

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

St. Augustine

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April 7, 2024

**Second Sunday
of Easter**

Divine Mercy Sunday

*Jesus said to Thomas,
"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

John 20:29

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.

Pat Abraham	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	Nancy Van Gieson	Millie Vargas	Carl Zelinski, Sr.

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, April 6

4:15 pm Nicholas Slywczuk (health)

Sunday, April 7

8:30 am † Lulu Gonzalez

11:00 am † Jim Schlect, S

Monday, April 8

5:30 PM † Kathy Duda

Tuesday, April 9

5:30 pm † Tom and Loretta Dulik

Wednesday, April 10

5:30 pm † Walter Duda

Thursday, April 11

5:30 pm † John Kowza

Friday, April 12

5:30 pm † Henry Hays

Saturday, April 13

4:15 pm † Barbara Ryba

Sunday, April 14

8:30 am † Pat and Bill Anderson

11:00 am † Arthur Loomis

† *Deceased*

Offertory—

March 30th and 31st

The offertory report was not available at time of printing. It will be notated in next weeks bulletin.

Counter Team D is scheduled for Tuesday

Pope Francis'

April Prayer Intention

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



"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

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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 | Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-3

Monday | Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 67, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday | St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday | Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Love Without Measure...

There is no verse in the Scriptures that is wasted. Christians have always followed the example of the Jewish rabbis in believing that there is no verse in scripture that is accidental. Every verse, every word has significance for our lives. This is certainly true of today's gospel. Jesus appears in his risen body to the disciples. Yet that body bears the marks of his passion, the nail prints on his hands, the gash in his side. Now the presence of those marks might at first seem to be simply the disciples describing what they saw. But the Scriptures pay great attention to the marks. They even invite Thomas to touch them. From this we can be assured that their presence is much more than a detailed description. They are meant to carry a message, a truth for our lives. The truth is this. There is power and life in our woundedness.

In his risen body Jesus bears that marks of his passion. He does not hide them. He wants it to be clear to us that when we admit our sins, our mistakes, our failures and brokenness in light of his resurrection, they can lead to life. This truth is contrary to the normal way we approach our limitations. We all want to put our best foot forward. We want to promote our success and downplay our failures. We deny the mistakes that we make, the fault and wounds that we bear. But in doing this we move away from the truth of who we are. Whenever we act in a way that is contrary to what is real, it diminishes us rather than strengthens us. However, Jesus is not telling us that we should put our wounds on display. Our stories are sacred and deserve a time and a place to make them known to people who will treat them as sacred and holy.

The risen Christ comes before us today, bearing the marks of his passion. Jesus does not hide his wounds and neither need we. Admitting our imperfections, fears, doubts, and mistakes does not defeat us. They release power for healing and life. Simply telling our stories honestly reminds others they are not alone as it is easy to become isolated and alone in our personal struggles. For we believe that God will change us as God changed Jesus. We trust that the marks of our wounds will become the marks of our glory.

Fr. Bill



By now it is well known that the Sunday after Easter is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she had of Jesus for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving

them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy." When St. John Paul II canonized her in 2000, he proclaimed the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

Some have asked me: "Are we bound to believe in such revelations to individuals like St. Faustina?"

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that: "Throughout the ages, there have been so-called 'private' revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history" (#67).

Thus the Church is very clear that the revelations experienced by Saint Faustina were of a private nature, which are not essential to anyone's acceptance of the Catholic faith. Yet, the Church promotes this popular devotion because God's loving mercy, the focus of Divine Mercy Sunday, is the very heart of the gospel. The devotion to Divine Mercy fosters the virtue of trust in God's mercy that finds its fulfillment in the liturgy of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

Around the Parish

Say It In Sign

Another sign language class for beginners will begin this Wednesday, April 10th from 12:30 pm until 2 pm. For more information, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216)781-5530 ext. 29 or at RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org. To register please visit, www.StAugustineCleveland.org.

St. Augustine Signing Choir

The Choir recently performed at the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center's Donor Appreciation Dinner and will continue to practice on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm for their upcoming Spring Concert.

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, April 9th 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

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, April 11th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.

For more information on joining the Seniors please contact the parish office 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 neighbors came to us in need.**



On the Lighter Side



A priest was forced by a police officer to pull over for speeding. As the officer was about to write the ticket, the priest said to him, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." The police officer handed the priest the ticket, and said, "Go, and sin no more."

Little White Book

The Little White Book is meant to help you enjoy six minutes a day in prayer during the 50 days of the Easter season. Reflections begin on Easter Monday, April 1, 2024, and end on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024. The Sunday Gospel reflections follow Year B of the Lectionary Cycle.

These books will be available at each entrance to the church next to the bulletin.

Faith and Reflections



Our Parish School of Religion for children in Pre-K thru 8th will rcontinue this Sunday from 9:30 am until 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.

A decorative graphic of a rosary chain with a heart and a cross at the top, framing the text.

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

Our weekly group Bible Study will continue this Wednesday in Walsh Hall 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. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

To register please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530 or register online at www.StAugustineCleveland.org.



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.

Mercy Triumphs Over Law

"Law vs Mercy" In Reader's Digest, Jim Williams of Montana, writes: "I was driving too fast late one night when I saw the flashing lights of a police car in my rearview mirror. As I pulled over and rolled down my window of my station wagon, I tried to dream up an excuse for my haste. But when the patrolman reached the car, he said nothing. Instead, he merely shined his flashlight in my face, then on my seven-month-old in his car seat, then on our three other children, who were asleep, and lastly on the two dogs in the very back of the car. Returning the beam of light to my face, he then uttered the only words of the encounter. "'Son,' he said, 'you can't afford a ticket. Slow down.'" And with that, he returned to his car and drove away." Sometimes mercy triumphs over law. So it is for sinners who call out to Jesus."

Let us accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy. One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive Divine Mercy. The Gospel command, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," demands that we show mercy to our fellow human beings always and everywhere. We radiate God's mercy to others by our actions, our words, and our prayers. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

Are You New to St. Augustine? Have You Been Away from Church for a While?

Welcome to our parish community! Please know that no matter where you find yourself on your life's journey, here at St. Augustine all are welcome! We invite you to join our parish by registering at:

www.staugustinecleveland.org/parish-registration

We hope to see you again soon!

Faith and Reflections

“That’s What I’m Afraid of!”

There is a story about a soldier brought before General Robert E. Lee. Accused of misconduct, the soldier was trembling. The general said to him, "Do not be afraid, son. Here you will receive justice." The soldier looked at the general and said, "Sir that is what I am afraid of."

Like that soldier, Peter would have reason to tremble. Peter had boasted about his bravery, how he would always stand by Jesus. Yet when Jesus needed him most, he nodded off. Perhaps one could forgive him for falling asleep, but later - when he was wide-awake - he denied Jesus. "I do not know the man." Some rock! In strict justice, Peter should have been punished - at the very least, removed as head of the Church. In Christ's passion, however, a deeper justice is at work. That is what we will discover this Divine Mercy Sunday. God's justice has a name - it is called the Divine Mercy.

They Were Able to Forgive!

Mary and her husband suffered the tragic loss of their son, and it was her understanding of Divine Mercy that helped her and her family forgive those that took his life during a robbery.

Mary tells us how her attendance at a Mother of Mercy Messengers (MOMM) Divine Mercy Program helped her overcome great obstacles and allowed her to forgive and even to pray for them. Knowing that as long as there is life, there is hope, the family did not seek the death penalty for his murderers. How differently does the person filled with God's mercy see and react to the world.

Forgive and be Forgiven!

Some time ago, a woman wrote a letter to Ann Landers describing the terrible relationship that once existed between her and her brother. It took the death of their father to get her to forgive him and to treat him as a brother again. Sometime after their reconciliation, her brother had a heart attack and died in her arms. She ends her letter with this moving paragraph. "I am grateful for the years we had together, but I could scream when I think of all the years we missed because we were too bull-headed and short sighted to try to get along. Now he is gone and I am heartsick." Today's readings are an invitation to review the relationships in our lives and to bring them into line with Jesus' teachings

“Enemy Lite!”

"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." John 20: 19-31 Anne Lamott writes with wit and salt about finding God in her struggles with addiction, pain and single-parenthood. In her book "Tender Mercies," she recounts her struggle with forgiveness. The target of her animosity was the mother of one of her son Sam's classmates. She was too perfect, too sweet, too pretty, too together. She was everything that Anne wanted to be as a mom and woman - but wasn't. And her son eclipsed Sam in every subject in second grade. Anne's interactions with this woman were strained at best. Anne saw every offer of help from her as patronizing and subtle criticism. The two women were on opposite ends of everything, from politics to housekeeping. In her book, Anne dubs the woman "Enemy Lite." Then one day, Sam is invited to play at Enemy Lite's house after school. When Anne goes to pick him up, Enemy Lite invites her inside and offers a cup of tea. At first, Anne refuses, wanting to get out of this House-and-Garden perfect home as quickly as she can. Anne writes about what happens next: "Our boys appeared, and I got up to go. Sam's shoes were on the mat by the door, next to his friend's, and I went over to help him put them on. And as I loosened the laces on one shoe, without realizing what I was doing, I sneaked a look into the other boy's sneaker - to see what size shoe he wore. To see how my kid lined up in shoe size. "And I finally got it. The veil dropped. I got that I was as mad as a hatter. I saw that I was the one worried that my child wasn't doing well enough in school. That I was the one who thought I was out of shape. And that I was trying to get her to carry all this for me because it hurt too much to carry it myself. I wanted to kiss her on both cheeks, apologize for all the self-contempt I'd been spewing out into the world, all the bad juju I'd been putting on her by thinking she was the one doing harm . . . "This was me," Anne realized. "Not her." In the light of Jesus' resurrection, we're able to see ourselves as we really are and confront our failings to be compassionate and our inability to forgive with hope and understanding. Anne Lamott came to realize that in her relationship with Enemy Lite; Thomas saw reason to let go of his doubt and skepticism in the person of the Risen Jesus. This Easter season, may we see our lives - both our gifts and failings, our certainties and doubts - in the light of Easter hope and grace, to embrace Christ's gift of peace enabling us to forgive and "let go" of our resentments and anger and disappointments in order to re-create our hearts and spirits in the living presence of the Risen One.

Parish Calendar and Events

Parish Office Hours

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, April 8, 2024. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

Parish Breakfast

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 on Sunday, April 21 from 9 am until 1 pm in Walsh Hall (Basement of School Building). We hope you will be able to join us for food and fellowship.

Augustine Rainbow Camp

We are very excited to be gearing up for another great camp season! Online Camper Registration will open Monday, April 8th. Follow our social media accounts @Augustine.Rainbow.Camp for access to the registration link and for more information about the 2024 camp season. Applications will also be linked on the parish website and available in the rectory. For more information please contact Jessica Neuhart at Jneuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org or (216) 781-5530 ext. 23.

*“We are truly and Easter People, and
Hallelujah is our song!”
St. Augustine*

This week at St. Augustine

Monday, April 1, 2024 (Parish Office Closed)

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
6:00 pm: Lincoln Heights Block Club Meeting (Walsh)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh)
2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)
3:00 pm: Links
5:30 pm: Mass
6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)
7:00 pm: Bible Study (Walsh Hall)

Thursday, April 4, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts (2nd Floor)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Friday, April 5, 2024

3:00 pm: Links
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, April 6, 2024

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

Sunday, April 7, 2024 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 am: Mass (Church)
11:00 am: Mass (Church)

April 6th and 7th	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S Deacon Chris DePenti (H)
Lectors	Dave Dilyn	Matthew Cook	Jeannie Rawlings Kathy Payne
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Theresa Fallon	Maria Boyer Rob Owens	Aaron Calton Tom Calton
April 13th and 14th	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
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