

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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S T . A U G U S T I N E



September 8, 2024

**Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ear and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" - that is, "Be opened!"

Mk 7:32-34

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 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Monday | St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24;
Lk 6:27-38

Friday | Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday | Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17

Sunday | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, (9); Jas 2:14-18;
Mk 8:27-35

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	Dorothy Barr	Joel Barr	Patti Cook
Ilona Cykman	Ellen Ferrari	Andrew Finamore	Mike Furey	John Garneau
Susan Grieken	Michael Hogan	Irene Kingery	Kathy Kohout	Ella McGowan
Fr. Joe McNulty	Nora Orozco	Bridget Patton	Mike Perciado	Brian Pfeiffer
Sheila Rock	Andrea Slosar	Richard Slosar	Mary Smith	Nora Thomas
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, September 7

4:15 pm † Leo and Dorothy Bender

Sunday, September 8

8:30 am † Michael Slaby

11:00 am † Marianne Higdon

Monday, September 9

5:30 pm † Florence Seifert

Tuesday, September 10

5:30 pm † Beatriz Calez

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 pm † Jean Cox

Thursday, September 12

5:30 pm † Joann Morley

Friday, September 13

5:30 pm † Raymond and Jeanette Rogalski

Saturday, September 14

4:15 pm † Marylou Creary

Sunday, September 15

8:30 am † William Alessandrini

11:00 am † Nathan McNulty

† Deceased

Offertory—

August 30th and September 1st

Regular Collection	\$1,201.15
E-Giving	\$200.00
Building/Renovation	\$13.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$10.00
Catholic Education Faith and Values	\$1.00

Total Collection **\$1,425.15**

Counter Team C is scheduled for Monday

Pope Francis'

September Prayer Intention

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.StAugustineCleveland.org and click donate.

Thank you for your financial support.



Love Without Measure...

This past week the parish staff met with Maria O'Neil Ruddick and Kate Slosar to discuss: [How we embrace inclusivity: Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing Parishioners](#). This is the first step in what I hope will be a growing dialogue among us as way of coming to a better understanding of the deaf and other groups with special needs within our parish family. It was an important first step and hopefully will lead to other opportunities to learn from each other. At the end of the meeting I asked the parish staff members present to comment about the gathering in a few short sentences and I make that my column for this Sunday's bulletin. ~ Fr. Bill



Trust is essential in all relationships but especially important in relationships where one party or group has a history of being ignored, excluded and misunderstood. Once lost, trust becomes elusive and difficult to reestablish. Often, the party or group in power must make sacrifices that seem disproportionately large or unrealistic. This is the Christian way modeled perfectly for us by the person of Jesus Christ. ~ Anthony



Being aware of the needs of the Deaf Community should be an integral part of this church, and society as a whole. Understanding how and why Deaf persons act and do what they do are essential for everyone to know. Getting to know each other with open lines of communication will be a huge step in establishing trust and friendship. ~Bill



We all desire access, belonging and feeling part of community. Society has many barriers, some that are more apparent to some than others. It is important to remember that Deaf people are visual people living in an audiological world. It is important to know that language is learned at an early age and without proper tools and environmental considerations a person can develop Language Deprivation Syndrome effecting their ability to communicate and understand. ~Bob



"It's okay to have a disagreement in the Catholic Church."

The Catholic Church has a long and proud history of disagreements throughout its 2000-year history.

- In the very beginning, Peter and Paul emphatically disagreed about the inclusion of gentiles in the early church.
- Later, The Council of Nicaea was convened because of a disagreement about nature of Christ.
- And even today there are some who still disagree with the change from the Latin Mass.

It's okay! The point is, disagreement is part of the natural growth and development of the Church. The fact that we can disagree, while still sharing our Love of Christ is where our strength comes from. This allows the Church to evolve and grow to meet the needs of an ever-changing community and world.

Recently, there have been some disagreements on how best to meet the needs of the Deaf Community while still managing parish growth and ensuring we are still positioned to meet the needs of a changing parishioner base.

But, even in the midst of these disagreements, the most important elements were never in question, those being, our unyielding love of Christ, and our love of each other. I am convinced, if that is all we have in common, it is more than enough.

After much consideration, Bishop Malesic has formally stated that the Deaf Ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland is to remain a Ministry of St. Augustine Parish. As Catholic's, the Bishops words are binding on all of us. This means, as a parish, we have an obligation to develop and maintain a strong and vibrant ministry to the Deaf Community, AND as members of the Catholic Church, the Deaf Community has an obligation to help, guide and cooperate with this ministry.

Parishes will always have disagreements, it is part of our passion to serve our Lord, but, it has always been our ability to come together in PRAYERFUL HUMILITY that is our strength. Recently, Father Bill brought in an advocate for the Deaf Community, along with our friend Kate Slosar, for a mandatory staff meeting so that we could all get an understanding of the challenges the deaf community faces each and every day. It was humbling and sometimes even hard to listen to. The deaf have been treated so poorly and even persecuted at times throughout history. This was insightful and helpful for all of us.

The parish staff are committed to developing a strong and vibrant ministry for the deaf that serves their needs alongside the rest of our wonderful community, together, the way our Lord intended it. Please join us in our mission of renewal of this wonderful ministry.

Around the Parish

St. Augustine Signing Choir

The St. Augustine Signing Choir will be **performing** at the Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival on **Sunday, September 22nd 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 10th 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

On September 7th Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf enjoyed Mass and a presentation at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. Thank you to all who attended.

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 up-to-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@StAugustineCleveland.org.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors invite you to their next gathering on Thursday, September 12th 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.

St. Augustine Community Cupboard and Closet

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

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

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.**



Last month, St. Augustine welcomed 3 terrific groups from St. Dominic Parish in Shaker Hts. The groups worked in the cupboard & closet and spent time eating with folks in the Hunger Center. All were impressed with the quality of our ministries and went home with a new outlook.

Welcoming outside groups is an important part of our mission, and we owe a big thank you to our wonderful team who spent time with the groups each day. Because of their experience, St. Dominic organized a drive for needed clothing items and dropped everything off this week! It takes many hands!!

Say It In Sign

Sign language class for beginners will continue this Wednesday from 12:30 pm until 2 pm in the Parish Administration Offices. For more information, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216) 781-5530 ext. 29 or at RMcMarlin@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 from **September 19, 2024 - October 31, 2024**, 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!

PSR in Need of Volunteers



We are looking for PSR Catechists for the 2024 - 2025 PSR school year. The school year will begin on September 29 and run through May 2025.

As a part of the Diocese of Cleveland's Protecting God's Children policy, all volunteers are required to complete Virtus training and submit a BCI criminal background check.

If you are looking for something new to be a part of, consider joining this very important ministry of sharing your Catholic faith with the young people of St. Augustine's. If interested in learning more, please contact Jessica Neuhart at JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org or by calling the parish office at (216) 781-5530 ext. 23.



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 resume on Saturday, September 14th 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.



On the Lighter Side



For one reason or another, a group of friends missed an exam in a class they all had together, they decided to tell the professor they'd been stranded with a flat tire. When they came in for the make-up exam they were handed out test booklets and when they opened the booklets the only question was "Which Tire?"

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH *Religious Education*

Discovering My Faith: Pre-K through 1st Grade

First Communion Preparation: 2nd Grade

Continuing Education: 3rd through 7th Grade

Confirmation Preparation: 8th Grade

**REGISTRATION OPEN
FOR THE
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Contact:
JNeuhart@staugustinecleveland.org
for more information



**Register
today!**

"Faith is to believe what you do not see;
the reward of this faith is to see what you believe"

~St. Augustine of Hippo



Save the Dates



2ND ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER

6-9 PM - NOVEMBER 2, 2024
Wild Eagle Steak and Saloon
5001 E. Royalton Rd, Broadview Hts

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EMAIL: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MARIA BOYER AT 440-533-5391

YOU'RE INVITED!

St. Augustine Elementary School and
Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School
All Class Reunion

All former students, teachers and guests of St. Augustine Elementary School and Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School are invited to an all class reunion on **Sunday, October 6, 2024**. The reunion will begin with Mass at 11 am followed by lunch and fellowship in Walsh Hall.

Please contact Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 ext. 31 or Bduda@staugustinecleveland.org for more information



	UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DAME FOLK CHOIR CONCERT
	25 OCTOBER 2024 EVENING (TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED)

Love Without Measure continued

I do want to note, at the Council of Nicaea mentioned above, the disagreement became so heated that Bishop Nicholas got up, crossed the council chambers and slapped the Bishop from Egypt. The other bishops stripped him of his bishop's vestments, chained him, and threw him into jail.

Nicholas was ashamed and prayed for forgiveness. During the night, Jesus and Mary his Mother, appeared, asking, "Why are you in jail?" "Because of my love for you," Nicholas replied.

Jesus then gave the Book of the Gospels to Nicholas. Mary gave him vestments. Now at peace, Nicholas studied the Scriptures for the rest of the night.

When the jailer came in the morning, he found the chains loose on the floor and Nicholas dressed in bishop's robes, quietly reading the Scriptures. When the Emperor was told of this, he asked that Nicholas be freed. Nicholas was then fully reinstated as the Bishop of Myra.

Let us learn from St. Nicholas and let the healing begin. ~ Deacon Chris



I appreciate the presentation from Mrs. Ruddick and Kate Slosar. ~ Fr. Ben



Thank you to the Cleveland Hearing and Speech center for providing us with the opportunity to learn more about Deaf Culture and Identity. One of my takeaways from the presentation is a new devotion to St. Francis DeSales, Patron Saint of the Deaf, and a reminder to "Be who you are and be that well" ~ Jessica



I'm a little bit confused. I understand that the Deaf Community relies on information that comes from a Deaf person in a leadership role. But what happens when the Deaf leader is saying one thing and the Hearing person, also in a leadership role is saying something that contradicts what is being said. I understand that there needs to be a Deaf person who can weight both sides of the situation and bring both points to light, but who would be that person? ~Robin

Parish Calendar and Events

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Elevator: We are working hard with Kone Elevator and Escalators of Cleveland to get our elevator back up and running again. During the storm on August 6 our three phase power providing electricity to the elevator was affected. After several repair attempts, it was determined that the elevator needs a new drive. The drive is in production and we hope to have it soon.

Website: Over the next few weeks the parish website will be redesigned. While browsing you may come across a page that is currently under construction. Please take a look at the new site and become familiar where information on our parish events and ministries can be found.

Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival
Cleveland, Ohio

LINCOLN PARK

Saturday, September 21, 2024 Noon - 7 pm
Sunday, September 22, 2024 Noon - 5 pm

This week at St. Augustine

Monday, September 9, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:30 pm: Handbell Choir Practice (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh Hall)
10:00 am: St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors (Deaf Center)
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)
6:30 pm: Signing Choir Practice (Walsh Hall)

Thursday, September 12, 2024

12:00 pm: St. Augustine Seniors (Walsh)
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts (Second Floor School Building)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Friday, September 13, 2024

3:00 pm: Links
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, September 14, 2024

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

Sunday, September 15, 2024

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

September 7 th and 8 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. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Michelle Rivera	Ed Zubek	Jeannie Rawlings Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Dave Dylyn Theresa Ortiz Magdaleno Rivera	Maria Boyer Marissa Davilla Debbie Sollars	Nora Kowalchik Kate Slosar Priscilla Treska
September 14 th & 15 th	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	Rick Toth	Matt Cook	Kate Slosar John Kowalchik
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Calvin White Migdalia Santiago-White	Joe Lewandowski Maria Rivera	Dawn Dingledein Lin Janson Tammy Williams