

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent



For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Jn 3:20-21

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 9

4:15 pm † Members of the Ody Family

Sunday, March 10

8:30 am † John Carey

11:00 am † Emil Solderitsch

Monday, March 11

5:30 PM † Frank Januszcak

Tuesday, March 12

5:30 pm † Jennie Weyburne

Wednesday, March 13

5:30 pm † Harry "Butch" Heidenreich

Thursday, March 14

5:30 pm † Janet Hanson

Friday, March 15

5:30 pm † Ray and Elvira DeLury

Saturday, March 16

4:15 pm † Dominic Rivera

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am † Erwin Amrhein

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 THIS Weekend

Your contribution to this annual special collection which will be taken this 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—

March 2nd and 3rd

Regular Collection	\$2,524.52
E-Giving	\$450.00
Other Collections	\$37.00
Total Collection	\$3,011.52

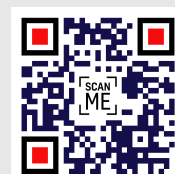
Counter Team A is scheduled for Monday

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.

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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 | 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

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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...

Jesus tell Nicodemus in today's gospel that the light has come into the world, but that people loved darkness rather than light. Now what sense does that make? Who would love darkness rather than light? The harsh reality is that all of us in one-way or another. All of us have parts of our lives that are unhealthy, perhaps even destructive. These negative habits hold us in the darkness. Even though we know that the light is for our good, we cling to the darkness. We choose the darkness over the light.

Perhaps we have been hurt. Someone has treated us poorly or betrayed us, and we cannot bring ourselves to forgive that person. Every time we think of him or her, our stomach churns and our anger rises. We know that holding on to that hurt will lessen our lives. Yet we do not let it go. We choose anger and hurt over freedom. Perhaps we are in unhealthy relationships, we want to be someone's friend. We want to love someone. But the person we are trying to love does not respect us, ignores us, and even abuses us. We know that we should change the relationship, perhaps even walk away from the relationship. Yet we are afraid, and so we feel trapped with little hope of a better future. Perhaps we are jealous of others. We compare ourselves to what others have. We want to be what others are. By making these comparisons, we become unhappy because we cannot have what others have. Yet, we continue to compare ourselves to others. We will not let go of our jealousy. We choose darkness rather than light.

We all have areas of darkness. Yet we keep clinging to what hurts us. What can we do to break the negative cycle? Jesus shows us the way. In the Gospel he tells Nicodemus, "Those who walk in the truth, come into the light." The way to the light is to acknowledge the truth about ourselves and about our relationship to God. We leave the darkness, not by focusing on the darkness, but focusing on the truth. The truth on which we focus depends upon the darkness in which we find ourselves.

If we are unable to forgive, the truth on which we should focus is our own imperfections. Have others hurt us? Yes. Was it wrong? Certainly. But we ourselves are not perfect. We have hurt others, and we ourselves must depend on their forgiveness and God's. When we can claim the truth of our own imperfection and our dependence upon the forgiveness of others, it can free us to forgive and to leave the darkness behind.

When we find ourselves caught in an unhealthy relationship, the truth that we need to focus on is our own value. We might not be the most attractive or talented people, but we are people of worth. We are children of God. No child of God deserves to live in a relationship in which he or she is not valued. When we claim our own worth in God's eyes, we find the courage to change the relationships that are unhealthy and to leave the relationships that are destructive.

When we are jealous of others, the truth on which we must focus is the truth of being blessed. We might not have what others have, we might not be what others are, but we do have talents, relationships and real gifts. It is by being thankful for those gifts that we can find joy in the real life that God has give us.

When we accept the truth of our own imperfection, we can forgive. When we accept the truth of our dignity and worth, we can leave destructive relationships behind. When we accept the truth of how blessed we are, we can come to find joy in our lives. It is not always easy to face the truth and enter the light. But it is well worth the effort. If we do not choose to enter the light, our only other option is to remain in the darkness.

One final reflection I served many years in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and went to many meetings with the Archbishop. Daniel Pilarczyk was a brilliant man but a priest who could speak in simple terms that I could understand. During the discussion of complex and chronic problems, the Archbishop would comment that, "I know God can be found in the midst of this situation, but I am not sure where." This memory always provides a challenge to me especially in painful and overwhelming situations to ask and seek where God can be found. And, I have found in my adult life that God can be found in the darkness but one thing is for sure, God won't leave us there. God will help us find a way out.

Words from St. Augustine:

Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances are brought into closer connections with you.

Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand.

Fr. Bill

Around the Parish & Events

PARISH MISSION: A JOURNEY TO JOY

Luke: Stories on the Road



The stories that Jesus himself told as he journeyed to Jerusalem, dramatized with theatrical lighting and fun characterizations, pointing us to where the real joy in life is to be found...

March 18th at 7 PM

Sermon on the Mount



Matthew proclaims the joy of the Beatitudes to his house-church in Antioch, a community filled with characters whose stories echo our own... A night of humor and new insights...

March 19th at 7 PM

Hollywood vs. Faith



Frank concludes with an honest and very funny look at "The Three Other Beatitudes" of the media, encouraging us to see the bends in the funhouse mirror, laugh, and journey on... to a life of true joy.

March 20th at 7 PM



**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**

Say It In Sign

Another sign language class for beginners will begin on Wednesday, April 10th from 12:30 pm until 2 pm. 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 in Walsh Hall.

The choir will 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.

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

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 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 recently celebrated St. Patrick's Day and invite you to their next gathering on Thursday, March 21st 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.

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



At a party, a young wife admonished her husband, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?" "Why should it?" answered her spouse. "I keep telling them it's for you."



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.



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 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.



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 Neuhart at (216) 781-5530 or JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org



Cursillistas gather for Ultreya on Saturday, April 13th 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.

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.

Remember 'Coming Home' the Movie?

John Voigt and Jane Fonda play the lead roles in the movie *Coming Home*, which is about an American soldier crippled for life because of the Vietnam War. The film focuses on the psychological as well as the physical ordeals of this paraplegic – how he struggles with the help of a woman to accept his handicap, reconstruct his dreams, and create a future for himself. This Vietnam War vet's situation is very similar to that of the Jews in the first reading of today which shows us how the people's infidelities caused them to lose the Temple and their homeland, and how God arranged, through the pagan king of Persia, to return them to their homeland and to help them rebuild His Temple there.

God often sends people to help us through a crisis: parents and children often intervene to assist each other; a true friend comes through when no one else will; sometimes it is a pastor, a teacher or a parishioner who bails us out. Like the Jews in exile or like that Vietnam vet in Coming Home we endure small deaths in many ways. Nonetheless, we can find new life because of our faith in the Lord Jesus.

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.



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.

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.

Parish Calendar and Events

This week at St. Augustine



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

Monday, March 11, 2024

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)

Tuesday, March 12, 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, March 13, 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 14, 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 15, 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)
6:30 pm: Cleveland Catholic Deaf Retreat (CCDC)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, March 16, 2024

9:00 am: Cleveland Catholic Deaf Retreat (CCDC)
11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet
4:15 pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday, March 17, 2024

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

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 Dilyn Theresa Fallon Lin Janson	Joe Lewandowski David Murray Rob Owens	Tom Calton Karen Halupnik
MARCH 16 th and 17 th	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) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ
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