


THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

# St. Augustine

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**January 5, 2025**

## **The Epiphany of the Lord**



*They were overjoyed at  
seeing the star, and on  
entering the house they  
saw the child with Mary  
his mother.*

**Matthew 2:10-11**

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### **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 | 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

### Monday

1 Jn 3:22; 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

### Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

### Thursday

1 Jn 4:19; 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

### Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

### Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

### Sunday | Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:47; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

# Prayers and Offertory

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or email [ministry@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto: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	Iлона 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, 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

### Monday, January 6

5:30 pm Special Intention

### Tuesday, January 7

5:30 pm † Terrence Klima

### Wednesday, January 8

5:30 pm Brian Mulholland

### Thursday, January 9

5:30 pm † Jean Dunnell

### Friday, January 10

5:30 pm † Robin Zarembski

### Saturday, January 11

4:15 pm Parishioners of St. Augustine

### Sunday, January 12

8:30 pm † Henry Senyak

11:00 am † Bobby Muhaw

† **Deceased**

## Offertory—

### December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

Regular Collection	\$3,641.00
E-Giving	\$150.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$3,791.00</b>

### December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

Regular Collection	\$1,273.61
E-Giving	\$200.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$50.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$1,523.61</b>

Counter Team D is scheduled for Monday

## Pope Francis'

### January Prayer Intention

**For the right to an education**



**Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.**

### 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](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org) and click donate.

Thank you for your financial support.



## *Love Without Measure...*

The most foundational truth of the Christian life can be found in today's gospel of the Epiphany. But it is a lesson we often miss. We miss it because we are not looking in the right place. In today's gospel, it is difficult to keep our eyes on the Magi. They are foreign and mysterious. They come from the East in their exotic robes, riding their peculiar camels, following a star. But when we focus on the Magi, the theme of the gospel is about searching and finding and the giving of gifts at Christmas time instead of what is most fundamental about the Christian life: That being a Christian is not about what we do, but what we accept, it is not about giving, it is about receiving.

Now this is a difficult lesson for us to learn because we persist in the misconception that our faith is primarily about us, about what we do and what we fail to do. But our faith is not primarily about what we do, but rather about what God does. God has made us and saved us in Christ. God's actions are the actions that are at the heart of the gospel. Therefore, the stance of a Christian is primarily a stance of openness, a stance of receptivity. It is only when we can receive the gift that God offers that we know what salvation is truly about.

So, what is it that we are called to receive? The three gifts help here – gold, frankincense, myrrh – value, mystery and pain. The first gift is the gift of gold, a gift of great value and worth. It points to the value and worth of our own lives. We are persons of great worth. God has made us so, God has instilled in us a dignity that is part of who we are. That dignity is nothing we can earn and nothing we can lose by failure or sin. We are called then, to believe in our worth and dignity even when we doubt ourselves, even when we make a wreck of things. The value and worth of our own being is the first gift that God gives us. We must be willing to receive it, if we are to be followers of Christ.

The gift of frankincense is a mysterious perfume, and it points to the mysterious action of God in our lives. God has a plan. God has a plan for us and the world. God is always working to unfold that plan through all the relationships and opportunities of our lives. Our life is much more than the decisions we make, the plans that we form. Beneath our actions and our decisions is the mysterious impulse of God blessing us, changing us, leading us forward. It is a mystery we cannot control. We can only accept and cooperate with it. That mysterious presence of God's loving action in our life is the second gift which God offers us. We must receive it, if we are to receive it, if we are to understand the gospel.

Myrrh is the ointment of death. And it points to the unavoidable pain which is part of all our lives. None of us can avoid evil or pain, whether that comes from hurt, rejection, failure, sickness or grief. But in faith we believe that such pain, as real and as deep as it is, cannot negate our worth and dignity as people. Nor can it frustrate or derail the mysterious plan of God that somehow moves forward despite all the opposes it. Pain in our life is unavoidable, but the reality of that pain need not destroy us. Believing that God's plan will succeed even in the presence of pain is the third gift God offers us. We must be willing to receive it, if we are to understand the gospel.

Being a faithful Christian is not about doing. It is about receiving. This is why the first action of Jesus in the gospels is to receive the gifts of the Magi. Jesus receives gold frankincense and myrrh to remind us that we need to receive the value of our own person, the mystery of God's action in our life, and the reality that pain and evil cannot stop the plan of God. Those are three gifts we need to receive, for it is only by accepting them that we can follow Christ and fulfill the promise of Christmas.

*Many thanks for the many kind words of support, encouragement and gratitude shared with me after my announcement last weekend. They mean more than I can put into words.*

*Fr. Bill*



# Around the Parish

## Welcome

We welcomed the 8th grade girls basketball team from Holy Family in Parma this past Saturday. They did a great job unloading the truck and tearing down the Christmas Toy Room (Santa Shop) on the 2nd floor. Thanks to Nora Kowalchik for making this connection. Nora had one of the adult leaders as a student in elementary school; teachers make a difference!



## Thank You!

A big shout to Kocian Meats, 4058 St. Clair, 44103, for their awesome donation of 25 turkeys. We are grateful for all our community partners. Thanks, Kocian!!

## 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

Members of the Rivera Family

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



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.**

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

We have also created an **Amazon Wish List** which can be found on our parish website, [www.StAugustineCleveland.org](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org).

### Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ◆ Served 942 in the month of October, 1,125 in the month of November, **and 998 in the month of December.**
- ◆ In the month of October we helped 171 new families, 218 during the month of November **and in December 186 new friends came to us in need.**

**Additionally , we were able to have a Christmas toy room open for 2 Saturdays in December where we served 344 adult friends who shopped for 996 Children!**

**Our Total guests served for 2024 is 13,156, and an increase of almost 2,000 friends from 2023.**

## Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

invites you to their Welcome 2025 Lunch on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 3 pm The luncheon will be held in the Catholic Deaf Center (basement of school building). Cost is \$5 for 2024members and \$10 for non-members. Please RSVP by January 19<sup>th</sup> to Maria at (216)370-7141

## Christmas Decorations

The Christmas season will soon come to a close and your help is needed. Following the 11 am Mass next Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> we will begin taking down the Christmas decorations. Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated. You may also take any of the poinsettia plants that are in the sanctuary.

## IDEAS TO PRACTICE IN THE NEW YEAR!

(From the International Catholic Stewardship Council)

**Practice gratitude** – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness. Seeing the good in your life will allow you to keep your heart compassionate and loving.

**Encounter the Lord each day** – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them.

**Be present to others** – There is much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in peoples' lives. What a blessing it is to be able to share those times and not let others experience them alone. The gift of your presence to others is much more valuable than you realize.

**Resist overwork** – There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

**Give more** – Good stewards realize that everything they have is entrusted to them as gift to be shared. There is no better place to begin than sharing with the community that gathers around the Lord's table at Mass.

**Make a difference in your parish community** – Believe it or not, your parish community can use your talents. Offering your talents to your faith community is one of the most effective ways to feel useful and connected to others, and it is a potentially life-changing New Year's resolution.

**Consider living more simply** – We cannot find fulfillment in possessions. They add nothing to our self-worth. Jesus blessed the "poor in spirit" in his Sermon on the Mount; and Saint Francis of Assisi urged us to live with only what was necessary, for that is how we begin to find God.

**Don't give up** – People give up their New Year's resolutions because of perfectionism and unrealistic expectations. So take it slow, be kind to yourself and keep trying. Resist the urge to throw your hands up and quit. You succeed through small, manageable changes over time.

## This week at St. Augustine

### Monday, January 6, 2025

3:00 pm: Links  
5:30 pm: Mass- (Church)  
5:30 pm: OCIA (School Building)  
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
6:30 pm: Liturgy Committee Meeting  
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Tuesday, January 7, 2025

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh Hall)  
10:00 am: St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors (Deaf Center)  
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
6:00 on: Rosary (Church)  
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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, January 9, 2025

12:00 pm: St. Augustine Seniors (Walsh Hall)  
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor School Building)  
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Friday, January 10, 2025

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

### Saturday, January 11, 2025

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

### Sunday, January 12, 2025

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

### 😊 On the Lighter Side 😊

Last year when I called my parents to wish them a happy New Year, my dad answered the phone. "Well, Dad, what's your New Year's resolution?" I asked him. "To make your mother as happy as I can all year," he answered. Then mom got on, and I said, "What's your resolution, Mom?" "To see that your dad keeps his New Year's resolution."

January 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	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)
<b>Lectors</b>	Dave Dilyn	Matthew Cook	Jeannie Rawlings Rosanne Barnhart
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Helen Bencic Theresa Fallon Bonnie Robertson	Maria Boyer Joe Lewandowski	Aaron Calton Tom Calton Karen Halupnik
January 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
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