

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

*A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart*

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## The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 8, 2023



### 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

### Staff and Ministry Directory

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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.



## Epiphany of the Lord

The bright star in the sky drew the magi from their distant kingdom to see the newborn King and offer him their treasures. We were drawn here today by our King, Christ the Lord, and we offer him our treasure—our hearts, our hopes, our lives. May we be that bright star for others, drawing our families, friends, and neighbors to him so that they too may find the treasure we know in the Lord.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> - 4:15 PM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Sr. Helen Ann Brown
Sunday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Jim & Marge Green
Sunday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 AM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Bobby Muhaw
Monday, January 9 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	† Brian Mulholland
Tuesday, January 10 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM	† Lilliam Mihalik
Wednesday, January 11 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM	† Sarah Messina
Thursday, January 12 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM	† Joseph Kocab
Friday, January 13 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM <i>St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	† Donald Lutz
Saturday, January 14 <sup>th</sup> - 4:15 PM Fr. Joe McNulty	† Robin Zaremski
Sunday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Chappelle Letman
Sunday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> - 11 AM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Dennis Broz

### 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.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;  
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7,  
8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11;  
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8;  
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;  
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;  
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

### 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

There are many lessons we could learn from the story of the Magi in today's gospel. We could point to their courage for beginning the journey, for their perseverance in bringing it to completion for their faith in seeking out the Christ Child. But as we gather on this feast of the Epiphany I would like to focus on that quality that is every bit important as the ones I just mentioned and also more relevant to our lives. That quality is the virtue of dependence. For all their skills and resources, the wise men (actually the story never identifies men) were dependent on forces outside of themselves. They depended on the star, which led them to Jerusalem. They depended on Herod and his advisors who sent them to Bethlehem. They depended on the message they heard in a dream that sent them home by another road. As wise as they were, the magi could never have made their journey alone. They would have never found the new born King of the Jews if they did not have the virtue of dependence.

Now it may seem to call dependence a virtue. But what is a virtue? It is good habit, a tendency to a good thing. Dependence can be a very good thing. This may sound peculiar to us because we live in a culture that extolls independence as the highest of good things. We all want to be self-sufficient. We all want to make our own decisions, care for our own needs, determine our own future. There is nothing wrong with any of these desires. Being independent is a value. But we so extoll the value of independence, it makes the value of dependence more difficult to see.

Frequently, people who are aging want to assert their self-sufficiency. They say, "I don't want to depend on others. I don't want to be a burden on my children. I don't want to ask of others for the things that I need." Now I sympathize with all those desires. I do not want to be a burden either. But when we only look at the value of being independent, we can easily overlook the goodness that is ever present in dependency.

There is a value and even a beauty in realizing that we have needs and that there are people in our lives who are able and even eager to meet them. Often when I am meeting with families planning funerals they remember how a spouse or a parent valued his or her independence. "Dad was always giving to others but would never let us help him. Mary was always doing for others, but was unable to receive what we wanted to offer." As comments such as these are made, there is usually a certain note of sadness or regret. The speakers point to a lost opportunity. They realize how much deeper the relationship could have been, if only the deceased family member, parent, neighbor or spouse had been willing to be more dependent, willing to be open themselves more to love.

There is nothing wrong with self-sufficiency but when that self-sufficiency is pushed to the extreme, it can lead to isolation. It can cut us off from those we wish to love. Behind such self-sufficiency lies a selfish pride that says, "I do all things on my own, I really don't need anyone else." This is

why dependence is a virtue. The person who is dependent possesses an honest humility that knows, "I am not complete in myself, I cannot meet all of my needs. I need to have the others for help. "When that kind of humility is exercised, it provides an opportunity for gratitude for the people God has placed in our lives.

In a society that sees independence as the highest of goods, the story of the Magi reminds us that dependence is a virtue. There is no shame in knowing our needs and asking for help. The three gifts that the Magi gave the Christ Child were gold, frankincense and myrrh. If we follow the Magi's example, they can offer us the gifts of dependence, humility and gratitude.



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### Christmas Thank You

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for those who helped make our Advent and Christmas so beautiful. The members of the Signing Choir who spent several months practicing for their "road show" bringing the beauty of song through sign language to several parishes in our diocese - our music and liturgical ministers who added their talents to our worship - those who helped decorate our church - those who have helped those in need during this season through our Community Cupboard and Community Closet- and for those whose "Merry Christmas!" greetings, cookies, and gifts continue to brighten our days.

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### Parish Family Dinner

Members of our parish family are invited to a post-holiday family celebration **THIS Wednesday, January 11, 2023** in Walsh Hall and the Deaf Center. Appetizers will be served at 5:30 PM followed by dinner. Reservations are requested. Please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530 to make reservations or for more information.

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### Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf invites you to their annual Welcome Lunch on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3 PM. The luncheon will be held in the Deaf Center. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Please RSVP by January 15<sup>th</sup> to Maria Rivera at (216) 370-7141.



## Christmas Flowers in Church are in memory of



The  
Forgotten  
Bob Bencic  
Phil Ferguson  
Rivera Family  
Mitch McMaken  
Emil Solderitsch  
Nathan McNulty  
Anderson Family  
Kathy and Wally Duda  
John and Mary Schepis  
Petro and Katarina Duda  
Anthony and Marge Zingale  
Joan Caraballo, Marjorie Cox  
Anna Opatrny, Valerie Arnold  
Raymond and Jeanette Rogalski  
Pat Hagerich, Barb Presson, Bea Case  
Members of Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center  
Members of Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf



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### Job Opening

We are accepting applications for a full time Director of Liturgy and Music as defined by the Second Vatican Council. The appropriate candidate will be a trained in Catholic Liturgy and Sacraments, a competent church organist, develops and directs the Church Choir and helps support through music the growth of church ministries to be welcoming and inclusive, a central dimension of our parish mission. Interested applicants should contact Bob Duda at BDuda@staugustinecleveland.org or (216) 781-5530 ext. 31.

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### 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



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### St. Augustine Seniors 50 and over

The St. Augustine Seniors will gather on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall. We will have a speaker from Better Healthcare for Seniors. New members are always welcome.

## A fourth Wise Man?

There's a story called "The Other Wise Man" by Henry van Dyke. It's about a fourth person who is supposed to accompany the other three wise men on their journey to search for the newborn King. The name of the person is Artaban. As Artaban prepares for the journey, he takes with him a bag of precious stones to give to the baby King. On this way to join the other three wise men, Artaban stops to help a poor person. The delay is just enough to make him miss his rendezvous with the others. Artaban never does catch up with them. He constantly runs into people who need help. And he always stops to help them. Eventually, Artaban gives away all his precious stones. As the story ends, Artaban is old and poor. He has never realized his dream to meet the King of Kings. But the story doesn't end here. One day Artaban is in Jerusalem. Authorities are about to execute a criminal. When Artaban sees the criminal, his heart skips a beat. Something tells him this is the King of Kings for whom he has been searching all his life. Artaban is heartbroken when he sees he can do nothing to help the King. Then something remarkable happens. Artaban hears the King's voice say to him: "Don't be broken-hearted, Artaban. You've been helping me all your life. When I was hungry, you gave me food. When I was thirsty, you gave me drink. When I was naked, you clothed me. When I was a stranger, you took me in"

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### Sunday Thought

Today is the Feast of Epiphany. The journey the Magi made is symbolic of each person's own journey of faith. Moving through life, we are constantly seeking signs of the divine. This desire to seek and find God is hardwired within each of us by God Himself. At times, we experience this desire for God as a deep unfulfilled longing. At other times, it might manifest itself as a dissatisfaction with who we are or what we might have in life. If we allow ourselves to feel these longings, we can mistakenly try to find ways to satisfy them in ways they will never be satisfied. We might turn to our spouse or a close friend and hope that they alone can fill the hole within us. We may try to soothe our pain with food and drink, pleasure or power. The longing might be gone for a while, but it will return stronger than before once these temporary fixes fail to satisfy us anymore. Prayer and silence are two traditional ways used to address our longing for God. They help us find God who actually dwells not somewhere high in the sky or just around the corner. The God we seek dwells within us. If we have lost our inclination to pray or to seek out times of silence, possibly this might be the time to start as a new year begins.

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### Parish School of Religion

PSR will **resume this Monday**, January 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org), email us at [PSR@staugustinecleveland.org](mailto:PSR@staugustinecleveland.org), or call the parish office at (216) 781-5530 for more information.

## Inspiration for the Week

The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard road to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should?



Cursillistas will gather for Ultreya on **Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## St. Augustine Buckey Deaf Seniors

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

## Daring to imagine the future...

In the Ukrainian city of Odessa, the couple stood before the magistrate in a wedding hall. Six family members were there to witness their vows. Despite a city of dirty piles of sandbags blocking empty streets, the constant blare of air raid sirens, and the critical shortages of water and electricity, the couple managed to arrange their wedding, including a dress for the bride, photographs and a wedding dinner. For the first time in many months, the dread of uncertainty of the war gave way to anticipation.

The bride's cousin remembers that fall day: "I came to realize that weddings are a promise to the future, a public vow of a shared life. At a time when making plans seems to be a luxury few Ukrainians can afford, someone in my family was willing to take that risk, to prove that life could not be reduced to stockpiling candles and pasta . . . "The wedding was proof that my cousin and her fiancé believe the future was worth thinking about, and their hope was contagious. I wanted a day not only for them and for those of us who were present, but also for the people we loved who were not there. By dressing up and celebrating, we refused to let violence control every aspect of our lives . . . "We spoke about the war only in hushed voices, as if it were an obscenity — as if we didn't notice the missing friends. Out loud, we made promises for the future."

*In every moment of humble love, in every courageous act of justice in the face of evil, in every conviction of hope challenging debilitating fear, the Spirit of God "descends" and moves among us, enabling God's grace to transform and heal and re-create. As the Spirit descends upon Jesus at his baptism by John, God's Spirit descends upon this couple as they make their wedding vows living signs of hope for their fellow Ukrainians. The Spirit of God speaks to us in the deepest and most hidden part of our hearts of the love and compassion of God; it is the very life of God animating us and leading us; it is a wellspring of grace and wisdom, of courage and perseverance, enabling us to become the people of justice, peace and goodness God created us to be.*

## Church Decorations

The Christmas season will soon come to a close and your help is needed. Following the 11 AM Mass this Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> we will begin taking down the Christmas decorations. Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

## 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 1, 2023 was \$4,464.00. Thank you for your generosity.

*Counter Team A is scheduled this week.*

## 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.



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:

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](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org).**

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

## 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.



## Catholic Blind Community

Members of the Cleveland Catholic Blind Community will gather this Sunday, January 8, 2023 in Walsh Hall at 3 PM for Mass and their annual Christmas celebration. For more information, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

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### History of Epiphany

Next to Easter, Epiphany is the oldest season of the Church year. In Asia Minor and Egypt, Epiphany was observed as early as the second century. The Festival of the Epiphany fell (and still falls), on January 6. It was observed as a unitive festival -- both the birth and Baptism of Jesus were celebrated at this time. January 6 was chosen as Epiphany Day because it was the winter solstice, a pagan festival celebrating the birthday of the sun god. In 331 AD the solstice was moved to December 25, but January 6 continued to be observed. Christians substituted Epiphany for the solstice. The emphasis was upon the re-birth of light. In keeping with this time, the First Lesson for Epiphany Day is appropriate: "Arise, shine; for your light has come." The unitive Festival of Epiphany was divided when December 25 was chosen as the birthday of Jesus. The Church in the East continued to celebrate Epiphany in terms of the Baptism of Jesus while the Western church associated Epiphany with the visit of the Magi. For the East the Baptism of Jesus was more vital because of the Gnostic heresy claiming that only at his baptism did Jesus become the Son of God. On the other hand, to associate Epiphany with the Magi is appropriate, for the Magi might not have gotten to Bethlehem until a year after Jesus' birth. By this time the holy family was in a house rather than in a stable. If this was the case, then the Magi could not have been a part of the manger scene popularly portrayed in today's Christmas scenes and plays. The Vatican II lectionary and calendar combine the two by placing the visit of the Magi on Epiphany Day and the Baptism of Jesus on Epiphany 1 (The First Sunday after the Epiphany).

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### "Because you never know what's going to happen next"

A survey was made among school children asking the question why they enjoyed reading Harry Potter novels and watching Harry Potter movies. The most common answer was, "Because you never know what's going to happen next." This sense of suspense and surprise prompted us to watch the seven episodes of the Star War movies. The same desire for epiphany with the thrill and suspense awaiting them prompted adults to watch James Bond films and encouraged the great explorers like Marco Polo and Christopher Columbus to make risky and adventurous journeys. It is the same curiosity which led the magi to follow the star of Bethlehem. An element of suspense marked every moment in the journey of the Magi, who never knew what road the Spirit of God was going to take them down next. Today's readings invite us to have the same curiosity as explorers and movie fans do, so that we may discover the "epiphany" or manifestation or self-revelation of our God in everyone and every event, everywhere.

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### 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.

## Exegesis: The Magi and the Star

The Magi were not Kings, but a caste of Persian priests who served Kings, using their skills in interpreting dreams and watching movements of stars. The sixth century Italian tradition, that there were three Magi, Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior, is based on the fact that three gifts are mentioned in Matthew's Gospel: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Magi may actually have been Persian priests or Babylonian astronomers or Nabataean spice-traders. Eventually, however, they were pictured as representatives of different peoples and races. The Orthodox Church holds that the Magi consisted of twelve Kings, corresponding in number to the twelve tribes of Israel. Commentary on the Torah by Jewish rabbis suggested that a star appeared in the sky at the births of Abraham, Isaac and Moses. Likewise, in the Book of Numbers (24: 17), the prophet Balaam speaks of "a star that shall come out of Jacob." Stars were believed to be signs from God, announcing important events. Thus, the brightness of the Light to which kings were drawn was made visible in the star they followed. They were led by God's power to Christ and brought gifts to him and his family—to Mary and Joseph—as Isaiah and the psalmist foresaw.

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### Help Wanted

Free training. Convenient hours. No pay- but the benefits are out of this world. One of the reasons we come to Mass is to be united with Christ, and the best way to be one with Him is through Holy Communion. Which we cannot receive without Eucharistic Ministers. In other words.....we need you!! If you are feeling called to join this vital ministry, please contact Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 or at [BDuda@staugustinecleveland.org](mailto:BDuda@staugustinecleveland.org)

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### On the Lighter Side

A husband asked his wife, "Why would God give the wise men a star to guide them?" She replied, "Because God knows men are too proud to ask directions." ☺

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### 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](mailto:outreach@staugustinecleveland.org).

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### Lector Training Session

Following each Mass the weekend of January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fr. Ben will have a lector training session for our new lectors and those interested in being a lector. If you are already a lector and would like a refresher "course" you are invited to join.

## Exegesis: The Three Gifts

**Gold, frankincense and myrrh** may be thought of as prophesying Jesus' future, gold representing his kingship as well as divinity, frankincense a symbol of his priestly role, and myrrh a prefiguring of his death and embalming.

**Gold** was a gift for Kings, accepting baby Jesus as the king of the Jews. Gold is also a symbol of Divinity and is mentioned throughout the Bible. Pagan idols were often made from gold and the Ark of the Covenant was overlaid with gold (Exodus 25:10-17). The gift of gold to the Christ Child was symbolic of His Divinity—God in flesh.

**Frankincense** is highly fragrant when burned and was therefore used in worship, where it was burned as a pleasant offering to God (Exodus 30:34). Frankincense is a symbol of holiness and righteousness. The gift of frankincense to the Christ Child was symbolic of his willingness to become a sacrifice, wholly giving himself up, analogous to a burnt offering.

**Myrrh** was used by the High Priest as an anointing oil (Ex. 30:23) Myrrh was used in ancient times for embalming the bodies of the dead before burial. It was a fitting "gift" for Jesus who was born to die. It was also sometimes mingled with wine to form an article of drink. Matthew 27:34 refers to it as "gall." Such a drink was given to our Savior when he was about to be crucified, as a stupefying potion (Mark 15:23). Myrrh symbolizes bitterness, suffering, and affliction. The baby Jesus would grow to suffer greatly as a man and would pay the ultimate price when He gave his life on the cross for all who would believe in him. In addition, myrrh was used as an oriental remedy for intestinal worms in infants, a useful gift for a new baby.

**These gifts were not only expensive but portable.** "Laden with gold and spices, the journey of the magi evokes those journeys made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the 'kings of the earth' (see 1 Kings 10:2,25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6,14)" (Dr. Scott Hahn). Perhaps Joseph sold the gifts to finance the Holy Family's trip to Egypt and Mary kept myrrh in her medicine chest. The gifts might have been God's way of providing for the journey that lay ahead.

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### More Help Wanted

Did you know that the Mass is actually a double communion with Christ? Through the Eucharist, of course, and through the Word. 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.

Sound interesting to you? If you are feeling called to join this vital ministry, please contact Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 or at [BDuda@staugustinecleveland.org](mailto:BDuda@staugustinecleveland.org).

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## Holy Moments

### A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life

Please find a complimentary copy of Matthew Kelley's most recent book, *Holy Moments*, available in the back of the church. A generous individual has provided our church with a copy for you to take home. Feel free to take more than one if you know someone who can benefit from this wonderful gift.



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.

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### St. Raymond of Peñafort

Feast Day: January 7<sup>th</sup>



Raymond was born near Barcelona, Spain, in 1175. He was such a gifted student that he was already teaching philosophy at the university by the time he was 20. He went on to earn degrees in both Church and civil law. After hearing the homilies of a Dominican preacher, he decided to join the Dominican order and made his vows in 1222.

Pope Gregory IX gave him an important assignment in Rome. The pope asked him to organize all the Church laws from the popes and bishops. This had not been done in more than 80 years. He compiled all these laws into five books called the *Decretals*. It was such an excellent collection that another organization of Church law did not have to be done for almost 800 years.

The next writing project Raymond took on was a collection of guidelines for confessors—priests who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance. The book did more than just list sins and penances; it helped priests understand the laws of the Church and how to deal with the problems people shared with them while celebrating this Sacrament. He did such a good job that the pope named him an archbishop, but Raymond resigned the honor. He wanted to just be a Dominican priest.

Raymond was elected to be the head of his order. He took this responsibility seriously. He went on foot to every Dominican house to meet with each member of the order. He also reorganized the Dominican rule.

Although he was very interested in laws and how they work, he cared most about bringing Christ to people who had never heard his message of love and salvation. Raymond had always secretly dreamed of being a missionary, but was given other responsibilities in life. Still, he encouraged missionaries to learn the languages of the people they were working to convert. He prayed daily for the conversion of the Turks, pagan warriors who were very powerful in Raymond's time.

Raymond had a very full life and lived to be 100 years old. He died in 1275, and our Church has honored him as a saint since 1601. He is a patron saint of lawyers.

## Grief Support

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly Grief Support groups in two formats: In-Office (3 PM) and Virtually (5 PM) via Zoom. The next Grief Support sessions are Sunday, Jan. 15th Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. This month's topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

We will meet from 3- 4:00 PM in the main office at the following locations:

Holy Cross Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Road  
 All Saints Cemetery, 480 W.Highland, Northfield  
 Saint Joseph Cemetery, 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon

Register for 5-6 PM Virtual Grief Support meeting:  
<http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

You can join virtually from any WiFi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without WiFi (via audio only) from your phone. If you do not have WiFi or email, please contact Rhonda (number below). Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend.

For more info or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda: 2169304866 or email [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org)

## This Week's Events of the Parish

**Monday:** PSR: 5:30 PM (School Building)  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

**Tuesday:** AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh Hall)  
 Buckeye Deaf Seniors: 10 AM (Deaf Center)  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

**Wednesday:** LINKS: 3 PM (Walsh Hall)  
 Parish Dinner: 5:30 PM (Walsh Hall)  
 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:** Ultreya: 10 AM (Walsh Hall)  
 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)

<i>January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup></i>			
	<i>Saturday 4:15 PM</i>	<i>Sunday 8:30 AM</i>	<i>Sunday 11 AM</i>
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S Deacon Chris DePenti (H)
<b>Lectors</b>	Dave Dilyn	Fran DiDonato	Tom Smith Priscilla Treska
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Teresa Yurchisin Bonnie Robertson	Joe Lewandowski David Murray	Bob Cassidy Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA
<i>January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup></i>			
	<i>Saturday 4:15 PM</i>	<i>Sunday 8:30 AM</i>	<i>Sunday 11 AM</i>
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Joe McNulty (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
<b>Lectors</b>	Michelle Rivera	Peggy Gerovac	Jean Mendis John Kowalchik
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Bob Duda Robin McMarlin Helen Bencic	Maria Rivera Leo Smith	Nora Kowalchik Jeannie Rawlings Frank Scialabba

H: Homilist