

# Welcome To 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 1st 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 on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 5-7pm, and in small groups during the school year.



**PRAYER CHAIN** - Please contact the Parish Office

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** - Tuesday noon

## 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

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

## ***Go Make a Difference...***

There is a famous song that speaks of how we need to be the ones that make a difference. *Go make a difference... Go make a difference in the world...*

There was an ancient philosopher who was shipwrecked and all his earthly possessions sank into the sea, but he managed to reach the shore safely. The local people, out of respect and sadness for him, and his great knowledge, presented him with gifts to make up for his losses. Deeply moved the philosopher wrote: *"Do not lay-up wealth that swollen seas can swallow. Labor only for knowledge, the indestructible good, which not even a shipwreck can take away."*

It's not about the many possessions that may be taken away from us, but if we live a life in Jesus Christ, we can never lose our most precious treasures, because we possess them deep within, being a *Saint in the Making*. An insightful person observes that only when we don't have anything, do we realize that God is everything. Take care! Be on guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. We are cautioned that our heart will always be where our riches are. It is Light that ties and Binds together today's scripture readings.

Yes, we can be the salt and light for one another in our troubled world. We are the instruments of Making the World a Better Place. Bringing goodness and helping to stomp out what is evil. Jesus often chose common subjects to demonstrate His teachings. Salt was so important and valuable that Roman soldiers sometimes were paid in salt. Hence the expression, *He's not worth his salt*. Salt on its own is used for clearing roads, a lot of use for that right now, wouldn't you say. But also, for preserving food, and enhances the taste of everything it's added to. It's ironic that adding salt to something sweet enhances the flavor.

Jesus taught His followers to be careful not to lose the flavor of their Creator. These scripture texts today are the conclusion of the Beatitudes, Jesus proclaimed blessings over those who are persecuted, not only for living in the sake of righteousness but for living for *Him*. He described His followers, and believers today, as *salt and light*, clearly called to influence, improve and make the world a better place. Yes, go make a difference! – Fr. Jerry

### **Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies**

**Saturday, February 14, 2026 4:30 p.m.**

Lector: Volunteer  
Servers: Volunteers (2)  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Volunteers (4)  
Min. of Com.:

Ushers: Paul Martin, Brad Westhoven

**Sunday, February 15, 2026 8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Rita Small  
Servers: Emily Flowers, Bennett Westhoven  
Extraordinary Mike, Morgan, Jacob, Miya and  
Min. of Com.: Noah Weber  
Ushers: Jeff and Jodi Stover

**Sunday, February 15, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Lector: Mark Morman  
Servers: Juan and Jade Gonzalez,  
Ashlyne Minnick  
Extraordinary Joe Keller, Cheri Schuette  
Min. of Com.: Lori Siclair, Jim Wulf, Volunteer  
Ushers: Volunteers (2)

**Eucharistic Ministers: Week of February 9, 2026**

**Nursing Home/Homebound: Mary Gunter**

*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, February 7, 2026**

4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

8:00 a.m. - Dick Denny

10:30 a.m. - Carol Hoeffel

**Monday, February 9, 2026**

No Service

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026**

8:45 a.m. - Mass

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026**

6:00 p.m. - Communion Service

**Thursday, February 12, 2026**

8:45 a.m. - Clete Schindler

**Friday, February 13, 2026**

8:45 a.m. - Michael Cochran

**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

4:30 p.m. - Marian Parsons

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

8:00 a.m. - James Jackson

10:30 a.m. - John Chaff and Charles Klammer

**Tellers: February 17, 2026 – Chris Peddicord,  
Dorothy Walker**

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



## Save the Date

February 2026

Ash Wednesday - 18th

Parish Lenten Mission - 25th

March 2026

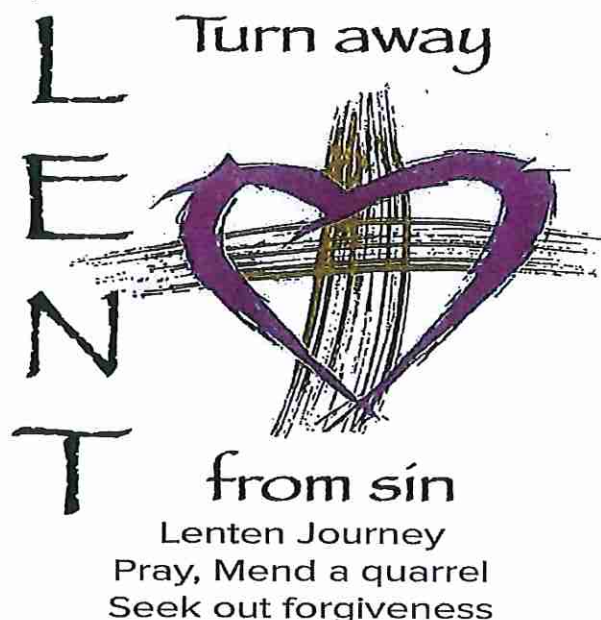
St. Pat's Auction - 14th

## LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS...

For us as Catholic Christians, Lent is an important time of reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus... so as to enter into the joy of his resurrection. Many take advantage of Holy Hours, private prayer time, Stations of the Cross, and home reflection time.

We would like to present a new special devotional book that's easy to take with you during this Lenten Season. In this devotional booklet, Bishop Robert Barron invites readers to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season. *Lenten Gospel Reflections* features the full Gospel reading for each day of Lent, a daily reflection from Bishop Barron, space for journaling and answering reflection questions, and more! Beautiful, practical, and affordable... **FREE**... this booklet is ideal for both individual meditation and or group study as a family or parish level. Be on the look-out for your copy coming soon. A little time each day to keep the doctor away.

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## 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:

- Our current series is called "Set Apart" and we will be diving into the Saints, who they are, and how we might become one.
- Feb. 8th - Pancakes and Bible Study. Because of Superbowl Sunday, we will be switching it up and doing a brunch thing! Meet in the Ministry Center after the 10:30 Mass.
- Feb 15th - Set Apart pt 4 - What does Sainthood look like today?

### St. Augustine Sainthood Seekers (SASS)

Middle School Youth Group

Now starting large group events on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 5-7pm! Join us for fun games and faith opportunities. We will end the night with prayer and dinner with SAY. Please gather at the Ministry Center. Open to kids grades 6-8.

#### Upcoming Events:

- February 15th - Play & Pray - Among Us & Adoration

### MOMS MORNING CIRCLE

Join us on February 21st for our next Moms Morning Circle. Moms of all ages are welcome to join other moms for coffee and conversation while the kiddos play. Moms gather in the teacher's lounge at the school, and kids in the gym for activities. Almost always on the 2nd Saturday 9-11:30am. Find us on Facebook @momsmorningcircle, and Flocknotes for any updates or reminders.

### Keep in touch with us!

Text STAUGIE to 84576

or connect with us online at:

[staugustinenapoleon.flocknote.com](http://staugustinenapoleon.flocknote.com)

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**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.

**HEALING FOR A CAREGIVER'S HEART** - a retreat designed to bring hope and healing to caregivers. The date is Sat., Feb. 21, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Ministry Center, 204 W. Wayne St., Maumee, OH 43537. Lunch is included. Register at <https://toledodiocese.regfox.com/caretakers-retreat>. Supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal in partnership with the Diocese of Toledo Accessibility Ministries. Those attending will have an opportunity for Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the event of weather cancellation, make up date is Mar. 28.

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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: 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.

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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.

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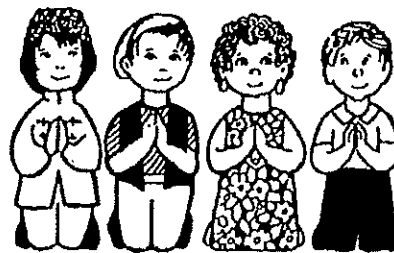
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - The Knights of Columbus are men of action, dedicated to living out their Catholic faith through charity and service. If you're ready to make a positive impact on your parish community, learn more about the Knights of Columbus! Visit [kofc1344nap.com](http://kofc1344nap.com) or contact D.J. Batt. Text 419-769-0176.

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**2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** - The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. Our parish goal is \$27,775.46. Your generous support will bring peace to the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

Our commitment process will take place February 14-15. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Thomas, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided through the ACA. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it. No need to fill out an additional envelope this year, stating you have already given.

*Remember St. Augustine Parish in your estate planning*



### **PRAYER - FASTING - ALMS GIVING**

Fasting and prayer can be meaningful spiritual practices for children, and teaching them about these disciplines can help them grow in their faith and relationship with God. As we prepare to begin this Lenten Season we need to spend time helping our children realize the importance of our Lenten practices.

We have to look at spiritual disciplines as a way of helping kids and teens develop habits that will help their spiritual growth and health. These are practices done by Jesus, the Apostles and early Christians. Perhaps the discipline most common in antiquity and least practiced today is fasting for spiritual reasons. By the time of Jesus, fasting had several purposes. People might fast while in mourning, in the face of a local or national tragedy, to prepare for something important or as part of repentance or in service to God.

Although we think of fasting mainly in terms of not being able to eat, it really had greater significance. Fasting was used as a time to stop a daily routine and use that time to reflect and connect with God through prayer. It also provided time to linger in those prayers and "listen" to what God might want the person to know. Finally, it was used as a time of introspection and repentance.

Our idea fasting is often about... what do I give up for Lent? Yes, I give up candy, soda pop, or ice cream... you know these as the children's favorites.

Sometimes though... we need to help them see fasting as like giving of one's time. A great idea for helping one to do something of a change. Like, mom I would love to do the dishes or take out the trash for you. Have the children think about it more seriously this Lent.

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### **ST. AUGUSTINE CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Open to 1st - 5th Graders

Practice will be on the last three Wednesdays of the month from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the church.

The children will sing, read chants, and traditional hymns for Sunday Mass.

Auditions will be held on Monday, Feb. 9th and Wednesday, Feb. 11th from 3:30 to 5:50, and Friday, Feb. 13th from 12:30 to 2:30.

Please email Anna Eby to sign up for an audition  
[Anna.Eby@augustinenapoleon.com](mailto:Anna.Eby@augustinenapoleon.com)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Feb. 8 Family Catechesis Sacrament Classes  
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
SAY (High School) Brunch after  
10:30 Mass
- Wed., Feb. 11 OCIA 6:45 p.m.  
K of C and Auxiliary 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 14 Confessions 3:30 p.m.  
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 15 Family Catechesis Community Day  
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
SAY (High School) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
SASS (Middle School) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE****PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	5,020.00
On-Line	\$	1,645.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	130.00
School	\$	513.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	240,252.35

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**

Lowell W. Dickerson (73) - 2/9/04  
Jean M. Dever (81) - 2/10/22  
James R. Jackson (73) - 2/10/03  
James Charles Speiser (82) - 2/11/02  
Paul E. "Batman" Batt (69) - 2/13/01  
Eugene R. Westhoven (74) - 2/14/15  
Colleen P. Martinez (75) - 2/15/17

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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**NEW PARISHIONERS** - Welcome to Maximilian and Grace Westrick and family who recently joined our parish.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - Curt Moser will be celebrating his 100th birthday on Feb. 10. If you would like, you can send him a card at 1470 Pray Blvd., Apt. 1, Water-ville, Ohio 43566.

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

**FROM THE SCHOOL**

Catholic Schools Week was delayed due to the weather, but we were finally able to celebrate with Mass and a very successful Open House with our Parish community! We celebrated the following daily themes: Sunday: Celebrating Our Parish, Monday: Celebrating Our Community, Tuesday: Celebrating Our Students, Wednesday: Celebrating Our Nation, Thursday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff & Volunteers, Friday: Vocations. We took part in the Math-a-Thon to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, made Thank You notes for our local businesses, played Religion Bingo in our Family Groups, organized an Alumni Q & A session with Alumni from the 1960's, 1970's, 1990's and the 2000's, and celebrated our faculty, staff, and volunteers for their dedication and passion for St. Augustine Catholic School.

Registration for the 2026-27 school year has begun! Current school families will have priority in registration in Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade until Friday, February 27, 2026. **Registration will open to St. Augustine Parish-ioners on Monday, March 2nd, 2026, and will then open to the community on Monday, April 6, 2026.** If you know someone who would like information about St. Augustine Catholic School, please have them contact the school office @ 419-592-3641. Thank you!

The 27th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Auction is St. Augustine Catholic School's largest fundraiser of the year and will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at the American Legion in Napoleon. Rick Small returns for a wonderful night of shenanigans! Tickets are \$40 per attendee and available at the school or church offices, at the back of the church during all weekend Masses beginning Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, and at the St. Augustine Fish Frys on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can donate an item to be auctioned, make a monetary donation, or are interested in helping, please contact the school office @ 419-592-3641. We truly appreciate your support and would not be successful without your help!

Blessings to your family,  
Ginny Minnick, Principal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 2/9 - Eli Herman, Shawna Sonnenberg, David Weber  
2/10 - Caleb Badenhop, Michael Hummer, Erica Meyer  
Katherine Tran, Adam Weirich  
2/11 - Nicholas Cotter, Eryn Fick, Elizabeth Witt  
2/12 - James Joseph  
2/13 - Katie Collins, Natasha Cruz, Kelsi Eicher,  
Joel Miller  
2/14 - Joella Collins, Regina Fritsch, Erast Haftkowycz  
Rosa Pullen  
2/15 - Alexis Gibson, J. Yarnell

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