

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent



Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers were seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.

Jn 2:13b-15a

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	Israel Caminero	Patti Cook	JoAnn Fisher	Mike Furey	John Garneau
Susan Grieken	Debbi Kasper	Ella McGowan	Fr. Joe McNulty	Nora Orozco	Bridget Patton
Andrea Slosar	Richard Slosar	Sharon Rivera	Sheila Rock	Mary Smith	Mary Solderitsch
Nora Thomas	Norma Turner	Millie Vargas	Syl Vargas		

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, March 2

4:15 pm † Bob Bencic

Sunday, March 3

8:30 am † Jean Vana

11:00 am † Millie Julia

Monday, March 4

5:30 PM † Emil Solderitsch

Tuesday, March 5

5:30 pm † Coletta Klein

Wednesday, March 6

5:30 pm † Gerry Duncan

Thursday, March 7

5:30 pm † Steven Dulik

Friday, March 8

5:30 pm † Larry Gallo

Saturday, March 9

4:15 pm † Members of the Ody Family

Sunday, March 10

8:30 am † John Carey

11:00 am † Mary Ellen Czelusniak

† Deceased

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention

For the new martyrs

**We pray for those who risk
Their lives for the Gospel
In various parts of the world
inflame the Church with
their courage and
missionary enthusiasm.**

"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

Collection for Catholic Relief Service Next Weekend

Your contribution to this annual special collection which will be taken next weekend, March 9th and 10th funds several national Catholic organizations. Aid is given to victims of natural disasters and armed conflict. In Third World nations, agricultural assistance is provided, along with water programs and health care. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. www.CRS.org

Offertory—

February 24th and 25th

Regular Collection	\$1,503.21
E-Giving	\$200.00
Other Collections	\$22.00
Total Collection	\$1,725.21

Counter Team D 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 loved,
And all are welcome!**
Amen*

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday | Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25;
Jn 2:13-25

Monday | St. Casimir

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 and 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 | Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday | St. John of God, Religious

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday | St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10;
Jn 3:14-21

2024 Lenten Obligations

The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting 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 ages 18 - 59.

Abstinence means to abstain from eating meat. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Love Without Measure...

Aristotle has written, "it is easy to become angry. Anyone can do it. But to become angry at the right moment, to the right degree, for the right purpose, in the right manner, that is difficult. Only the wise person can accomplish it." What is implied in Aristotle's words is the realization that there are different kinds of anger. There is destructive anger, which is unfocused, irrational and wasteful. But there is constructive anger that is precise, appropriate and useful. Aristotle believed that constructive anger is valuable. So did Jesus.

In today's gospel we see Jesus using constructive anger to motivate himself in the dramatic action in the temple. How we are not completely sure what Jesus was angry at. He was not angry at the temple itself, for as a good Jew the temple was the center of his religious life, and he prayed at the temple often. He could not be angry at the fact that people were selling animals because Jewish law for sacrifice required animals. Perhaps he was angry at where the animals were being sold. Perhaps they were sold in an unfair way that discriminated against the poor. Whatever the reason was, it is clear that Jesus perceived in the action of selling some injustice and his response to injustice was anger. Anger motivated Jesus to act against what he believed was wrong.

The example of Jesus reminds us that, as children of God, we are required to act on behalf of what is right, to oppose evil, oppression, and discrimination. We do these things because we believe that they are contrary to God's kingdom. In this action against evil, there is a kind of anger that is very useful. Constructive anger is a virtue when it is exercised on behalf of the kingdom. Now this can surprise us, because some of us were taught that anger is a sin. But only destructive anger is sinful. Constructive anger is not a sin. It is a positive and valuable part of human life.

Let's take a look at our own lives over the past year. If we cannot think of any time when we were angry, that is not necessarily a good thing. Never being angry does not make us holy; in fact, it might indicate that we are indifferent, indifferent to the injustice and evils that are part of our world. If, on the other hand, we look over the past year and realize that we are always angry, that is not a good thing either. When we suddenly burst into rage at the slightest comment, when we explode without reason, when we discover that we are living constantly with an internal tension, that is an indication, that there are unresolved issues in our life that needs to be faced. That is a sign that destructive anger controls us. All of us face times when this is the case.

But contrary to never being angry, or always being angry, constructive anger is healthy. It helps us identify what is wrong, and it motivates us to work against it. If we recognize in our lives a growing tendency toward self-indulgence and self-centeredness constructive anger can motivate us to act, to turn things around. If we realize that we are experiencing abuse or manipulation in a relationship, constructive anger can force us to demand a change or to abandon the relationship all together. If we recognize that the policies of your job, or of our church, or of our society discriminate against the poor or oppress the weak, constructive anger can cause us to speak out, to organize, to work for doing what is right. However, one thing is clear, constructive anger is never abusive or demeaning.

There is no doubt that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, but he is also the Lord of Justice. Jesus did not sit meekly by when he saw evil being imposed on others. Jesus was not afraid of constructive anger. He used it help build the kingdom. So should we.

Fr. Bill



Daylight Saving Time Starts

March 10, 2024

Remember to set your clocks **ahead** one hour Saturday night or Sunday morning the weekend of March 11.



International Women's Day

March 8th is International Women's Day, an annual celebration to honor the achievements and contributions of women, while challenging the discrimination and oppression they continue to

face. Pope Francis said: "On International Women's Day, I think of all women: I thank them for their commitment to building a more humane society, through their ability to grasp reality with a creative eye and a tender heart." We salute all the women for their invaluable contributions to enrich our families and communities, and pray for them in a special way.

Around the Parish & Events

Happy Retirement

This past week we bid farewell to two dedicated people at St. Augustine's.



Doris Everetts has worked in various capacities for us for over 35 years. We are grateful for Doris' many years of dedicated ministry to us and God's people.

Thank you Doris! May God continue to bless you as you begin this next chapter in your life.



Mike Grogan has been an integral part of our ministry to those on the margins. Mike came to us as an Ignatian Volunteer and helped individuals find housing, get birth certificates and state identification cards, navigate the complex system of applying for benefits, and sincerely seeking those in need.

Mike, thank you! May God continue to grant you many blessings as you continue to minister to the least among us.

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. To register please visit, www.StAugustineCleveland.org.

St. Augustine Signing Choir

Practice for the upcoming spring performances will continue this Thursday at 6:30 PM.

On Saturday the choir performed at Kent State University for Delta Zeta's annual Lip Sync fundraiser. The Signing Choir has been invited to perform at this event since 2009. The will also be performing at the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center's Donor Appreciation Dinner on April 3rd.

Save the date for the *Spring Concert in Church on May 4th* beginning at 2:30 PM

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

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, March 12th at 10 AM. New members are always welcome.

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf invites you to a Deaf Bible Study Group in the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center from 10 am to 10:45 am this Sunday, March 3rd.

Kate Slosar, MA will lead the discussion on the Sunday Gospels read during Lent.

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.



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.

Cash, Check, Credit Card Accepted

Around the Parish

Blind Community

The VIPs welcome those with and without visual impairments to participate in their activities. 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 members enjoyed making molds of their hands this past week with Christine, an Art Therapist.

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

For more information on our Links program please contact Bob at (216) 781-5530 or Bduda@StAugustineCleveland.org.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors invite you to their St. Patrick's Day Party on Thursday, March 7th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.

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

How Can I Become More Involved

Did you know that the Mass is actually a double communion with Christ? Through the Eucharist, of course, as well as through the Word proclaimed. And you can help.

By proclaiming the scripture readings at Mass, our Lectors make it possible for us all to have a personal encounter with God. 0

If you are feeling called to minister as a lector or Eucharistic Minister, please call Robin at (216) 781-5530 or email, RMcMarlin@St.AugustineCleveland.org.



On the Lighter Side



How to pray: A businessman needed a million dollars to close an important business transaction. He went to church to pray for the money. He knelt and started praying next to a man who was praying for a hundred dollars he needed to pay an urgent debt. The businessman took out his wallet and pressed the hundred dollars into the other man's hand. Overjoyed, the man got up and left the church. The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed, "And now, Lord, that I have your undivided attention...."



The Handbell Choir will hold our next rehearsal on Monday evening, April 15th at 6:30 pm in the church. 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.

The newly formed Handbell Choir will have their next performance on Sunday, May 5th at the 11 am Mass.

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



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**.

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, ACamino@StAugustineCleveland.org

We have also created an **Amazon Wish List which can be found on our parish website, www.StAugustineCleveland.org.**

Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

♦ Served 1040 in the month of December, 923 in the month of January, and 950 in the month of February.

♦ In the month of December we helped 210 new families, 177 during the month of January and in February 193 new customers came to us in need.

♦ It takes at least 12-14 volunteers just to open the doors.

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



Cursillistas gather for Ultreya on Saturday, March 9th at 10:00 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.

The Little Black Book

Spend six minutes a day preparing for the most holy season of the year. These pocket-sized booklets contain reflections for each of the days in Lent. The Little Black Books are available for your taking at the Church entrances.

This year we have booklets for teens and adults (black) and booklets for children (purple). The book are available next to the bulletin at each entrance to the church.

Bible Study Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that we will be having weekly group Bible Study beginning on Wednesday April 3rd from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm led by Pat Takacs and Andrea Whinnery Erman.

This will be a ten week session focusing on the source and summit of our Catholic faith, The Eucharist, using course materials from the Augustine Institute. It is a time to come together and connect while being intentional about deepening our understanding of the richness of our tradition and growing in faith together.

You are encouraged to register and to commit to attending all sessions, as they do build on one another.

Sign language Interpreter will be present and videos have closed captions.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

To register please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530 or register online at www.StAugustineCleveland.org.

Forty Days – Forty Items

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 bag. After the end of the forty days, donate these items to our Community Closet to be used by those in need.

Matthew 25 Pilgrimage

Join us as we travel together by bus on Good Friday, March 29th to reflect and pray at six different sculptures representing the areas called out in the Gospel of Matthew to care for the least of our brothers and sisters in need. The bus will leave the parish at 9:30 am and return around 12 Noon. Please call the Parish Office at (216) 781-5530 to sign up.



Pray the Rosary

We invite you to join us **every Monday through Friday at 6 PM** (Monday through Thursday during Lent) 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.

What was special about the movie 'E.T.?

E.T. is one of the most successful movies of all time. It is about an extra-terrestrial creature who heals cuts with the touch of his finger, raises dead flowers to life, and who himself is raised from the dead before he departs from the earth, his spaceship leaving a rainbow in the sky. I would guess that millions of people who had never entered the door of a Church flocked to E.T. and were moved by it. They were searching for a source of hope. They were looking for a model of themselves as people who are loved by a Power that will not let them go even in their darkness.

Today's Gospel tells us about a Samaritan woman who was looking for God to quench her thirst. After many disappointing encounters with men, she found Jesus who gave her 'living waters' and her thirst was quenched, and she was able to inspire others by sharing her story.

Parish Calendar and Events



Join us on Fridays during Lent in Church following the 5:30 pm Mass. The Stations are a devotional 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, and learn to trust God who is with us no matter what we have to go through.

25th Interfaith Seder Meal

Herb Ascherman, Jr. and Cantor Emeritus Gary Paller of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah will lead us in the traditional Passover on Wednesday, March 27th at 6 pm in Walsh Hall. 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 Parish Office at (216) 781-5530 or online at www.StAugustineCleveland.org.

Parish Fellowship Meal

We would be honored if you would gather with us as a parish family on Thursday, March 28th immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass for our annual Parish Fellowship Meal. We kindly ask that you RSVP by completing the insert in today's bulletin, online at www.StAugustineCleveland.org or by calling the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

Save
the
Date

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

This Parish Mission will be a special time of grace. Presentation begins at 7:00 pm and will last approximately 1 hour

Seder Meal- Wednesday, March 27th at 6 pm

Parish Fellowship Meal-Thursday, March 28th

Matthew 25 Pilgrimage- Friday, March 29th at 9:30 am

This week at St. Augustine

Monday, March 4, 2024

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
6:30 pm: Handbell Choir Practice (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh)
2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)
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, March 7, 2024

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)
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, March 8, 2024

3:00 pm: Links (Walsh Hall)
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Fish Fry (Walsh Hall)
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, March 9, 2024

10:00 am: Ultreya (Parish Conference Room)
11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet
4:15 pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday, March 10, 2024

8:30 am: Mass (Church)
9:30 am – 10:30 am: Parish School of Religion
11:00 am: Mass (Church)

MARCH 2 nd and 3 rd	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Dave Dyllyn	Debbie Sollars	Karen Halupnik Aaron Calton
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Bob Duda Bonnie Robertson	Maria Boyer Marissa Davilla Kathy Yarmock	Rosanne Barnhart John Kowalchik Kate Slosar
MARCH 9 th and 10 th	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
Lectors	Ann Ertle	Fran DiDonato	Jeannie Rawlings Sr. Regina
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Dave Dyllyn Theresa Fallon Lin Janson	Joe Lewandowski David Murray Rob Owens	Aaron Calton Tom Calton Karen Halupnik