

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



*John answered them all, saying,
"I am baptizing you with water,
But one mightier than I is coming."*

- Luke 3:16a



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 | Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday | St. Peter Canisius

Sgs 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

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



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 14

4:15 pm † Helen Hauser

Sunday, December 15

8:30 am † Nabucodnosor Morales

11:00 am † Claire Cocklin

Monday, December 16

5:30 pm † Ralph Gurney

Tuesday, December 17

5:30 pm † Coletta Klein

Wednesday, December 18

5:30 pm † Mary Jo Muck

Thursday, December 19

† Katherine Bryk

Friday, December 20

5:30 pm † Peter and Stella Januszczak

Saturday, December 21

4:15 pm Parishioners of St. Augustine Parish

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am † Dave and Shirley Wolfe

11:00 am † John and Agnes Kasper

† *Deceased*

Offertory—

December 7th and December 8th

Regular Collection	\$1,505.73
Retired Religious	\$72.30
E-Giving	\$ 350.00

Total Collection \$1,928.03

Counter Team A 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...

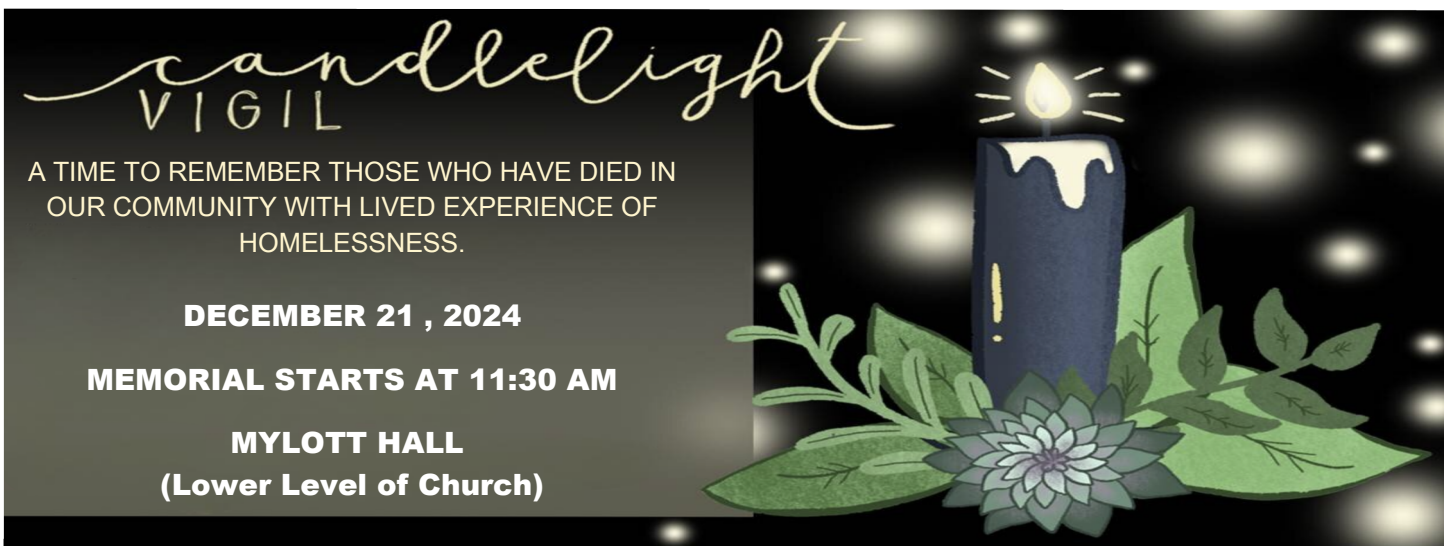
Paul says in today's second reading, "Don't worry about anything." Well, how realistic is that? Don't we all have many things to worry about? All indicators show anxiety is on the increase in America. Anti-depressants and anti-anxiety drugs are the most prescribed medicine on the market. Recent surveys show that Americans, rather than becoming more secure and confident, are becoming more worried and anxious. Studies also show that most of that anxiety does not make sense. One report claims that 40% of things that people worry about never happen; 30% have already happened; 12% of the people worry about what other people might say, 10% worry about possibly getting sick without any reason to do so. Therefore, only 8% of anxiety can be traced to some real or present trouble. How do we then explain that 92% of anxiety seems to be free floating and not connected to any objective, present reality?

When I was an undergraduate student, I took several psychology courses. One of the most popular psychologists of the day was a man named Gerald May. He wrote a great deal about anxiety. He observes the cause of most of the anxiety in our country does not result from any exterior factors in our environment, but rather from forces within ourselves. Analyzing numerous patients who came to him with anxiety, May concluded that when you look beneath the worry, what you find is fear. Now that makes sense. If you are fearful of something it is going to cause anxiety. But May also says that if you look underneath that fear, what you discover is hurt. People who are hurt have their confidence shaken, their security challenged, and so they become afraid. Taking another step deeper, May concludes that underneath that hurt what we discover is love. It is the desire to love and be loved that opens us to hurt. In other words, May suggests that what on the surface appears as anxiety is actually being caused by a trouble in our ability to give and receive love. If we have a difficulty in loving and being loved, that causes hurt, that causes hurt, which causes fear, which surfaces in anxiety.

If May is right, then what are we to do about it? After all, if the basic problem is one of love, we cannot force people to love us. We cannot always go out and find someone to reciprocate our love. That is true. But the one thing we can always do is to choose to act in love. We can always give ourselves to love others. John the Baptist seems to know this in today's gospel. Because when people come to him and say, "What should we do?" his answer is to give, to share, to treat people with fairness and generosity. John the Baptist is telling us that when we give to others, we give to ourselves as well, and we help bring about the Kingdom of God.

Now this insight puts a whole different slant on what we mean by generosity. Most of the time when we choose to give to the poor, feed the hungry or visit the sick, we do so because we believe they need it. And they do. But we often forget that those choices of loving are actions that we need as well. When we give ourselves to others in love, that has the power, to heal our hurt, to reduce our faith, to lessen our anxiety when we are giving ourselves in love of others.

Fr. Bill



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VIGIL

A TIME TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN
OUR COMMUNITY WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF
HOMELESSNESS.

DECEMBER 21, 2024

MEMORIAL STARTS AT 11:30 AM

MYLOTT HALL
(Lower Level of Church)

Around the Parish

Eucharistic Minister Orientation

All current Eucharistic Ministers, please attend ONE of the following orientations in the new year: Saturday, January 4th at 5:30pm, 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!

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!

Church Decorating

In anticipation of the birth of Christ, we are seeking some angels that are willing to help us decorate the Church on Sunday, December 22nd following the 11 am Mass. Any help that you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one by donating toward the Christmas flowers used to decorate the church, please clearly mark "Christmas Flowers" on an envelope. The envelope can then be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the office. If you would like your loved one's name recognized in the bulletin (between Christmas & New Year) please clearly write "In memory of with your loved one's name and place in the envelope. These need to be submitted by December 22nd.

Winter Office Hours

Please note that during the winter months the parish office will be closing at 3 PM Monday thru Friday. Our weekend hours will remain unchanged.

Faith Formation

Jubilee Year of Hope

Pope Francis has designated the New Year of 2025 to be a Jubilee Year of Hope, a special year of grace, offering the people the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence (a grace that removes the temporal punishment for our sins that are forgiven, and it is granted through a blessing from the Pope who imparts it upon Rome and the world).

This Holy Year will begin on Christmas Eve at the Vatican in Rome and on the Feast of the Holy Family (December 29) in dioceses around the world.

The Holy Father begins the year with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica, followed with the opening of the Holy Doors at the other papal basilicas in and around Rome- St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major. These special door will remain open (unlocked) until the end of the Jubilee Year.

In the weeks to come more information on how the Jubilee Year of Hope will be celebrated in our diocese and throughout the country.

More information on what a Jubilee is can be found at <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>



Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf invites you to their Advent reflections on Sunday, December 15th (Topic: Joy with Jesus) and December 22nd (Topic: "Stories of Angels of Love) from 10 am until 10:45 am. The reflections will be lead by Kate Slosar and Jeannie Rawlings.

Is God calling you to full membership in the Catholic Church?

The Church prepares adults for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). The OCIA is designed to form the mind and heart in Christian discipleship through study of the basics of the Catholic faith, prayer, and fellowship. Perhaps your have been thinking about becoming a Catholic for some time but never got around to doing anything about it...Perhaps you are married to a Catholic but have not yet made a religious commitment of your own...Perhaps you were baptized Catholic but never received Holy Communion or Confirmation. Perhaps you were raised in a non-Catholic Christian community and want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more information please call (216) 781-5530 or send an email to info@staugustinecleveland.org.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass:

4 PM (Celebrant Fr. Ben)
9 PM* (Celebrant Fr. Bill)

Christmas Day Mass:

10 AM (Celebrant Fr. Ben)

New Year's Mass Schedule

Mary Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass: Mary Mother of God (New Year's Eve):

5:30 PM (Celebrant Fr. Bill)

Mary Mother of God (New Year's Day)

10:00 AM* (Celebrant Fr. Ben)

(No 5:30 PM Mass or Rosary)

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**Live-Streamed*

Monday, December 16, 2024

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh Hall)
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

12:00: Catholic Blind Community (Walsh Hall)
12:30 pm: Sign Language Class (Parish Administration)
3:00 pm: Links (Walsh Hall)
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)
6:30 pm: Signing Hands (Walsh Hall)

Thursday, December 19, 2024

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

Friday, December 20, 2024

12:00 pm: Sign Language Class for Beginners (Parish Administration)
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, December 21, 2024

11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet
11:30 am: Homeless Candlelight Vigil (Mylott Hall)
4:15 pm: Mass (Church)
5:00 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:30 am: Mass (Church)
9:45 am -10:45 am: PSR (School Building)
11:00 am: Mass (Church)
12:00 pm: Church Decorating

😊 On the Lighter Side 😊

A charitable man decided to visit a sick ward at a hospital to cheer up the patients. He took along a keyboard and played humorous songs and told jokes at many a bedside. After finishing his final performance for an old man he said, "I hope you get better." The old man smiled vaguely at the performer and replied, "I hope you do too."

December 14th & 15th	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	Ann Ertle	Matthew Cook	Karen Halupnik Aaron Calton
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Bonnie Robertson Migdalia Santiago-White Calvin White	Maria Boyer Bob Duda Kathy Yarmock	Julia DePenti Dawn Dingledein Lin Janson
December 21st & 22nd	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	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