



# ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

March 6, 2026

**St. Augustine Catholic School nurtures children in their God-centered faith journey, while promoting academic excellence, individual growth, and life-long service inspired by the Gospel.**

**St. Augustine does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, English proficiency or disability.**

### **MINNICK'S MINUTE**

Lent is a sacred season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and repentance as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's Death and Resurrection at Easter. During our Lenten Parish Mission on Wednesday evening, Fr. Lou DeFra offered a beautiful reflection on the simplicity and power of prayer. He reminded us that prayer can be as simple as beginning any honest thought of the heart with the word "Lord," followed by a comma. Prayer does not need to be long or complicated—God simply desires that we speak to Him from the heart. Fr. Lou also spoke movingly about the importance of service, especially to those closest to us. In this Lenten season, we are reminded that small acts of love and sacrifice for others are powerful ways to live out our faith. The purpose of a Parish Mission during Lent is to renew our faith, deepen our relationship with God, and prepare our hearts for Easter through prayer, reflection, and service. If you were able to join us for the Mission, I pray that you felt as inspired and uplifted as I did. May the graces of this mission continue to guide us throughout our Lenten journey.

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & AUCTION**

The last day to reserve your tickets for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Auction is Sunday, March 8, 2026! Our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Pat's Auction will be held this year on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Napoleon American Legion Hall. Not only is it a good time, but it is an awesome event to raise money for our school. If you or your business would like to make a monetary donation or donate an item, please contact the school office. **This year, the Auction Committee is offering tickets at half price to our current parents!** Take advantage of this great opportunity! You can contact the school office to purchase tickets. All reservations are due by March 8, 2026.

### **COUNTY SPELLING BEE**

Be sure to cheer on our champions, Ashlyne Minnick and Delaney Black, as they compete in the Henry County Spelling Bee. This will be held at Holgate Local Schools on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Henry County Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Northwest Signal.

### **2026-27 SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

We are currently registering students for the 2026-27 school year. Registration is being held exclusively on Digital Academy. If you are having trouble logging in or with the registration process, please call the office.

Students entering Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are eligible to receive an EdChoice Scholarship. Scholarship forms were sent home. If your student received an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship in our current school year, you are only required to fill out the EdChoice Scholarship Program Renewal Form and supply a current utility or gas bill that includes both the Mailing Address and Service Address. Income verification is not required to renew the EdChoice Scholarship. Families may qualify for low-income status if they choose to have their income verified. Please contact Mrs. Minnick with any questions.

### **PARENTS CLUB FLOWER SALE**

The Parents Club Foertmeyer and Sons Spring Flower Sale has begun! Catalogs with Ohio's best spring flowers were sent home last week. All profits benefit the Parents Club and will help them support our school children! **Orders with payment are due by March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, and order pick up will take place on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please make checks payable to St. Augustine School.

Be sure to check out this year's prize package! You can receive FREE pollinator plants for selling 15 or more!

## SCHOLARSHIP DONATION/TAX CREDIT

If you pay Ohio State income taxes, you have a wonderful opportunity to choose where a portion of those dollars goes. Rather than sending your tax dollars to the State of Ohio, the state allows eligible taxpayers to direct some of that money to support St. Augustine Catholic School, helping to provide scholarships that directly benefit our students. Ohio taxpayers may receive a tax credit of up to \$750 for individuals or \$1,500 for married couples filing jointly. Any qualifying donation, up to these limits, can be credited against the amount you owe the State of Ohio this year when you donate before filing your taxes on April 15, 2026. Please call Mrs. Minnick at the school office with questions. Thank you for your generosity and support!

## JUPMODE

Take advantage of the newly designed t-shirt and sweatshirt sales through our Jupmode link! \$10 from every t-shirt and \$15 from every sweatshirt sale benefits St. Augustine School. Visit the website through the QR code below.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, our school will celebrate Stations of the Cross every Wednesday. Parents are welcome to join us in the church on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 9:10 am
- Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 12:20 pm
- Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 9:50 am

## RICE BOWLS

This year, instead of sending these rice bowls home, we have chosen to collect money in each classroom. In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit [csrcricebowl.org/join](http://csrcricebowl.org/join) to learn more.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY APPAREL

Until St. Patrick's Day, students may wear St. Patrick's Day shirts with their dress code pants. Please refrain from wearing these on Mass days.

## SAINTS TRACK AND FIELD

The CYO Track and Field season will begin soon! Coach Stover sent out an email to all track athletes from last year. He included forms that need to be completed before the first practice, sometime in March. A parents' meeting will be held soon, so watch for announcements in the parent bulletin. Required forms will be available at this meeting and in the school office. Students will not be able to participate in practice until the physical form is completed by a Physician or Nurse Practitioner.

If you know of any other 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders from our Parish that can be recruited to join us, we would love to have them. The more the merrier!

## MENU FOR THE WEEK OF March 9th, 2026

**\*Students have the option to replace the main entree for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich\***

- MONDAY - Chicken Nuggets/Corn
- TUESDAY - Walking Tacos/Spanish Rice
- WEDNESDAY - Chef Salad/Breadstick
- THURSDAY - Chicken Pasta Bake/Green Beans
- FRIDAY - Grilled Cheese/Tomato Soup



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/6 8:45 am School Mass (First Friday)  
Parish Fish Fry 5-6:30 pm  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 3/8 5:00 pm St. Augustine Sainthood Seekers
- 3/9 Dress Down Day  
7:00 pm 4-H Meeting in the gym
- 3/10 7:00 pm Track & Field Parent Meeting
- 3/11 9:10 am Stations of the Cross  
6:00 pm Parents Club
- 3/12 7:00 pm Henry County Spelling Bee  
(Holgate Local Schools)
- 3/13 End of Third Quarter  
8:45 am School Mass  
Parish Fish Fry 5-6:30 pm  
7:00 PM Station of the Cross
- 3/16 - 3/20 **NO SCHOOL Spring Break**