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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please call the Parish Office to register and be sure to introduce yourself to Father Mike after Mass!

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Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, October 31, 2026 **4:30 p.m.**

Lector:	Jared Denman
Servers:	Ben and Kate Irving
Extraordinary Min. of Com.:	Deacon Jon Gottron, Ginny Bauer, Steven Reiser, Mary Steingass, **Volunteer**
Ushers:	Ed and Brigida Somoza

Sunday, November 1, 2026 **8:00 a.m.**

Lector:	Rita Small
Servers:	Emily Flowers, Cole Wagner
Extraordinary Min. of Com.:	Mike, Morgan, Jacob, Miya and Noah Weber
Ushers:	John and Jan Stover

Sunday, November 1, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

Lector:	Becky Hilvers
Servers:	Santi Funes, Apollonia and Santino Schindley
Extraordinary Min. of Com.:	Deacon John Gottron, Doug Burgei, Joe Keller, Mark Meyer, Lori Siclair
Ushers:	Jeff Burkhart, Larry Hilvers

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of October 26, 2026
Nursing Home/Homebound: Jane Conry

Remember St. Augustine Parish in your estate planning

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 24, 2026
4:30 p.m. – Tom Grabowski
Sunday, October 25, 2026
8:00 a.m. – Mary Lisak
10:30 a.m. – Ernie Etoll
Monday, October 26, 2026
No Mass
Tuesday, October 27, 2026
8:45 a.m. – Mass
Wednesday, October 28, 2026
6:00 p.m. – Monsignor Ken Morman
Thursday, October 29, 2026
8:45 a.m. – Mass
Friday, October 30, 2026
8:45 a.m. – School Mass
Saturday, October 31, 2026 (Memorial Mass)
4:30 p.m. – Marian Parsons
Sunday, November 1, 2026 (All Saints Day)
8:00 a.m. – David Donnelly
10:30 a.m. – Carol Hoeffel
1:00 p.m. – Spanish Mass
Monday, November 2, 2026 (All Souls' Day)
9:00 a.m. – Mass

Tellers: November 2, 2026 – Viv Dominique, Chris Peddicord, Tim Speiser, Jan Westhoven

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MIKE

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time



We all could probably recite by memory the **"Greatest Commandment"** to love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. But do we also recite it with our lives? Do we put our words into action?

It is easy to love others and follow this commandment of love when the person makes it easy. But what about loving the person who does not make it so simple or easy for us to love? That person at work who always rubs us the wrong way, the family member who believes they are an expert on everything, the friend who seems to always have to "one-up" us no matter what we say - or that person who seems too strange to get to know – do we authentically love such as these?

True love looks past the finite, and sees the infinite. In other words, true love seeks to look beyond the exterior and see the interior of every human person – the fact that we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

Next Saturday, October 31st at the 4:30 pm Mass, we will have our **All Souls' Day Commemoration**. We invite family members of those deceased parishioners whose funerals we celebrated since last All Soul's Day to join us. After the Mass, our Knights of Columbus will prepare a delicious meal for these family members. It is a wonderful way that we as a parish community care for each other, pray for each other, and comfort each other in the gift of faith.

Next Sunday, November 1st is the powerful Solemnity of All Saints' where we ask all the Saints to intercede and pray for us. Aside from Easter, Christmas, this is one of the highest Solemnities of the Church.

Monday, November 2nd is the actual date of **All Souls' Day**, and we will commemorate this day with a **special Mass here at St. Augustine at 9:00 am**. Although this day is not a holy day of obligation, it is important that we commemorate this day with Holy Mass. One of the most powerful things we can do for our dead is to pray for them and pray for those souls in Purgatory.

For these souls and for all those we have loved and lost we pray: **"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen."** For the family members and friends who remain we pray that the **"Lord Jesus will gently wipe every tear from their eyes, and hold them in His tender care and mercy."**

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

Fr. Michael
+ JMJ +

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THE CALL

JOSHUA HORVATH

2026

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Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE
Matthew 9:9

HOW I RELAX
Playing the organ & sewing vestments.

FAVORITE FOOD
Steak fettuccine alfredo.

FAVORITE SAINT
St. Thérèse of Lisieux because her intercession was instrumental in helping me discern going to seminary.

Diocese of Toledo

Save the Date

November 2026

All Souls' Day Mass – 2nd, 9:00 am

December 2026

Christmas House – 4th, 5th, 6th

TURTLEFEST NEWS

Please return your H-wires to the back of church or to the parish office.

PARISH MISSION - to take place on Sun., Oct. 25 an Mon., Oct. 26 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Caspar Parish, Wauseon. Jon Leonetti will speak on "Who is God and Why Does It Matter" and "God's Dream for Your Life."

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DEDICATION OF THE ALTAR AND BLESSING OF THE CATHEDRAL - the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo are invited to gather for a historic celebration at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Sun., Nov. 1 at 3:00 pm.** Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate the Order of the Dedication of an Altar and Blessing of the Restored Cathedral. The celebration takes place on All Saints Day which will mark the culmination of restoration at the mother church of the Toledo Diocese.

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BECOME ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF MONICAS - One Hour, One Purpose, Our Children - Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church. Join us at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Bryan from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month. For more information visit **www.millionsofmonicas.com**

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ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT - come join us on Sat., Oct. 31, 11 am - 1 pm. Open to all parish families! Trunk set-up will begin at 10:30 am in the parking lot with kids trick-or-treating at 11 am. At 11:30, we'll shift to the school gym for food and fun! Please scan the QR code here to sign up to attend and/or bring a food item to share! Call or text Cynthia Westhoven 219-928-6093 with any questions. See you then!

Youth Ministry

Providing a space for our youth to encounter and grow in relationship with our Lord and Christ centered relationships

Saint Augie's Youth – High School Youth Group

St. Augustine Sainthood Seekers – Middle School Youth Group

St. Augie's Youth (SAY) *High School Youth Group*

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

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

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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.



We are in search of people to help in organizing the Christmas cookie making for Christmas House.

This is the last year we will have Amy Morman as our cookie organizer. she would love to pass her knowledge on to those wanting to keep the cookie making tradition alive. She has agreed to guide & assist those this year stepping up to take over the role. We ask you to pray & consider this, so the cookies are available for years to come. Please reach out to Laurie Nahrwold (309.361.1594) or contact Laurie Brubaker at the church office (419.592.7656).

Your ACA Gifts Are Forming Our Future Priests
This fall, 20 Diocese of Toledo seminarians are preparing for the priesthood, including nine men beginning formation - the Diocese's largest single-year increase in more than 20 years! Their education and formation is made possible in part through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gifts help prepare the priests who will one day celebrate the sacraments, preach the Gospel and serve parishes throughout the Diocese of Toledo. Learn more at **https://www.acatoledo.org**. Thank you for supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal and the future of our Church!

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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 55%. 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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MASS FOR LIFE AND EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION - to take place on Sat., Oct. 31 at 8:45 am at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Toledo. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will preside at Mass. Following the Mass, there will be a 1.5 mile Eucharistic Procession to the Toledo abortion center.

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HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - You are invited to join in prayer for an increase in vocations at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 104 W. Broadway St., Maumee, on Mon., Nov. 9 at 7:00 pm. Rev. Peter Grodi, the Associate Director of the Office for Diocesan Vocations will lead the prayer and reflect. Sacred music will be provided by the Men's Scola Group.

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BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU! -The Red Cross would like to thank those that helped change lives by giving blood this past Tuesday. 33 units were collected, with 3 power reds.!! We hit 103.1% of our goal!!!! A big thank you to the following volunteers: Donor Registrar - Shirley Niese Grabowski; Cantina - Melody Hoffman & Joanne Westhoven; Soup Chefs - Dave Steingass & Shirley Niese Grabowski; Cookie Bakers - Mary Gunter, Phil Parsons & Judy Wiles. Your time & talent was very much appreciated!!! We are one of the very few organizations that still host a homemade Cantina!!!
Blood Program Leader, Laurie Brubaker

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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.

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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.

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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.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN is underway in the Toledo Diocese. For the next 40 days (through Nov. 1), you are invited to pray, fast and peacefully witness for life.

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THE BISHOP'S CORNER - Do you watch or listen to The Bishop's Corner? Don't miss the weekly show where Bishop Thomas answers questions from the Faithful, gives a gospel reflection, and talks about the upcoming events on his calendar and around the diocese.

Listen: **Annunciation Radio,** Thursday at 4:30pm, Friday at 11:00am and Saturday at 12:00pm
Holy Family Radio, Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30pm, Saturday at 5:30am and 4:30pm and Sunday at 5:30am.

Watch: **youtube.com/ToledoDiocese** or **facebook.com/bishopdethomas**. Send in your questions on the Catholic faith, diocesan news and events or anything you'd like to ask Bishop Thomas.

Visit **annunciationradio.com/bishops-corner.html** or email **bishop@annunciationradio.com**

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.., Oct. 25 Family Catechesis Sacrament Classes 9:00 - 10:15 am
Confirmation Commitment at 10:30 Mass
Donut Sunday after 10:30 Mass
Tues., Oct. 27 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed., Oct. 28 Confessions 5:00 pm
OCIA 6:45 pm
Sat., Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Confessions 3:30 pm
Rosary 3:55 pm
Sun., Nov. 1 Family Catechesis Parent and Children Classes 9:00 - 10:15 am

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

PARISH OFFERTORY – October 17 - 18

Sunday Collection	$	4,535.00
On-Line	$	2,334.00
School	$	193.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	$	134,308.54

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

Norman C. Niese (62) – 10/28/03
Helen Baatz (79) – 10/28/11
Lucille M. Grieser (90) – 10/28/19
Barry Lemon (69) – 10/30/09
Virginia Shafer (90) – 10/30/09
David L. Donnelly (69) – 11/1/21

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 offer our heartfelt sympathy to the following: to Christy and Doug Burgei following the death of Christy's brother, Stan Sibert, and to the family of Paula Brown, a former parishioner. May Stan and Paula now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

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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 or contact D.J. Batt text 419-769-0176.

FROM THE SCHOOL

We hope you and your family will join us for our 12th Annual St. Augustine Parish Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31st , from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm! All parish families are welcome! Decorating a trunk and handing out treats? Please arrive at the school parking lot beginning at 10:30 am to get set up. For our children's safety, we will close all parking lot entrances at 11:00 am. The fun continues at 11:30 am as we head inside the school gym for food, fun, and fellowship!

A huge thank-you to our amazing St. Augustine Catholic School Parents Club for sponsoring this wonderful event and bringing our parish community together. We are so grateful for all they do! We can't wait to see everyone for an afternoon filled with treats, smiles, and Halloween fun!

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/26 - John Howe, Jean Miller, Joseph Morris, Kellen Nemire
10/27 - Alyssa Giesige, Maria Guerara, Jordan Kretz, Christian Paguaga Zambrana, Tran Pollock, Caitlin Rippee
10/28 - Jenell Denman, Alex Small
10/29 - Benjamin Banta, Gregg Heinrichs, Hannah Huddle, James Motycka, Melisa Rieger, Alesha Switzer
10/30 - Halee Doud, Vince Fisher, Deacon Jon Gottron, Anthony Grieser
10/31 - James Brink, William Gilson, Gina Lantz, Stephanie Robson, Cynthia Westhoven
11/1 - Jacob Weber

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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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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!

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