

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 29, 2023

Website: www.StAugustineCleveland.Org

Parish Office Hours:

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

Community Cupboard and Closet:

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



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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.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We gather each Sunday to give praise and thanks to God, to greet the Lord in each other, to hear the Lord through God's word, and to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. We humbly ask God for forgiveness and for the grace to forgive our neighbor and ourselves for the wrongs we do to each other, trusting that the Lord looks with favor on the humble and merciful.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 28 th - 4:15 PM	† Millie Julia Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S
Sunday, January 29 th - 8:30 AM	† Art Parham Fr. Joe McNulty
Sunday, January 29 th - 11 AM	† Edwin Arias Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ
Monday, January 30 th - 5:30 PM	† Nancy Torres
Tuesday, January 31 st - 5:30 PM	† Donny Perez <i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>
Wednesday, February 1 st - 5:30 PM	† Herbert Sponholtz
Thursday, February 2 nd - 5:30 PM	† William Clements <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>
Friday, February 3 rd - 5:30 PM	† Laura DeLury <i>St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr</i> <i>St. Ansgar, Bishop</i>
Saturday, February 4 th - 4:15 PM	† Don Lutz Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ
Sunday, February 5 th - 8:30 AM	† Martha Kisiel Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S
Sunday, February 5 th - 11 AM	† Jennie Zelinski Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S

The Pope's Intention for January: For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



This weekend we welcome in Baptism Sophia Spirnak. May the Light of Christ, given in Baptism, shine on Sophia forever. Amen!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28, 30,
31-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2,
13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-
18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc;
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-
4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Welcome!

No matter what your present status 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 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

“Faith, Hope and Love abide, these three and the greatest of these is love.” This line concludes one of the most beautiful and profound passages in the Scriptures: the famous hymn to love from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, which we heard as today’s second reading. In this hymn Paul asserts that love is the greatest gift. This is another way of saying that without love we miss life. We must have love if our lives are to be fulfilled and complete.

What does Paul mean by love? It includes, but it is something much greater than romantic love even as much as romantic love is sacred and affirming our dignity and worth. In fact, a careful reading of Paul’s hymn to love will reveal that there are two distinct aspects of the kind of love that Paul is describing.

The first aspect pulls us towards other people. In the first part of the hymn Paul describes the qualities that allow us to bond with others. Love is patient, love is kind, love is not envious, or puffed up Love is not self-seeking or rude. These qualities of love allow us to connect us to others, to commit to others. If we use modern terminology, we would call this movement of love that binds us to others intimacy. Paul is saying that without intimacy in our lives are incomplete.

But as you continue to read the hymn another aspect of love emerges: an aspect that moves us beyond ourselves, beyond our understanding, even beyond the people we love. Paul says, “Now we see in a mirror dimly, but even then we will see face to face. I know in part, but then I will know fully even as I am known.” Paul is pointing to the part of life that pulls us beyond ourselves into something larger. A modern word we would use to characterize this aspect of love is transcendence. Paul is saying that without transcendence life is incomplete.

So when Paul tells us we must have love, he is insisting that our lives must be characterized by intimacy and transcendence. We must have both if we are truly to live. Unless we let love pull us towards intimacy with another person or lives will be impoverished. That intimacy could be with spouses or with a close friend. But what is clear is commitment. Intimacy, however, however, involves work. Some people identify intimacy totally with a feeling or a verbal marriage commitment. Intimacy, however, involves the work that Paul describes in the first part of the hymn. Intimacy is being patient with the other, listening to the other, understanding the other, respecting the other in his or her uniqueness, adapting our lives to meet the other’s needs and dreams.

There is a delightful little movie I saw years ago and comes to my attention whenever I write about today’s words from Paul. It is called, “A Date with Tad Hamilton It was an okay movie but it had a number of wonderful scenes. In one scene, Tad Hamilton says to the female lead, “come away with me, I love you.” She responds, “No, you don’t love me. You love the idea of loving me. You really don’t know me. Real love,” she says, “is knowing the details of another person.” Intimacy knows the details. Intimacy is appreciating the specific things in others that make them who they are. If we are going to claim intimacy with

someone, we have to claim more than a feeling, more than a certificate. We have to be able to recount what are the specific

things that make that person to be who he or she is and rejoice in that particularity. As Paul states in this hymn, “Love rejoices in the truth.” When we know the truth of another person’s life and they know the truth of our life and when we both rejoice in what we know, then we have intimacy.

But intimacy is not enough. We also need transcendence. We need the ability to see something greater than ourselves, of understanding that there is something beyond all the things that we can organize and control. We must know what it is to step over the line from knowledge to mystery. That trusting of ourselves to mystery is what Paul calls love. If we insist on limiting our lives only to the things we can understand and control, our lives are impoverished. It is a failure of love.

Love then pulls us in two different directions, towards intimacy and towards transcendence. We must have both to truly live. Moreover, because love pulls in two directions, there are two distinct abilities that we must encourage in our lives holding on and letting go.

Intimacy demands that we hold on to another, that we commit ourselves to the hard work of listening, changing and appreciating. If we are to be intimate, we must not be afraid to commit, to hold on. Transcendence demands the ability of appreciating letting go, of understanding when we have come to the point where we no longer have control, when there is something greater than ourselves into which we can entrust our lives. A full and complete life demands the ability to hold on to the people we love and to let go at those times when mystery begins. Knowing when to do each is the key to happiness.

Love is indeed the greatest of gifts, but it pulls us in two distinct directions. Therefore, the Scriptures today invite us to examine our lives and to assure ourselves that we are open both to intimacy and to transcendence. If we wish our lives to be complete, to be fulfilled, if we want to be happy, we must learn how to hold on to the people we love and how to let ourselves go into the embrace of a God who loves us.



Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Happy 46th Anniversary of your ordination, Fr. Bill!
January 28, 1977

Ad multos annos!

Feast of St. Blaise “Blessing of Throats”



Friday, Feb. 3rd, is the Feast of Saint Blaise. Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea in Armenia and died as a martyr in the early 4th century. He is associated with the healing of throats (and other illnesses) due to the legend of him healing a small child who had a bone lodged in its throat. At each of the Masses next weekend, Feb. 4th and 5th, we will be offering the blessing of throats.

“Beatitude” People

“Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . they who mourn . . . the meek . . . they who hunger and thirst for righteousness . . . the merciful . . . the clean of heart . . . the peacemakers . . .” Matthew 5: 1-12a

When Jesus saw the folks gathering in the church hall, he invited them to pull up chairs and have a seat. When everyone was settled and comfortable, Jesus took a chair himself and began to teach:

“Blessed are they who place the love of family and friends before all else, who possess a spirit of gratitude that compels them to give of their own blessings to others — for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are they who grieve, who struggle to cope but continue to hope: the single mom or dad trying to raise their children alone, the parents who wait for the lost daughter or son to return — for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are they who find their joy in the happiness of others: the young couple just starting out, the devoted teacher, the dedicated minister — for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are they who can see beyond their own interests and agendas to the greater common good, who understand and honor their ethical and social responsibility to their community — for they will be filled.

“Blessed are they who treat classmates, coworkers and employees with respect and dignity; who never forget what it was like to struggle to raise a family, to be the “new kid,” to start a new job; who keep in mind the many times they’ve been forgiven and received a second and third chance that they didn’t deserve — for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are they who seek justice for the poor and the abused, who speak up for the victimized and powerless, who refuse to compromise in matters of justice and truth — for they will see God.

“Blessed are they who possess the rare gift for bringing people together, who possess the humility to make the first move to forgive and enable reconciliation to take place; who bring healing to those who have been hurt, ignored, or rejected — for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are they who are ridiculed and criticized for doing what is just and good, who refuse to give into the cynicism around them, who will not rationalize injustice and justify falsehoods — for the reign of God is theirs. “Rejoice and be glad” Jesus told the group that had met that night in the church hall, “for your reward in heaven will be great.”

In every time, in every place, there are “Beatitude” people in our own families, in our own towns, in our own parish who have embraced the “blessedness” of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount: realizing the many blessings they possess, they seek to reveal God’s blessings in the lives of others through compassion, generosity, mercy and peace; trusting in the mercy of God they have experienced in their own lives, they seek to be the means for others to realize God’s presence in their lives. May God’s grace illuminate our hearts that we may embrace the vision of the Beatitudes: to seek the grace and joy of God in all things.

Keeping the Faith



On Tuesday, January 31, Bishop Edward Malesic invites the faithful of the diocese to join him at 7 p.m. for a virtual meeting. He, along with members of the Keeping the Faith steering committee, will present the strategic plan for our beloved Catholic elementary schools. The plan will be implemented over the

next five years to ensure that our schools are irresistibly Catholic, academically excellent, operationally sound and geographically accessible. The meeting will last one hour. To register for the meeting, please go to: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/kftparents. We look forward to sharing this exciting plan with you!

World Day of Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life This special day is celebrated by the Church this Thursday, February 2nd, and by parishes over the weekend of February 4th and 5th. It is a day when we pray in a special way for those women and men who have made commitments in the consecrated life. Offer a prayer of thankfulness for their ministries in the Church on this special day and weekend. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocations of service to us, the Church.

Cleveland Catholic Deaf Community Retreat

Just as Lent begins, the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Community (CCDC) will have a retreat on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Our retreat will be led by Fr. Shawn Carey, a deaf priest, from Boston. The theme is: Shield of Hope. You all are welcome to attend the retreat in the Deaf Center followed by 4:15 pm Mass in St. Augustine Church. Please join us to strengthen our spiritually and love for one another. Please contact CCDC at (216) 370-7722 or 1946CCDC@gmail.com for more information. Details of the retreat will follow in the near future.

Parish Fish Fry

It’s that time of year again for the friendliest fish fry in town! Fish Frys begin Friday, February 24th from 4 PM until 7 PM. Our Fish Fry will be held in Walsh Hall (basement of former school building). We will have dine-in and take-out available this year. Stay tuned for more information.



Pray the Rosary

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

St. Augustine Seniors 50 and over

The St. Augustine Seniors will gather on Thursday, February 9th at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall. New members are always welcome.

Theology on the Rocks West For Adults 40 and Over

Join us Monday, Feb. 13 at Copper Cup (Ironwood Café) at 680 Dover Center in Westlake. Ever wonder why time seems to fly when you're doing something you love and time seems like an eternity when you're doing something you abhor? Biblical time management doesn't provide more time but it helps us make the best use of the time we've been given. It looks not at chronological time but at Kairos time, God's time. At the beginning of this New Year, Fr. Dan Schlegel will guide us in examining ways to enhance opportunities to live life more meaningfully, purposefully with joy and hope.

\$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. Pay online or at the door. Be sure to RSVP either way. Register in advance at: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west. Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.

Theology on Tap

invites all young adults in their 20s and 30s to a reflection on St. John Paul II's Meditation on Givenness: 'Creation as Gift'. As we prepare our hearts for Lent, how can we make a gift of ourselves to others? What does it mean to give and receive well? Join us as we dive into these questions and more with Gregg and Elizabeth Stovicek on Tuesday, February 21st, at 7:00 pm, at Forest City Brewery. Registration is available at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle or you may pay at the door (\$5). For questions, please contact totclewest@gmail.com.

Sunday Thought

For the next two Sundays, our Gospel reading will come from Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." Today we hear Jesus' beatitudes. He begins with a radical request for poverty of spirit. The way to achieve poverty of spirit is courageously knocking our own personal desires off the top shelf of our lives. Our wants and our needs occupy a great deal of our time daily. If we only focus on satisfying these wants and needs, we will probably not be open to hear either God's voice or the cries of those in need around us. These cries may come from our spouse, our children, or our friends and neighbors.

We sometimes accuse companies of looking after their own interests by making a profit at doing a booming business. At times, we are just like those companies. We look to our own interests first by trying to figure out how we can get this or that for ourselves from others. However, the Gospel today calls us to reverse all of this. Being poor, meek, merciful, pure of heart, peacemakers ... all of these attitudes call us to be open to the needs of others and the voice of God.

2022 Tax Statement Requests

2022 Tax statements will be prepared for those who request them. Please include your name, address and phone number on a piece of paper and return to the parish office by placing it in the collection basket, or by calling the parish office at (216) 781-5530.



Cursillistas will gather for Ultreya on **Saturday, February 12th 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.

Parish School of Religion

Religious education classes will continue this Monday at 5:30 PM.



If you have not yet registered your child for faith formation and sacramental preparation, please visit St. Augustine

Parish website at www.StAugustineCleveland.org, email us at PSR@staugustinecleveland.org, or call the parish office at (216) 781-5530 for more information.

Inspiration for the Week

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, February 7th at 10 AM for their regular meeting. New members are always welcome.



The **St. Augustine Community Cupboard** 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 seeking volunteers to assist in restocking shelves and assisting shoppers on the days we are open. In addition, we are in need of the following items:

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| 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 |

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

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the parish office by calling (216) 781-5530.

Spaghetti Dinner

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, February 26, 2023 from 1-3 PM in the Deaf Center. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Take out will be available. Please RSVP by purchasing tickets or by contacting Jo Ann Whigham at (216) 370-7661 VP or the parish office at (216) 781-5530. All proceeds will benefit the 60th anniversary celebration being planned for Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216) 334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

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 January 22, 2023 was \$1,685.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Counter Team A is scheduled this week.

Family Perspectives

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven" (MT 5:11-12). Jesus promises eternal life with Him in Heaven to those who love and follow Him. The Beatitudes express the path and meaning of true discipleship. To give oneself freely and totally to God's will out of pure love for Him often means going against the grain and may even lead to suffering and persecution here on earth. To live life as a disciple of Christ, to imitate Christ, isn't easy, but the reward in Heaven will be great! We seek to imitate Christ in all we do. Make us true holy disciples in loving union with you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Legal Aid Society Free Legal Clinics

The Legal Aid Society's 2023 calendar is now available - For a printable bilingual list of Legal Aid's upcoming FREE legal advice clinics scheduled for early 2023 visit <https://tinyurl.com/LASoC-Jan2023>. We encourage folks to come speak with us at an in-person clinic for free legal advice about civil legal issues related to shelter, safety, consumer rights, education, work, and more. Visit <https://laslev.org> or call 888-817-3777 for information, to get the current clinic schedule, & more.

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 Terry Hogan at the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

Church Stations of the Cross

When you came into church today you may have noticed that our Stations of the Cross are gone. Last week Henninger's removed our Stations for restoration. The Stations will be cleaned and remounted. The frames will be repaired and painted. We are expecting them to be completed by Lent.

"People of the Earth"

Farmers and gardeners will all tell you: Humus is the gold in their fields and gardeners. Composed of the decay of plant and animal matter, humus is the most organic and richest part of the soil. When it is tilled and broken open to receive seed and rainfall and sunlight, the dark humus soil yields the most bountiful harvests and the most beautiful of flowers.

The word humility comes from the same root as humus. Like the rich, broken soil of humus, humility is the capacity to be open to receive the seeds of experience — both the painful and the enriching — in order to grow in wisdom and understanding. Humility is the grace to let ourselves be "broken" — broken of our pride, our ego — in order to realize a harvest far greater than ourselves, a harvest that is possible only through generous openness, selfless giving and enlightened gratitude. Humility is the grace to plant in hope, to persevere through droughts and storms and reap in joy.

Jesus calls all who would be his disciples to embrace the "blessedness" of the Sermon on the Mount: to possess the humility to "detach" from material things so as to "attach" ourselves to the things of God; to be honest enough with ourselves to realize our need to be forgiven and reconciled with God and family and friends; to embrace the spirit of "mercy" that enables us to consider things from the perspective of others and feel their joys and sorrows; to be makers of "peace" that honors and upholds humanity's highest good.

Music with Beamer

Gary Lee "Beamer", a member of our music ministry, will have a concert in honor of his birthday, on February 9th at 5 PM in Walsh Hall. All are invited.

2023 Mass Book

The 2023 Mass Book is now available for parishioners requesting Mass intention for the year 2023. Mass requests can be made by contacting the parish office or by mail. Please include your name, address and phone number on your request so that we can contact you if any adjustments need to be made.

Time for RCIA Invitations

Just a reminder that RCIA is intended for:

- Unbaptized adults
- Adults who have been baptized into a non-Catholic denomination, Adults who have been baptized but never received first Eucharist or Confirmation

For more information or to give a name, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.



An Update on our Parish Food and Clothing Ministry- Community Cupboard and Closet

In the short time that we have been open we have provided much needed food and clothing to several thousand people. There are some highlights that we would like to bring to your attention as we move forward in our ministry to persons in need.

Positive Notes:

- By the end of this month (January) we are going to reach serving an *average* of over **FIVE HUNDRED** people **PER MONTH**. We have averaged an increase of approximately 10% more customers each month.
- We have provided much needed food and clothing to several thousand people (and toys during the holidays) in the short time we have been open.
- We are still 100% volunteer and 100% funded through donations.
- The HARDEST working and most DEDICATED team of volunteers serve those in need *with compassion and dignity*.

The Needs:

- *We need help*, between the food and clothing ministry, our small team of volunteers is putting in very long and hard hours.
- We do not get anywhere near the food donations, or the type items needed to keep up with the growing demand, as a result, we must supplement our stock using donated funds. Please consider a contribution in support of this wonderful ministry.
- In February, the *additional* “SNAP” (government assistance for food) funding provided during the pandemic will end; this means every recipient currently receiving government support will see a *decrease* in their monthly stipend, possibly up to *several hundred dollars each month*; combined with the rising costs of goods due to inflation, the County is predicting a *very large increase* in demand at food pantries in 2023.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact the parish office or our volunteer coordinator at jneuhart@staugustinecleveland.org.

Community Closet



Our Community Closet allows individuals to come and “shop” for clothing, bedding, and footwear items.

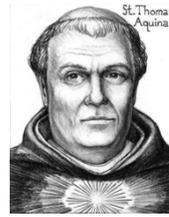
During the winter months there is a higher need for winter coats, boots, hats and gloves

The Community Closet is open on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 PM and on Saturdays from 11 AM to 2 PM.

For more information or to volunteer please contact the Parish Office at (216) 781-5530 or email, outreach@staugustinecleveland.org.

St. Augustine Signing Choir

The Signing Choir will resume practicing this Wednesday, at 6:30 PM in Walsh Hall. New members are always welcome.



St. Thomas Aquinas
Feast Day: January 28th
Canonized: July 18, 1323

Thomas was born in Italy around 1225 or 1227. He was originally Thomas of Aquino, the region in which he was born, but he has become known as Thomas Aquinas since that time.

When Thomas was just five, his parents sent him to study with the Benedictine monks. He was a good student and was sent to the university in Naples at an early age to pursue more studies. He studied math, science, grammar, logic, and music.

His parents had hoped from the time he was born that Thomas would become a Benedictine monk like his uncle, who was the local abbot. But Thomas was drawn to the religious order founded by St. Dominic, the Dominicans. He tried to join the Dominicans, but his parents locked him in a tower of their castle! For two years they tried many different things to make him change his mind. But Thomas would not. He spent the two years studying his faith and trying to educate himself as if he was preparing for ordination.

He escaped from the castle and went immediately to join the Dominicans. After he made his vows he went to Rome and told his story to Pope Innocent IV, who told Thomas’ family they could not interfere with his vocation.

Thomas was sent to Paris and then to Cologne to study and to teach. He was an inspired writer of philosophy and theology. He wrote more than 60 works, some of which are still popular and used today. Popes consulted with him, too. One pope wanted to appoint him Archbishop of Naples, but Thomas wanted to have time instead to write and spread the truth about the faith.

Thomas believed that both faith and reason are required to reach the truth, and both come from God. He also said that some truths can only be revealed through faith. Today we refer to his thought as “Thomism.”

Thomas died in 1274 at Cistercian Monastery of Fossa Nuova. He was canonized by Pope John XXII in 1323 and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1567.

He is the patron saint of Catholic universities and students

Save the Date-Parish Breakfast

Our next complimentary Parish Breakfast will be on Sunday, February 19th from 9:15 AM – 1 PM in Walsh Hall (basement of school building). We hope that you will be able to join us for food and fellowship.

On the Lighter Side

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the highway. Looking at the car, he was astounded to see that the elderly woman behind the wheel was knitting. The trooper cranked down his window and yelled to the driver, “Pull over!” “No!” the woman yelled back, “Cardigan!” ☺



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 and enter code 2020 when prompted

This Week's Events of the Parish

- Monday: Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
PSR: 5:30 PM (School Building)
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: LINKS: 3 PM (Walsh Hall)
Signing Choir Practice: 6:30 PM (Walsh)
Signing Hands: 6:30 PM (Deaf Center)
Community Cupboard: 5 PM-7PM
Community Closet: 5 PM-7 PM
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Thursday: Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
Boy Scouts: 6:30 PM (Second Floor)
AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Friday: LINKS: 3 PM (Walsh)
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Saturday: Community Cupboard: 11 AM – 2 PM
Community Closet: 11 AM – 2 PM
Mass: 4:15PM (Church)
- Sunday: Mass: 8:30 AM (Church)
Mass: 11 AM (Church)

Beatitude in Relationships

In his book, *On This Day*, Carl D. Windsor includes this anecdote: Even the most devoted couple will experience a “stormy” bout once in a while. A grandmother, celebrating her golden wedding anniversary, once told the secret of her long and happy marriage. “On my wedding day, I decided to make a list of ten of my husband's faults which, for the sake of our marriage, I would overlook,” she said. A guest asked the woman what some of the faults she had chosen to overlook were. The grandmother replied, “To tell you the truth, my dear, I never did get around to listing them. But whenever my husband did something that made me hopping mad, I would say to myself, ‘Lucky for him that's one of the ten!’”

Her way of making peace kept their marriage together for good. Instead of merely longing for peace in the world we must be peacemakers in the little world around us. Peacemaking demands positive actions for reconciliation. Making peace involves proclamation, diplomacy, self-control and a willingness to forgive and to promote the work of forgiveness among others. Peacemakers work for “shalom”— the wholeness and well- being that God wills for a broken world. Shalom means “May you be blessed by the presence of all good things!”

January 28th and 29th			
	Saturday 4:15 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Joe McNulty (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Dave Dyllyn	Debbie Sollars	Karen Halupnik Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Bonnie Robertson Michelle Rivera	Marissa Davilla Bob Duda Pat Abraham	Kate Slosar Priscilla Treska Renee Zorger
February 4th and 5th			
	Saturday 4:15 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S Deacon Chris DePenti (H)
Lectors	Steve Slywczuk	Ed Zubek	Jeannie Rawlings John Kowalchik
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Dave Dyllyn	Joe Lewandowski Robin McMarlin	Tom Calton Molly Cassidy