

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

*A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart*

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## Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9 AM to 4 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM to 2 PM

## Community Cupboard and Closet:

Wednesdays: 5 PM to 7 PM  
Saturdays: 11 AM to 2 PM

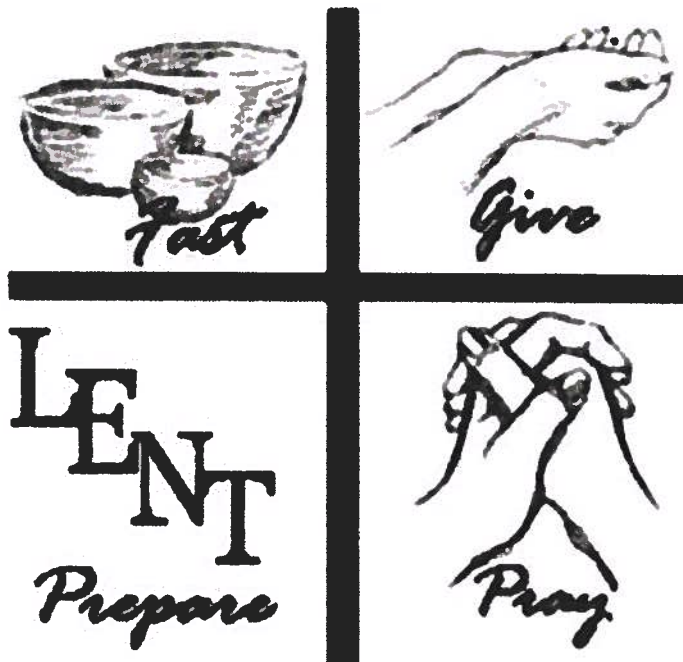
## Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 5:30 PM  
(Civic holidays at 10 AM)  
Saturday: 4:15 PM\*  
Sunday: 8:30 AM\* and 11 AM\*

\*Interpreted for the Deaf

**Confession:** Saturdays 3:30 PM – 4 PM or by appointment

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Sunday, March 12, 2023**



## Staff and Ministry Directory

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**Parish Registration** – Welcome new members! Please register by calling the parish office. Parishioners who are moving are asked to contact the office to update their information

**Baptism** – Baptisms may be scheduled at any time. Please call the parish office to make baptismal arrangements.

**Funerals** – Please call the parish office to schedule funerals prior to publishing any information.

**Matrimony** – Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

**Care of the Sick** – Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Arrangements can be made for pastoral visits, the Sacrament of the Anointing or the Sick. We can also bring Holy Communion to the homebound.



## Second Sunday of Lent

We hear the Chosen People grumble in today's first reading, for they are thirsty and have no idea how long their journey through the desert will last. "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" they complain. Here in this place, where we gather with God's people to worship the Lord, to listen to God's word, and to receive the Lord's body and blood, we can be assured that the Lord is in our midst. Jesus has quenched our deepest thirst with living water, with water welling up to eternal life. Together let us give witness to our faith that God remains always in our midst.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> - 4:15 PM<br>Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ         | † Howard Flower                    |
| Sunday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM<br>Fr. Joe McNulty               | † Anna, Mary, and<br>Truman Fisher |
| Sunday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> - 11 AM<br>Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S     | † Hank Long                        |
| Monday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM                                  | † Wilfredo Colon                   |
| Tuesday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM                                 | † Leo Bender                       |
| Wednesday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM                               | † Catherine Roberts                |
| Thursday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM                                | † Barb Kerchmar                    |
| Friday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM<br><i>St. Patrick, Bishop</i>    | † Rosemary Moon                    |
| Saturday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> - 4:15 PM<br>Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S | † Fr. Ralph Coletta                |
| Sunday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM<br>Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ           | † Robin Zarembski                  |
| Sunday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> - 11 AM<br>Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ             | † Petro and Kataryna<br>Duda       |

### The Pope's Intention for March: For Victims of Abuse

"We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering."

### Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Fr. Ralph Coletta

*Former Administrator of St. Augustine Parish &  
Former Director, Diocesan Apostolate for the Deaf*



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### Welcome!

No matter what your present status 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 of holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St.

Augustine Parish.

*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*

## Love Without Measure

No other evangelist takes more time with a story than does John. Matthew, Mark and Luke give us a narrative in few verses. John routinely takes a whole chapter. Today's Gospel of the Woman at the Well is a case in point. But one of the advantages of such lengthy narratives is that we can watch and detect development in the characters that are within them. In today's story we see the Woman at the Well change. What begins as an encounter marked with suspicion and hostility, eventually reaches the acceptance of Jesus as Messiah and Lord.

What John is trying to do in these lengthy narratives is to reveal to us the circumstances in which we can expect to encounter Jesus. John prepares us to see in concrete circumstances the possibility of meeting the Risen Lord. In this story of the Woman at the Well, John tells us that we can expect to meet the Lord in conversation, especially in conversations with those who think differently than us. Opposition is certainly the context of this story. The narrative depends on us understanding that there was antipathy, suspicion, and hostility between Jews and Samaritans. Both culturally and religiously, they were groups opposed to one another. This is why Jesus' request for a drink was such a brass move and why it would seem to have little chance of success. The ordinary Samaritan would have laughed and turned away from a thirsty Jew asking for a drink. The Samaritan woman does laugh, but then she stays to listen and, in the conversation, she discovers a deep truth.

This story tells us that it is when we enter into conversation with those who think differently from us, we can expect to meet Christ. It is hard to imagine a more relevant a more relevant topic for our society in 2023. For as we are daily reminded, America is a polarized nation. We are a nation divided into distinct and clear camps. There are red states and blue states, democrats and republicans. We are divided over the role of religion and politics, over our involvement in Ukraine, We are in disagreement over the future of Social Security. We do not agree about gay marriage or over the norms of family life. The Gospel tells us that, instead of withdrawing and remaining only in our own thoughts and convictions, we should reach out to those who think differently. We should talk and listen, believing that in our conversation we can discover a deeper truth.

The story even points out what we should be listening for. It tells us that we should listen for common threads of our humanity, for failure, for our highest ideals.

The conversation between Jesus and the woman begins with a conversation about the basics of life, about water. Jesus and the woman have different understanding of what water is but they are in agreement on the common thirst to drink. This common understanding moves their conversation forward. When we discuss with those who think differently from us, we should be looking for a common thirst, a common thread of our humanity that can unite us. Even if we do not agree, we can at least identify what we share.

The story also points to the importance of recognizing our failures. The woman is faced with and accepts her disastrous past, her multiple failed marriages. In this honesty of her failure, a step is taken towards the truth. In the same way, when we walk

with others who have a different point of view, any honesty on either side cannot help but lead us forward. Admitting that we have weaknesses, that we are imperfect, opens our mind to listen for the possible truth in another's position.

Finally, the woman and Jesus end up speaking about religion, about their highest ideals. In discussing the most important beliefs, they are able to move beyond where worship should take place and agree on the principle of worshipping in spirit and truth. In the same way, when we discuss with those who have a different point of view, we will often be more successful if we can engage with them around our highest ideals rather than being caught up in the details and how to achieve them. Of we can find common ground on the good we hope to achieve, we may be able to resolve the strategies, which divide us.

The story of the Woman at the Well tells us that we can expect to find Jesus in dialogue with others who think differently. It is not a naïve story, imagining that once we begin to talk, all obstacles will disappear. But it does tell us that if we are willing to listen, looking for common threads of our humanity, the reality of failure, and the power of our highest ideals, we can make progress. We will probably not end up thinking the same way. At least it will slow down our willingness to judge some harshly simply based on our limited experience. But if we open ourselves to the dialogue we can discover a deeper truth, and find Christ in the interaction. There are many ways we can find Jesus. Today's gospel reminds us that we can find Him in conversation, in dialogue with one another. If that is true we must not hold ourselves back or shut ourselves off from interaction with those who think differently. It is only by staying in the conversation, that we can hope to encounter the Risen Lord.

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### Parish Fish Fry



It's that time of year again for the friendliest fish fry in town! Our fish fry continues this week in Walsh Hall (basement of former school building) from 4 PM to 7 PM (Please note on Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, the hours will be from 4 PM to 6:30 PM). This year we will have battered fried cod, a specialty fish each Friday, shrimp, pierogis, cheese pizza, hush puppies, French fries, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, apple sauce, desserts. On March 17<sup>th</sup> we will add corned beef sandwiches to our menu.



Join us on Fridays during Lent in Church following the 5:30 PM Mass. The Stations are a devotion intended to help us follow Jesus on his way to Calvary.

By accompanying him on the Way of the Cross, we see ourselves mirrored in him, gain his courageous patience, & learn to trust God who is with us no matter what we have to go through.



### Parish Breakfast Next Sunday

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 next Sunday (March 19) from 9 AM until 1 PM in Walsh Hall (basement of school building). We hope that you will be able to join us for food and fellowship.

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### Interfaith Seder Meal

Herb Ascherman, Jr., and Cantor Emeritus Gary Paller of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah will lead us in the traditional Passover on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Herb and Gary will guide us through the Seder with historical context and song. The Seder Meal is a great opportunity for adults and children alike. We kindly ask if you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling the office at (216) 781-5530.

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### St. Augustine Seniors 50 and over

The St. Augustine Seniors will celebrate the Dyngus Day at their meeting on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall. New members are always welcome.

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### St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center this Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM for their regular meeting with dingo. New members are always welcome.

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### St. Augustine Signing Choir

The St. Augustine Signing Choir will continue their practice on Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in joining the choir, with or without signing experience, is invited to join. For more information, please contact the parish office

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### Parish School of Religion



Classes will continue this Monday at 5:30 PM.

If you have not yet registered your child for faith formation and sacramental preparation, please visit St. Augustine

Parish website at [www.StAugustineCleveland.org](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org), email us at [PSR@staugustinecleveland.org](mailto:PSR@staugustinecleveland.org), or call the parish office at (216) 781-5530 for more information.

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### Addiction Awareness for the Family

The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish is again offering a one-day course on ADDICTION AWARENESS FOR THE FAMILY in person (in the Stella Maris Auditorium) and via Zoom on Thursday, March 30, 2023, from 9 AM -4 PM. Relevant topics will include: alcohol & other drugs-- problem & what families should know; addition/alcoholism as a brain disease; helpful resources; 12-step programs of recovery; community resources. Six (6) CEU's are available through the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County. The fee for this program is \$20. Register at: [AAWMAR30.eventbrite.com](http://AAWMAR30.eventbrite.com). If questions: contact St. Malachi Rectory at (216) 861-5343.

### "God will not let you stumble or fail"

One of the commencement traditions at Harvard University is Senior Class Chapel. On the morning of graduation, seniors gather in Memorial Church to hear the minister offer words of solace and encouragement as they leave "the Yard" to take their places in the world. The 1998 senior class heard the unvarnished truth from the Rev. Peter Gomes, minister at Harvard and the author of several books on the Bible, including *The Good Book and Sermons*. In his gentle ringing tones, that call to mind a cross between a Shakespearean actor and the TV sitcom character Frasier, the inimitable Doctor Gomes took no prisoners as he began: "You are going to be sent out of here for good, and most of you aren't ready to go. The president is about to bid you into the fellowship of educated men and women and," - and here he paused and spoke each word slowly for emphasis - "you know just - how - dumb - you - really - are." The senior class cheered in agreement. "And worse than that," Doctor Gomes continued, "the world - and your parents in particular - are going to expect that you will be among the brightest and best. But you know that you can no longer fool all the people even some of the time. By noontime today, you will be out of here. By tomorrow you will be history. By Saturday, you will be toast. That's a fact - no exceptions, no extensions." "Nevertheless, there is reason to hope," Doctor Gomes promised. "The future is God's gift to you. God has not brought you this far to this place to abandon you or leave you here alone and afraid. The God of Israel never stumbles, never sleeps, and never goes on sabbatical. Thus, my beloved and bewildered young friends, do not be afraid."

*What Doctor Gomes did for the senior class at Harvard, Jesus does for the woman at the well described in today's Gospel. We need to turn to Jesus who loves us with non-evaluative, non-judgmental unconditional love: We all face moments when guilt plagues us and we are upset for falling for the same temptations again and again; when we make choices that turn out to be all wrong; when our relationships with others fall in a heap; when we feel lonely, sick and tired of the way people are treating us; when we are depressed and upset and can't see anything good in ourselves; when our faith is at rock bottom and we feel as if the Church and religion aren't doing anything for us; when we beat ourselves up for lack of enthusiasm to be true disciples of Jesus ready to do anything for him, and for days that go by without a word of prayer; when all we feel is failure and defeat. During such moments it is great to read a story about Jesus and his love and acceptance of the woman at the well. Let us rest assured that Jesus is there to accept us warmly and help us to see that he will give us the strength and the power we need to overcome whatever it is that is grieving us.*

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We live stream the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass, the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, and the weekday Rosary on the parish website, Facebook Page, and YouTube Channel. A live audio feed will be available for the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass the 11 AM Sunday Mass, and the praying of the Rosary. To access the audio feed, please call (216) 270-6331 prior to mass and enter code 2020 when prompted

## Church Stations of the Cross

Due to our Stations of the Cross being restored, we have temporarily put up the Stations that were in our former school building chapel. We hope to have our beautifully restored Stations back in time for Holy Week. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



### Pray the Rosary

We invite you to join us **every Monday through Friday at 6 PM** in Church as we pray the rosary. During Lent we will meditate on the Stations of the Cross each Friday after 5:30 PM Mass. If you are

unable to join in person, we encourage you to join us on livestream

### Sunday Thought

In our Gospel reading this Sunday from St. John's Gospel, Jesus meets the Woman at the well. Thirst has once again drawn her to the well. She will draw water from a spring that will only leave her thirsty again. Our Lenten journey should likewise have some of the dryness about it. Lent is a time in which we allow the deep inner longings of our heart to rise to the surface. The challenge comes from not trying to drown our spiritual dryness with too much shopping, entertainment, eating, drinking and busyness. We need to feel that thirst. It is not always an easy thing to do. Our first inclination when we feel uneasy about anything is to find a quick way out. We should not let our feeling frighten us. We need to be still. Let the longings for something refreshing lead us to Jesus as the Samaritan woman did. Jesus promises us that He will not let us die of thirst; in fact, it may be our thirst that will lead us to life. We must come to know that we were made for God and only our possession by God will satisfy us.



Due to Easter, Ultreya will not meet in April. Cursillistas will gather for Ultreya on **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** in Walsh Hall. 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.

### Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216) 334-2999 or via email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

### Stewardship of Treasure

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. The collection for the weekend of March 5, 2023 was \$1,382.30. Thank you for your generosity.

*Counter Team A is scheduled for Monday.*



The St. Augustine Community Cupboard is open on **Saturdays from 11 AM - 2 PM** and **Wednesdays from 5 PM - 7 PM**. As we continue to serve the needs of our neighbors, we are seeking volunteers to assist in restocking shelves and assisting shoppers on the days we are open. In addition, we are in need of the following items:

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Laundry Detergent  
Dish Soap  
Coffee  
Tea  
Sugar  
Creamer  
Flour  
Kleenex

Canned Meat  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Mayo  
Dog Food  
Deodorant (Men and Women)  
Hand Soap (Pump Bottles)  
Body Wash (Men and Women)  
Shampoo  
Boxed Potatoes

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

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the parish office by calling (216) 781-5530.

### Community Closet



Our Community Closet allows individuals to come and "shop" for clothing, bedding, and footwear items.

During the winter months there is a higher need for winter coats, boots, hats and gloves

The Community Closet is open on **Wednesdays from 5 to 7 PM** and on **Saturdays from 11 AM to 2 PM**.

For more information or to volunteer please contact the Parish Office at (216) 781-5530 or email, [outreach@staugustinecleveland.org](mailto:outreach@staugustinecleveland.org).

### Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ◆ *Served over 606 Families in the month of February*
- ◆ *Served 107 families in 3 hours which equates to just over 1,600 food items provided to the customers*
- ◆ *29 new families came to shop on February 25<sup>th</sup>.*

### Family Perspectives

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."

### Parish Database Update

If you have moved, are now solely using a cell phone, or have please call the parish office, so we can update your records. We would also like to update our parish data base with e-mail addresses. Thank you for keeping our parishioner records current.

## No women allowed!??

There is a Greek monastery at Mount Athos in which nothing female is allowed. It is home to 20 Eastern Orthodox monasteries, and 2,000 monks from Greece and other eastern orthodox countries such as Bulgaria, Serbia and Russia. These monks live an ascetic life, isolated from the rest of the world. The Mount - actually a 335 sq km (130 sq mile) peninsula - may be the largest area in the world from which women, and female animals, are banned. Men can enter but not women, roosters but not hens, horses but not mares, bulls but not cows. Armed guards patrol the border to ensure that nothing feminine passes the gates. It has been this way for more than 700 years. [Arnold Prater, *The Presence*, (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993).] Separate and definitely not equal: that has been the attitude toward women of many Churches through the ages.

*So it's really remarkable that this particular Samaritan evangelist happens to be a woman. She would be as surprised about it as anybody. When she first met Jesus, she was surprised that even he talked to her. Once converted, she became an evangelist, enthusiastically introducing Jesus to her fellow villagers. We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. A sign that God is active in our lives is His entering in to our personal, "private" lives. Jesus wants to get personal with us, especially during this Lenten season. Jesus wants to get into our "private" lives. We have a "private" personal life which is contrary to the will of God. Christ wishes to come into that "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, not to be unkind or malicious to us. Rather, Christ comes into our "private" personal life to free us, to change us and to offer us what we really need: living water. The living water is God the Holy Spirit Who enters the soul of the woman through Jesus and his love. We human beings are composed of four parts: mind, body, emotions and spirit. When we let God the Holy Spirit come into us and take control of our thinking, our physical activity, our emotions and our spirit, He can bring harmony to the way we live with all four parts of our humanity. We can find this living water in the Sacraments, in prayer and in the Holy Bible.*

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## Grief Support Meeting

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly Grief Support groups in two formats: In Office (3pm) and Virtually via Zoom (5pm). The next Grief Support sessions are NEXT Sunday, March 19th. Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. This month's topic is "Spring, Easter, and Grief: Times of Sacred Transition". We will meet from 3 to 4:00 P.M. in the main office at the following locations.

Holy Cross Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Road

All Saints Cemetery, 480 W.Highland, Northfield

Saint Joseph Cemetery, 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon

For more info or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda: 2169304866 or email [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org).

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## On the Lighter Side

While shopping for a bathroom scale, I found one that tracks not only weight but also body fat, bone mass, and water percentage. I nixed that one in favor of a low-tech model. As I told the salesperson, "I don't need to be depressed four ways; one is quite enough." ☺

## Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate toward Easter flowers to decorate the church this Easter season, please place an envelope clearly marked "Easter Flowers" in the collection basket before April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Envelopes may also be dropped off at the Parish Office. If you would like your donation to be in memory of someone and would like their name(s) recognized in the bulletin, please mark "in memory of (loved one's name) on the envelope as well.

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## A Precious Moment of Lucidity

Their 81-year-old mother suffers from dementia. Every day her five daughters see her slipping away more and more. In the beginning, Mom was brilliant at faking it, compensating her memory loss with skill and grace. But her daughters knew the time would come when she would no longer recognize them. That day came a few days after Thanksgiving.

The youngest sister took their mother to dinner with her in-laws. They were seated next to each other when Mom turned to her daughter and said, "So, remind me, how did we meet?" Taken aback, the daughter replied, "Mom, you gave birth to me." Mom then said hesitantly, "Well, then, why didn't I raise you?" "You did, Mom." Trying to hide her distress, the daughter excused herself from the table, not wanting her mother to see how upset she was.

Mom followed her into the kitchen. When they were alone, Mom took her hands. "Don't cry, please. Are you crying because you think I don't love you?" "No," her daughter said, "I know you love me." "Are you crying for me?" The daughter said nothing. Mom took her hand and held it tightly.

"This is me getting old. It is neither easy nor pleasant. But if I can get through this, so can you. Please know that I love you. And brace yourself, because this is who I am now. "It's not that I don't love you. I love you absolutely. It's just that you have slipped from my mind. These things happen. And this thing, this thing will happen again and again, but I love you. I love you so much.

"Honey, I don't know your name right now, but you must trust that I will always know exactly who you are. So do this for me: Tell me everything. I want to know every last detail - where you were born, where you went to high school and college, what you do for a living, if you are married. Do you have children? Come back to the table and sit down next to me and tell me all of it."

*A mother's love finds its bearings through the haze of dementia and gives her family a way forward. Her love for her daughters enables her to dig deep and find her "brightness." When we are driven by such love, we're able to confront who we are, accept our challenges and failings, and find a way to move forward. In her encounter with Jesus, the woman at the well is able to see herself and her life as it is and realize, despite her circumstances, the compassion of God in her midst. The grace to start over again is ours if we are honest enough to confront our lapses of memory and judgment and focus on God's constant presence and invitation to re-center our lives in his love and grace.*

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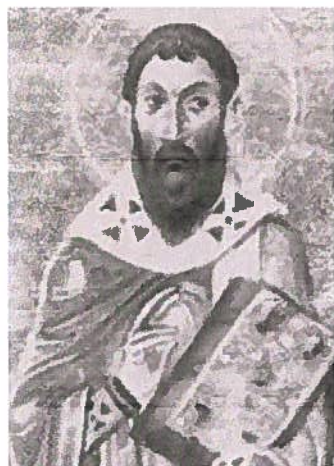
## 2022 Tax Statement Requests

2022 Tax statements will be prepared for those who request them. Please include your name, address and phone number on a piece of paper and return to the parish office by placing it in the collection basket, or by calling the parish office at (216) 781-5530.



## St. Sophronius of Jerusalem

Feast Day: March 11



Sophronius was a monk who lived from 560 to 639. He did not stay in one monastery, as many monks of his time did. Instead he lived his life of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice first in the desert of Egypt, then near the Jordan River, in Rome, and finally in Jerusalem.

A false teaching, or heresy, was being preached by a bishop and his followers. This false teaching denied that Jesus was both human and divine. Sophronius worked to

put an end to this heresy so that people would understand the meaning of the Incarnation—that the Son of God became fully human in all things except sin, while remaining fully divine. Sophronius' teachings were later officially accepted as true at an important meeting of bishops.

Sophronius was appointed bishop and then a Patriarch of the Church. A Patriarch was the main bishop of an area. He also found time to write books, hymns, and poems, some of which are still read today. He was a great leader because he used his many gifts to serve God and the Church.

The Church honors Sophronius as a saint. His example teaches us to live the words of St. Peter: "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another" (1 Peter 4:10). Like St. Sophronius we can serve God by sharing our gifts and talents with others.

## This Week's Events of the Parish

**Monday:** Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
PSR: 5:30 PM (School Building)  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
Lincoln Heights Block Club Meeting: 6 PM (Walsh)  
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

**Tuesday:** AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh Hall)  
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

**Wednesday:** LINKS: 3 PM (Walsh Hall)  
Signing Choir Practice: 6:30 PM (Walsh)  
Signing Hands: 6:30 PM (Deaf Center)  
Community Cupboard and Closet: 5 PM-7PM  
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)

**Thursday:** Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
Boy Scouts: 6:30 PM (Second Floor)  
AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)

**Friday:** Parish Fish Fry: 4PM – 7 PM (Walsh)  
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
Stations of the Cross: 6 PM (Church)  
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

**Saturday:** Community Cupboard and Closet: 11 AM – 2 PM  
Mass: 4:15PM (Church)

**Sunday:** Mass: 8:30 AM (Church)  
Mass: 11 AM (Church)  
Parish Breakfast: 9-1 PM (Walsh)

| <b>March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup></b>            |  |  |  |
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|   | <b>Saturday<br/>4:15 PM</b>                            | <b>Sunday<br/>8:30 AM</b>                          | <b>Sunday<br/>11 AM</b>                                |
| <b>Priest<br/>Deacon</b>                                    | Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)                                | Fr. Joe McNulty (H)<br>Deacon Chris DePenti        | Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)<br>Deacon Chris DePenti |
| <b>Lectors</b>  | Lin Janson   | Debbie Sollars                                     | Kate Slosar<br>Robin McMarlin                          |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of<br/>the Blessed Sacrament</b> | Theresa Ortiz<br>Michelle Rivera<br>Bonnie Robertson   | Maria Rivera<br>Leo Smith<br>Pat Abraham           | Jeannie Rawlings<br>Priscilla Treska                   |
| <b>March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup></b>            |  |  |  |
|   | <b>Saturday<br/>4:15 PM</b>                            | <b>Sunday<br/>8:30 AM</b>                          | <b>Sunday<br/>11 AM</b>                                |
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H: Homilist

# **St. Augustine Catholic Church**

## **Lent and Holy Week Schedule**

### **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

- 6:30 PM Interfaith Seder Meal (Walsh Hall) (*Reservations required*)  
Herb Ascherman, Jr., and Cantor Emeritus Gary Paller of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah will lead us in the traditional Passover. Herb and Gary will guide us through the seder with historical context and song. The seder meal is a great opportunity for adults and children alike.

### **Thursday, March 30, 2023**

- 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM Soup and Sandwich Supper (Walsh Hall)  
7:30 PM Haunted by God- The Life of Dorothy Day Performance (Church)

### **Monday, April 3, 2023**

- 5:30 PM Daily Mass  
6:00 PM Rosary  
7:00 PM Central West District Tenebrae Service- at St. Malachi Church  
Tenebrae (“shadows” or “darkness”) is a Holy Week service that is at least 1,000 years old. Originally held in after midnight but later held at a variety of times, Tenebrae would be sung each day of the Triduum in a church lit only by 15 candles. These were extinguished one by one until the church was left in darkness.

### **Tuesday of Holy Week, April. 4, 2023**

- 5:30 PM Mass  
6:00 PM Rosary  
7:00 PM Chrism Mass at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
*At this special liturgy, all the holy oils that will be used in our diocese for the coming year will be consecrated. This is also an opportunity for priests of the diocese to renew themselves in their priestly vocation.*

### **Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5, 2023**

- 5:30 PM Mass  
6:00 PM Communal Penance and Anointing Service

### **Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023**

- 6:30 PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
7:30 PM – 11 PM Reservation of the Eucharist with Private Prayer  
7:30 PM Parish Fellowship Meal (Walsh Hall and Deaf Center)

### **Good Friday, April 7, 2023**

- 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
4-6:30 PM Parish Fish Fry  
7 PM Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

### **Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023**

- 2 PM Blessing of Easter Food  
8:45 PM Easter Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection

### **Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**

- 8:30 AM Mass of the Lord’s Resurrection  
11 AM Mass of the Lord’s Resurrection



# Interfaith Passover Seder

*Interactive • Inviting • Inspiring*

St. Augustine Church is excited to invite friends and family back for another Passover

Seder experience. The Seder is a wonderful opportunity for adults and children alike to share our common values with our Jewish brothers and sisters.

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
6:30 PM**

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**Walsh Hall**

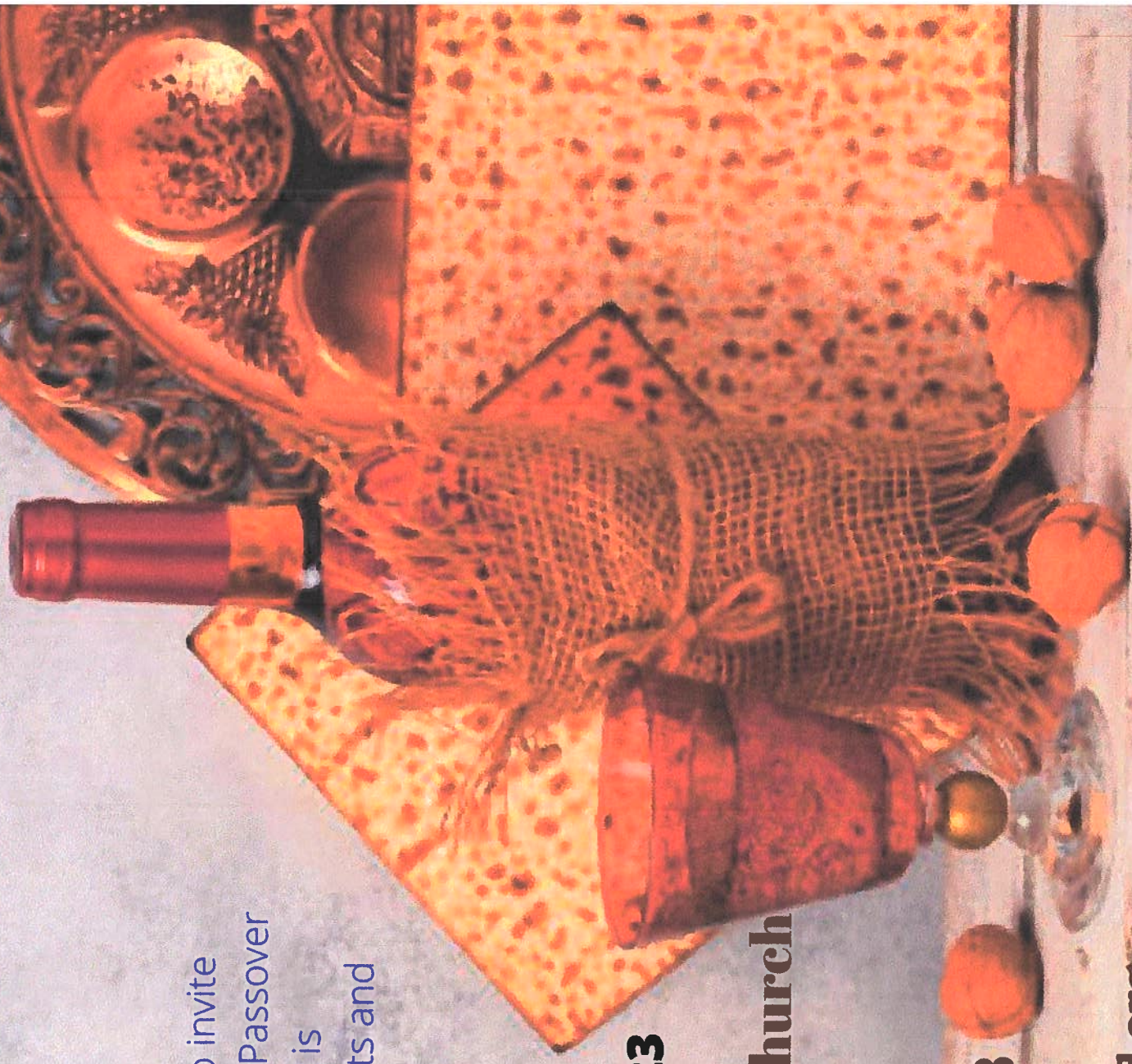
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# *Haunted by God*

*The Life of Dorothy Day*



*Haunted by God* is a one-woman play about Dorothy Day, the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement.

Dorothy Day was a powerful woman of immense conviction who found herself jailed many times when witnessing her beliefs, including women's suffrage. Dorothy spent 47 years living with the poor and challenging the U.S. Government to halt acts of war. She is known as the "mother of the peace movement" in the United States.

*Haunted by God* was written by Paul Amandes, Lisa Wagner-Carollo, and Robert McClory.

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023**

**7:30 PM**

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**6:30-7:15 PM SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER**

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