

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

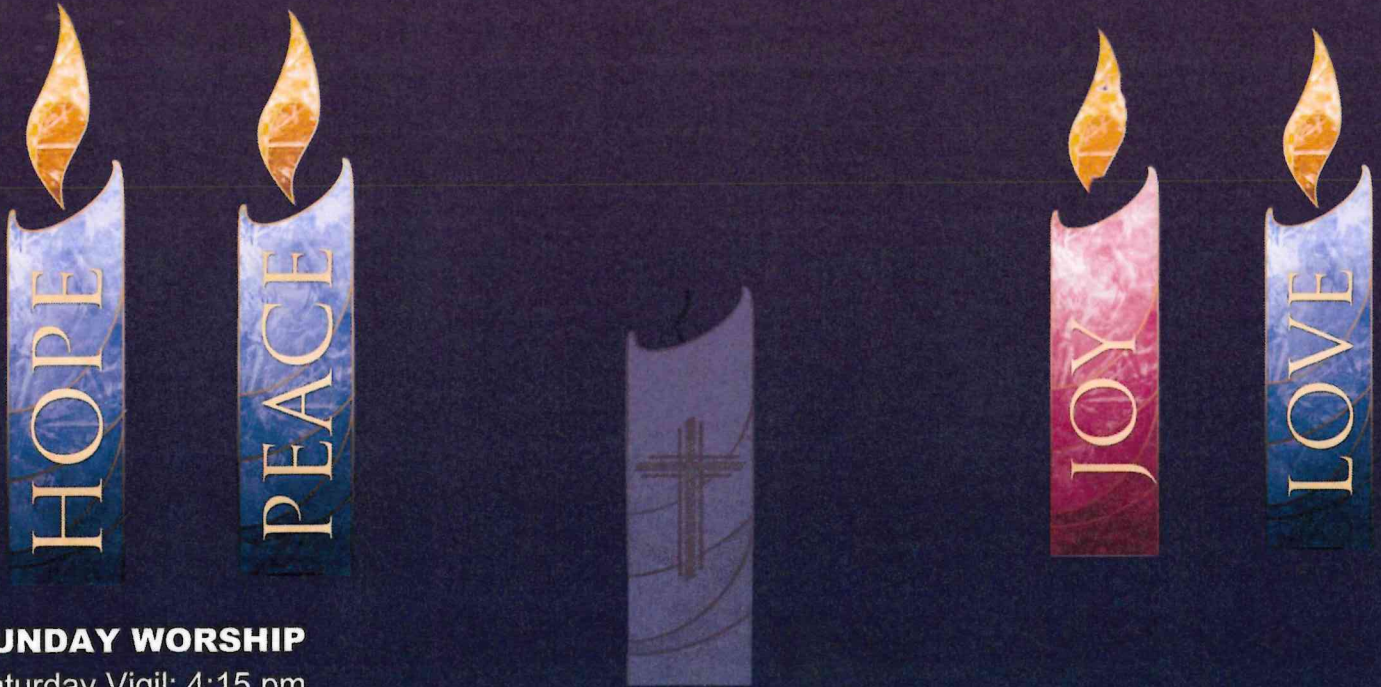
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December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

All Masses are Interpreted for the Deaf

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday: 5:30 pm

Civic Holidays: 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

Monday – Saturday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Call the parish office to prepare for sacraments such as baptisms, weddings, first communion and confirmation.

Welcome!

We are "A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart"



Welcome to St. Augustine!

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or spirituality, or marital situation. No matter your own self-image or holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Augustine Parish.

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Loving God,

For all who feel on the margins,

But who are at the center of your heart,

We ask you to open our hearts.

Help us to become a church and a nation where:

All lives have dignity,

All people are loved,

And all are welcome!

Amen

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8n-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday | Nativity of the Lord

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1,6,11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; ps 98:1-6, Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday | St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3c-4, 6, 8a, 16b-17; Mt 10:17-22

Friday | St. John

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday | The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6; 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;

Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn

3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Prayers and Offertory

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or email ministry@StAugustineCleveland.org to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for 6 weeks. Please let us know if this time period needs to be extended. We want to know how you are doing and want to offer you the support of our prayers.

Pat Abraham	Dorothy Barr	Joel Barr	Doug Church	Patti Cook
Mary Ann Crolley	Ilona Cykman	Ellen Ferrari	Mike Furey	John Garneau
Susan Grieken	Kathy Kohout	Ella McGowan	Fr. Joe McNulty	Nora Orozco
Shirley Patterson	Bridget Patton	Mike Perciado	Brian Pfeiffer	Sheila Rock
Andrea Slosar	Richard Slosar	Mary Smith	Norma Turner	Nancy Van Gieson

And for all those who are ill, home-bound, elderly, in nursing care, living with a chronic illness, or living on the margins, we pray.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21

4:15 pm Parishioners of St. Augustine Parish

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am † Arthur Parham
11:00 am † Pasquale Caniglia

Monday, December 23

5:30 pm Special Intention

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Augustine Parish
9:00 pm Parishioners of St. Augustine Parish

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am † Skip McKenna

Thursday, December 26

5:30 pm † Burt and Anne Ody

Friday, December 27

5:30 pm † Curt Treska

Saturday, December 28

4:15 pm † Rosemary Roberts

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am † Helen Hauser
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Augustine Parish

† Deceased

Offertory—

December 14th and December 15th

Regular Collection	\$2,352.81
E-Giving	\$ 200.00

Total Collection \$2,552.81

Counter Team B is scheduled for Monday

Pope Francis'

December Prayer Intention

For pilgrims of hope



We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day.
Amen.

Prayer Intention / Remembrance Book - An Intention Book is available in the front left corner of the church by the ramp for parishioners and guests to anonymously enter their Prayer Requests and Intentions.

Donate online

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in your weekly contribution to St. Augustine Parish. Your kindness and support enable us to provide for the needs of our parish and community.

Please consider our Parish's E-giving option through PayPal. It is easy and secure. Visit our parish website, www.StAugustineCleveland.org and click donate.

Thank you for your financial support.



Love Without Measure...

There is a medieval legend that when we come to the gates of heaven, each one of us, will have to answer two questions. And because an incorrect answer to these questions could be devastating. It is good that we review them now so that we might be prepared. As we walk up to the heavenly gates the first question that will be asked of us is this: "Have you come alone?" If we were to answer yes to that question, the second question follows: "How could you?"

It is a major misconception of our faith to think that we come to God alone. God has made us connected to one another. We depend on other people to find our way to God, and we have a responsibility to help others find their way. There is no solitary way to heaven. If we are going to be saved, we are saved together.

This is what makes today's gospel both unique and essential. In today's gospel, Mary comes to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Now there is no miracle in this story. The miracles happen a few verses earlier, where Elizabeth conceives in her old age and Mary conceives by the Holy Spirit. What happens in the story of the Visitation is that Mary and Elizabeth celebrate their connectedness to each other. Mary comes to help Elizabeth in the last months of her pregnancy and Elizabeth recognizes Mary's gift and calls her blessed for being the mother of the Savior. These two women come together so that they can share their questions and their doubts in confidence, so that they can celebrate the wonder and the anticipation which both of them feel. The two women come together in order to affirm one another's faith, to help each other on their way to God.

The story of the Visitation is both a description and an example of our connectedness to one another. Moreover, it points to that connectedness in a particular way. We are, of course, related in some way to all people. But the first person that Mary seeks out after being made the mother of the Savior, is her cousin, a member of her own family. In a particular way, the story of the Visitation reminds us of our connectedness to those who are closest to us, to the members of our own family.

This is a particularly helpful reminder during the holiday season. We all know that Christmas allows us to reach out in new ways to a variety of people. We can give our time and donations to those in need. We can greet the stranger on the street with a holiday smile. But the story of the Visitation asks us to be attentive to the people who have to bear the impatience and the frustration that we feel as we cope with the holidays. The Visitation asks us to love them first, to treat the people in our own household with kindness and with respect.

Today we are invited to look over our immediate and extended family. Is there someone who is struggling with illness, financial insecurity, addiction, divorce, grief over the death of a loved one? If so, we should resolve to take some time in the upcoming days to contact that person and offer them words of support. If there bad will between us and someone in our family? The Story of the Visitation invites us to pray and to think whether this season could open a door to reconciliation, whether there is a step we could take that would move the relationship towards healing. There would be no better way to celebrate Christ's birth.

Today's gospel asks us to look at the people within our own households. With all the hectic preparation for the holidays, we should find a few moments in which we can affirm them, express our thanks to them, offer our love. This season is not primarily about gifts and foods and traditions. This season is about the gift that God has given us in the people with whom we share our lives, in our connectedness to them.

Like Mary and Elizabeth, we should recognize and celebrate our connectedness to one another. No one of us wants to arrive at the gates of heaven alone. Reach out today to members of your own family, so that you can continue on your journey to God together.

Fr. Bill

Around the Parish



Holiday Office Hours



The Parish Office will be close at 12 Noon on Tuesday, December 24th. The Office will remain closed Wednesday, December 25th through Friday, December 27th. We will re-open at 9 AM on Saturday, December 28th and will close at 2 pm.

The Office will again be close at 12 Noon on Tuesday, December 31st. The Office will remain closed Wednesday, January 1st through Friday, January 3rd. We will re-open at 9 AM on Saturday, January 4th.

Christmas Eve 4pm Mass Practice

This year, we are looking for children who are willing to help out at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. Any children interested in assisting at this Mass by being part of the signing choir, reading the petitions or readings, helping set up the Nativity Scene, or altar serving are invited to a practice at 10am in the church on Monday, December 23! Parents are invited to stay and help out with the practice. Lunch will be provided, and we look forward to giving the young members of our community some time to shine and help out!

Eucharistic Minister Orientation

All current Eucharistic Ministers, please attend ONE of the following orientations in the new year: Saturday, January 4th at 5:30 pm, Sunday, January 5th at 9:45 am, or Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30 pm. All sessions will take place in the church and will be interpreted.

We at St. Augustine have not had a meeting of Eucharistic ministers since Covid, and a lot has changed! These orientations are to make sure that everyone is on the same page on the way to minister at our parish. This will also be a great opportunity to ask questions and to meet ministers from other Masses. If you cannot make any of these meetings, please email Aaron.t.calton@gmail.com. We look forward to learning together!

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?

We invite you to learn what the Church teaches and to ask questions about the Catholic faith or to inquire about the process of becoming Catholic. There is also formation available for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Catholic adults who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist, but were never confirmed. For more information please call (216) 781-5530 or send an email to info@staugustinecleveland.org.

Faith Formation

"May Christ be born in you!"

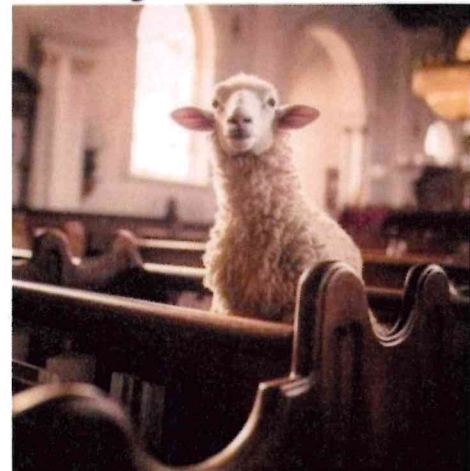
Sue Monk Kidd in her book *From When the Heart Waits* writes about her visit to a monastery around Christmas years ago. She passed a monk walking outside the church and said "Merry Christmas." And the monk replied, "May Christ be born in you." At the time, Ms. Kidd thought that this was a very peculiar greeting. But she never forgot it. And, with time, she came to realize the power of that simple greeting: "May Christ be born in you." When Christ dwells within, there is peace. Pope St. John Paul II, in his Angelus message of December 19, 1999, explained that Christmas is not simply the remembrance of the Event that took place 2000 years ago when, according to the Gospel, the power of God took on the frailty of a baby. It is really about a living reality that is repeated every year in the heart of believers. "The mystery of the Holy Night, which historically happened two thousand years ago, must be lived as a spiritual event in the 'today' of the Liturgy," the Pope clarified. "The Word who found a dwelling in Mary's womb comes to knock on the heart of every person . . ." (5) Bethlehem reminds us that God is with us in the person of Jesus Christ.



On the Lighter Side



Forget Elf on the Shelf



Jesus wants Ewe in a Pew

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf invites you to their Advent reflection on Sunday, December 22nd (Topic: "Stories of Angels of Love") from 10 am until 10:45 am. The reflection will be lead by Kate Slosar and Jeannie Rawlings.



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

This week at St. Augustine

Christmas Eve Mass:

4 PM (Celebrant Fr. Ben)
8:45 PM Prelude Music
9 PM* (Celebrant Fr. Bill)

Christmas Day Mass:

10 AM (Celebrant Fr. Ben)



January 1, 2025

Mary Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass: New Year's Eve

5:30 PM (Celebrant Fr. Bill)

New Year's Day

10:00 AM* (Celebrant Fr. Ben)
(No 5:30 PM Mass or Rosary)

All Masses will be interpreted for the Deaf

*Live-Streamed

Monday, December 23, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass- (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh Hall)
4:00 pm: Mass (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)
9:00 pm: Mass (Church)

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

10:00 am: Mass

Thursday, December 26, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Friday, December 27, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, December 28, 2024

11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet
4:15 pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:30 am: Mass (Church)
9:45 am -10:45 am: PSR (School Building)
11:00 am: Mass (Church)

December 21 st & 22 nd	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Theresa Fallon	Fran DiDonato	Jeannie Rawlings Lin Janson
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Migdalia Santiago-White Calvin White	Joe Lewandowski David Murray	Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA Karen Halupnik Frank Scialabba
December 24 th & 25 th	Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM	Christmas Eve: 9:00 pm	Christmas Day: 10 am
Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
Lectors	Dace Dyllyn	Tom Smith Kathy Payne	Pat Takacs
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Julia DePenti Magdaleno Rivera	Jeannie Rawlings Maria Rivera	Maria Boyer Kathy Yarmock
December 28 th & 29 th	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
Lectors	Rick Toth	Joe Lewandowski	Kate Slosar Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Theresa Fallon Lin Janson Magdaleno Rivera	Robin McMarlin Rob Owens Debbie Sollars	Aaron Calton Jeannie Rawlings