

Welcome To St. Augustine Catholic Church

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Rev. Michael Geiger 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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Youth Minister Regina Fritsch

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St. Vincent de Paul Society 419-592-0438



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

ANOIDING 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

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Rev. Mike Geiger
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 Vacant

Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, July 25, 2026 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Karen Westhoven
 Servers: Volunteers (2)
 Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Volunteers (4)
 Min. of Com.: Paul Martin, Sue Urban

Sunday, July 26, 2026 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Gene Grime
 Servers: Emily Flowers, Bennett Westhoven
 Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Benton Collins,
 Min. of Com.: Judy Wiles, Volunteers (2)
 Ushers: Jeff and Jodi Stover

Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Regina Fritsch
 Servers: Henry and Will Roth, Volunteer
 Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Joe Keller,
 Min. of Com.: Mark Meyer, Brenda Piasecki,
 Cheri Schuette
 Ushers: Chad Roth, Volunteer

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 18, 2026

4:30 p.m. - Lynn Speiser

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:00 a.m. - Norbert Lisak

10:30 a.m. - Dick Denny

Monday, July 20, 2026

No Service

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

6:00 p.m. - Praxides Somoza

Thursday, July 23, 2026

8:45 a.m. - Mary Lucius

Friday, July 24, 2026

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Saturday, July 25, 2026

4:30 p.m. - Ernie Tobias

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:00 a.m. - Earl and Victoria Austermiller

10:30 a.m. - Dr. Rey Soriano and Camille Camacho

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of July 20, 2026

Nursing Home/Homebound: Jane Conry

Tellers: July 27, 2026 – Andy Driskel, Phil Parsons,

Chris Peddicord, Joanne Westhoven

Are you 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!

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

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MIKE

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

My Dear Friends in Christ:



Last Sunday's parable of the Sower and the Seed offered a very *optimistic* teaching – just sow the seeds of God's word, without worrying about where those seeds land, and trust God with the results. And when we do this, some of the seeds that you plant will bear much fruit. But Jesus follows that optimistic parable up with today's parable, which can be described as a bit *pessimistic*, or at the very least - *realistic*, depending on how you look at it. But either way, it points out that whenever we are trying to sow the seeds of faith, mercy, and God's word, there will always be some degree of resistance, temptation, and challenge along the way.

But Jesus adds a surprising detail to the parable: an enemy comes in the middle of the night and for no apparent reason other than just being evil, sows bad seed among the good. And with this we are reminded of a simple yet perplexing truth about life: Our earthly journey will be filled with both good and evil. We are imperfect people living in an imperfect world. There's much in our nation that is heroic, and much that is tragic. Our government and community officials often do noble deeds, and also can be capable of scandalous ones as well. Members of the Church--ordained and lay people alike, conduct themselves in ways that are holy and virtuous, and at times, profane and ungodly.

In our own families, often we are respectful and loving, yet other times selfish and hateful. And if we are able to be honest with ourselves, we can admit we struggle with both virtue and vice deep within our hearts. Everywhere we look we find this admixture of evil and goodness. Yes, it's a challenging, and at times, a brutal world in which we live. But far greater than any evil, it is a beautiful world that has been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.

A wise spiritual director once told me something simple that I often repeat: *in this earthly journey, we must remember to focus on the "what is" in our lives, rather than be anxious worrying about the "what isn't" in our lives. Focusing on the "what isn't" will only lead us down a path of anxiety, ingratitude, and even, jealousy.*

Today, let us ask our merciful Lord to give us the great and strength to see the glory and beauty of our imperfect world, and focus not on the weeds, but rather, the wheat! **THANK YOU** to all who attended our Parish Picnic last Sunday – what an amazing welcome and it was so special to see parishioners of all ages enjoying the time together!

It is a joy and blessing to serve you as your Pastor,

Fr. Michael
+ JMJ+

"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

- St. Pope John Paul II

Save the Date

September 2026

TurtleFest - 18th, 19th

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 or call 419-481-1116.



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.

JEWELRY CASE AVAILABLE - If you are interested in this item, it is available in the parish hall for a free will offering. Contact the office if you are interested.

CYO Cross Country - We are excited to share that St. Augustine will offer Cross Country this fall! Kindergarten - 8th graders attending the St. Augustine Parish Religion Program or attending St. Augustine School and are in good academic standing are eligible to participate. Practices will start mid-August. For more information on CYO Cross Country, please visit:

<https://toledodiocese.org/cross-country>

If you have any questions, please contact

Megan Batt @ (419) 572-0267
or dbatt4@roadrunner.com.

There is a parent's meeting scheduled for Mon., July 20 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

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. 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.

Remember St. Augustine Parish in your estate planning

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

St. Augustine Sainthood Seekers (SASS)
Middle School Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

- Sun., July 26th - SAY**
Join us for the 10:30 Mass followed by pancakes and bible study in the Ministry Center.
- Wed., July 22nd - SAY & SASS**
Heavenly Scoops! Join us for ice cream and card games inside Sweet Dream Ice Cream at 6:45pm

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

SAY
10:30 SUNDAY MASS FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST + BIBLE STUDY
JULY 26TH AUG 2ND

SASS + SAY
"HEAVENLY SCOOPS"
ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT SWEET DREAMS
ICE CREAM ON WEDNESDAYS AT 6:45PM
JULY 8TH + 22ND AUG 5TH

ST. AUGUSTINE YOUTH GROUPS
SAY - HIGH SCHOOL SASS - MIDDLE SCHOOL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., July 19 St. Vincent de Paul Collection
 Tues., July 21 Men's Holy Hour 7:30 p.m.
 Sat., July 25 Mom's Morning Circle 9:00-11:30 a.m.
 Confessions 3:30 p.m.
 Rosary 3:55 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
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Sunday Collection	\$	4,775.00
On-Line	\$	1,927.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	75.00
School	\$	113.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	16,227.00

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

Loretta Zenz (83) - 7/21/01

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.

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.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION AND MASS FOR VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - to take place on Fri., Aug. 14 at 9:00 pm at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. The faithful are invited to gather for a beautiful evening of prayer and celebration. The candlelight Rosary procession to the Shrine Park will be immediately followed by the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, will be the principal celebrant. The event is expected to draw thousands of pilgrims as the Church celebrates the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis and the Friars of Our Lady of Consolation commemorate their 100th anniversary as a Province.

Stewardship is a way to thank God for blessing you with special gifts

FROM THE SCHOOL

With a heart filled with gratitude, I would like to thank our St. Augustine Parish and School communities for supporting Hawks Community Day on Saturday, July 11th. I would also like to specially thank Hawks Pizza and Drive-Thru for their continued support!

Become a Saint!

St. Augustine Catholic School serves students from Pre-school through 8th Grade, offering small class sizes and dedicated, licensed teachers who provide a safe and strong faith-based academic experience. In addition to our excellent academic and spiritual formation, we offer affordable on-site Before-Care beginning at 7:00 am and After-Care available until 6:00 pm. Scholarships are available for every student, and we offer multiple financial aid opportunities.

Our Full Day Preschool Program has openings in the 3-year-old class (Tuesday & Thursday) and the 4 and 5-year-old class either Monday, Wednesday, & Friday or Monday through Friday. Children who were born before September 30, 2021, are eligible to enroll in our Kindergarten program. Thank you for considering St. Augustine Catholic School and investing in your child's academic and faith-filled future.

Blessings to your family,
 Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/20 - Hudson Borstelman, Hannah Einhorn,
 Maria Pullen, Jamie Rondini
 7/22 - Dominic Corbitt, Paul Tejkl-Bauman
 7/23 - Lisa Reiser
 7/24 - Lilian Cramer, Oliver Frey, Rebecca Hilvers,
 Brent Kryling, Blayne Rivera
 7/25 - Kaylin Barton, Jakson Creager, Vera Davis,
 Catherine Majewski, Ezekiel Mazur,
 Donna Small, Evan Storch, Michele Weirich
 7/26 - Analuisa De la Roca, Josie Irving,
 Alexander Myles, Jacob Spurgeon, Justin Wulf

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal is now underway and our parish goal is \$27,775.46. We are currently at 43%. 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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