St. Augustine

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February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

When it was evening, after sunset they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Mk 1:32-34

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 Check Bulletin for Civic Holidays

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.

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.

Susan Grieken Dorothy Barr Patti Cook IoAnn Fisher Mike Furey Ella McGowan Nora Orozco **Bridget Patton** Andrea Slosar Fr. Joe McNulty Mary Solderitsch Richard Slosar Sharon Rivera Sheila Rock Mary Smith Nora Thomas Millie Vargas Syl Vargas

And for all those who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, living with a chronic illness, or living on the margins, we pray.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3

4:15 pm † Jean Vana

Sunday, February 4

8:30 am † Dagmar Amrhein 11:00 am † Tony Gelzinis

Monday, February 5

5:30 PM † Herbert Sponholtz

Tuesday, February 6

5:30 pm † Jeannie Dunnell

Wednesday, February 7

5:30 pm † Robin Zarembski

Thursday, February 8

5:30 pm † Frank Janusczak

Friday, February 9

5:30 pm † Laura DeLury

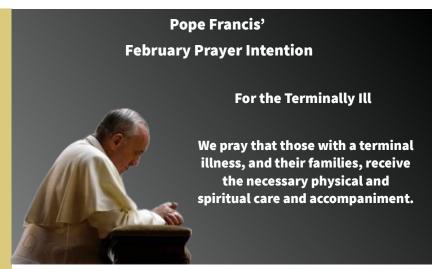
Saturday, February 10

4:15 pm † Mary Ashdown

Sunday, February 11

8:30 am † Skip McKenna 11:00 am † Ann Ribovich

† Deceased



"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 exhorts us:

"Do not be afraid! Take and eat."

Pope Francis

Offertory— January 27th and 28th

Regular Collection \$1,408.20 Latin America Collection \$324.72 **Total Collection** \$1,732.92

Counter Team C is scheduled for Monday

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Please consider our Parish's E-giving option through PayPal. It is easy and secure. Visit our parish website, www.StAugsutineCleveland.org and click donate.

Thank you for your financial support.

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 love,
And all are welcome!

Scripture Readings for the Week

Amen

Sunday | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Monday | St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday | St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday | St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday | Presentation of the Lord

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday | St. Scholastica

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Lk 7:16

Love Without Measure...

Lots of people complain – and figure they've got good reason to do so. But who can compare to Job? When God bragged how good Job was, Satan replied that its easy to be good when everything is going your way – when you have a secure home, a good family and a wonderful reputation. Who wouldn't thank God for all of that? But, what happens when it all falls apart through no fault of your own? That was Satan's gamble – let Job lose it all, and then see what he thinks of God!

Suddenly bereft of everything that given him identity and purpose, Job finds life a drudgery. He can identify with people with no pride in their work as they gain a poor salary, never feeling that they are contributing to the work of expressing themselves through their labor. Growing old, Job's life has lost its meaning and his friends, insisting that he must have deserved his misfortune, only make it worse. This is where we meet Job today.

Although few knew anything like Job's abundance of loss, the people of Jesus' day, like many today, shared Job's sense of drudgery, wondering if the God of justice had fallen asleep. When Mark describes the Galilee where Jesus began preaching, It seemed that demons were overpowering the population and that a good number of those who weren't possessed were in need of healing. No wonder Jesus started out like a whirlwind! Mark's first chapter tells us that Jesus was baptized and went to the desert to return and immediately began to teach, call disciples, exorcize demons and heal the sick. He performs his first miracle, the restoration of Peter's mother-in-law, right after the Sabbath ended – showing that God was active among the people, no matter how wretched they felt.

Mark, whose narrative was the foundation of the Christian gospels, gave this work the title, "The beginning of the Gospel." He wanted his readers to know that the times were changing – and guickly.

Jesus announced the change and he himself was the change. But, as Mark's title implied, what Jesus did was just the beginning. He was no superman, flying in and pulling people out danger all by himself. From the getgo, he called disciples, either by inviting them to follow him, or, as the case of Peter's mother-in-law, by restoring their ability to serve God and neighbor.

The point of all his activity was to embody the message he preached: "This is the time of fulfillment, the reign of God is at hand, believe it and act like you believe it!" When people began to take his message seriously, it snowballed and became a self-fulfilling prophecy. The more people believed that God's reign was at hand, the more they recognized it and spread it.

Paul offers a counterpoint to Job. Whereas Job tried to understand his sorry lot, Paul leads his readers to see beyond the tragedy – to see that preaching the crucified Christ proclaims not only God's definitive victory over all the powers of destruction but gives meaning to every moment of life. Thus Paul like Peter's mother-in-law is free to serve others. Their service and preaching becomes sacramental; it accomplishes what it signifies, bringing the reign of god into greater fruition.

In his lifetime, Job complained mightily to God, demanding an answer to the injustice of life. When God finally answered him, all Job could do was admit that God's ways were beyond his comprehension. The restoration of Job's fortune does not answer the question of suffering, nevertheless, it points to Christ's resurrection, God's definitive response to evil.

Today we might not be very different from Job and Paul. We see innocent suffering in so many parts of our world and feel helpless to respond. It seems that evil and violence have the upper hand. But, if we can, like Paul, give ourselves over to belief in the Gospel, we can enter into the sacramental dynamic of the self-fulfilling prophecy that is the reigning of God.

Job would tell us, "Beware! Feel free to complain, to lament, to interrogate God, but know that you do so at great risk." We never know when God will appear out of the whirlwind and give us a mission beyond our wildest dreams; a mission that will eliminate drudgery from our vocabulary, a mission for which we were made.

Fr. Bill

Around the Parish & Events

Feast of St. Blaise

On February 3rd the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Blaise. Blaise was a bishop who is credited with saving the life of a child who was choking. Blaise died as a martyr in the 4th century. The tradition of the blessing of peoples' throats, seeking the protection and intercession of St. Blaise on his feast day, grew throughout the centuries. Following the recessional song you are invited to come forward for a blessing.

LINKS Community for Mental Health

LINKS is a social, recreational and educational ministry of St. Augustine's for persons with Mental Health conditions. They currently gather on Wednesdays and Fridays at 3 PM in Walsh Hall.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors invite you to their Mardi Gras gathering on Thursday, February 8th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.

For more information on joining the Seniors please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Harry "Butch" Heidenreich Mary Fink



Join us for our Parish Fish Fry every Friday during Lent

February 16th - March 29th

from 4 pm to 7 pm in Walsh Hall.

(4 pm to 6:30 pm on Good Friday)

Battered Fried Cod Dinner \$11
Includes: French Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll and Dessert

Baked Lemon Pepper Cod Dinner: \$11
Includes: French Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll and Dessert

Pierogi Dinner: \$8
Includes: Applesauce, Roll and Dessert

Macaroni and Cheese (side): \$3

To-Go and Dine-In Available.

Sav It In Sign

Another sign language class for beginners is being planned for the spring of 2024. For more information, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216)781-5530 ext. 29 or at RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org

St. Augustine Signing Choir

Practice for the upcoming spring performances will continue this Thursday at 6:30 PM in Walsh Hall. This would be the perfect time for new members (with or without knowledge of sign language) to join.

For more information on joining the Signing Choir, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Thank you to all who attended the Welcome 2024 Lunch last Sunday. Your prayers and support is appreciated

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, February 6th at 10 AM. New members are always welcome.

Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center

The Cleveland Catholic Deaf Community welcomes all to attend our Retreat Weekend 2024 in the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center (CCDC). Monsignor Glenn Nelson will lead our retreat and begin with Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 15th at 6:30 pm in the CCDC. Our retreat continues Saturday, March 16th with check-in at 10 am in the CCDC. Monsignor Nelson will present "Come to Jesus: Real Presence in the Eucharist" and will include lunch, confessions and 4:30 Mass. Dinner will be served after Mass. Kindly RSVP by Sunday, March 10th (No walk-in). Please contact CCDC at (216) 370-7722 or 1946CCDC@gmail.com.

Please join us every Sunday after 8:30 am and 11 am masses in the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center. Coffee, donuts and goodies are available for purchase.

Blind Community

The St. Augustine VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) will gather on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall for a meet and greet meeting and lunch.

The VIPs welcome those with and without visual impairments to participate in their activities.

A new information line for the visually impaired has been established. Members of the Blind Community are invited to stay up-to-date with Blind Community and Parish events by calling (216) 635-9215.

Around the Parish & Reflections

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 **open** on **Saturdays** from **11 AM - 3 PM.**

We are currently in need of winter coats, boots and clothing for men, women, and children.

Volunteers are greatly needed while we are open and during our closed hours to help sort and stock and help shoppers on Saturdays.

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

We have also created an Amazon Wish List which can be found on our parish website.

Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ♦ Served 858 in the month of November, 1040 in the month of December, and 923 in the month of January.
- ♦ In the month of November we helped 168 new families, 210 during the month of December and in January 177 new customers came to us in need.
- ♦ It takes at least 12-14 volunteers just to open the doors.



On the Lighter Side



My friend Garrick had the solution to forgetting his wife's birthday and their wedding anniversary: He opened an account with a local florist and provided it with both dates as well as instructions to send flowers and a card signed "Your loving husband, Garrick." For a few years, it worked. Then one day, Garrick came home on their wedding anniversary. He saw the flowers on the dining room table and said, "What nice flowers. Where did you get them?" Imagine the fight that ensued!

National Marriage Week

World Marriage Day, the second Sunday of February, and National Marriage Week USA (February 7 – 14) are observed annually in dioceses and parishes throughout our country as an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week 2024 is "Love Beyond Words" - the permanent, faithful and fruitful love in a sacramental marriage is truly beyond words.



The Handbell Choir will resume not have practice this Monday. Practice will resume on Monday, February 12th at 6:30pm in the church, and we are looking for more members! If you like to have

some fun and meet some new people, this is for you! We will meet on Monday evenings through March, with our initial performance on Sunday, March 10th.

Anyone from ages 8-80 are welcome to join. No experience necessary, and no music reading ability necessary either. The choir is open to both hearing and deaf individuals.

For comments or questions, please email Bill Shaffer at bshaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org or contact him at (216) 781-5530.

What Simple Kindness Can Do!

A few years ago in Sweden, a nurse working in a government hospital was assigned to an elderly woman patient. This patient was a tough case. She had not spoken a word in three years. The other nurses disliked her and tried to avoid her as much as they could. Basically, they ignored her. But the new nurse decided to try "unconditional love." The elderly woman patient rocked all day in a rocking chair. So one day the nurse pulled up a rocking chair beside the lady and just rocked along with her and loved her. Occasionally, the nurse would reach over and gently touch and pat the hand of the elderly woman. After just a few days of this, the patient suddenly opened her eyes, turned, and said to the nurse, "You're so kind." The next day she talked some more and incredibly two weeks later, the lady was well enough to leave the hospital and go home! Of course, it doesn't always work like that, but studies are accumulating that show without guestion that love has healing power. Today's Gospel describes how lesus demonstrated the love and mercy of God his Father for His children by his teaching and healing ministry.

Forty Days - Forty Items

Wednesday, February 14th is the first day of Lent. We have a challenge for you! Each day during Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into a trash bag. After the end of the forty days, donate these items to our Community Closet to be used by those in need.

Faith and Reflections



Our Parish School of Religion for children in Pre-K thru 8th will continue this Sunday, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

If you are new to St. Augustine or the area and would like more information on our program, please contact Jessica at (216) 781-5530 or JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org



Is God calling you to invite someone you know who is searching for a deeper faith in God to explore becoming Catholic?

The Church prepares adults for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist through a process called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA is designed to form the mind and heart in Christian discipleship through study of the basics of the Catholic faith, prayer and fellowship. If any of these are true for you or someone you know, then you are invited to contact the parish office to learn more and to register to join our RCIA group.



Cursillistas gather for Ultreya on Saturday, February 10th at 10 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.

Why Innocents Suffer!

The book of lob is a long didactic poem intended to refute the ancient lewish belief that God rewards the good and punishes the wicked in this life. The book describes God's permitting Satan to test the commitment of His servant Job. A prosperous and God-fearing man, Job suddenly experienced successive, catastrophic losses of wealth, family and health. The only explanation the author offers for God's permitting the innocent Job to suffer these losses is that He had allowed Satan to test Job's trusting commitment and fidelity to God, even under extreme pressure. Only in the light of Christ's sufferings and cruel execution, can we see the value of suffering in this life. Job's detailed account of the miseries of human existence contrasts with Jesus' work of healing as described in the Gospel. In this passage, Job claims that the entire human condition is sad and hopeless, comparing himself to a farm laborer who is forced to do degrading work for wages that barely keep him alive and who yearns for relief from the scorching sun. There is no peace, Job says, even in sleep! Instead, there is only a restless expectation of a return to toil at dawn. But continued suffering, monotony and isolation make Job aware of the emptiness of life without God and the hope of ultimate union with God.

Of course, Job is right. Left to our own resources, we cannot escape the ultimate meaninglessness of life. Fleeting joys are obliterated by suffering and inevitable death. We are reassured however that God gives life a purpose. He permits pain in order to serve His saving will and to teach us appreciate His gift of Life in fullness. The Good News we proclaim is that, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God has joined us to Himself now and forever. Job eventually realizes that those who choose to give themselves to God will find that life has meaning. Modern psychology teaches us that it is only our totally free actions that bring us real fulfillment in life. If our life is filled with drudgery and our days are without hope, it may be because we have never dared go beyond the security of other people's approval and acceptance. Jesus shows us that we can reach perfection only by allowing the risk of suffering into our lives, and submitting ourselves to God' Wisdom and His loving Will in all things.

Pray the Rosary

We invite you to join us **every Monday through Friday** at **6 PM** in Church as we pray the rosary. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on our livestream

2024 Lenten Obligations

- The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 29).
- The other Fridays of Lent (Feb. 16 and 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, and 22) are days of abstinence.
- Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal.
- •The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
- •Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.).
- The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Note: This year, be aware that Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th (also Valentine's Day). The obligation to fast does remain in effect, so it is suggested that those who are planning a special dinner make that their one main meal of the day.

Parish Calendar and Events



February 11th - World Day of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick will be distributed at all Masses

February 14th- Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at Mass and during the day at designated times.

February 16th- Fish Fry

Begins 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Walsh Hall

February 28th- Evening of Confession

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

March 18th, 19th, and 20th-Parish Mission

This Parish Mission will be a special time of grace. Save the dates for our evening Mission.

2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. Please refer to the insert in the weekend's bulletin which includes the goal for our parish.

A bit earlier this year due to the early start of Lent, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 10^{th} and 11^{th} .

We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2024appeal.

This week at St. Augustine

Monday, February 5, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh)

10:00 am: St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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, February 8, 2024

12:00 pm: St. Augustine Seniors (Walsh Hall)

5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm Rosary (Church)

6:30 pm: Signing Choir Practice (Walsh Hall) 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts (School Building) 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Friday, February 9, 2024

3:00 pm: Links (Walsh Hall)

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)

6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, February 10, 2024

11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet

4:15 pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:30 am: Mass (Church)

9:30 am - 10:30 am: Parish School of Religion

11:00 am: Mass (Church)

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Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Robin McMarlin	Pat Abraham Marissa Davilla	Kate Slosar Tom Calton
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