THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again."

John 10:17

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.

Pat Abraham John Garneau Fr. Joe McNulty Sharon Rivera Norma Turner

Dorothy Barr Susan Grieken Nora Orozco Sheila Rock Nancy Van Gieson Patti Cook Michael Hogan **Bridget Patton** Mary Smith Millie Vargas

JoAnn Fisher Debbi Kasper Andrea Slosar Mary Solderitsch Carl Zelinski, Sr.

Mike Furey Ella McGowan **Richard Slosar** Nora Thomas

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, April 20

4:15 pm + Bob Bencic

Sunday, April 21

† Israel Caminero, III 8:30 am 11:00 am + Nathan McNulty

Monday, April 22 † John Kowza 5:30 PM

Tuesday, April 23 5:30 pm + Sebastian DiBartolo

Wednesday, April 24 **†** Dorothy Johnson 5:30 pm

Thursday, April 25 † Dolores and Renee Ross 5:30 pm

Friday, April 26 5:30 pm *†* Catherine Roberts

Saturday, April 27

4:15 pm + Bob Thaxton

Sunday, April 28

8:30 am † Michael Slaby 11:00 am **First Communicants**

† Deceased

Offertory—		
April 13 th and 14	th	
Regular Collection	\$2,229.00	
E-Giving	\$200.00	
Other	\$6.00	
Total Collection	\$2,435.00	

Counter Team C is scheduled for Monday

Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention

For the role of women



We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

"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



This weekend we welcome in Baptism Celeste Raquel Bonilla. May the Light of Christ, given in Baptism, shine on Celest forever. Amen.

Donate online

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

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

www.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.

Our Clergy

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Chris DePenti | CdePenti@DioceseofCleveland.org

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Stay Connected

Email: Info@StAugustineCleveland.org Facebook: @StAugustineRomanCatholicChurchCleveland YouTube: @staugustinechurch9835 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 | Fourth Sunday of Easter | World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday

Monday Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday | Saint George, Martyr St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday | St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday | St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Love Without Measure...

A Jewish couple living in Texas decided to participate in a cultural exchange program in which Jews from throughout the world came to visit the United States. So around Christmas time a rabbi from the backwoods of Russia came to live with them for a few weeks. It was their desire to provide the rabbi experiences that he could not have in his native Russia, so they called together some family members and neighbors and took him out to a Chinese restaurant. All during the meal the rabbi spoke in glowing terms of the beauty of North America. At the end of the meal the owner of the restaurant came forward and presented to each diner a small metal Christmas tree ornament as a token of the season. After the owner left, someone pointed out that on the back of the ornament it was written, "Made in India." Everyone had a good laugh. Then they noticed that the rabbi was crying. His hosts became concerned and questioned him whether he was offended because he was given a gift connected to the Christmas holiday. But he shook his head, "No, no," he said "I'm crying tears of joy, joy to be in a country where a Buddhist can give a Jew a Christmas gift made by a Hindu."

The tears of the rabbi were holy tears, and in our hearts we know it. Because regardless of the background or religion all people recognize that when those who are different cooperate, when men and women reach out across borders that separate them, when divisions are healed, God is at work. The Jewish tradition knew this profoundly. The Jewish Bible begins with God creating all things and making all people in God's likeness. The Jewish Torah instructs Jews to love and care for the resident aliens, people of other countries who lived in their midst. They were directed to welcome the stranger. Jesus being a good Jew placed this truth at the heart of this message saying that we who welcome the stranger welcome Him. In today's gospel he uses the image of the shepherd and the sheep, first of all to emphasize his closeness to us and then to make it clear that he has other sheep that do not belong to his fold. In this way, he reveals that God's ultimate intention is to have one fold and one shepherd.

The vision of a humanity united across its divisions is God's vision. All too often we see our faith as a way of connecting God to us, and those we know and love. But God has a wider vision. God's intention is to extend respect and unity across the entire earth. And this vision is not marginal to the Good News but at its center. Because every vision we have of God's kingdom includes all people united in respect and peace.

Now we do not often reflect upon this central part of our faith, because it's so much easier, so much more comfortable, just to stick around with the people who are like us – the people who think the way we do, the people who come from the same background and have the same perspectives. It takes an effort to reach out to someone who is different, to accept someone who seems strange to us. Yet, our faith calls us to do just that. If the Kingdom is to come, then we must be willing to recognize and to welcome those who are strangers to us.

People who are different surround us regularly. We run into them at work or at school or when we shop or go to the movies. We are constantly rubbing elbows with people who are different; different because of their race, because of their religion, because of their sexual orientation, because of their nationality. We must not forget that God sees us in terms of the way we see them. Therefore it is part of our Christian calling to make the decision to reach across the many divides we confront and accept someone who is different, who is stranger to us. This can be done in simple ways like acknowledging someone's presence with a confident, "Good Morning" or "How was your day?" When we do so we are acting with the openness and respect that helps build the Kingdom of God.

It is always more comfortable to remain in our own flock to mill around with sheep that are just like us. But the shepherd whom we love has other sheep. If we intend to serve him, we must be willing to accept those sheep as well. Every time we do so we contribute to God's intention for the world. Every time we welcome someone who is stranger to us, we move closer to the day when there will be one flock and one shepherd.

A Time for Questions.... A Time for Answers....

In reviewing some of the concerns some very important questions were asked that deserve an answer. One had to do with the necessity of the personal greeting at the beginning of the mass and its disruptive nature. In response, I understand the concern but I am convinced that the desire to be welcoming to the stranger is of primary concern. The personal greeting focuses on the stranger and someone who is visiting the parish for the first time or has been away from the church or parish for a long time. Some are still hesitant to return due to the lingering fear of Covid. We have a wonderful reputation as a welcoming parish. May we continue to do all that we can to welcome new people and grow our faith community

May I make another comment to encourage our prayer. In 47 years as a priest I have served in several parishes from rural, urban, suburban, and inner city. In all those parishes there was a regular practice of quiet and silence as people prepared for mass. This was the simple and valued practice that took place without any directive or rule. This is not the practice here as St. Augustine. I invite our community to consider the place of silent prayer as a way of preparing for the Eucharist.



Around the Parish

Say It In Sign

Sign language class for beginners will continue this Wednesday from 12:30 pm until 2 pm in Walsh Hall. 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



The event is free but we will be collecting donations to support Augustine Rainbow Camp

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, April 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

Members of the Blind Community will be attending August Wilson's Jitney at the Beck Center on April 28th. You are invited to their next gathering on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall.

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 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@StAugsutineCleveland.org.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors invite you to their Cinco de Mayo gathering on Thursday, April 25^{tht} at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.



St. Augustine Community Cupboard

and Closet provides nonperishable 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 Anthony Camino 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 923 in the month of January, 950 in the month of February, and 1,192 in the month of March.

 In the month of January we helped 177 new families, 193 during the month of January and in March 201 new neighbors came to us in need.



It's been said that every pastor ought to have six weeks of vacation each year, because if he is a really good shepherd, he deserves it; and if he is not a very good shepherd, his congregation deserves it. . ..

Faith and Reflections



The Handbell Choir will hold our next practice on Monday evening 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 (see picture below) 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.



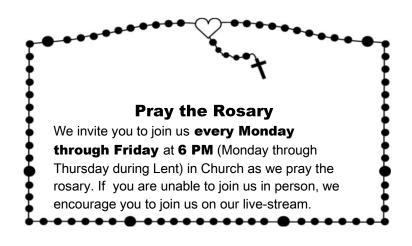
Our Parish School of Religion for children in Pre-K thru 8th will continue this Sunday from 9:30 am until 10:30 am.

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



Cursillistas gather for Ultreya on Saturday, May 11th 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.



Bible Study

Our weekly group Bible Study will continue this Wednesday in Walsh Hall 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.

Please feel free to come to any of the Wednesday sessions you can make. We will give you the web site to view the previous videos already covered. We find the sharing with each other about our perspective provides a sense of togetherness and joy.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Grief Support

Holy Family Hospice invites you to join our Grief and Healing support group. This is an eight-week bereavement support group where members will meet others who have suffered loss, explore their individual grief process and gain knowledge and insight of useful coping skills to join them and begin to heal. The sessions will take place on Thursday afternoons (June 6 – August) from 1:30 pm to 3 pm at Holy Family Home, 6707 State Road, Parma 44134.This group is open to the community and is free of charge. For more information or to register please contact Erin Hout at (440) 545-7032 or ehout@holyfamilyhome.com

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free month Grief Support groups in two formats: In-Office (3 pm) and virtually via Zoom (5 pm). The next Grief Support sessions are Sunday, April 21st. Meetings are open discussion format and, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. This month's topic is "Mother's Day and Grief". For more information or to register please contact, Rhonda at (216) 930-4866 or rabrams@clecem.org.

Faith and Reflections

Little White Book

The Little White Book is meant to help you enjoy six minutes a day in prayer during the 50 days of the Easter season. Reflections begin on Easter Monday, April 1, 2024, and end on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024. The Sunday Gospel reflections follow Year B of the Lectionary Cycle.

These books will be available at each entrance to the church next to the bulletin.

"I only know them by name!"

There is this story of a particular census taker who went to the home of a rather poor family in the mountains of West Virginia to gather information. He asked the mother how many dependents she had. She began, "Well, there is Rosie, and Billy, and Luella, Susie, Harry, and Jeffrey. There's Johnny, and Harvey, and our dog, Willie." It was then that the census taker interrupted her aid said: "No, ma'am, that's not necessary. I only need the humans." "Ah," she said. "Well, there is Rosie, and Billy, and Luella, Susie, Harry, and Jeffrey, Johnny, and Harvey, and...." But there once again, the census taker interrupted her. Slightly exasperated, he said, "No, ma'am, you don't seem to understand. I don't need their names, I just need the numbers." To which the old woman replied, "But I don't know them by numbers. I only know them by name."

In today's gospel Jesus the good shepherd says that he knows his sheep by name. Introducing himself as the good shepherd of his flock, Jesus knows his sheep and his sheep hear his voice: Just as the Palestinian shepherd s knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, even so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits and our faults. Of course the knowledge talked of here is not mere intellectual knowing but knowledge that comes from love and leads to care and concern for the other. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and he expects us to receive and return his love by keeping his words. He speaks to us at every Mass, through the Bible, through our pastors, through our parents, family and friends and through the events of our lives. "God whispers to us in our pleasures, he speaks to us in our consciences, and he SHOUTS to us in our pain!"



Arthur was a street kid, growing up on the east side of Cleveland. In 1983, Arthur was wrongfully convicted of shooting Mr. Leach in a foiled robbery attempt. Arthur was scheduled to be executed in 2014 but with the help of the Innocence Project was given life without the possibility of parole. Since that time the individual who shot and killed Mr. Leach has confessed but Arthur has still been denied any type of parole. With the constant prayers and support of the Innocence Project, several other groups and individuals seeking Arthur'r release, the following is an update from a recent parole board hearing:

I can hardly believe I am typing these words....Arthur was recommended for parole! Here is how Kathryn, his longtime lawyer present at the hearing, wrote it:

"Recommendation: PAROLE PENDING FULL BOARD DETERMINATION!!!!

This means that the prosecutor and victim's services have 30 days to oppose this. If they do, then the parole board will likely grant a full board determination and that's where the final decision will be made."

According to Kathryn, if there is not opposition then the panel decision today goes into effect and there is no full board determination, However, opposition is expected.

The five person panel of Parole Board members today apparently approved of his plan to go to EDWINS should he be released and they were impressed with his prison record and with the level of community support. Kathryn also said Arthur read his statement "and it was great."

So please, keep praying for the next 30 days that there will be full consensus at the full board hearing to release Arthur. Thanks to all of you who are praying. How great is our God!

Peace, Pat Takacs, Parishioner



TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Are You New to St. Augustine? Have You Been Away from Church for a While? Welcome to our parish community! Please know that no matter where you find yourself on your life's journey, here at St. Augustine all are welcome! We invite you to join our parish by registering at: www.staugustinecleveland.org/parish-registration

We hope to see you again soon!

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, April 21st from 9 am until 1 pm in Walsh Hall (Basement of School Building). We hope you will be able to join us for food and fellowship.

Augustine Rainbow Camp

We are very excited to be gearing up for another great camp season! Online Camper Registration is now open. Follow our social media accounts @Augustine.Rainbow.Camp for access to the registration link and for more information about the 2024 camp season. Applications will also be linked on the parish website and available in the rectory. For more information please contact Jessica Neuhart at Jneuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org or (216) 781-5530 ext. 23.

First Communion

Next Sunday, April 28th our parish will celebrate First Holy Communion with students in our PSR program at the 11 am Mass. Please keep our first communicants in your prayers.

Some Good News

Several months ago we applied to a federal grant program that exists for the purpose of providing fund to help private institutions procure some type of vehicle to help transport people to church or programs to encourage their participation in the community. This grant program seeks to provide additional assistance beyond the public bus service. This includes vehicles that serve the disabled and in particular, people who depend on wheelchairs. Recently, we were notified that St. Augustine's application was accepted and that we will receive \$62,000.00. A vehicle will be purchased this summer. Many thanks to Bob Duda and Mary Cosgrove for their efforts in helping us procure this grant money.

This week at St. Augustine Monday, April 22, 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 (Church) 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall) Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh) 10:00 am: St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors 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, April 24, 2024 12:30 pm: Sign Class for Beginners (Walsh Hall) 2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor) 3:00 pm: Links 5:30 pm: Mass 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall) 6:30 pm: Signing Hands 7:00 pm: Bible Study (Walsh Hall) Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:00 pm: St. Augustine Seniors (Walsh Hall) 2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor) 5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church) 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts (2nd Floor) 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall) Friday, April 26, 2024 3:00 pm: Links 5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church) 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall) Saturday, April 27, 2024 11:00 am - 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet 4:15 pm: Mass (Church) Sunday, April 28, 2024 8:30 am: Mass (Church) 11:00 am: Mass (Church) First Communion

April 20 th and 21 st	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.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
Lectors	Theresa Fallon	Joe Lewandowski	Tom Smith Mary Pelley
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Michelle Rivera Magdaleno Rivera Bonnie Robertson	Rob Owens Maria Rivera Debbie Sollars	Karen Halupnik Nora Kowakchik
April 27 th and 28 th	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
Lectors	Robin McMarlin	Robin McMarlin	Kate Slosar Lin Janson
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Migdalia Santiago-White Calvin White	Maria Boyer Lin Janson	Jeannie Rawlings Sue Scialabba