

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

# St. Augustine

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**December 1, 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

*"Then they will see the  
Son of Man coming in a cloud  
with power and great glory."*

*- Luke 21:27*



## **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 | First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2;  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

#### Monday

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

#### Tuesday | Saint Francis Xavier

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

#### Wednesday | Saint John Damascene

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

#### Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### Friday | Saint Nicholas

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

#### Saturday | Saint Ambrose

Is 3:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1

#### Sunday | Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



# 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	Doug Church	Patti Cook
Mary Ann Crolley	Ilona Cykman	Ellen Ferrari	Mike Furey	Cathy Furci
John Garneau	Susan Grieken	Kathy Kohout	Ella McGowan	Fr. Joe McNulty
Nora Orozco	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, November 30

4:15 pm † Sr. Mary Schrader, CSJ

### Sunday, December 1

8:30 am † Henry Senyak

11:00 am † Raymond and Jeanette Rogalski

### Monday, December 2

5:30 pm † Marge Zingale

### Tuesday, December 3

5:30 pm † Jean Vana

### Wednesday, December 4

5:30 pm † Beverly Jarrett

### Thursday, December 5

† Frank Januszczak

### Friday, December 6

5:30 pm † Margaret Schmidt

### Saturday, December 7

4:15 pm † Fr. Raymond Mylott  
*Pastor from 1906-1923*

### Sunday, December 8

8:30 am † Andrew Finamore

11:00 am † Philip Canepa

† Deceased

## 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.

## 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.



### Offertory— November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

Regular Collection	\$1,876.51
E-Giving	\$200.00

**Total Collection \$2,076.51**

*Counter Team C is scheduled for Monday*

## Love Without Measure...

Turmoil, fear, anxiety, confusion. These are words we could use to describe the scene that Luke presents before us in today's gospel. They are also words we could use to describe our world, because like every period before it, the age in which we live is marked by many things that are wrong. Internationally, democracies seem to be eroding from within as people elect leaders who promise stability no matter what the cost. Countries debate one another on how to handle global warming and the mass migration of immigrants pressing on their borders. In our own country, we have never been more polarized, and legislation seems to depend more on party interest than on the common good.

Turmoil, fear, anxiety, confusion. This is why the image that Luke presents in today's gospel is so important. After describing the dismal scene, he says, "Then they will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory." Luke is telling us that Christ comes to us amid the turmoil and fear. Luke is saying that Jesus arrives, not once the mess is cleaned up, but even as the causes of our despair firm. This is a very important image for us to hold on to: Christ in his glory revealed amid our struggles. It is an important image, because all too often we limit the presence of Christ to situations that are harmonious and peaceful. When everyone in our family is healthy, when our job is secure, when all is going well at school, when our country seems to be moving in the right direction, we easily say, "Look God is blessing us." But when things become unhinged, when we begin to fear the future, when life seems to fall apart all around us, we say, "Where is God? Why has Christ abandoned us?"

Today's gospel invites us to look again, to believe that Christ can be present in every situation, no matter how painful. He is there as we sit in silence with only the beep of medical instruments in the Intensive Care Unit. He is there as we pick up the pieces of our life after a painful divorce. He is there as we wake up again to emptiness because of someone we lost in death.

How can Christ be present in the midst of so much loss and sorrow? It is a great mystery for sure, because Christ does not come to condone what is wrong or to dismiss what is unjust. But he does come. We call that mystery of faith the Incarnation. I have seen it many times in over 47 years of ministry. I have seen him come, as a family gathered around the death bed of a parent is suddenly overcome with a love that demonstrates what they mean to each other. I have seen him come to a young married couple, who after months of marriage counseling look at one another and say, "You know, we might just make it." I have seen him come when someone is belittled, bullied or their rights violated and another person courageously stands up and says, "This has to stop."

So, if you find yourself in turmoil, fear or confusion, fight the temptation to conclude that Christ has forgotten you. Christ is standing at your side in glory. His presence is mysterious for sure and often difficult to discern, but he is there. Look for him!

*Fr. Bill*





## Around the Parish



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In the normal course of the liturgical year, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is celebrated on December 8<sup>th</sup> and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. However, this year, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent.

When this happens the feast day is transferred from its usual day of December 8<sup>th</sup> to the next day, **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Masses for the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary will be celebrated on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and 5:30 pm this year. Both Masses will be interpreted.

*Please note there is no Vigil Mass on December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Feast Day.*

**St. Augustine Seniors** (50 and over) invite you to their next gathering on Thursday, December 12 at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall.

**Retirement Fund for Religious (Second Collection Next Weekend)** Next weekends second collection helps more than 24,000 senior religious who have dedicated their lives to service retire with dignity. Donations will provide for essential care, medicine, and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades- usually for little to no pay. Show your appreciation by supporting those who have given a lifetime.

### Parish Breakfast

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a new member of our parish family, or just visiting, you are invited to a complimentary parish breakfast on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM until 1 PM in Walsh Hall (basement of school building).

### 2025 Mass Book

The 2025 Mass Book is now available for parishioners' requests can be made by contacting the parish office or by mail. Please include your name, address and phone number on your request so that we can contact you if any adjustments need to be made requesting Mass intention for the year 2025.

## Faith Formation

### PSR Students on Stewardship

The 11 year-olds had studied the marvels of creation created by God. They found out that God's greatest creation was man. Of all God's creatures, humans alone have the ability to care for creation and make it prosper. God called humans to be stewards of creation. A steward is a person who is given both authority over what he or she cares for and the responsibility for seeing that it lives and grows. The students thought a few weeks about what this would mean to us as a parish community. They decided that, since humans are God's greatest creation, we can be stewards who care for humans in our community. We share some of their thoughts:

*"Give away to the Community Closet gently used clothes. Then people can come and choose the clothes they need and want." (Lucas Ash Crowe Didonato)*

*"Make a flyer about needs for the hungry and hang it over a box asking for canned goods during one special week. Then we donate it to the Community Cupboard." (Thea Lotz)*

*"Donate money collected at work or school and give it to the Community Cupboard to get canned goods." (Omír Roscoe)*

We hope this article gives you ideas on how you can support the community ministries here at St. Augustine.

Thank You and God Bless All of You!  
PSR Students

### 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. An informational meeting will take place on **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm** in the school building. Formation is also 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](mailto:info@staugustinecleveland.org).

### Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf invites you to their Advent reflections on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am until 10:45 am. The reflections will be lead by Kate Slosar and Jeannie Rawlings.

### Bible Study

Plans for our next Bible study are underway. However, we would like your input on what topics and gathering times are of interest to you. We kindly ask for you to complete a short survey that can be found on the parish website or on the table by the elevator. Thank you for your input.



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## DECEMBER 3, 2024

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ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH PRESENTS

# A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

IN SONG AND SIGN



Join us for an afternoon filled with festive music and holiday cheer.

FEATURING

THE ST. AUGUSTINE SIGNING CHOIR  
AND MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday, December 15

1:00 PM

FREE CONCERT

\*Breakfast following the 11:00 Mass until 1:00 PM.\*





**Save the Dates**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

WeGiveCatholic One Day of Giving  
 Www.WeGiveCatholic.org

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Breakfast  
 9 am to 1 pm in Walsh Hall

Choir Concert  
 1 pm in Church

The Annual KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TRINITY COUNCIL #4217 CHRISTMAS PARTY will be DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 3 pm at St. John Cantius Church (College and Professor Avenue) in the downstairs cafeteria located in the basement of school building. All children from 0 to 12 years old are welcome. Bring the joy of the holiday season to life! We will have the big guy himself Santa and friends handing out presents, pizza, punch and hotdogs!

The Annual **Journey to Bethlehem Mass** sponsored by Catholic Charities Disability Services and Ministries will be held at St. John of the Cross, 140 Richmond Road, Euclid, on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. People with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, catechists and advocates are invited to attend.

**😊 On the Lighter Side 😊**

A woman approached the minister after the sermon, and thanked him for his discourse. "I found it so helpful," she said. The minister replied: "I hope it will not prove as helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach." "Why, what do you mean?" asked the astonished woman. "Well," said the minister, "that sermon lasted you three months."....

**This week at St. Augustine**

**Monday, December 2, 2024**

10:00 am: Acrylic Painting- Broadway School of Arts and Music (Walsh)  
 5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

**Tuesday, December 3, 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 4, 2024**

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 5, 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 6, 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 7, 2024**

11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet  
 4:15 pm: Mass (Church)  
 5:00 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Church)

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

8:30 am: Mass (Church)  
 9:45 am -10:45 am: PSR (School Building)  
 11:00 am: Mass (Church)  
 2:00 pm: Links (Near West Theater)

<b>Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saturday: 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Sunday: 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday: 11 AM</b>
<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
<b>Lectors</b>	Migdalia Santiago-White	Debbie Sollars	Tom Smith Alice Weaver
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Theresa Fallon Lin Janson Theresa Ortiz	Maria Rivera Bob Duda Joe Lewandowski	Karen Halupnik Christina Howard Jeannie Rawlings
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