St. Augustine

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January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are-the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"

Mk 1:23-25

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.

Susan Grieken Dorothy Barr Patti Cook IoAnn Fisher Mike Furev Ella McGowan Nora Orozco Bridget Patton Andrea Slosar Fr. Joe McNulty Richard Slosar Sharon Rivera Sheila Rock Mary Smith Mary Solderitsch Nora Thomas Millie Vargas Syl Vargas

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 27

4:15 pm † Henry Senyak

Sunday, January 28

8:30 am † Mary Jo Muck

11:00 am † Joyce Ann and Dan Madak

Monday, January 29

5:30 PM † Millie Julia

Tuesday, January 30

5:30 pm † Ralph Gurney

Wednesday, January 31

† Art Parham 5:30 pm

Thursday, February 1

5:30 pm † Brian Mulhollan

Friday, February 2

5:30 pm † Katherine Bryk

Saturday, February 3

4:15 pm † Jean Vana

Sunday, February 4

8:30 am † skip McKenna

11:00 am † Joyce Ann and Dan Madak

† Deceased

Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church



Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Second Collection this Weekend

This yearly collection for **Church in Latin America** will be taken at Masses this weekend, January 27th and 28th. This is the only appeal made by our Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. This money is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland priests who work in two parishes served by our Mission Office. This collection also allows Cleveland to make a contribution for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America. To learn more about how your gift makes a difference visit: www.usccb.org/latin-america

Offertory— January 20th and 21st

Regular Collection \$1,144.00 Electronic Giving Other Collections **Total Collection** \$1,408.00

\$220.00

\$44.00

Thank you for your financial support.

Donate online

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.

Please consider our Parish's E-giving option through PayPal. It is easy and secure. Visit our parish website, www.StAugsutineCleveland.org and click donate.

Counter Team C is scheduled for Monday

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.

Our Clergy

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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 love,

And all are welcome!

Amen

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday | St. John Bosco

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday | Presentation of the Lord

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

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Love Without Measure...

Perhaps the most useful question we should ask about today's gospel is: What is an unclean spirit doing in a synagogue? It was commonly accepted in the world of Jesus that evil moved around the world in the form of unclean spirits or demons. Sickness, family trouble, even natural disasters such as storms and earthquakes were the result of these evil spirits at work. So why is this unclean spirit in a synagogue? A synagogue was a holy place, a place where Jews gathered to study the law and to praise God. Jesus enters the synagogue and teaches with authority. We have a holy place, a holy assembly and a holy teaching. In the midst of all this goodness, a demon cries out, "What do you have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" What is this spirit doing there? We certainly presume that he did not come to listen to Jesus' teaching.

I would like to suggest to you that the Gospel situates the unclean spirit in the synagogue to teach us something about evil. Sometimes we think that evil can be limited to only certain places, that unclean spirits can be restricted to the places where corruption and violence are rampant. Sometimes we imagine that if we are very good people, if we love and act with justice, if we have faith in God, then we can keep evil away from where we are. This gospel warns us that such thinking is naïve. If an unclean spirit can shout out in a holy synagogue and in the presence of Jesus the Messiah, then evil can appear anywhere. Evil in the form of sickness, anxiety; even natural disasters seems to have the ability to move freely throughout the world. It attacks people indiscriminately: the rich and the poor, the moral and the immoral, saints and sinners, those who believe in God and those who do not. Evil seems to have access to every place and in every person.

Now two important truths flow from this insight. The first is this: When evil touches our lives, we should not automatically conclude that we have done something wrong. When a tragic accident takes the life of someone we love, when a friend is diagnosed with cancer, a failed marriage, addiction, the list is endless. At those times, we should not conclude: "If only I had been a better person. I could have kept this evil away. I certainly am being punished. What ever happened it is my fault." Evil has more access than we imagine. Evil moves around the world and has access to every person and place. No one is exempt.

This leads to the second important truth: If evil has as such access to our lives, then are strategy cannot be how can I prevent evil from coming. But rather how do I deal with the evil when it arrives? I we cannot evil away, then we must ask, "How can I confront it?" Here is where faith is helpful and, I would say, necessary. We believe in faith that we have access to the power of God, a power that is stronger than the power of evil. So when evil touches our lives, we can draw upon our faith in God and ask for God's assistance. Faith allows us to have courage in the face of whatever the darkness or overwhelming difficulty we face. Even death. The same Jesus who drove the demon out of the synagogue is our Lord. We can turn to him and ask for the strength as we face the demons in our lives.

If an unclean spirit can appear in a holy synagogue, evil can touch us in any place. Therefore, when evil enters our lives, it does not make sense to ask: "What did I do to invite the demon in?" Instead, we should turn to the Lord and ask him to drive the demon out.

Fr. Bill



Happy 47th Anniversary of your ordination, Fr. Bill!

January 28, 1977

May God continue to bless you and your priestly service.



Around the Parish & Events



The Handbell Choir will be meeting this Monday evening, January 29th at 6:30pm in the church, and we are looking for more members! If you like to have some fun and meet some new people, this is for

you! We will meet on Monday evenings through March, with our initial performance on Sunday, March 10th.

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.

For comments or questions, please email Bill at BShaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org or call at (216) 781-5530. I look forward to seeing you there Monday night!

LINKS Community for Mental Health

LINKS is a social, recreational and educational ministry of St. Augustine's for persons with Mental Health conditions. They currently gather on Wednesdays and Fridays at 3 PM in Walsh Hall.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors invite you to their Mardi Gras gathering on Thursday, February 8th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.

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



Join us for our Parish Fish Fry every Friday during Lent

February 16th – March 29th

from 4 pm to 7 pm in Walsh Hall.

Battered Fried Cod Dinner \$11
Includes: French Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll and Dessert

Baked Lemon Pepper Fish Dinner: \$11
Includes: French Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll and Dessert

Pierogi Dinner: \$8
Includes: Applesauce, Roll and Dessert

Macaroni and Cheese (side): \$3

Say It In Sign

Another sign language class for beginners is being planned for the spring of 2024. For more information, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216)781-5530 ext. 29 or at RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org

St. Augustine Signing Choir

Practice for the upcoming spring performances will continue this Thursday at 6:30 PM in Walsh Hall. This would be the perfect time for new members (with or without knowledge of sign language) to join.

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

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf will host their annual Welcome 2024 Lunch this Sunday January 28th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, February 6th at 10 AM. New members are always welcome.

Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center

The Cleveland Catholic Deaf Community welcomes all to attend our Retreat Weekend 2024 in the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center (CCDC). Monsignor Glenn Nelson will lead our retreat and begin with Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 15th at 6:30 pm in the CCDC. Our retreat continues Saturday, March 16th with check-in at 10 am in the CCDC. Monsignor Nelson will present "Come to Jesus: Real Presence in the Eucharist" and will include lunch, confessions and 4:30 Mass. Dinner will be served after Mass. Kindly RSVP by Sunday, March 10th (No walk-in). Please contact CCDC at (216) 370-7722 or 1946CCDC@gmail.com

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 St. Augustine VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) will gather on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall for a meet and greet meeting and lunch.

The VIPs welcome those with and without visual impairments to participate in their activities.

A new information line for the visually impaired has been established. Members of the Blind Community are invited to stay up-to-date with Blind Community and Parish events by calling (216) 635-9215.

Around the Parish & Reflections

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.**

We are currently in need of winter coats, boots and clothing for men, women, and children.

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

We have also created an Amazon Wish List which can be found on our parish website.

Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ♦ Served 826 in the month of October, 858 in the month of November, and 1040 in the month of December.
- ♦ In the month of October we helped 162 new families, 168 during the month of November and in December 210 new customers came to us in need.
- ♦ It takes at least 12-14 volunteers just to open the doors.



On the Lighter Side



A disheveled man who had been drinking too much was walking unsteadily by a Catholic Church one day, and he noticed a sign on the door that said: "Confessions Being Heard." Since he had not been to confession for a long time, he staggered into the church, knelt down in the confessional and began to confess his sins. Unfortunately, his breath was so foul that the priest who was hearing confessions couldn't stand it and decided to cut things short. "Look," the priest said to the person. "Have you murdered anybody lately?" "Nope," he replied. "O.K. then," the priest told him. "I am going to say the prayer of absolution." Slightly puzzled, the individual staggered out of the confessional and as he was walking down the steps of the church steps, saw a fellow in similar conditions who was going into the church. "You going to confession?" The first one asked. "Yep," said the second. "Don't waste your time," the first said. "He ain't hearing nothing today except murder cases."

Parenting Tune-Up



You are not your children! Your success as a parent does not depend on their success. Resist the urge to take credit for your child's successes, lest you also take the blame for their mistakes."

It is a Sad Story

We see good people addicted to alcohol, addicted to drugs, addicted to all kinds of inappropriate, often destructive behavior, and with good reason we ask, What got into them? Surely they knew better. Why did they let this happen?" In Jesus' time they might have answered it this way, "They were possessed by a demon." How many of you sports fans remember the name Mickey Mantle? When Mickey Mantle played for the New York Yankees, many fans and sports writers predicted that he would be the best ever to play the game of baseball. He demonstrated spectacular talent and athleticism from a young age. He was voted the Most Valuable Player of the American League three times, and set numerous records that still stand today. But even Mantle will admit that he never lived up to his potential. Mantle became addicted to alcohol during his second season in the big leagues. He did such a good job of hiding his problem that his coaches and teammates never suspected anything. Mantle continued to battle his addiction until he turned sixtythree, when he finally went public with his secret. He went into treatment and gave up booze. Sadly, years of alcohol abuse had destroyed Mickey Mantle's body. He died a few months later of liver cancer. His friends remember him for the dignity and Faith he demonstrated in his last days.

Jesus came to make people free. He can free us from the evil spirits that keep us from praying and prevent us from loving and sharing our blessings with others. He also frees us from all the "evil spirits" of fear, compulsions, selfishness, anger, resentment and hostility. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance" (In 10:10). So Jesus should be a source of liberation for us. May he free us from all those spirits which make us deaf, blind, lame and paralyzed. physically and spiritually. Through Word and Sacrament, he brings that power to us and says to the demons in our life, "Be gone!" He says it as often as we need to hear it, over and over again, until by his power we are free from them all. Christ has power over any demon, whether that demon be an addiction, a heartache, a secret sin--whatever our need may be--Christ can set us free.

Relationship Tune-Up

Want to know another way to Turn Your
Beloved Off? - Let obsessions distract you from
being present to your beloved. How clean does
the house really need to be? Hobbies are fun but can steal
together time. Perfectionism can rob you of laughing
together at your mistakes.

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 at (216) 781-5530 or JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org



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.



Cursillistas gather for Ultreya on Saturday, February 10th at 10 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.

24 Things Becoming Extinct in America!

There's a book written for us list lovers called The Incredible Book of Wacky Lists by Patrick M. Reynolds (6445), where he has lists of "Plants That Eat Animals" (there are 4 of them: Venus's flytrap, Butterwort, Sundew, Pitcher plant), "Seas Named After a Color" (Black, Red, White, Yellow Seas), 3 Tallest US Presidents (Abe Lincoln, 6'4", LBJ, 6'3", Thomas Jefferson, 6'21/2", now 4, with Barack Obama, 6'2"), "7 Birds That Can't Fly" (emu, kiwi, penguin, ostrich, cassowary, rhea, Galapagos cormorant), "10 Animals with Pockets" (kangaroo, koala, opossum, sea horse, Tasmanian devil, wombat, wallaroo, bandicoot, cuscus, echidna). Among the 24 predicted extinctions are the imminent demise (some already became extinct!) of the Yellow Pages, movie rental stores, phone landlines, VCRs, Ham radio, incandescent light bulbs, cameras that use film, and the milkman. In fact, some extinctions are good. When things are no longer useful, when things do not function in a helpful way, or just aren't sensible anymore, they should become extinct. In today's Gospel text Jesus acted as an agent of extinction.

When Jesus entered into the local synagogue in Capernaum it was time for the unclean spirit inhabiting that place to go extinct. The presence of Jesus, whom the unclean spirit declared to be "the Holy One of God," left no room for the unholy attitude and actions of that demon. Go exorcize some demons this week. Make a list of things you want to go extinct in your life, and then stop feeding them: greed, jealousy, anger, hypocrisy, selfishness . . . Change the climate in your home and in your heart. Make the climate in which you live inhospitable to hatred, a wasteland for bigotry, a desert for envy.



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 our live-stream

2024 Lenten Obligations

- The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 29).
- The other Fridays of Lent (Feb. 16 and 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, and 22) are days of abstinence.
- Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition 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 between the ages of 18 and 59.
- •Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.).
- The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Note: This year, be aware that Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th (also Valentine's Day). The obligation to fast does remain in effect, so it is suggested that those who are planning a special dinner make that their one main meal of the day.

Parish Calendar and Events

Looking Ahead-Save the Dates

February 11th- World Day of the Sick The Sacrament of the Sick will be distributed at all Masses

February 14th- Ash Wednesday Ashes will be distributed at Mass and during the day at designated times.

February 15th- Fish Fry Begins 4 pm to 7 pm

March 12th, 13th, and 14th-Parish Mission This Parish Mission will be a special time of grace. Save the dates for our evening Mission.

World Day of Consecrated Life

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated this year on Friday, February 2, and that means we are also getting close to the annual World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. Primarily, of course, we commemorate Simeon's proclamation of Our Lord as the light to the nations and the glory of Israel. But this Feast is also when we take some time in our parishes and schools to call attention to the men and women in consecrated life who consistently make their light shine in our diocese through their vowed commitment of making Jesus Christ the center of their lives.

It would be appreciated if you would recognize the consecrated persons sometime around February 2.

This week at St. Augustine

Monday, January 29, 2024

10:00 am: World African Drum Class 3:30 pm: Links Council Meeting (Walsh)

5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)

6:30 pm: Handbell Choir Practice (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh)

5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall) 6:30 pm: Signing Hands (Walsh Hall)

Thursday, February 1, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm Rosary (Church)

6:30 pm: Signing Choir Practice (Walsh Hall) 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts (School Building) 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Friday, February 2, 2024

5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, February 3, 2024

11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet

4:15 pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:30 am: Mass (Church)

9:30 am – 10:30 am: Parish School of Religion

11:00 am: Mass (Church)

January 27 th and 28 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.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
Lectors	Ann Ertle	Robin McMarlin	Jeannie Rawlings John Kowalchik
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Michelle Rivera Bonnie Robertson Calvin White	Maria Boyer Rob Owens Maria Rivera	Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA Sue Scialabba
February 3 rd and February 4 th			
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Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ Deacon Chris DePenti (H)
Lectors	RickToth	Debbie Sollars	Jean Mendis Robin McMarlin
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Dave Dylyn	Pat Abraham Marissa Davilla	Kate Slosar Tom Calton