

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart

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Sunday, September 10, 2023
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



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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 of the Sick. We can also bring Holy Communion to the homebound.



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we hear Jesus assure his disciples that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, he is there with them. Our confidence in his promise assures us that Jesus is here with us now as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Aware that God is with us in our midst, let us raise our voices and lift our hearts unto the Lord.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 9 th - 4:15 PM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Theresa and Joanne Dyczkowski
Sunday, September 10 th - 8:30 AM Fr. Joe McNulty	† Dan Miller
Sunday, September 10 th - 11 AM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Nathan McNulty
Monday, September 11 th - 5:30 PM <i>Patriot Day</i>	World Peace
Tuesday, September 12 th - 5:30 PM <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	† April Adkins-Kinder
Wednesday, September 13 th - 5:30 PM <i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Curt and Priscilla Treska
Thursday, September 14 th - 5:30 PM <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	† Nathan McNulty
Friday, September 15 th - 5:30 PM <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	† Rosemary Moon
Saturday, September 16 th - 4:15 PM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Marsha Gray
Sunday, September 17 th - 8:30 AM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† James Felgemacher
Sunday, September 17 th - 11 AM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Marianne Higdon

The Pope's Intention for September: For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Wedding Banns II

Andrea Whinnery and Chris Erman

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7 Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

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



This Monday our nation celebrates Patriot Day on 9/11. We take time to remember all of our brother and sister Americans and people from other nations who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on New York City, Washington D.C. and the plane that crashed in the field of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We also remember and honor those first responders who labored for days searching for any survivors. We pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families, that they may find comfort and peace.

Love Without Measure...

Pope Francis has insisted that for the church to be true to itself, we must act in a more synodal way. This is in keeping with the vision of renewal promoted in the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, which stressed the common dignity and mission of the church.

All Catholics, as members of the church, not only journey and gather together, but also have the responsibility to actively share in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

In 2017, the International Theological Commission produced a very helpful document, "Synodality in the Life and Ministry of the Church," "to help guide our discussion as the church prepares for the upcoming synod on synodality. The text notes that synodality has its roots in an ancient and venerable term, "synod," which is rooted in divine revelation.

"Composed of the preposition 'syn' (with) and the noun 'odos' (path) the document notes, "(synod) indicates the path along which the people of God walk together. Equally, it refers to the Lord Jesus, who presents himself as the way, the truth and the life: (John 14:6), and to the fact that Christians, his followers, were originally called "followers of the Way." The fathers of the church consider the word "synod: a synonym for the church, as we see in the writings of St. John Chrysostom, who observes that "church" is the name for "walking together (synodia)"

Yet, despite all of the very helpful theological background, we have unfortunately have witnessed recent statements by some taking issue with the Holy Father's decision to call a synod on synodality. Among the mistaken assertions, which are stoking fears, is that gathering in Rome this October will radically alter church teaching and practice, align both with secular ideas and result in schism.

History has shown that the use of fear tactics by those who resist any kind of renewal that involves change is not new. We would do well to recall the speech, "Gaudet Mater Ecclesia" ("Mother Church Rejoices") given by St. Pope John XXIII at the start of Vatican II.

In the face of dire predictions that the council would ruin the church, the saintly pope rejected the thoughts of "prophets of doom" totally mischaracterized the aim of the synod on synodality. The main question for the upcoming synod is: How are we to remain faithful to Christ's own plan for the church? This is the question St. Pope John Paul II insisted that the church must continually raise.

In his apostolic letter, "Novo Millennio Ineunte" (At the Beginning of the New Millennium') he wrote that the governing structures of the church "need to be examined constantly in order to ensure that they follow their genuinely evangelical inspiration." While acknowledging that much has been done in this regard since Vatican II, especially with respect to reforming the Roman Curia, the functioning of synods and episcopal conferences, there is still work to do "in order to realize all the potential of these instruments of communion, which are especially appropriate today in view of the need to respond promptly and effectively to

the issues which the church must face in these rapidly changing times."

In other words, what Pope Francis is doing in calling for a synod on synodality is in keeping with the vision of his predecessors and the Second Vatican Council.

So "synodality," while the word may seem new, actually speaks to an ancient reality. A careful reading of the document from the International Theological Commission cited above, makes clear that "synodality is the specific 'modus vivendi et operandi' ('way of living and working') of the church, the people of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as a communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active part in her evangelizing mission."

The aim of the upcoming synod is in keeping with the vision of St. Pope John Paul II as expressed by the ITC, namely that making a synodal church a reality is an indispensable precondition for a new missionary energy that will involve the entire people of God."

That surely is nothing ever to be feared.

Fr. Bill



PSR Families and Catechists

As the summer days are winding down and the school year begins, we are preparing for another year of religious education.

Our 2023-2024 Parish School of Religion (PSR) will begin on **Sunday, September 24th**. Classes will run from **9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**. (*Please note the new day and time.*)

If you are new to St. Augustine or the area and would like more information on our program, please contact Jessica.

We are looking for a few more PSR Catechists for the 2023 - 2024 PSR school year. If you are interested in learning if this might be a good fit for you, please contact Jessica at JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org or by calling the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

As a part of the Diocese of Cleveland's Protecting God's Children policy, all volunteers are required to complete Virtus training and submit a BCI criminal background check

Alumni Reunion

On Sunday, October 1st the Alumni of St. Augustine Elementary School will gather for their reunion at the 11 AM Mass followed by lunch.

This year, we are extending a special invitation to the graduates of Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School.

For more information, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

Pray for those who are sick...

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	Mike Furey	Susan Grieken
Irene Kingery	Ella McGowan	Bridget Patton
Sheila Rock.	Mary Solderitsch	Carl Zelinski, Sr.

And for all those who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, living with a chronic illness, or living on the margins, we pray.

Capital Improvements: School Building Roof



DunRite Roofing Company has begun the process of replacing the roof on the school building. The roof is scheduled to be completed by September 24th. **Please use caution while the roof replacement is in progress.**

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we continue to make much needed repairs and renovations to our parish buildings.

Parish Breakfast Next Sunday

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a new member of our parish family, or just visiting, you are invited to a complimentary parish breakfast next Sunday (September 17th) from 9 AM until 1 PM in Walsh Hall (basement of school building). We hope that you will be able to join us for food and fellowship. Volunteers are always welcome to help set-up, serve, and clear tables.

Liturgy Committee

The St. Augustine Liturgy Committee will now be in session! Thank you to the Parish Council for establishing this important committee in the life of our church. The initial meeting will be on Monday, September 11th at 7 PM in Walsh Hall. This committee will meet once a month, and will be looking at the wants, needs, and consensus of our congregation in matters relating to our liturgical life. As our opening announcements emphasize, all are certainly welcome to join this committee. How? Simply send Bill Shaffer and email to BSshaffer@staugustinecleveland.org to let him know that you want to be involved in the life and worship of St. Augustine.

Family Perspectives

The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he / she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

An "Exceptional" Church!

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone . . . If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church . . . Matthew 18: 15-20

She lived in the group home next to the church. She was painfully overweight; her clothing didn't fit. She hadn't bathed and wasn't able to breathe or move comfortably. Her medication made it difficult for her to follow the prayers and hymns. She fell asleep during sermons; her snoring, escalated by her breathing problems, echoed through the church. Once or twice she even forgot where she was and lit up a cigarette right there in the pew. She wouldn't speak or make eye contact with anyone.

Parishioners began to complain: She doesn't belong here. She couldn't be getting anything out of it so heavily medicated. She shouldn't be allowed to ruin it for everyone. The poor woman was the subject of more than one parish council meeting: Her presence was a serious distraction; she was a deterrent to visitors. And someone noted that she ate too many cookies at coffee hour. Finally, one council member had had enough of the complaining and lack of compassion. She was determined to make a friend out of their troubled visitor. The parishioner left her usual pew and began to sit next to her. When the snoring started, the parishioner gave her a gentle nudge; she helped her find her place in the hymnal; she quietly reminded her to put the cigarettes away and leave enough cookies and sweets for others during the coffee hour after church.

The parishioner's unheralded kindness was all the visitor needed. She began talking to people. She made eye contact and made a point of shaking hands with the pastor: "Bless you," she would say. A few months later, the pastor received a phone call from the woman's social worker. The social worker explained that the woman had never been accepted by any group or able to sustain a single positive relationship until she started coming to church. She was now making friends in her group home and had begun to bring them to her church. "Thank you for welcoming her," the social worker said to the pastor. "I've never been to your church, but I know that it is an exceptional place." After hanging up the phone, the pastor sat for a moment, pondering that word: Exceptional.

In this difficult situation, one parishioner manages to embrace the spirit of Jesus' instructions in today's Gospel: that to follow Jesus means to take on the hard work of building community by welcoming the stranger, the disrupter, the estranged. In today's Gospel (which sounds more like a set of regulations devised by a church rules committee than a teaching of Jesus), Jesus calls us to take on his work of reconciliation: work that is grounded in love for the other, work that begins with respect and love for every human being, work that seeks God's justice and peace above all. Gospel-centered reconciliation confronts those misunderstandings and issues that divide us, grieve us and embitter us, not out of anger or a need to "even the score," but out of a commitment to imitate the great love and mercy of God.

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, September 12th at 10 AM for their regular meeting. New members are always welcome.

Alhambra



A number of St. Augustine Parishioners are members of the Catholic organization Carmona Caravan, a group of Catholic men and women dedicated to assisting persons with intellectual Disabilities.

Carmona Caravan is the Cleveland based chapter of the Order of the Alhambra. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and all are welcome! If you are interested in helping persons with intellectual disabilities, coming to a meeting, or learning more, please visit www.carmonacaravan.org



The Handbell Choir is returning to St. Augustine! Led by Bill Shaffer, come learn a little about music and teamwork. 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.

Practice will continue on Thursday at 6:30 pm in the church (we will be done by 7:30 pm). Don't panic: this is not a year-long commitment! I'd love to have you check it out for a couple weeks and see for yourself if it is the right ministry for you.

For comments or questions, please email Bill at BShaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org

Sunday Thought

Today's Gospel passage would not be one that we would probably find on anyone's top ten list of favorite passages. Correcting another person is one of the things most of us probably least like to do. Or if we do, there is every chance that we are not doing it in the right spirit. Unfortunately, some people do by nature like to lord it over others; most people do not. The first thing that we should notice in today's Gospel is that correcting others is an obligation, both when we are in a position of authority to do so and more broadly when Christian charity demands we do so. As our act of contrition tells us, we sin not only by what we do, but also by what we fail to do. Today we hear all kinds of excuses to get out of this Christian obligation. We hear people say that we should just "live and let live" or "there but for the grace of God go I." Or I don't want "to get political!" These things may sound nice, but there is a danger that they can also encourage isolation from others and the avoidance of confronting evil where evil exists. How many times have we heard the story of someone being attacked and a whole crowd of people turn away pretending they did not see a thing. Granted this is an extreme example, but it is still a failure to correct the wrong be done by another person. As the old saying goes: all that is needed for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Is God calling you to invite someone you know who is searching for a deeper faith in God to explore becoming Catholic? The Church prepares adults for Baptism,

Confirmation and Eucharist through a process called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA is designed to form the mind and heart in Christian discipleship through study of the basics of the Catholic faith, prayer and fellowship. If any of these are true for you or someone you know, then you are invited to contact the parish office to learn more and to register to join our RCIA group.

Parenting Tune-Up



With all the violence in the news and perhaps in your neighborhood or your child's school, kids can feel afraid or pick up the fears of their parents. Help your child become a peacemaker.

Taking The Pledge of Nonviolence (<https://www.ipj-ppj.org/about/pledge-of-non-violence>) can be a practical start.

St. Augustine Signing Choir

The St. Augustine Signing Choir will be continuing their weekly practice this Thursday, at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in joining the choir, with or without signing experience, is invited to join. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Save the date: The choir will be performing on September 16th at 12:10 PM at the Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival in Lincoln Park.

How Can I Become More Involved?

There are many ways for Catholics to get more involved in their faith and in the ministry of the Church. Those include liturgical ministries (choir member, lector, altar server, usher, or Eucharistic Minister), various parish ministries, as well as volunteer roles as collection counters, church decorators, gardeners, etc. Please contact Bob at BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org or (216) 781-5530 ext. 31 to discern your gifts, your time, and your opportunities to serve.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors braved the rain this past Thursday and enjoyed a picnic and presentation by the Rocky River Nature Center.

Their next gathering will be in Walsh Hall this Thursday, September 14th at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall for a 50s-60s Luncheon and Dance. New members are always welcome. For more information on joining the Seniors please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

Pray the Rosary



We invite you to join us **every Monday through 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.

Say It in Sign

Sign language classes for beginners will begin on Thursday, September 14th at 2:30 PM. To pre-register or for more information on the fall class, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216)781-5530 ext. 29 or at RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org

The Power of Prayer

The St. Augustine Prayer Chain is an email request line for prayers. Many parishioners are already a part of this chain. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain, please email Bob at BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org to be added to the Prayer Chain. You will then get emails from others requesting prayers, and you will be able to ask others for prayers for your needs. Your email address will not be shared with those asking for prayers.



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

The *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, September 1st through October 4th, which culminates with the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of ecology and animals. The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home.

O God of the poor
help us rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of the earth,
who are so precious in your eyes.
God of love, show us our place in the world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of the earth.
God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness
and convey your mercy throughout our
common home.
Praise be to you! Amen

Relationship Tune-Up



Which of the 10 commandments is hardest for you (or your beloved) to keep? Do you know your beloved well enough to predict their answer? Of course, there's always the Great Commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Your beloved is your closest neighbor.

A Life in the Spirit

Our Lady of Angels Church Prayer Group (3644 Rocky River Drive) will offer a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" this Fall on eight consecutive Tuesdays, September 5th through October 24th, 2023 from 7:30-9:00pm. Our most recent Popes, Paul VI to Pope Francis, have given both their approval and their support for these seminars. If you desire more for your life, this seminar can be the beginning of a "renewal" of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. For more info and to register phone Verna at 216-251-3560 or Tom at 216-536-6495. There is no charge for this seminar.

"Dad, I just came over to tell you that I Love You."

In one of the popular Chicken Soup volumes, Dennis E. Mannering tells about an assignment he once gave to a class he teaches for adults. He gave them the assignment, "Go to someone you love, and tell them that you love them." At the beginning of the next class, one of the students began by saying, "I was angry with you last week when you gave us this assignment. I didn't feel I had anyone to say those words to. But as I began driving home my conscience started talking. Then I knew exactly who I needed to say 'I love you' to. Five years ago, my father and I had a vicious disagreement and never really resolved it. We avoided seeing each other unless we absolutely had to at family gatherings. We hardly spoke. So by the time I got home, I had convinced myself I was going to tell my father I loved him. Just making that decision seemed to lift a heavy load off my chest. At 5:30, I was at my parents' house ringing the doorbell, praying that Dad would answer the door. I was afraid if Mom answered, I would chicken out and tell her instead. But as luck would have it, Dad did answer the door. I didn't waste any time. I took one step in the door and said, 'Dad, I just came over to tell you that I love you.' It was as if a transformation came over my dad. Before my eyes his face softened, the wrinkles seemed to disappear and he began to cry. He reached out. But that's not even my point. Two days after that visit, my dad had a heart attack So my message to all of you is this: Don't wait to do the things you know need to be done. What if I had waited to tell my dad? Take the time to do what you need to do and do it now!" ("Do It Now!" Condensed Chicken Soup for Souls, Copyright 1996 by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen & Patty Hansen.)

That's the advice that Jesus would give us. People hurt us, sometimes intentionally, sometimes without meaning to. But sometimes who is in the right and who is in the wrong is not as important as finding a common ground where the relationship can be maintained. Sometimes that means that we have to take the first step, even though we know that the other person is in the wrong. And the best time to take that step is today!

Theology on the Rocks West

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, September 11th at Copper Cup (Ironwood Café) at 680 Dover Center in Westlake. From Protestant Minister to Catholic Evangelizer, Tom Pussell, a husband, a father & a director of Evangelization & Outreach at St. Raphael's Church, will share his faith journey & conversion story. Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. Advance tickets highly recommended as space is limited. Register in advance at: www.theologyontherockswest Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm



Ultreya will take a break during the summer months. Cursillistas will resume their monthly gatherings for Ultreya in the fall. 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.

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 September 3, 2023 was \$1,604.00.

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.



Counter Team C is scheduled for Monday.

September Celebrates Deaf Awareness, Culture, Language

September is Deaf Awareness Month in the United States – a celebration dedicated to increasing public awareness of deaf culture and deaf issues as well as recognizing the heritage and language unique to the deaf and hard-of-hearing (DHOH) community.

The month encourages everyone to, among other things:

- Learn about inclusion and accessibility, including the importance of providing captioned content or sign language interpreters in the corporate, classroom, or live sporting and entertainment settings, among other places.
- Discover ways to promote the rights of deaf people and access to education and technologies.
- Educate about the misconceptions of being deaf and the challenges that the deaf population face in everyday life.
- Understand that deaf and hard of hearing individuals are just as capable and able as hearing individuals.

This month also celebrates International Week of the Deaf from September 18th through September 24th. This week also encompasses this year's International Day of Sign Language on September 23rd.



A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

*A Unique Program to
Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage
September 22-24, 2023*

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. For more information concerning the program, or to register, call Shelly or Rob at (216) 509-0301 or (440) 836-4810 or go to website: www.helpourmarriage.org

Diocese of Cleveland Marriage & Family Ministry

Red Bird Ministries is hosting a retreat at St. Bridget Kildare Parish, Parma, on Saturday, Sept. 23 for couples and individuals grieving pregnancy loss or the loss of a child. Special thanks to Catholic Cemeteries for sponsoring the workbooks for the couples. The materials are easily adaptable for individuals grieving the loss of a pregnancy, baby, or child. You can register for this event at: dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/marriage-and-family-ministry/events.



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



We are currently able to accept clothing for men, women, and children. Thank you for your continued support.

Please continue to support our cupboard ministry by donating food, household cleaning, and personal hygiene items.

Your financial support is always appreciated as well.

Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ◆ Served over 1,043 families in the month of May and 1,071 in the month of June, 1,213 in the month of July, and 1,281 families in the month of August.
- ◆ 202 new families came to shop during the month of May, 219 new families were served in the month of June, in the month of July we helped 262 new families and in the month of August we helped 286 new families.
- ◆ It takes at least 12-14 volunteers just to open the doors.

As you can see the need is great and volunteers are greatly needed while we are open and during our closed hours to help sort and stock and help shoppers on the days we are open.

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 at (216) 781-5530 or email, outreach@staugustinecleveland.org.

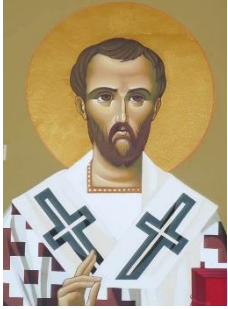


On the Lighter Side



A college student could not take his seminar final exam because of a funeral. "No problem," the teacher told him. "Make it up the following week." That week came, and again he couldn't take the test due to another funeral. "You'll have to take the test early next week," the professor insisted. "I can't keep postponing it." "I'll take the test next week if no one dies," the undergrad replied. By now the instructor was suspicious. "How can you have so many people you know pass away in three weeks?" "I don't know any of these people," the student exclaimed. "But I'm the only gravedigger in town."

St. John Chrysostom
Feast Day: September 13



Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to that ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means “golden-mouthed.”

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed St. John in the middle of imperial politics. Be he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

This Week's Events of the Parish

- Monday: Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
 Lincoln Heights Block Club: 6 PM (Walsh)
 Liturgy Committee: 7 PM (Parish Office Conference Room)
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Tuesday: AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh)
 St. Augustine Buckey Deaf Seniors: 10 AM (Deaf Center)
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
 Rosary: 6 PM
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Wednesday: Links: 3 PM (Walsh)
 Community Cupboard and Closet: 5 PM-7PM
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
 AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)
 Signing Hands: 6:30 PM (Walsh)
- Thursday: St. Augustine Seniors: 12 Noon (Walsh)
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
 Signing Choir: 6:30 (Walsh)
 Hand Bell Choir: 6:30 PM (Church)
 Boy Scouts: 6:30 PM (Second Floor)
 AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Friday: Links: 4 PM (Walsh)
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Saturday: Community Cupboard and Closet: 11 AM – 2 PM
 Mass: 4:15 PM (Church)
- Sunday: Mass: 8:30 AM (Church)
 Mass: 11 AM (Church)

September 9th and 10th			
	Saturday 4:15 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H) Rev. Mr. Chris DePenti	Fr. Joe McNulty (H) Rev. Mr. Chris DePenti	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)
Lectors	Ann Ertle	Fran DiDonato	Kate Slosar Aaron Calton
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Theresa Ortiz Mag Rivera	Marissa Davilla Joe Lewandowski Maria Rivera	Dawn Dingledein Karen Halupnik
September 16th and 17th			
	Saturday 4:15 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S, (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Rick Toth	Robin McMarlin	Karen Halupnik Christina Howard
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Robin McMarlin Calvin White	Pat Abraham Davind Murray Debbie Sollars	John Kowalchik Nora Kowalchik Jean Mendis

H: Homilist