

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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January 21, 2024
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother, John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Mk 1:19-20

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.

Dorothy Barr
Ella McGowan
Richard Slosar
Millie Vargas

Patti Cook
Fr. Joe McNulty
Sheila Rock.
Syl Vargas

JoAnn Fisher
Nora Orozco
Mary Smith

Mike Furey
Bridget Patton
Mary Solderitsch

Susan Grieken
Andrea Slosar
Nora Thomas

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, January 20

4:15 pm † Jack McMarlin
† Gary Emond and
Michelle Estvanko

Sunday, January 21

8:30 am † St. Augustine Parishioners
11:00 am † Raymond Rogalski

Monday, January 22

5:30 PM † Larry Moran

Tuesday, January 23

5:30 pm † Lorette Treska

Wednesday, January 24

5:30 pm † Mickie Hitterman

Thursday, January 25

5:30 pm † Herman Graziolli

Friday, January 26

5:30 pm † William Farrell

Saturday, January 27

4:15 pm † Henry Senyak

Sunday, January 28

8:30 am † Mary Jo Muck
11:00 am † Joyce Ann and Dan Madak

† **Deceased**

Pope Francis'

January Prayer Intention

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church



Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Second Collection next Weekend

This yearly collection for **Church in Latin America** will be taken at Masses next weekend, January 27th and 28th. This is the only appeal made by our Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. This money is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland priests who work in two parishes served by our Mission Office. This collection also allows Cleveland to make a contribution for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America. To learn more about how your gift makes a difference visit: www.usccb.org/latin-america

Offertory—

January 13th and 14th

Regular Collection	\$1,167.49
Electronic Giving	\$200.00
Total Collection	\$1,367.49

Counter Team B is scheduled for Monday

Donate online

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in your weekly contribution to St. Augustine Parish. Your kindness and support enable us to provide for the needs of our parish and community.

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

Thank you for your financial support.



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.

Our Clergy

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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!

Amen

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1; Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

Monday | Day of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday | St. Francis de Sales

2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday | The Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Friday | St. Timothy and St. Titus

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 ;Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

Love Without Measure...

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season or Ordinary Time, Cycle B of the lectionary, most of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark describes how Jesus was tempted in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's gospel reading, Jesus preaches the kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins his message that the kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' gives many signs of the kingdom that he announces in his preaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling the first disciples. In the rabbinical schools of the first century, students sought out their rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks with this tradition by seeking out disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen – Simon, Andrew, James and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers and they are called to be "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them. But he does invite them to leave their fishing jobs immediately, leaving their father Zebedee behind in the boat.

Mark's gospel is told with great urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared that sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

Fr. Bill

"I Urge you to be builders of communion..."

Pope Francis recently welcomed a delegation of the "Renewal in the Holy Spirit" Church movement at the Vatican, and urged them to move forward in prayer, especially adoration, evangelization, and communion.

"In a world dominated by the culture of having and efficiency, and also in a Church sometimes too worried about organization - be aware of this! - we all need to make room for thanksgiving, praise, and awe before God's grace," Pope Francis told the delegation.

During the audience in the Vatican, the Pope urged them to go forward in prayer, especially adoration and evangelization.

"The charismatic movement by its very nature gives space and emphasis to prayer, especially prayer of praise, and this is very important," he said.

"I ask you, brothers and sisters, to continue to serve the Church in this, especially by promoting the prayer of adoration," he added, especially a worship "in which silence is predominant, in which the Word of God prevails over our words, in short, a worship in which He, the Lord, is truly at the center and not us."

For more information on Catholic Renewal Ministries in the Diocese of Cleveland, visit: www.crmweb.org

Around the Parish & Events



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord



James M. Smith
Member of our Parish



Vickie Bueno
Member of our Parish

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir is looking for a few more members! If you like to have some fun and meet some new people, this is for you!

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 at BShaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org or call at (216) 781-5530

Say 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

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf will host their annual Welcome 2024 Lunch on Sunday January 28th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 for 2023 members and \$10 for non-members. Please RSVP before January 21st by contacting Maria Rivera either in person or at (216) 370-7141.

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, January 23rd at 10 AM. New members are always welcome.

Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center

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

Representatives of the Blind Community recently met and selected the following officers for the year.

President: Theresa McKinney
Vice-President: Shirley Patterson
Secretary: Debbie Sollars
Recording Treasurer: Terry Hogan
Trustee: Susan Ott

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.

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. Due to the Christmas holiday LINKS will not gather this week.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors invite you to their next gathering on Thursday, January 25th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.

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



Around the Parish & Events

It May Not Be Pretty, But He Can Teach...

It's the first day of the fall semester. First-year college students take seats in the lecture hall for their first class in Biology 101. The professor welcomes everyone and calls the roll. He distributes the syllabus and explains the course material, the assignments, and his grading policies. The students find him engaging and approachable. Everything is off to a good start. However, before he begins the day's lecture, the professor says this:

"One more thing before we get started. "During the semester, when we meet for lecture or lab work, there will be times when I will stumble. I will slur words. It may take me a while to get the words out when answering your questions. I will fumble with my notes. I'll have to stop now and then because of a tremor in my hand or leg. And, in all probability, you'll have trouble deciphering my handwriting don't hesitate to ask me to decode. You won't offend me. "I have Parkinson's Disease. "I've been living with Parkinson's for the past five years. It's a challenge, but it hasn't stopped me from teaching — and it shouldn't stop you from learning.

"So don't worry. I'm O.K. It's a struggle — but I'm coping. I can still teach this subject that I love."

This professor could retire from teaching, of course, and avoid the awkwardness and the embarrassment, the stares and the frightened looks on his students' faces. ut he loves what he does — he's good at it and he loves the students he teaches. He refuses to give an inch to Parkinson's. So he "abandons the nets" of others' expectations, his own doubts and fears of criticism, his own safe "boat" to continue to use the skills and gifts God has given him: the ability to teach. To follow Christ means "abandoning our nets" of self-interest to embrace the needs of others; Jesus calls us to follow him along the difficult path of selfless compassion and humble generosity. That's the challenge of the disciple's call: to find our life's fulfillment in using our skills and knowledge for the common good rather than for personal profit or fame; to seek reconciliation and forgiveness when the rest of the world demands vengeance and settling the score; to see Christ in the faces of everyone we meet.

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 826 in the month of October, 858 in the month of November, **and 1040 in the month of December.**
- ♦ In the month of October we helped 162 new families, 168 during the month of November **and in December 210 new customers came to us in need.**
- ♦ It takes at least 12-14 volunteers just to open the doors.



On the Lighter Side



A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives. The doctor said, "I have devoted my life to the sick and needy and have had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people." St. Peter replied, "That's great. Go ahead into heaven." The nurse chimed in, "I have supported the doctor and his patients my entire life as an adult, have taken time to explain things to patients, and have helped them lead healthy lives." "Wonderful," says St. Peter. "Please proceed in with the doctor." Then the executive said, "I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country." St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please go on in... but you can only stay two nights!"

Parenting Tune-Up



Jan. 19 was the 45th annual March for Life in Washington DC. Tens of thousands of Pro-Life supporters went there and testified to their opposition to abortion. Couldn't go to Washington? You can still testify. Talk with your child about the value of life no matter how young or how old. Perhaps donate baby items to a pregnancy center.

Relationship Tune-Up



Another way to Turn Your Beloved Off!!
Let Your Kids Pre-empt your Beloved. Our children are important and take a lot of care - But, sometimes, we unnecessarily put our kids before our spouse. Babysitters can be a gift from God. If you aren't a parent, substitute "work" for "kids."

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.

Please keep our First Communicants in prayer as they prepare for their First Reconciliation this Sunday.

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.

Evangelization – The St. Francis of Assisi Style

One day Francis of Assisi invited one of the young friars to join him on a trip into town to preach. The young friar was so honored at receiving such an invitation from St. Francis that he quickly accepted. They paused beneath a tree and Francis stooped to return a young bird to its nest. They went on and stopped in a field crowded with reapers and Francis bent his back to help load the hay onto a cart. From there they went to the town square where Francis lifted a bucket of water from the well for an old woman and carried it home for her. All day long he and St. Francis walked through the streets and byways, alleys and suburbs, and they rubbed shoulders with hundreds of people. Each time they stopped, the young friar was sure that St. Francis would stop and preach. But no words of great truth or wise discourse issued from the saint's mouth. Finally, they went into the Church, but Francis only knelt silently to pray. At the end of the day, the two headed back home. Not once had St. Francis addressed a crowd, nor had he talked to anyone about the Gospel. The young monk was greatly disappointed, and he said to St. Francis, "I thought we were going into town to preach?" St. Francis responded, "My son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking and in everything we did. We were seen by many and our behavior was closely watched. It's of no use to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk! Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words only if necessary."



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 live-stream

St. Francis de Sales

Saint Francis was born to a noble family near Annecy in Savoy, a region of France, in 1567. He received a doctorate in canon and civil law from the University of Padua, but chose to enter the priesthood in 1593 against his family's wishes.

Saint Francis' first years as a priest were spent evangelizing in the Chablais region of France. He preached with zeal and worked tirelessly to convert those who would not listen. He often took ill because of his constant load of preaching, visiting, and instruction - even catechizing a deaf man so he could take first Communion. He triumphed in overcoming the heresies of Calvinism and converted many Protestants back to the Church. He was eventually appointed coadjutor bishop of Geneva in 1599, bishop in 1602, and in 1610, he helped found the Order of the Visitation.

He died in 1622, was canonized in 1665, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1877. Saint Francis de Sales is recognized today as the patron of those suffering from hearing loss. His feast day is January 24th. Saint Francis de Sales, Pray for Us.

Parish Calendar and Events

This week at St. Augustine

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 this Sunday 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.

Volunteers are always welcome to help set-up, serve, and clear tables.

Looking Ahead-Save the Dates

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.

March 12th, 13th, and 14th-Parish Mission
This Parish Mission will be a special time of grace. Save the dates for our evening Mission.

Do you appreciate the call to be Christ's Disciples?

Every one of us is called by God, both individually and collectively. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church. Our own unique vocation and our relationship with the risen Lord are the same as that of the universal Church. Be we religious, priests, married or single people, we are all called, and in this call we become what God wants us to be. The call, of course, begins with our Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation. It is strengthened throughout the years with the Eucharist and Reconciliation, healed and consoled by Anointing and made manifest in Matrimony, or Holy Orders. God is relentless in calling us back to Himself, even when we stray away from Him.

Monday, January 22, 2024

10:00 am: World African Drum Class
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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 25, 2024

12:00 pm: St. Augustine Seniors (Walsh)
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, January 26, 2024

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

Saturday, January 27, 2024

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

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:30 am: Mass (Church)
9:30 am – 10:30 am: Parish School of Religion
11:00 am: Mass (Church)
1:00 pm: Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf Lunch

January 20th and 21st

	<i>Saturday: 4:15 PM</i>	<i>Sunday: 8:30 AM</i>	<i>Sunday: 11 AM</i>
Priest Deacon	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
Lectors	Robin McMarlin	Joe Lewandowski	Karen Halupnik Christina Howard
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Mag Rivera Migdalia Santiago-White Theresa Ortiz	Pat Abraham David Murray	John Kowalchik Nora Kowalchik Jean Mendis

January 27th and 28th

	<i>Saturday: 4:15 PM</i>	<i>Sunday: 8:30 AM</i>	<i>Sunday: 11 AM</i>
Priest Deacon	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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