 1/7 - Joel Frey, Jr., Jennifer Millen, Dave Neiling, Sara Niner
- 1/8 - Augustin Escobar, Corina Garza, Alaina Gerken, Ashley Morey
- 1/9 - Otis Crawford, Phillip Krueger, Ava Myles, Anthony Rodriguez, Zachary Spurgeon, Brody Tejkl, Lawrence Vocke, Miya Weber
- 1/10 - Samuel Campos, James Jenkins, Jarid Jenkins, Josie Morales-Renteria

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**DEFIANCE MARCH FOR LIFE** - to take place at noon on Thurs., Jan. 22 at Triangle Park-Clock Tower, 655 Clinton St., Defiance. A police escort will lead participants from Triangle Park to the Monument of the Unborn near St. John's Catholic Church. From there the event moves to the basement of St. John's for hot chocolate and to hear speakers who have a pro-life message. There is also a Mass starting at 8 am at St. Mary's Defiance, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and ending with Benediction at 10:30 am.

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