

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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April 14, 2024

**Third Sunday
of Easter**

*"Everything written about me in the Law of Moses
And in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."*

Luke 24:44

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	Dorothy Barr	Patti Cook	JoAnn Fisher	Mike Furey
John Garneau	Susan Grieken	Michael Hogan	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	Nancy Van Gieson	Millie Vargas	Carl Zelinski, Sr.	

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 13

4:15 pm † Barbara Ryba

Sunday, April 14

8:30 am † Pat and Bill Anderson

11:00 am † Arthur Loomis

Monday, April 15

5:30 PM † Larry Moran

Tuesday, April 16

5:30 pm † Tom Callaghan

Wednesday, April 17

5:30 pm † Colletta Klein

Thursday, April 18

5:30 pm † Barb Kerchmar

Friday, April 19

5:30 pm † Angela Faith and Those with
Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia

Saturday, April 20

4:15 pm † Bob Bencic

Sunday, April 21

8:30 am † Israel Caminero, III

11:00 am † Nathan McNulty

† Deceased

Offertory—

March 30th and 31st

Regular Collection	\$4,333.00
E-Giving	\$550.00
Holy Land	\$170.00

Total Collection \$5,053.00

April 6th and 7th

Regular Collection	\$2,588.00
Easter	\$662.00
Other	\$196.00
E-Giving	\$200.00

Total Collection \$3,646.00

Counter Team B 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

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 Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 67a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

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

Love Without Measure...

There are some people who will not give you a second chance. You might know them from your own experience. They could be those you worked with pleasantly for years, those you vacationed with, those you consider a good friend. But when you made a mistake, when you were grossly selfish or indifferent, when you hurt them in a way that was without excuse, they were through with you. Even though you apologized and pleaded for forgiveness and a chance to try again; they made it clear that their relationship with you was over.

The gospel we proclaim throughout the Easter Season tells us that the Risen Lord was not like that. When he appeared to his disciples on the night of the Resurrection, he appeared to those people who had abandoned and denied him during his passion. And yet the first word he says to them are, "Peace be with you." We can make this good again, even when you have failed, I forgive you, and I send you out now to preach the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. When Thomas tells his fellow disciples he would not believe in Jesus' Resurrection unless he could take his finger and place it in Jesus' wound, Jesus, appearing again, says to Thomas, "Come, put your finger here." Despite failure, denial and doubt, Jesus wants to keep a relationship with us. That is why he is always willing to give us another chance.

This means that no matter how utterly we have failed- through deceit, adultery, prejudice or violence- no matter how many times we were unable to curb our selfishness, addiction or habit of sin, Jesus is always willing to let us try again. The Good News of today's gospel is that God's love is stronger than our weakness, more powerful than our sin. For reasons that we can never fully understand, God never tires of forgiving us, allowing us to begin again.

Therefore, the only challenge we face is the challenge of whether we will accept such an unlimited love, such divine mercy. At times it may seem simpler just to wallow in our failures and insist that for me God's forgiveness is impossible. That is our challenge. That is why Jesus says to us what he said to Thomas, "Do not remain unbelieving but believe in my love. For us to seek and accept forgiveness is for us to encounter the Risen Lord. In sending the disciples out as His witnesses, Jesus commissions the disciples to be messengers of God's love and forgiveness.

For ordinary people, all of us, our sinfulness can be recognized in the words we speak to each other. There is no more untrue statement than the old adage, "Sticks and stones can break my bones but words can never hurt me." The words we use and the hurtful names we call each other can fracture the strongest heart, deeply wound the most loving spirit.

When I was growing up, I had a difficult relationship with my father. When the grades on my report card were not what I was capable of, my dad would say how my grades embarrassed him. "You are an embarrassment." When I committed an error in baseball little league or struck out the same thing would happen. A little thing in the grand scale of life's traumas but not to me; our words can be life giving or create deep wounds that last a lifetime. But when all is said and done, it is the power of the Risen Lord to love and forgive that endures and is stronger than any human failure or sin.

Fr. Bill

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord



Barbara Ellsworth



Janice Novak

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

St. Augustine Signing Choir Presents:

SPRING Concert in Sign

Join us for an afternoon of sign, song and fellowship!



Saturday | 4 | 2024
2:30 PM

2486 west 14th Street Cleveland, Ohio

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. Reservations are required for this performance by contacting the parish office.

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 25th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.



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 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.



On the Lighter Side



A pessimist, an optimist and an engineer were discussing a ½ glass of water. The pessimist says well, it's half empty; the optimist says it's half full; the engineer says the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Faith and Reflections



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.

A decorative graphic of a rosary chain, consisting of a series of black beads. A white heart is positioned at the top center, and a small black cross is attached to the chain on the right side.

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.

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.

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. 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.



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 (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.

Theology on Tap for Young Adults

Theology on Tap invites all young adults in their 20s and 30s to join Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler as he shares his reflection on Divine Mercy. God's love is unconditional and this Easter season, come learn how no fear, no wound, no sin is too big for God's redeeming and transformative love for us. The presentation will be on Tuesday, April 16th at 7 pm at Forest City Brewery. Registration is available at dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle or you may pay at the door (\$5). For more information please contact totclewest@gmail.com

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 (44) 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.

A Scientist who Prayed the Rosary!

A train was racing for Paris. In one of its compartments two men sat opposite each other. The first was a young medical research student who was bored by the long journey. The other was an old man reciting his rosary with closed eyes. The young researcher began to ridicule the old man for his superstitious beliefs. He then went on to tell of the wonders of medical science. The old man just nodded, smiled and continued his prayer in spite of the humiliating comments of his fellow passenger. When they reached the Paris station, the old man enquired where the youngster was going. The young man proudly announced that he was going to attend a lecture by the world-famous scientist, Louis Pasteur. The old man took out a visiting card from his pocket, gave it to the young man and bid him farewell. The card read: "Dr. Louis Pasteur, Academy of Science, Paris." Pride and prejudice often blur our vision and occasionally blind us to reality, leading us to wrong judgments as it happened to the apostles in today's Gospel. The same Jesus who, in the Upper Room, prepared his disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. He invites us to share in the "Liturgy of the Word of God" and in "The Liturgy of Bread and Wine." In the first part of the Mass, Jesus speaks to us through the "Word of God." In the second part, He becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's Gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our thanks for the blessings we have received, listen to God's words and offer ourselves to God on the altar along with our gifts of bread and wine. We also share in the spiritual food Jesus supplies, and we are sent to share his message with the entire world.

Bill's Last Gift, Best Gift

Thirteen years ago, Tracy Grant's husband of 19 years was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Tracy became Bill's faithful caregiver. Over the course of seven months, her husband Bill "went from beating me silly at tennis to needing my help to go to the bathroom." It was a difficult, stressful and exhausting time, but Tracy, a deputy managing editor at The Washington Post, writes that those seven months were the time in her life when she felt "most alive." "I was 42 years old. I had become a respected professional, a responsible and, I hope, loving parent. But I had to discover the reason I was on this earth. During those seven months, I came to understand that whatever else I did in my life, nothing mattered more.

"I discovered that the petty grievances of an irksome coworker, a child with the sniffles, or a flat tire pales in comparison with the beauty of spontaneous laughter, the night sky, the smells of a bakery. There were moments of joy, laughter, and tenderness everyday - if I was willing to look hard enough. I found I could train myself to set my internal barometer to be more compassionate than callous. "In the days following Bill's diagnosis and brain surgery, being his caregiver required me to be the best reporter I knew how to be. I found clinical trials and talked to oncologists in Texas, Pennsylvania, and New York. It gave me a sense of purpose, and it gave Bill comfort - and a few chuckles - to overhear me reading the riot act to some insurance rep who'd told me a treatment wouldn't be covered."

And now, 13 years after Bill's death, Tracy looks at those last seven months with gratitude. ". . . I haven't started a foundation to cure cancer. I haven't left the news business to get a medical degree. I work. I try to be there for my sons. I will never again have that high a purpose. But every day, I try again to be the person I became during those seven months. I try to be a little less judgmental, a little more forgiving and generous, a little more grateful for the small moments in my life. I am a better person for having been Bill's caregiver. It was his last, best gift to me."

Wherever and whenever true love is present, resurrection is experienced. Tracy experiences that sense of resurrection in her caring for her husband - and it changes her in profound and beautiful ways. And, whether she realizes it or not, her loving generosity is a "witness" to the possibilities for such resurrection in her life and the lives of those she loves. In the compassion and peace we are able to extend to those we love and who love us, we become "flesh and bone" signs of the hope and grace of Easter along the Emmaus roads we all walk.

Parish Calendar and Events

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 next 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.

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!

"We are truly and Easter People, and

Hallelujah is our song!"

St. Augustine

This week at St. Augustine

Monday, April 15, 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: Liturgy Commission Meeting
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, April 16, 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, April 17, 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 18, 2024

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 19, 2024

3:00 pm: Links
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, April 20, 2024

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

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:30 am: Mass (Church)
9 am – 1 pm: Parish Breakfast (Walsh)
11:00 am: Mass (Church)

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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 (H)
Lectors	Robin McMarlin	Fran DiDonato	Karen Halupnik Aaron Calton
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Lin Janson Theresa Ortiz	Joe Lewandowski David Murray	Dawn Dingledein Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA Kate Slosar
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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