

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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December 29, 2024
**Feast of the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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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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 | 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

Monday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Thursday | Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday | Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday | Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35 42

Sunday | Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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	Jeannie Bunch	Doug Church
Patti Cook	Mary Ann Crolley	Ilna 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 28

4:15 pm † Rosemary Roberts

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am † Helen Hauser

11:00 am Parishioners of St. Augustine

Monday, December 30

5:30 pm † Curt Treska

Tuesday, December 31

5:30 pm † Manuel Santiago, Sr.

Wednesday, January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00 am Parishioners of St. Augustine

Thursday, January 2

5:30 pm † Burt and Anne Ody

Friday, January 3

5:30 pm † Curt Treska

Saturday, January 4

4:15 pm † McMarlin and Roberts Families

Sunday, January 5

8:30 pm † Parishioners of St. Augustine

11:00 am † Sr. Helen Ann Brown, CSJ

† **Deceased**

Offertory—

December 21st and December 22nd

Regular Collection	\$1,678.00
E-Giving	\$200.00

Total Collection \$1,878.00

Counter Team C 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.



A Prayer for the New Year

May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us, A time of welcoming your graces and gifts, A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, a time for growing in virtue and goodness. Come, Holy Spirit be with us today and always. 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...

The important line in today's gospel takes place towards the end where it says that Jesus' mother kept all these things in her heart." The things that the gospel had just reported to us comprise a very difficult and painful episode in the life of the Holy Family. For three days Joseph and Mary could not find their son. When they finally find him in the temple Mary says, "Soon your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." Great anxiety to be sure. We can only imagine what was going through Joseph and Mary's minds as they looked for Jesus: Had he been kidnapped? Was he hurt? – or worse? Finding him was certainly a relief, but the whole experience was a disaster, a frightening and painful ordeal.

So why does the text tell us that Mary kept this painful episode in her heart? Would it not make more sense for Mary to forget that it happened and move on. This gospel says no. Using the example of Mary this gospel tells us that there is a value in remembering all the events of our lives, even the painful ones. Why is this the case? Because whatever happens to us becomes part of our story, and it is only when we can embrace our whole story that we understand who we are and how God is loving us.

All of us have parts of our lives that we wish could be different, that we wish could be changed. But when things happen to us, they become part of us, a part of our story. Then we must try to learn how to keep them in our heart. Recovering alcoholics know this truth well. There are many parts of their lives that they wish could be different: people that they hurt or disappointed, harm that they caused to themselves. But recovering alcoholics understand that the way forward is to claim the past mistakes as they happened, because it is only by doing so that the journey to sobriety and live life fully again.

Anyone who deals with an aging parent or spouse in the last part of life knows what a struggle that this can be: worry, impatience, anger, dismay over the suffering of the person we love. Many times, we don't know what to do or if what we are doing is enough. When death comes, we usually focus on the good times and memories when health was robust and life was joyous. But today's gospel tells us there is an important advantage a way to wisdom in remembering those dark days of struggle, because the presence and commitment that are displayed there have their own important things to say about love.

We all like to remember the good times. Today's gospel asks us to remember the difficult days as well. Using the example of Mary, who kept all the experiences of her life in her heart, this gospel calls to see that it is better to accept our mistakes, our wounds than to deny them. It is wise to own our painful days rather than forget them, because every day, good or bad, easy or difficult, is a part of our story. And it is only when we embrace our whole story that we realize who we are and that we come to see the unique way that God is loving us.

Fr. Bill



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

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*

Holiday Office Hours



The Parish Office will 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.

Around the Parish

Thank You!

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make our celebration of Christmas a beautiful time for all of us. To name everyone would be impossible, so I will thank everyone by group. Thank you to those who helped set-up the outdoor nativity and decorated the church. Thank you to everyone who fulfilled the various ministries at our liturgies- the musicians, the singers, signing choir, the interpreters, the lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, and ushers. If I missed any group please forgive me.

Many thanks and God bless, Bob Duda



Church Decorators

Christmas Flowers in Church are in Memory of



The Forgotten Anderson Family

Kathy and Wally Duda
Tony and Marge Zingale
Nathan Patrick McNulty
Santiago-White Familias
Bob and Rosemary Moon
Petro and Katharina Duda
Emil and Mary Solderitsch

Members of the Revelt Family

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Members of the Takacs Family

Raymond and Jeanette Rogalski

Members of LINKS West Clubhouse

Members of Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center

Members of St. Augustine Blind Community

Members of Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Faith Formation and Reflections

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.

Advice from the Supreme Court

"Make the family a confessional rather than a court room." A senior Judge of the Supreme Court recently congratulated the bride and groom in a marriage with a pertinent piece of advice: "See that you never convert your family into a court room; instead let it be a confessional. If the husband and wife start arguing like attorneys, in an attempt to justify their behavior, their family becomes a court of law and nobody wins. On the other hand, if the husband and the wife -- as in a confessional -- are ready to admit their faults and try to correct them, the family becomes a heavenly one." Thus we can avoid the dangers we watch in dysfunctional families as presented in TV in the shows like Married with Children, The Simpson's, Everyone Loves Raymond and Malcolm in the Middle.

The Friendly Blue Whale Lamp!

It's one of the great television ads of the year. Touching, but real. In the 30-second story created for Home Goods, a little boy is going through the "monsters under the bed" anxiety stage. Each night at bedtime, his understanding mom and dad patiently check for monsters behind the closet door and under his bed. And to further assure him that he has nothing to be afraid of, they place a special lamp, with a friendly whale at the base, to keep him company at night as he falls asleep. The whale lamp works like a charm. Well, the little boy soon becomes a big brother. And the first night his new baby sister comes home, he goes through all the doors of the nursery and searches under the baby's crib himself to make sure there are no monsters lurking. And then he gives his little sister his first big brother gift: his friendly blue whale lamp to keep her company as she falls asleep.

This charming little commercial tells us a lot about what it means to be family: patience to help one another through life's scary passages, selflessness to walk together in hard times, generosity to give from our own need for the good of the family. On this Sunday after Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate what it means to be a family. Within our families we experience the heights of joy and the depths of pain. The memories we treasure and the values we embrace within our families are the most important and lasting lessons we will ever learn. Our belonging to a family means that each one of us - parent and child - reflects for one another the selfless, limitless and unconditional love of Christ the light (a light that can shine even from a friendly blue whale), both in good times and (more importantly) in bad times, in the joy of the birth of new brothers and sisters and the fear of monsters under the bed. "

World Day of Peace

On December 12, 2024, the Holy See published the Holy Father's Message for the 58th World Day of Peace, which will be celebrated on January 1, 2025, the liturgical Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, who is likewise the Queen of Peace. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace".

This theme aligns with the spirit of the Jubilee Year, focusing on hope, forgiveness, and bringing people together. Inspired by *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti*, the message highlights the need for change to build lasting peace in our lives individually, in communities, and worldwide.

In his message, the Holy Father states: "May 2025 be a year in which peace flourishes! A true and lasting peace that goes beyond quibbling over the details of agreements and human compromises. May we seek the true peace that is granted by God to hearts disarmed: hearts not set on calculating what is mine and what is yours; hearts that turn selfishness into readiness to reach out to others; hearts that see themselves as indebted to God and thus prepared to forgive the debts that oppress others; hearts that replace anxiety about the future with the hope that every individual can be a resource for the building of a better world."

To read the full message please visit:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace.index.html>



On the Lighter Side



"A family can be the most difficult people to love, and the easiest to take for granted."

This week at St. Augustine

Monday, December 30, 2024

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

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh Hall)
 5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

10:00 am: Solemnity of Mary Mass (*Holy Day of Obligation*)
 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Thursday, January 2, 2025

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

Friday, January 3, 2025

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

Saturday, January 4, 2025

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

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:30 am: Mass (Church)
 9:45 am -10:45 am: PSR (School Building)
 11:00 am: Mass (Church)
 12:00 pm: Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center Christmas Dinner (CCDC)

Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center

You are invited to join the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center at their Christmas Dinner on Sunday, January 5th at 12 Noon in the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center. For more information please email ministry@staugustinecleveland.org or call (216) 781-5530 or (216) 201-9056 (VP)

December 28th & 29th	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.PP.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
January 4th and 5th	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	Dave Dilyn	Matthew Cook	Jeannie Rawlings Rosanne Barnhart
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