

# Welcome To St. Augustine Catholic Church

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

Very Rev. David Cirata    Dcn. Jon Gottron

COORDINATOR OF PARISH MINISTRIES: Laurie Brubaker

## Join us for worship ...

### New Parishioners

Please visit the Parish Office to register

**Saturday:** 4:30 p.m.

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

**Spanish Mass** - 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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## First Holy Communion

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026

"Whoever eats my flesh  
and drinks my blood has  
eternal life, and I will raise  
them up at the last day"

John 6:54



## 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

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM** - Please contact the Parish Office at your earliest convenience, before birth if possible, to start Baptism preparation.

**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"

May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom (at least in the Northern Hemisphere), is also the Month of Mary. Why is May Mary's month? The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks and Romans. In medieval times, customs abounded, that centered around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth. The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included 30 daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary. It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today. Daily Rosaries, a May altar, and crowning a statue of Mary with flowers are all common traditions. This month, give Mary a special spot in your home and in your heart. Mary is Mother – our mother – and she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

Blessed Mother, pray for us!



#### Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

**Saturday, May 9, 2026** 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Karen Westhoven  
 Servers: Ben and Kate Irving  
 Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, **Volunteers (4)**  
 Min. of Com.:

Ushers: Kevin Glanz, Brad Westhoven

**Sunday, May 10, 2026** 8:00 a.m.

Lector: **Volunteer**  
 Servers: Cole and Reese Wagner  
 Extraordinary Mike, Morgan, Jacob and Noah Weber,  
 Min. of Com.: **Volunteer**

Ushers: Doug and Yolanda Monnin

**Sunday, May 10, 2026** 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Mark Morman  
 Servers: Henry Dotson, Isaac and Eli Herman  
 Extraordinary Richard Fisher, Mary Hoops, Lori  
 Min. of Com.: Siclair, Lindsay and Nanci Westhoven  
 Ushers: Jeff Burkhart, Jim Wulf

**Eucharistic Ministers: Week of May 4, 2026**

**Nursing Home/Homebound: Judy Wiles**

*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, May 2, 2026**

4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling, Don and Louise Ramus

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

8:00 a.m. - Jon Creager

10:30 a.m. - **(First Communion Mass)**

Michael Cochran, Rich Baker,  
 Jeff Diemer, David Lankenau

1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, May 4, 2026**

No Service

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

8:45 a.m. - Communion Service

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

6:00 p.m. - Dennis and David Donnelly

**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

8:45 a.m. - Communion Service

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

8:45 a.m. - School Mass (Living and Deceased  
 Members of the Recker and Graetz Families)

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

4:30 p.m. - Marian Parsons

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

8:00 a.m. - Bruce Harmon

10:30 a.m. - Michael Camacho

**Tellers: May 11, 2026** – Chris Peddicord, Tim Speiser,  
 Jan Stover, Dorothy Walker

## Save the Date

September 2026

TurtleFest - 18th, 19th

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL APPRECIATION DINNER -

All who have helped St. Vincent dePaul are invited to our Appreciation Dinner 2026, which is being held on Thurs., May 14th at 6pm in the Ministry Center. It's a potluck this year with meat and drinks being provided. Please bring a dish (salad, dessert or covered dish). Please RSVP by texting or calling Nanci at 419-966-8174.

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**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL** - Thank you for your generous support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The contributions given will be used to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for the collection if you prefer to donate online.

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**RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND (NW OHIO)** - scheduled for July 24th - 26th. Retrouvaille is a non-profit program that has helped thousands of couples rediscover their love. Whether your marriage is in need of healing or simply a deeper connection, Retrouvaille offers a lifeline for couples seeking renewed hope. For more information, visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) or call 419-481-1116.



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**MASS FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES** - Join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2026 Homeschool Mass on Tues., June 2nd at 7:00 pm at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo. This special celebration is open to all homeschooling families. At the end of Mass, we will recognize 8th grade and graduating high school seniors. If your student would like to participate, please contact Monica Depinet at [homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com](mailto:homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com). We look forward to celebrating with you!

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**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION - HENRY COUNTY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** - Build a support system with people who understand. The support group is conducted by trained facilitators who help individuals caring for a loved one with dementia. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 11 am - 12 pm at the Henry County Senior Center, 203 Rohrs St., Napoleon. Call 419-537-1999 for questions or to register. Registration is required each month.

## 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

6-8pm in the Ministry Center, dinner provided

### Upcoming Events:

8th graders are now invited to all SAY events

- May 3 - Culture Project, Social Media (rescheduled)
- May 10 - No SAY. Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms!
- May 17 - End of Year Party & Summer Bash

### St. Augustine Sainthood Seekers (SASS)

Middle School Youth Group

Now hosting 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 5-8. 8th graders are now welcome to join SAY.

### Upcoming Events:

- May 17th - End of Year Party & Summer Bash

**FLOCKNOTES**

Keep in touch with us

VIA EMAIL OR TEXT MESSAGE

- Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
- Unsubscribe anytime
- No spam, we promise

Text "STAUGIE" to 84576

*Pray as though everything depended on God.  
Work as though everything depended on you.  
St. Augustine of Hippo*

**FR. FRED DUSCHL PASSED AWAY RECENTLY.** His funeral mass was on Fri., May 1st. You can watch a recent youtube interview that took place last February with Melody Nofziger, titled A Catholic Priest & Me - The Kingdom Collective Podcast, Episode 4.

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**2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** - The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal is now underway and our parish goal is \$27,775.46. We are currently at 42%. Your generous support will bring peace to the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

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.

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**RIGHT TO LIFE FLOWERS** - The next Henry County Right to Life meeting will be held at the Hamler Summerfest Bldg. on Thurs., May 7 at 6:30 pm. We will prepare the flowers for our annual Mother's Day Flower Sale and a short meeting after. We would love to see you and would appreciate help with preparing flowers for the sale. Henry County Right to Life members will be in back of church after the weekend masses of Mother's Day weekend, May 10. HCRTL would appreciate a donation for a flower to help promote the sanctity of life.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Would you like to be part of an organization that's been helping the parish and community since 1908. The Knights of Columbus Council 1344 is it. Last year we donated over \$9000 to parish and community. Visit [kofc1344.com](http://kofc1344.com) or contact D.J. Batt text 419-769-0176.

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**DIOCESAN ORDINATIONS** - On Sat., May 16 at 10 am at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Bishop Daniel Thomas will ordain Evan Sekerak to the Transitional Diaconate and on Sat., June 27 at 10am at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Toledo, Bishop Daniel Thomas will ordain Deacon Andrew Messer to the Priesthood. All parishioners are invited to both ordinations.

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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.

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**RECYCLING** - Your cans can be dropped off at Napoleon Metal and Iron, 720 Fillmore St., and if you mention St. Augustine, CYO Athletics will get credit.

## **Project Welcome Baby seeking donations**

*Project Welcome Baby* is a St. Augustine community initiative that supports new mothers/parents by giving them a care basket upon the arrival of their baby.

- **Items Needed:** New and handmade baby items (such as hats, bibs, blankets, burp cloths, booties, etc.), plain white onesies, shower packs, mini lotions/soaps, Size 1 diapers (in original packaging), and baby wipes.

- **Drop-off Location:** The labelled bassinet in the breezeway (will be in the Church hall/basement during certain times of the year).

- **Specific Needs:** We welcome all items mentioned above, and when special/specific items are in serious need, look for a note on the bassinet in the breezeway.

- **Monetary Donations:** Can be dropped off at the parish office with a note/memo stating "for Project Welcome Baby."

**Contact Information:** If you have questions or would like to know how you can help with *Project Welcome Baby*, please contact **Jessica Green** at (419) 371-5607 or **Jenell Denman** at (419) 438-5243.

## **Project Welcome Baby seeking expecting Moms'/ Parents**

- *Project Welcome Baby* is a St. Augustine Moms' Circle Community initiative designed to support mothers by giving them a care basket upon the birth/arrival of their baby. If you are expecting, or know someone who is welcoming a new baby, reach out to **Jessica Green (419) 371-5607** or **Jenell Denman (419) 438-5243** so we can show our support.

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**GARDEN HELP NEEDED** - the group of parishioners tending to our gardens would like additional help. If you are interested, please call Denise Short at 419-438-3711.

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**FOR SALE** - The round & rectangle tables in the Parish Hall are for sale for \$15.00 each. New, much lighter tables have been ordered and will be more user friendly when setting up for events. They need to be picked up by ASAP so that we may be ready for upcoming events. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

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**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS** - to take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Maumee on Mon., May 4 at 7:00 pm. The evening will be led by Fr. Joseph Mominee and sacred music will be provided by a Men's Schola Group. We hope for a good turnout for this gathering.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., May 3** First Communion at 10:30 Mass  
SAY 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Thurs., May 7** SAS Advisory Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., May 8** SAS May Crowning at 8:45 Mass
- Sat., May 9** Confessions 3:30 p.m.  
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., May 10** May Crowning at 10:30 Mass  
No SAY

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	3,908.00
On-Line	\$	2,515.00
School	\$	238.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	331,678.37

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**

- Janet A. Creager (91) - 5/5/23
- John F. Hoeffel (89) - 5/6/01
- Wilbur Schmiesing - 5/8/01
- Evelyn M. Rastocan (79) - 5/9/03
- Barbara A. Kolbe (82) - 5/9/05
- Pauline A. Reese (88) - 5/9/06
- Joan G. Ingle (82) - 5/10/10

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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**WEDDING BLESSINGS** - We would like to offer our congratulations and best wishes to Gracie Brown and Abram Shiningner who were married here this weekend. May they enjoy a long, faith-filled life together.

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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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 5/5 - Jeff Burkhardt, Laena Gilliland, Dawn Lane
- 5/6 - Gaia Patino, Joseph Taylor
- 5/7 - Yolanda Monnin, Charles Morris, Mary Wilson
- 5/8 - Rachel Finley-Dunn, Nataliya Sifuentes, Bennett Westhoven
- 5/9 - Chico Arroyo, Kasey Dick
- 5/10 - Gregory Keller, Lori Nye, Faith-Ann Ruiz-Piasecki

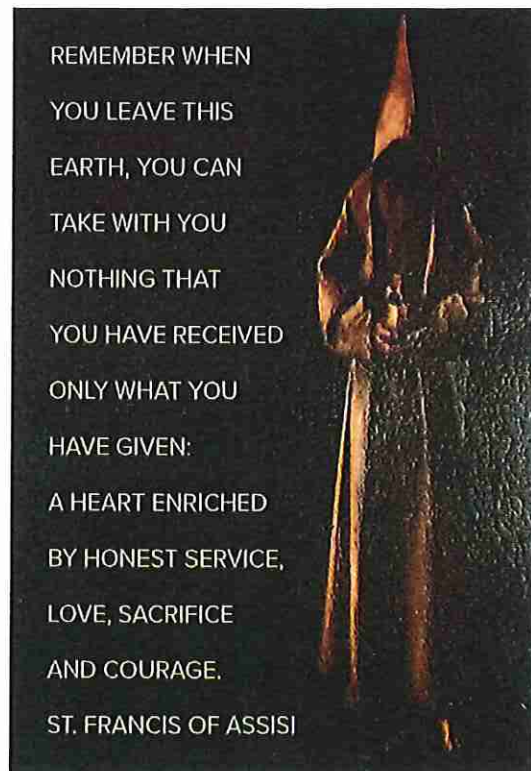
**FROM THE SCHOOL**

Thank you for your support of our 27th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction. Because of your kindness, this year's event was a wonderful success, raising just over \$43,000 to help sustain and strengthen our school. We are truly blessed by your generosity and the care you show for our mission. This fundraiser goes far beyond providing dollars; it helps create a nurturing, faith-filled environment where our students can learn, grow, and thrive. Because of you, we provide opportunities and resources that truly enrich the lives of our students and staff. Please know how grateful we are for your continued support. You are an essential part of the St. Augustine Catholic School family, and we are thankful for the role you play in making Catholic education accessible to all in our community! I would like to say a special "Thank You" to our families who purchased books for our students, classrooms, and School Library at our Book Fair last weekend! We are truly grateful for your generosity and appreciate it very much. St. Augustine Catholic School is seeking a summer employee to assist our maintenance and custodial departments. This part-time position offers 16 hours per week during the summer months. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the school office at 419-592-3641 for more information.

Blessings to your family,  
Ginny Minnick, Principal

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*This card was on Fr. Jerry's nightstand along with a lamp. Nothing else...this speaks volumes of who he was to us.*



**RECTORY REFRESH** - It is very, very unusual that time is given to refresh a rectory making way for our newly assigned priest and we need to take advantage of this opportunity. Many items behind the scenes have already been accomplished, but there is still more to do. We are in need of the following: handrails, repair of a hole in the wall, painting the basement stairs and at the bottom of steps, painting trim on outside windows, painting of front porch floor. Contact Laurie in the Parish Office if you can lend a hand or make a donation.

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