

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9 AM to 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday: 9 AM to 2 PM

Community Cupboard:

Wednesdays: 5 PM to 7 PM
Saturdays: 11 AM to 2 PM

Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 5:30 PM
(Civic holidays at 10 AM)

Saturday: 4:15 PM*
Sunday: 8:30 AM* and 11 AM*

*Interpreted for the Deaf

Confession: Saturdays 3:30 PM – 4 PM or
by appointment

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022



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Parish Registration – Welcome new members! Please register by calling the parish office. Parishioners who are moving are asked to contact the office to update their information

Baptism – Baptisms may be scheduled at any time. Please call the parish office to make baptismal arrangements.

Funerals – Please call the parish office to schedule funerals prior to publishing any information.

Matrimony – Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

Care of the Sick – Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Arrangements can be made for pastoral visits, the Sacrament of the Anointing or the Sick. We can also bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Holy Spirit draws us here today to listen to God's living word, to receive the Lord in the Eucharist, and to give praise and thanks to God. During the week, many of us work hard to make our lives comfortable, aiming for a promotion or raise, earning enough to afford the nicest things, putting money away for an easy retirement. Today's readings will give us the bit of shock we need to put those parts of our life in perspective. "Vanity of vanities!" cries the first reading's narrator, ridiculing the idea that we have total control over the rest of our lives. May we reorient ourselves toward what really matters.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 30 th - 4:15 PM Fr. Joe McNulty	† Sr. Miriam Fidelis Pinchot, OSU
Sunday, July 31 st - 8:30 AM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Fermina Lopez
Sunday, July 31 st - 11 AM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† David and Sarah Gabb
Monday, August 1 st - 5:30 PM <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	† Lillian Mihalik
Tuesday, August 2 nd - 5:30 PM <i>St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop</i> <i>St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i>	† John Kowza
Wednesday, August 3 rd - 5:30 PM	† Nathan Ortiz
Thursday, August 4 th - 5:30 PM <i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i>	† Josephine Bellomo
Friday, August 5 th - 5:30 PM <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</i>	† Florence Seifert
Saturday, August 6 th - 4:15 PM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Ronnie Irizarry
Sunday, August 7 th - 8:30 AM Fr. Joe McNulty	† Lance Fisher
Sunday, August 7 th - 11 AM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Carol Oden

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A Prayer of Surrender

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.
Amen.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation. No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Augustine Parish.

*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

Love without Measure...

"No one can get into heaven without a letter of reference from the poor." This is a quote from James Forbes, pastor of Riverside Church in New York City. And he is right. You cannot read the Old Testament without hearing time and time again how God demands of Israel that they feed the hungry and protect the most vulnerable members of society. We cannot follow the ministry of Jesus without seeing how he aims his message directly to the poor and the lowly. The witness of the scriptures is undeniable. Care for the poor, for those who are struggling to survive; is what matters to God.

This connects us to today's gospel, because in the gospel people are criticized when they store up riches for themselves and are not rich in what matters to God. What matters to God is care for the poor. It is in this light that we need to understand the rich man in today's parable. What is this man's fault? What is his sin? I would suggest that it is not that he was greedy or selfish. He was blind. He went about his life, earned his money, and planned for the future while never seeing the people around him who were struggling just to live. This gospel does not see wealth as a bad thing. It does not dismiss the value of the rich man's harvest. It does not criticize the rich man for building bigger barns to store it in. But he criticizes him because he does all of these things without seeing the need all around him. He does not see the poor, and the poor are what matters to God.

For generations the poor surrounded Tremont and its surrounding areas. This gave specific shape to the various ministries that have defined the life of Saint Augustine Church. Now the poor are still among us and our service to them more important than ever. But they are harder to see at times because of the gentrification of the neighborhood and the growing number of young people and couples moving into the area to be close to their downtown employment. The poor are here but now hidden. Many of us, however, live comfortable lives, largely free from material want. And there is nothing wrong with that. Our lives are a blessing from God. But our danger is the danger of the rich man in the gospel. We can go about celebrating and enjoying the blessings we have received and fail to see those around us struggling to survive.

And they are with us. We live in the richest country in the world, and yet 1/6 of American children live under the poverty line, which means they struggle to find adequate nourishment and education. In our world one billion people are forced to live on less than a dollar a day. And every day 10,000 people die because of diseases that could have been avoided if they had access to clean drinking water. These are startling statistics, they are statistics we should see, because Jesus is betting that when we see them it will move us to action. So, this coming week, I would suggest that we spend a little time on the Internet and search **poverty** or **malnutrition** or **clean drinking water** and allow the stark statistics we find move our hearts.

There are many opportunities within our own community and greater Northern Ohio to serve those in need, many organizations that are waiting for your call.

The gospel calls us to see the need around us not to embarrass us or to make us feel guilty. The comfortable we live are blessings from God, and we should always be thankful for them. But we are called to see those who are in need because that is what matters to God. And this is not a small thing, because no one gets into heaven without a letter of reference from the poor.



Mission Appeal August 13th and 14th

The weekend of August 13th and 14th, Mr. Tom McGuire will speak about the mission of the US-China Catholic Association (USCCA) and how we Catholics in the U.S. can financially and prayerfully support our brothers and sisters of the Catholic Church in China.

Mr. McGuire is Chair of the Board of USCCA, with experience as a missionary in Hong Kong. He is married to Florence Tsang. They live in Chicago.

Few realize that China has over 12 million Catholics. They live under strict government regulation, yet under these repressive circumstances they continue to witness to their faith and serve their church and society.

The USCCA is the only national nonprofit organization dedicated to building ties between U.S. Catholic with Catholics in China. If you would like more information about our work in China, please go to our website at www.uscatholicchina.org

Money: An Idol or a Tool?

We are living in a culture that caters to our desire for immediate gratification. It encourages us to amass possessions, and in many ways it thrives on deceit. Hence, Paul directs our attention to those treasures that endure, warning that greed for wealth and influence is idolatry and that the faith-life of a believer requires Christ as its first priority. Baptism is our participation in the death and Resurrection of Jesus. Paul reminds us that, since we have been raised with Christ through Baptism and are going in a Heavenly direction, we have to "put to death immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and the greed that is idolatry" (Colossians 3: 5). The desires of the human heart cannot be satisfied by what is here today and gone tomorrow because we have been made for "what is above" (Colossians 3: 1). For Paul, the whole process of joining Christ in glory revolves around "taking off our old self with its practices and putting on the new self, which is being renewed..., in the image of its Creator" (Colossians 3: 9-10). Although power, influence and possessions come and go, our new self will endure because it is grounded in the power of the risen Lord.

Bible teacher Howard Hendricks tells about dining with a rich man from a blueblood Boston family. Hendricks asked him, "How in the world did you grow up in the midst of such wealth and not be consumed by materialism?" The rich man answered like this: "My parents taught us that everything in our home was either an idol or a tool." That's the difference: money as an idol or a tool, money as a servant or a master, money as a means or an end. Industrialist Armand Hammer once said, "Money is my first, last and only love." If so, that is sad. Money is only an instrument, not the symphony itself.



The **St. Augustine Community Cupboard** (Food Pantry) is **open** on **Saturdays from 11 AM - 2 PM** and **Wednesdays from 5 PM - 7 PM**.

As we continue to serve the needs of our neighbors, we are in need of the following items:

Toilet Paper	Canned Meat
Paper Towels	Ketchup
Laundry Detergent	Mustard
Dish Soap	Mayo
Coffee	Dog Food
Tea	Deodorant (Men and Women)
Sugar	Hand Soap (Pump Bottles)
Creamer	Body Wash (Men and Women)
Flour	Shampoo
Kleenex	
Boxed Potatoes (Instant, Au Gratin, Scalloped, etc.)	

Items can be dropped off during Parish office hours, at Mass, or during the Community Cupboard shopping hours.

We are in need volunteers to help during the hours the pantry is open. If you are interested, please contact the parish office by calling (216) 781-5530 or at OutreachMinistry@StAugustineCleveland.org.

Inspiration for the Week

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives that we care to admit. We like our "stuff" and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God's kingdom and matters of heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently.

Counters Needed

We are looking for individuals willing to assist us in counting our weekly collections on Monday mornings. If you are available for approximately an hour and half one Monday every couple of months, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

St. Augustine Signing Choir

The Signing Choir will **resume practicing this Wednesday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM**. Anyone interested in joining the choir, with or without experience, should call the parish office at (216) 781-5530 or by email at SigningChoir@StAugsutineCleveland.org.

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Catechists Needed

Have you ever thought about sharing our faith to others?

Would you like to give back to the community but have not figured out how to help?

PSR is in need of volunteer catechists for the 2022-2023 school year.

As you discern this calling, please contact Kathleen Ulintz at (216) 781-5530 or by email, PSR@StAugustineCleveland.org.



Parish School of Religion (PSR)/CCD

St. Augustine's Parish School of Religion is currently registering students for faith formation and sacramental preparation. Classes begin in September on Monday evenings. Students from pre-school through eighth grade are welcome. Visit

St. Augustine Parish website at www.StAugustineCleveland.org or call the parish office at (216) 781-5530 for more information.



Pray the Rosary

We invite you to join us **every weeknight** (Monday thru Friday) at **6 PM** in the church as we pray the rosary. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on livestream



Get Ready for Ohio's

Sales Tax Holiday



Ohio Sales Tax Holiday is back again this year! That means Ohioans won't have to pay sales tax on purchases of clothing and footwear priced up to \$75 per item, as well as, school supplies and instructional materials priced up to \$20 per item. Consumers can buy as much as they want of eligible items, as long as the retail price for each item does not exceed the limit. The sales tax holiday applies to both online and brick and mortar retailers, for purchases made from 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2022 to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, August 7, 2022

Stewardship of Treasure

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. The collection for the weekend of July 24, 2022, was \$1,652.00. Thank you.

On the Lighter Side

A man is walking down the beach and comes across an old bottle. He picks it up, pulls out the cork and out pops a genie! The genie says, "Thank you for freeing me from the bottle. In return I will grant you three wishes." The man says "Great! I always dreamed of this and I know exactly what I want. First, I want one billion dollars in a Swiss bank account." Poof! There is a flash of light and a piece of paper with account numbers appears in his hand! He continues, "Next, I want a brand new red Ferrari right here." Poof! There is a flash of light and a bright red, brand-new Ferrari appears right next to him! He continues, "Finally, I want to be irresistible to women." Poof! There is a flash of light and he turns into a box of chocolates. ☺



St. Augustine's has a long history of celebrating our history, parish family, and community around the time of Saint Augustine of Hippo's Feast Day. Over the years we have come to appreciate

Parish Day and most recently The Great Month. As this year's committee began discussions it was quickly agreed upon to try something new this year. As a result, we are excited to announce our evolving plans.

Friday, August 26, 2022
Our Famous Steak Roast with
Classical Music by Chris McGee

6 PM to 8 PM (Reservations Required) *
\$25/person for steak dinner
\$20/person for chicken dinner



Saturday, August 27, 2022
Live Music Under the Tent

1-4 PM
Swamp Boogie Band
A Classic Rock, R&B, and Blues Band

5-8 PM
Change Your Evil Ways
A Santana Tribute Band



Sunday, August 28, 2022
Picnic Under the Tent
12-7 PM
Music ♦ Games ♦ Food

*Tickets for our steak roast will be available in the back of church after Mass or by calling the parish office at (216) 781-5530

As for any parish event it is only as successful as you make it. So, you are encouraged to help by volunteering and participating. Volunteer opportunities will be posted soon so be sure to sign up early for your desired time slot before someone else beats you to it.

We are also accepting donations of new items that can be used as prizes for our children and adult games. Items can be brought to Mass or the Parish Office during office hours.

For more information, please contact Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 ext. 31 or by email at BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org.

Thank you for supporting this annual parish celebration

Say It in Sign

Sign language classes for beginners will be offered in the fall. Our fall session will be held during the day. The exact day and time have not yet been determined. To pre-register or for more information on the fall class, please contact Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 or at BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org.



We live stream the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass, the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, and the weekday Rosary on the parish website, Facebook Page, and YouTube Channel. A live audio feed will be available for the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass the 11 AM Sunday Mass, and the praying of the Rosary. To access the audio feed, please call (216) 270-6331 prior to mass/rosary and enter code 2020 when prompted.

Calling All Gardeners

We have received many compliments on the beautiful flowers on our grounds. Unfortunately, keeping the flower beds thriving and weed free takes time and dedication. Do you have a little free time during the week to water the flowers and possibly pull weeds? If so, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.



Sunday Thought

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus tells us, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." In our all, too possessions conscious world this is timely advice; having too many things can, and often does affect our relationship with God and with other people. We can easily fall into the trap, like the rich man in today's Gospel who believes that his security and his worth come from things he owns, instead of who he is as a person. A large bank account or name recognition can make us feel very important, yet they are the most common illusions effecting humankind. Far from making us rich, greed ends up making us desperately poor. Jesus' words are quite pointed in this regard. "You fool!" He tells us, "This night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong? Thus, will it be for all who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." A Christian treasures all temporal things as gifts. We welcome them and give thanks for them. We see them not so much in the light of how many riches God has heaped upon us, but as one more sign of God's infinite love for us. Never can we love them more than we love God. The risk we will always run is loving God too little and loving His creation too much.

Family Perspective

Today in the Gospel, according to Luke, Chapter 12, Jesus gets right to an issue that can hit close to home. For some people, they have little and wonder why others aren't willing to share their wealth. There are others among us that often aren't thinking of the Kingdom of Heaven or of how short life can be when we "store up" our wealth and belongings so that we can rest easy and retire. Some of our grandparents are taking care of their grandchildren due to various reasons. We may never know how the road is going to take us. But, if we live for one day at a time with joy, we can stay focused on what is most important- the eternal Kingdom. We pray that the Lord will guide us in accessing our needs and sharing with others our excess- helping our sisters and brothers in need. May we share our faith and talents as the Lord sees fit.



Cursillistas will gather for Ultreya on **Saturday, August 13th at 10 AM** in Walsh Hall. 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.

Sandy Hook Promise

No one understands the terrible grief that the families of the victims of the shootings at the elementary school in Uvalde, Texas are suffering than the parents of the children massacred at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut in December 2012.

Nicole Hockley and Mark Barden each lost a young son at Sandy Hook. Determined that no families should experience such horror, they co-founded the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation within a month of the deaths of their children. Vowing to “choose love, belief, and hope instead of anger,” Sandy Hook Promise focuses on turning tragedy into transformation through conversations and action. As well as working to enact responsible laws to end the epidemic of gun violence in America, Sandy Hook Promise offers free school programming to decrease bullying and train students how to report potential threats. The foundation’s two signature programs are “Start With Hello” for K-12 students and “Say Something” for grades six and up. The programs are based on school violence research that shows that most school shooters were bullied and left warning signs before committing atrocities. The foundation has now trained over 11 million young people and adults in all 50 states to recognize the signs. Sandy Hook Promises’ work has been credited with averting shootings in several schools around the country.

Nicole Hockley knows the “unspeakable pain” of the parents of the children murdered in Uvalde, a pain “they will endure for the rest of their lives.” “My heart bleeds for the parents whose children are not coming home and for the families of the adults who also won’t be coming home. I’m overwhelmed with compassion for the Robb Elementary school community that will never be the same because of the void left by 19 innocent children and two adults. “Whenever there is a tragedy like this, I am retraumatized. I relive the murder of my son, his classmates and educators. The sadness and anger are crushing.”

“Nearly a decade after my devastation, more parents are going through similar devastation — victims of gun violence. Sadly, this tragedy is only the latest in the dozens of mass shootings since Sandy Hook. Ms. Hockey has offered to go to Uvalde to meet with families to “try to talk them through the unimaginable darkness of this moment. And let them know that while it will cast shadows over the rest of their lives, even in the shadows, there can be hope.” [NBC News, May 24, 2022]

Every life, at some point, experiences challenges that can break us, but by God’s grace, we survive and move on — but as soon as we are able, we box them up and store them away in our “barns.” The parents of Newtown realize that their unimaginable pain can be the means for ending the scourge of gun violence and a wellspring of support for families who are broken by such violence. To create Sandy Hook Promise required the selfless generosity of the Gospel: to give when such giving requires reliving a trauma we would rather keep “boxed” away, to give not only from our extra but from our poverty, to give in gratitude for God’s grace even in the most hopeless and devastating experiences of loss and heartache.

What does each Get?”

A 6th grade teacher posed the following problem to her arithmetic classes: "A wealthy man dies and leaves ten million dollars. One-fifth is to go to his wife, one-fifth is to go to his son, one-sixth to his butler, and the rest to charity. Now, what does each get?" After a very long silence in the classroom, little Joey raised his hand. The teacher called on Joey for his answer. With complete sincerity in his voice, Joey answered, "A lawyer!"

He's probably right. Where there is a will, there is often a lawsuit. Someone in the crowd listening to Jesus said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

“Yes, God is there, but those fellows don’t know it!”

A teacher was talking to a class of little boys about the presence of God in daily life. He asked them if God is everywhere, and they correctly answered, "Yes." In an effort to get the matter closer to their own personal living, he named actual situations. Is God in the Church? Yes. Is God in the home? Yes. On the street? Yes. Is God in the city prison? Silence. That one had them stopped. Finally one boy came up with as good an answer as I've heard. "Yes, God is there, but those fellows don't know it."

That was this man's trouble, wasn't it? God was in his life, but he didn't know it. God was in his fruits, God was in his fields, God was in his goods. God was everywhere except in his gratitude

Stewardship Reflection Jul 31, 2022 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take care to guard against all greed,
for though one may be rich, one’s life does not
consist of possessions.”
Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our “invisible” gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from “emptying” ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”



A Last Will and Testament

A Last Will and Testament The parable of the rich man and his storage barns. Luke 12: 13-21 An old man lived quietly and contently in a cabin in the woods. He was beloved by the people of the town. His door was always open to anyone in need; he taught generations of children the wonders of the woods and streams and pond.

One day the old man was approached by a group of businessmen. A vein of valuable copper had been discovered on his plot of land. They wanted to buy his property. Money meant nothing to the old man; he just wanted to live in peace in his little cabin. He declined their offer. A fortune was to be made here, they argued, as well as jobs for the people in the town. But the old man would not budge. When people heard about the copper and the prosperity it would bring to their town, they turned on the old man. Their anger grew. They finally threatened him, "Unless you're out of this place by sunset, we will drag you out."

Sunset came, and the old man was still in his cabin. When the mob came to the cabin, they were met at the front door by the town's minister. "The old man realizes he is going to die before this over," the preacher told them, "and he asked me to come out on his behalf and read you his last will and testament." The crowd fell silent and waited impatiently as the preacher began to read from a piece of paper.

"I leave my fishing rod to you, Pete," the preacher read from the old man's will. "You caught your first bass with it when you were seven. I leave my rifle to you, Jim. I remember how I taught you to shoot with it. I leave my tin whistle to you, Sara, grateful for all the beautiful melodies you would play on it." And so the list went on. The old man left his few possessions — his leather boots, his knife, his cooking pot, his worn Bible — to the person it would mean the most to.

And one by one, the townsfolk hung their heads in shame and returned to their homes in the silence of the night.

Today's Gospel challenges us to look at what we consider wealth: is it the amount of "stuff" we amass in our "barns" or is it the satisfaction and productivity our possessions enable us to experience? Often something's true worth has nothing to do with its monetary value or the momentary pleasure it gives us. Its value is in the memories it preserves, in the time it saves us for more important and joyful pursuits, in its enabling us to experience the selfless and affirming love of God in the good it enables us to do for family and friends. The old man risked his life to make his neighbors understand that perspective of true wealth in their own lives. Jesus calls us to take inventory of our lives and the things that "clutter" them and refocus our attention on the things of God: compassion, mercy, forgiveness, consolation.

Altar Servers Needed

Is God calling you to serve as an Altar Server at Mass? Altar Servers perform not just functional roles but a symbolic role. All children, youth and adults who have received Holy Communion can be called to serve in this beautiful ministry of Altar Server.

If you would like to serve in this way, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

Beware! Church Text Message Scam

Have you received a suspicious text or email from Fr. Bill (or any church employee) requesting that you purchase gift cards on their behalf or loan them money? If you have—or receive something similar in the future—know that these DID NOT come from him (or any church employee). Cyber scammers, who are targeting Catholic parishes and schools throughout the nation, are victimizing parishioners and parents. Perpetrators use various techniques to gain the trust of a victim and may provide specific instructions, which if followed, could result in monetary loss to the victim. Do not become a victim. If in doubt, call the Parish Office at St. Augustine to authenticate the message. Do not respond to any message if you doubt its origin; just delete it.

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola



Today, July 31, 2022, we celebrate 500 years since the conversion experienced by St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

St. Ignatius invites us to find God in all things. That means we have to pay careful attention to how the Spirit is moving in each moment of

our daily lives. We have to take a magnifying glass to the seemingly ordinary, seeking to encounter the Divine.

That's why the Examen, an Ignatian approach to prayer, is so powerful. In it, we're invited to encounter God, express gratitude for the gift and gifts of each day, and to commit to make up for any mistakes we may have made.

The Examen is a flexible prayer, too, responding to the signs of the times. It can be prayed by young children at the end of each school day, by workers at the end of the work day, and by all of us at any time during the day. It can take a few minutes or be longer if you choose.

Here are the steps to pray the Examen:

1. Place yourself in God's presence. Give thanks for God's great love for you.
2. Pray for the grace to understand how God is acting in your life.
3. Review your day — recall specific moments and your feelings at the time.
4. Reflect on what you did, said, or thought in those instances. Were you drawing closer to God, or further away?
5. Look toward tomorrow — think of how you might collaborate more effectively with God's plan. Be specific, and conclude with the "Our Father."

To try versions of the Examen for more specific topics, eg., Civic Life, Anti-Racism, Ecological Justice, Refugees, Covid, Global Citizenship, Social Media, etc., visit: <https://www.jesuits.org/spirituality/theignatian-examen>

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Feast Day: August 1

Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

Saint Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called “mission among the people,” he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, St. Alphonsus taught about God’s redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.

This Week’s Events of the Parish

Monday: Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday: AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh Hall)
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday: Blind Council Meeting: 12 Noon (Walsh)
LINKS: 3 PM
Community Cupboard: 5PM-7PM
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)
Signing Choir Practice: 6:30 PM (Walsh)
Signing Hands: 6:30 PM (Deaf Center)

Thursday: Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
Parish Celebration Meeting: 6:30 PM (Rectorry)
Boy Scouts: 6:30 PM (Second Floor)
AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)

Friday: LINKS: 3PM
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Saturday: Community Cupboard: 11 AM – 2 PM
Mass: 4:15 PM (Church)

Sunday: Mass: 8:30 AM and 11 AM (Church)

<i>July 30th and 31st</i>			
	<i>Saturday</i> <i>4:15 PM</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>11 AM</i>
Priest Deacon	Fr. Joe McNulty (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
Lectors	Michelle Rivera	Matthew Cook	Jean Mendis Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Migdalia Santiago-White	Bob Duda	
<i>August 6th and 7th</i>			
	<i>Saturday</i> <i>4:15 PM</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>11 AM</i>
Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell (H)	Fr. Joe McNulty (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Rick Toth	Peggy Gerovac	Tom Smith Dan Lotz
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Theresa Rivera	Maria Rivera Marissa Davilla	Molly Cassidy

H: Homilist