

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

Jn 12:23-24

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	Michael Hogan	Debbi Kasper	Ella McGowan	Fr. Joe McNulty	Nora Orozco
Bridget Patton	Andrea Slosar	Richard Slosar	Sharon Rivera	Sheila Rock	Mary Smith
Mary Solderitsch	Nora Thomas	Norma Turner	Millie 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 16

4:15 pm † Dominic Rivera

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am † Erwin Amrhein

11:00 am † Mary Ellen Czelusniak

Monday, March 18

5:30 PM No Mass

Tuesday, March 19

5:30 pm No Mass

Wednesday, March 20

5:30 pm No Mass

Thursday, March 21

5:30 pm † Jennie Zelinski

Friday, March 22

5:30 pm † Ray and Elvira DeLury

Saturday, March 23

4:15 pm † Petro and Kataryna Duda

Sunday, March 24

8:30 am † Jack McMarlin

11:00 am † Frank, Sr. and Martha Kisiel

† *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
in flame 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

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord



Silverio Vargas
Member of our Parish

Offertory—

March 9nd and 10th

Regular Collection	\$1,765.41
E-Giving	\$230.00
Other Collections	\$56.00
Total Collection	\$2,051.41

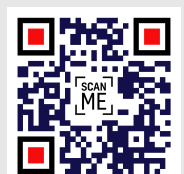
Counter Team B is scheduled for Monday

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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 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Monday | St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop/Doctor of the Church

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday | St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday | St. Turibius, Bishop

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday | Palm Sunday

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 9-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

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...

Today's gospel is filled with beauty and power. But it also contains within it a certain danger. If we were to misunderstand the words of Jesus, that misunderstanding could lead to confusion and to harm. Take for example the beautiful image that Jesus gives us at the end of the gospel. He says, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." Now when we hear that phrase, "being lifted up from the earth," we probably imagine Jesus' resurrection or his ascension, Jesus lifted up into the clouds. But this is not what the evangelist John has in mind. The last verse of the gospel makes this clear, for it says, "He said this to indicate the type of death he was to die."

For John, Jesus being lifted up from the earth is Jesus being lifted up on the cross. This makes perfect sense historically, because crucifixion in the ancient world was a form of execution particularly designed to lift us to the crucified one, so that his death could be displayed before everyone. The Romans, who practiced crucifixion, intended that everyone who walked by see the crucified person. They wanted the long and anguishing death to be visible, because it sent a message. The message it sent to everyone who saw it was, "Be careful, because you could experience just this kind of death if you challenge the power of Rome." So lifting up the crucified one was part of the strategy of Roman imperial oppression. Here we see how dramatic Jesus' words are: "When I am lifted up, when I am crucified, when all can see my agonizing death, then I will draw all people to myself, then will all people be saved."

Now clearly what Jesus is doing is associating his crucifixion with our salvation. We believe this. We frequently say and often pray that we are saved by the Blood of Christ. But here is where we need to be very careful. It is important for us to understand how we are saved through the cross of Jesus. What is it about Jesus' crucifixion that saves us? We know that Jesus' crucifixion was unjust, brutal and horrible. We are safe to say that there is nothing about injustice, the brutality and the horror that saves us. All of these things were evil things. Had we been present during Jesus' life, we should have taken every step we could to prevent Jesus – or anyone for that matter – from experiencing such a horrible and unjust death. So we are not saved by the injustice or brutality of the cross. What we are saved by is the love of Christ who embraces the cross and the power of God that raises Jesus from the dead. It is the love of Christ and the power of God that raises Jesus from the dead. It is the love of Christ and the power of God that saves us. And that love is stronger than the evil of the cross. To say this another way: There is nothing good in the cross itself. But good comes to us through the cross because what comes to us through the cross is the love of Christ and the power of God.

Now why is this so important? It's important because the pattern of Christ's death and resurrection is a pattern that we find repeatedly over and over again in our own lives. It is important for us to get the pattern straight, to understand it correctly. Evil enters our lives and it enters in many forms: the death of a child, the trauma of sexual abuse, the diagnosis of cancer, addiction and divorce or the loss of a job. When these things happen, these are evil in our lives and our faith does not ask us to pretend that they are not. To be a believer is not to say that we believe that these evils are somehow blessings in disguise. They are not. We should do anything to avoid such evils. And it compounds the error to imagine that God sends these evils into our lives. God does not give us evil so that later God can save us from it. We do not believe in a God like that.

God does not send us evil. But when evil comes into our lives, we do believe that God has the power to draw new life from that evil. Without making the evil thing good we believe that God has the power to make good things come from it. No matter how horrible a death we must face, God's love is greater. No matter how heavy a cross we must bear, God's power can lift us up. That is why Christians are always hopeful. Not because we believe there is no evil, but because we believe that the love and power of God is greater than evil. God can bring us from evil to new life.

Just like Jesus, there will be time when evil enters our life, when we must face our cross. But just like Jesus, we are called to embrace that cross in love and faith and in the belief that God has the power to bring us out of that evil into new life. And when in time we find ourselves in that new life, when we do in fact experience God's power and love, then we can look back on our cross and say, "I have come here through the cross." But it's important for us to realize that we did not come here because of the cross. We come to salvation through the cross. But we are saved because of the love and power of God.

A final thought.....

Please be mindful of the sacredness of Holy Week. Let us be intentional of what we are celebrating in faith and the ways in our times in which we are hungry for hope and new life. And please join us for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter; for these are the days that anchor our Christian faith.

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

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 26th at 10 AM. New members are always welcome.

Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center

Please join us every Sunday after 8:30 am and 11 am masses in the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center. Coffee, donuts and goodies are available for purchase

Did you know?

For the past year St. Augustine's has offered a sign language class for Sheldon Square residents in Berea where members of our Deaf community live.

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.



Around the Parish

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 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@StAugustineCleveland.org.



On the Lighter Side



Before a pastor began to preach one Sunday morning he thought he should explain why he had a Band-Aid on his chin. "As I was shaving this morning I was thinking about today's message when I lost my concentration and accidentally cut my chin with the razor." He then went on to preach the longest message of his life. After the service one of the teens greeted the pastor and said, "Pastor, next week why don't you think about your shaving and cut the sermon."



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



"They Come to you, but you do not Hear Them!"

In George Bernard Shaw's play St. Joan, which is about Joan of Arc, Joan tells of hearing God's messages. She is talking to King Charles. Charles doesn't appreciate this crazy lady in armor who insists on leading armies. He's threatened by her. He says, "Oh, your voices, your voices, always your voices. Why don't the voices come to me? I am King, not you." Joan replies, "They do come to you, but you do not hear them. You have not sat in the field in the evening listening for them. When the Angelus rings . . . you cross yourself and have done with it. But, if you prayed from your heart and listened to the trilling of the bells in the air after they stop ringing, you would hear the voices as well as I do."

Joan heard the voice of God. But the King, if he heard anything at all, heard only thunder. Why? Because she was listening for that Voice. Some people are so disconnected from God that they never hear God's voice as described in today's Gospel. Many of us fail to hear God's voice because we almost expect some spectacular way in which God will manifest to us. Some think that God will never speak to them because they think they are not good enough for God. Some others may have false theological notions that prevent them from hearing God's voice. But Jesus shows us that God has no partiality and that God talks to everyone. What we need to realize is that whispers, instead of loud noisy words, is God's preferred way to communicate to us. That requires us to be in tune with God's whispers. Hence silent listening is the way to hear God speaking to us. Do we practice silence on a daily basis to listen to God?

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 before March 24th 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 18, 2024

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)
 3:30 pm: Links Council Meeting (Walsh)
No 5:30 pm Mass or Rosary
 7:00 pm: **PARISH MISSION** (Church)
 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh)
 2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)
No 5:30 pm Mass or Rosary
 7:00 pm: **PARISH MISSION** (Church)
 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)
 3:00 pm: Links (Walsh Hall)
No 5:30 pm Mass or Rosary
 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)
 7:00 pm: **PARISH MISSION** (Church)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

12:00 pm: St. Augustine Seniors (Walsh)
 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 (2nd Floor)
 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Friday, March 22, 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)
 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

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

Sunday, March 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY

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

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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MARCH 23 rd and 24 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
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