THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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AUGUSTINE



September 22, 2024 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name. receives me." Mark 9:35b-37a

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 - 4:00 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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YouTube: @staugustinechurch9835

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 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Monday | St. Pius of Pietrelcina, "Padre Pio", Priest Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5, Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163: Lk 9:1-6

Thursday | Saints Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:7-9

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Friday | St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday | St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29, Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 Char Augustine
Ilona Cykman Ellen Ferrari
Susan Grieken Michael Hogan
Fr. Joe McNulty Nora Orozco
Sheila Rock Andrea Slosar
Norma Turner Nancy Van Gieson

Dorothy Barr Andrew Finamore Irene Kingery Bridget Patton Richard Slosar Joel Barr Mike Furey Kathy Kohout Mike Perciado Mary Smith Patti Cook John Garneau Ella McGowan Brian Pfeiffer Nora Thomas

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, September 21

4:15 pm † Christine Hill, Dorothy Hill and Kenneth Hill

Sunday, September 22

8:30 am † Pat Hagerich 11:00 am † Beth Tirpak

Monday, September 23

5:30 pm † William Anderson

Wednesday, September 25

5:30 pm † Steven Dulik

Thursday, September 26

5:30 pm † Nancy Klinger

Friday, September 27

5:30 pm † Herbert Sponholtz

Saturday, September 28

4:15 pm † Bob Bencic

Sunday, September 22

8:30 am † Ken Aufmuth 11:00 am † Margaret Schmidt

† Deceased

Offertory— September 14th and 15th

Regular Collection \$1,508.46 E-Giving \$200.00 Building/Renovation \$10.00

Total Collection \$1,718.46



For the Cry of the Earth



We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

"Jesus knows we are sinners; he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need the Eucharist, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners. This is why he exhorts us:

"Do not be afraid! Take and eat."

~Pope Francis

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.StAugsutineCleveland.org and click donate.

Thank you for your financial support.

Love Without Measure...

I was running late, very late. I had an appointment to anoint a parishioner who was in the final days of his life. His family was already gathered around his bedside. I was stuck in traffic on I 75. When I finally arrived at the nursing home, I parked my car and began to make my way quickly through the lobby. About halfway across I say an elderly woman on the other side of the lobby standing with a walker. She was waving at me. I did not know the woman, but she saw my collar and she was obviously anxious to talk with me. "Father, Father!" she cried, "What parish are you from?" I could see that she seemed somewhat confused, and although she wanted to talk with me, I had people waiting on me. "Saint Henry, God Bless you." And I quickly ran down the hall to the family waiting on me.

It was only after the anointing, as I got back into my car, that I thought of the woman and how I had treated her. I was disturbed and uncomfortable with my behavior. At first, I could not figure out why. I had people waiting and I was late. And I then realized that I should have stopped and given the woman a moment. If anything Pope Francis inspires by his example is a concern for the least among us. I seem to have all the right words but when it comes to action or application I fall short.

The hallmark of Francis' ministry as pope is that he not only speaks to kings and presidents, but he stops to speak to the poor, the imprisoned, and those struggling to find their way. In doing this he is following the example of Jesus in today's gospel. When Jesus tells us that if we wish to be the first we must become last, he is not saying that a homeless person is of more value than a billionaire. But he is telling us that a homeless person deserves our time and attention just as much as someone whom society admires. When Jesus takes a vulnerable child and embraces it in the midst of his disciples, he is not saying that the most vulnerable among us are worth more than we are but is saying that our standing in his eye is tied to the way we treat the last among us.

Who is the least in your family? Who is the person others dismiss or ignore? Jesus is telling us that if we wish to be his disciples, we must somehow appreciate the value and worth of that person. Who is the least in your relationships, the person who has hurt you or spoken against you. Jesus is telling us that he measures our relationship to him, in light of, our willingness to be reconciled to that person. Who is the most vulnerable in our society, the malnourished, the unborn, the immigrant, the imprisoned, perhaps today we might mention the Haitian people? Jesus is telling us that our nation will be judged by its willingness to serve the most vulnerable, the least among us.

What does our present political environment say about us? Continue to pray for the people of Springfield.

Several days ago, Aldo Fierro, our finance manager informed me that he would be leaving us to pursue other vocational goals. I was surprised but given Aldo's skills and knowledge I can fully understand his desire to take another step in his career goals. Aldo has made a lasting contribution to Saint Augustine in organizing our financial house. For the first time in many years, we passed the tri-annual audit performed by the Diocese of Cleveland. Given the many challenges we faced in sorting out our financial history this accomplishment was a near miracle. The auditor from the diocese made that comment in praising Aldo's work. In reviewing the finances of this year's Rainbow Camp, I can report that this may very well be the first time we ended the camp in the black with money to spare for next year. These are only two examples of Aldo's professional skill. We will miss him. Aldo, in the name of Saint Augustine Parish, Thank you and Good Luck. Aldo will be leaving us at the end of the month.

Around the Parish

St. Augustine Signing Choir

The St. Augustine Signing Choir will be **performing** at the Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival THIS **Sunday**, **September 22**nd **at 12:15 pm in Lincoln Park**.

Anyone wishing to join the Signing Choir, with or without sign language is invited to the weekly practice on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Walsh Hall. .

For more information on joining the Signing Choir, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather on Tuesday, September 24th at 10 am. New members are always welcome.

Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center

Please join us every Sunday after 8:30 am and 11 am masses in the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center located in the former school building for fellowship and refreshments.

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

This Sunday, September 22 is Mary's Rosary Guild Sunday. Due to the Signing Choir performance in Lincoln Park at 12:15 pm, prayers, coffee and donuts will be before 11 am Mass. Hope all can come...

Blind Community

The VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) welcome those with and without visual impairments to their annual fall dinner dance which will take place on Saturday, October 12th from 6 pm to 9 pm in Walsh Hall. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in the parish office.

Members of the Blind Community are invited to stay upto-date with Blind Community and Parish events by calling (216) 635-9215.

LINKS Community for Mental Health

Member of LINKS, a social, recreational and educational ministry of St. Augustine's for persons with Mental Health conditions, recently enjoyed making homemade peanut butter cookies.

For more information on our Links program please contact Bob at (216) 781-5530 or Bduda@StAugsutineCleveland.org.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors invite you to their next Oktoberfest gathering on Thursday, September 26th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.

For more information on joining the Seniors Group, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.



St. Augustine Bell Choir will practice on Monday at 6:30 pm in the church. You do not have to read music to play with us, and we are open to everyone. Both

hearing and deaf persons are invited to join. Contact Bill Shaffer at (216) 781-5530 ext. 18 or BShaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org for more details.



provides non-perishable food items, personal hygiene, cleaning, pet food, and clothing items to those in need.

The Cupboard and Closet is open open on Saturdays from 11 AM - 3 PM.

Volunteers are greatly needed while we are open and during our closed hours to help sort and stock and help shoppers on Saturdays.

For more information or to volunteer please contact the Anthony Camino at (216) 781-5530 or email, ACamino@StaugustineCleveland.org

We have also created an Amazon Wish List which can be found on our parish website, www.StAugustineCleveland.org.

Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ♦ Served 1,301 in the month of June, 1,272 in the month of July, and 1,374 in the month of August.
- ♦ In the month of June we helped 225 new families, 197 during the month of July and in August 197 new friends came to us in need.

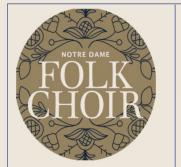
Say It In Sign-Sign Class

Sign language class for beginners will continue this Wednesday from 12:30 pm until 2 pm in the Parish Administration Offices.

A new beginners class will be starting on Friday, October 11th from 12 pm until 2 pm, for more information or to register, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216)781-5530 ext. 29 or at RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org.

Elevator Update

After several weeks of waiting, the elevator is finally operational again. For this we give thanks to God. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding during these past several weeks.



UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME FOLK CHOIR FREE CONCERT

25 OCTOBER

2024

7 PM ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH 2486 W. 14 Street, Cleveland www.StAugustineCleveland.org

Faith Formation

Bible Study on Prayer

Pope Francis has asked us to pray for the Synod of Bishops that will be meeting in Rome in October. This study will go through October as we pray for the Bishops.

Pat Takacs will lead weekly interpreted study sessions on Thursday nights from 6:30pm until 8pm with light snacks provided.

The Catholic site, Formed, led by Theologian Tim Gray, PhD, will be our guide in different forms of prayer. God's Word promises us that He inhabits the prayers and praise of His people. We are a people committed to seek God in prayer.

Please call the parish office at 216-781-5530 to register. If you cannot make all of the sessions, please don't let that stop you from signing up. A study guide will be provided that can keep you participating even if you cannot make all the sessions. The last Bible Study taught us a great deal about the Eucharist. This study will teach us much about prayer.

Hope to see you there!



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.



Our monthly Ultreya will continue on Saturday, October 12th at 10:00 am. Cursillistas are invited to gather, pray, and share personal

stories about living a life in God's Grace on the second Saturday of every month.



Wedding Banns II

Lauren Penkala and James Lamar



Parish School of Religion

The school year will begin on Sunday, September 29th from 9:45 am to 10:45 am and run through May 2025.

To register pre-K thru 8th grade or for more information, please contact Jessica Neuhart at JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org or by calling the parish office at (216) 781-5530 ext. 23

Prayer of Abandonment

Father, I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
and in all Your creaturesI wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul;
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you Lord
and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands,
without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
For you are my Father.

~Blessed Br. Charles de Foucauld



Pray the Rosary

We invite you to join us **every Monday through Friday** at **6 PM** in Church as we pray the rosary.
If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on our live-stream.



Reflect

Episcopal Careerism vs Child-Like Innocence

Father John R. Donahue, (www.americamagazine.org):

The Gospel reminds the Church today of the dangers of ambition and posturing for positions of power. In recent years the genie of ecclesiastical ambition has been again let out of the bottle, so much so that Cardinal Gantin, once dean of the College of Cardinals and former prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, deplored episcopal careerism and said he was shocked by bishops seeking promotion from smaller to larger dioceses (America 6/19/99), a view echoed two months later by the then Cardinal Ratzinger ... Yet the pilgrim Church of God's people continues the work of justice, and the unprotected and vulnerable are welcomed and protected. Jesus has many unnamed companions today as he follows the path of self-giving for others that leads through death to resurrection. Only humility exalts.

The Christian Criterion of Greatness!

lesus says that people who serve humbly are the greatest. He uses a play on an Aramaic word that can mean either servant or child. Presenting a child before them, Jesus explains that one who wishes to be the first among them must be a servant to all. True greatness consists in serving one's fellow men and is never self-centered. It lies in the ability to see and respond to the needs of others, and it presupposes compassion and sympathy. The two conditions of true greatness are humility and service. This vocation to service belongs to the Church as a whole and to every member of the Church. In other words, the Christian vocation is an apostolate of bearing witness to Christ through loving, humble service. Christian history teaches us that whenever the members of Christ's Church have forgotten or ignored this call to service, the Church has suffered. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, gives us this motto on service: "Do all the good you can; By all the means you can; In all the ways you can; In all the places you can; At all the times you can; To all the people you can; As long as ever you can."

All are God's Children!

There is a legend told about Patriarch Abraham in the Mideast. According to the legend, he always held off eating his breakfast each morning until a hungry man came along to share it with him. One day an old man came along, and of course Abraham invited him to share his breakfast with him. However when Abraham heard the old man say a pagan blessing over the food, he jumped up and ordered the old man from his table and from his house. Almost immediately, God spoke to Abraham, "Abraham! Abraham! I have been supplying that unbeliever with food every day for the past eighty years. Could you not have tolerated him for just one meal?" We are all children of God. God has no grandchildren!



Community News



Theology on the Rocks West

For Adults 40 and Over Join us Monday, October 14th Westside Irish American Club 8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Twp.

I was in prison and you visited me! Fr. Neil Walters, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church (Elyria) and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Lorain), former chaplain for the Cuyahoga County Jail and currently providing spiritual direction to those in the Grafton Correctional Prison: How does Jesus call us to serve? Register at: www.theologyontherockswest.com

Jesuit Retreat Center- Upcoming Retreats www.iesuitretreatcenter.org

Liturgy and Ignatian Spirituality: Tuesdays 8 am - 8:45 am

On Tuesdays, the Jesuit Retreat Center offers Mass in Main Chapel followed by a brief reflection on Ignatian Spirituality. (registration not required)

Cinema and Conversation- Cabrini: Monday, September 30th. After the movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. (registration not required)

Emmaus 2024: Blessings: Walking Together for 25 Years, Friday, October 4, 7 pm – Saturday, October 5, 8:30 pm. Emmaus 2024 celebrates the 25 Years of providing a supportive environment for LGBTQ+ Christians and their families and friends. You are invited for a weekend of group discussion in a fun, reflective, and prayerful atmosphere. Cost: \$170

Traveling Healing Mass

Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Healing Mass for October will be held at St. Columbkille Parish, 6740 Broadview Road, on Friday, October 18th. Fr. David Starvarz will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7pm and the liturgy will start at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy!

Parish Calendar and Events

Catholic Communication Campaign

In your bulletin today you will find an envelope for the annual Catholic Communication Campaign, which will take place NEXT weekend, September 21st and 22nd. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in our Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communication efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! Learn more at, www.usccb.org/ccc



Sunday, October 6, 2024

St. Augustine Elementary School and Our Lady of MercyElementary School Reunion Mass at 11 am followed by

Saturday, October 12, 2024

St. Augustine Blind Community Dinner Dance 6pm to 9 pm in Walsh Hall

Thursday, October 17, 2024

St. Augustine Benefit Dinner Hosted by our sister parish, St. Noel (More information forthcoming)

Friday, October 25, 2024

Notre Dame Folk Choir Concert 7 pm in Church

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Second Annual Fall Fundraiser for Community Cupboard and Closet

Visit www.staugustinecleveland.org for more information on these upcoming events.

This week at St. Augustine

Monday, September 23, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)

6:30 pm: Handbell Choir Practice (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh Hall)

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

3:00 pm: Links (Walsh Hall)

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

6:30 pm: Signing Choir Practice (Walsh Hall)

Thursday, September 26, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)

6:30 pm: Bible Study on Prayer (Walsh Hall)

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts (Second Floor School Building)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Friday, September 27, 2024

3:00 pm: Links

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, September 28, 2024

11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet

4:15 pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday, September 29, 2024 8:30 am: Mass (Church)

8:30 am: Mass (Church) 11:00 am: Mass (Church)



On the Lighter Side



College student: "Hey, Dad -- I've got some great news for you!"

Father: "What, son?"

College student: "Remember that \$500 you promised

me if I made the Dean's list?"

Father: "I certainly do."

College student: "Well, you get to keep it!

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September 21st and 22nd	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
Lectors	Migdalia Santiago-White	Fran DiDonato	Karen Halupnik Rachel Smith
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Theresa Fallon Lin Janson Theresa Ortiz	Maria Boyer Debbie Sollars Kathy Yarmock	Rosanne Barnhart Frank Scialabba
September 28th and 29th	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Theresa Fallon	Joe Lewandowski	Tom Smith Pat Takacs
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Magdaleno Rivera Michelle Rivera Bonnie Robertson	Marissa Davilla Rob Owens	Aaron Calton Tom Calton Jeannie Rawlings