St. Augustine

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May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

John 15:16-17

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.

Patti Cook Pat Abraham **Dorothy Barr** JoAnn Fisher Mike Furey Susan Grieken John Garneau Michael Hogan Debbi Kasper Ella McGowan Nora Orozco **Bridget Patton** Andrea Slosar Richard Slosar Fr. Joe McNulty 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, May 4

4:15 pm † Mary Ann Toth

Sunday, May 5

8:30 am † Henry Senyak 11:00 am † Fr. John Wilson

Monday, May 6

Tuesday, May 7

5:30 pm † Ray Rutkowski

Wednesday, May 8

5:30 pm † Evelyn Dziegel

Thursday, May 9

5:30 pm † James Queener

Friday, May 10

5:30 pm † Richard Bogacki

Saturday, May 11

4:15 pm † Arturo Torres, Jr.

Sunday, May 12

8:30 am † Mary Schepis 11:00 am † Annabelle King

† Deceased

Pope Francis' May Prayer Intention

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians



We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

"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

Offertory— April 27th and 28th

Regular Collection \$1,809.00
E-Giving \$415.00
Ascension \$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$5.00

Total Collection \$2,234.00

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.

Thank you for your financial support.



Counter Team A 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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YouTube: @staugustinechurch9835

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.

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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 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:12, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20;

Friday | St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday | Ascension of the Lord Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Love Without Measure...

The apostle Paul is one of the greatest saints of the Christian tradition. Some of you might remember that before Paul became a Christian, he persecuted the early church. When Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus, Paul made a 180-degree turn. Instead of persecuting the Church, he now was called to proclaim its gospel. But Paul's history of persecuting the church was not so easily erased. We see in today's first reading from the Book of Acts. Paul comes to Jerusalem and wants to join the Christian community there. But the Christians in Jerusalem remember his persecution and are afraid of him. They will not let him in. What good is it to be an apostle of the church, if the church does not trust you? Paul's mission was clearly threatened by his past.

It is then that Barnabas steps in. Barnabas was a trusted member of the Jerusalem community. He stood up for Paul. The text says he "took charge" of Paul. The name Barnabas means "Son of Encouragement." Barnabas took Paul to the apostles, explained his story to them and encouraged them to accept him. They did and the rest is history. But it is likely that if Barnabas had not interceded, Paul would not have become the great apostle that he was meant to be.

So why did Barnabas step in to support Paul? He saw in Paul a gift, a gift of preaching, a gift of believing, a gift of serving. Barnabas believed that this gift came from God and was meant to be shared. Now if Barnabas had been a jealous or competitive person, he would not have helped Paul. He would have been afraid that Paul's gift was greater than his own. But Barnabas was not jealous or competitive. His only concern was to see that the gifts that God has given would be effective. The gospel needed to be preached, and he know that Paul could do it.

The experience of Barnabas leaves us with two questions: Who has been a Barnabas to us, and how can we be a Barnabas to others? Who are the people in our lives who have encouraged us in a serious way? A parent or grandparent who told us that we are very good. A teacher that convinced us we have a certain talent. A friend or even a passing acquaintance who helped us land our first job or who introduced us to people who could get things done. The experience of Barnabas reminds us that none of us have become the people that we are simply on our own. We have grown and we have become successful because of those who have encouraged and supported us. For this we should always be thankful.

Fr. Bill



We would like to congratulate our PSR students who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion this past Sunday, April 28!

A very special thank you to the Mary's Rosary Guild for the Deaf for their support and gifting each communicant with a beautiful rosary for them to cherish. Thank you to all of you who celebrated with us and helped make the day special for our communicants. (L to R: Cody, John, Olivia, Mackenzie, and Quinn)

Faith and Reflections



This year, we hosted PSR classes on Sunday mornings between the 8:30 and 11:00 AM Masses. Sunday, May 5, is their last class for a summer break.

Our students have had a great year learning about becoming disciples and have truly grown in their faith through these classes. We would like to give special recognition to our dedicated catechists who have made this year of learning possible: Priscilla Treska, Aaron Calton, Rachel Smith, Deacon Christopher DePenti, and Pat Takacs! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to your students and our parish as a whole!

If you would like more information on our program, please contact Jessica Neuhart at (216) 781-5530 or JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org



Vacation Bible Schools

As we close out the year for PSR, we are looking forward to Vacation Bible School this summer! We will be hosting Vacation Bible School the week of June 10-14, 2024, and are looking for volunteers to help facilitate!

Please scan the QR code below to register your child(ren) for VBS.

Please contact Jessica Neuhart at JNeuhart@staugustinecleveland.org for more information.





Cursillistas gather for Ultreya on Saturday, May 11th 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.

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.

Please feel free to come to any of the Wednesday sessions you can make. We will give you the web site to view the previous videos already covered. We find the sharing with each other about our perspective provides a sense of togetherness and joy.

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.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

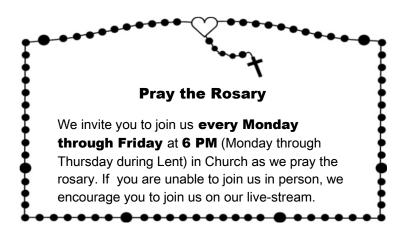


For Adults 40 & Over
Join us Monday, May 13th at
Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Rd., Olmsted Twp
Join the Party! Enter the Dance!
Sr. Lisa Marie Belz, Associate Professor
of Biblical Studies at St. Mary' Seminary

will discuss: *Living the Joy of Trinitarian Communion*. Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** for catering purposes.

Register in advance at:

www.theologyontherockswest.com



Around the Parish



This weekend we welcome in Baptism Francisco Javier Davila, Jr. May the Light of Christ, given in Baptism, shine on Francisco forever. Amen.

Say It In Sign

Sign language class for beginners will continue this Wednesday from 12:30 pm until 2 pm in Walsh Hall. 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

Members of the choir would like to thank everyone who attended their performance in Church on Saturday afternoon. Your attendance and support is greatly appreciated.

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, May 14th 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

Members of the Blind Community invite you to their next gathering on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall.

The VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) 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@StAugsutineCleveland.org.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors invite you to their next gathering on Thursday, May 9th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.



Many thanks to the members of the St. Augustine Bell Choir! Our next rehearsals will be in July, so stay tuned to the bulletin for specific rehearsal

days and times. You do not have to read music to play with us, and we are open to everyone, ages 8-80. Both hearing and deaf persons are invited to join. Contact Bill Shaffer (BShaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org) for more details.

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 nonperishable 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 950 in the month of February, 1,192 in the month of March, and 1,074 in the month of April.
- ♦ In the month of February we helped 193 new families, 201 during the month of March and in April 175 new friends came to us in need.



On the Lighter Side



When a mother saw a thunderstorm forming in mid afternoon, she worried about her seven-year-old daughter who would be walking the three blocks from school to home. Deciding to meet her, the mother saw her daughter walking nonchalantly along, stopping to smile whenever lightning flashed. Seeing her mother, the little girl ran to her, explaining happily, "All the way home, God's been taking my picture!"

Faith in Action and Reflections

Thank You!

Thanks to Girl Scout Cadette Troop 70882 for spending Tuesday evening, April 30th, serving in the Cupboard & Closet. They did a great job sorting clothes and restocking the Cupboard.





Office of Catechetical Services Collection

This yearly collection will be taken this weekend, May 11th and 12th at all Masses. This collection supports the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Services. These ministries include faith formation for adults, teens and children, and family-based faith formation. Monies also help provide ongoing Parish Catechetical Leaders education and updating, as well as Newman Catholic Campus ministry helping college students to deepen their relationship with Christ and their faith through worship, community, Bible studies, retreats and service projects. Your generous donation to the Catechetical Services collection is an investment in the faith formation of people of all ages throughout the Diocese.



Order of Alhambra

The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1904 dedicated to assisting persons that are intellectually disabled or

handicapped, particularly children. Within our Cleveland Diocese is the Cleveland chapter known as the Carmona Caravan, organized in 1948. In 2023 they celebrated their 75th year anniversary of quietly serving the Cleveland diocese, its children with special needs, and the agencies that serve them. They meet every second Tuesday of the month on the near east side of Cleveland. Anyone interested in joining in the service to children with special needs are invited to come to a meeting. Please see our calendar for upcoming events. To contact the Carmona Caravan and for more information on the founding, history, and mission of Alhambra visit, carmonacaravan.org.

Great Lessons from "Beauty and the Beast"

G. K. Chesterton once said that the really great lesson of the story of "Beauty and the Beast" is that a thing must be loved before it is loveable. A person must be loved before that person can be lovable. Some of the most unlovely people I have known got that way because they thought that nobody loved them. The fact of the matter is that unless and until we feel ourselves loved, we cannot love. That's not only a principle of theology but of psychology and sociology as well. Just as abused children grow up to abuse their children, loved children grow up to love their children. Loved persons are able to love. Unloved persons are not. Christianity says something startling. It says that God loves and accepts us "just as we are." Therefore, we can love and accept ourselves and in so doing, love and accept others.

That is what Jesus commands us to do in today's Gospel by challenging us to love others as he has loved us. Jesus demonstrated the love God, his Father, has for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as his disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do for their children by sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health and wealth for them. That is, they "spend" themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving each the respect he or she deserves as a human being, God's creation. In moments of trial and stress, when people are hostile or ungrateful and we feel the pull of bitter resentment in our hearts, it is important for us to remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked. Hence, we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.

Not Slaves but Friends!

Jesus tells his followers that he does not call them slaves anymore, but calls them friends. In the Bible, doulos, the slave, the servant of God was no title of shame: it was a title of the highest honor. Moses was the doulos of God (Deuteronomy 34:5); so was Joshua (Joshua 24:29); so was David (Psalm 89:20). It is a title which Paul counted it an honor to use (Titus 1:1); and so did James (James 1:1). The greatest men in the past had been proud to be called the douli, the slaves of God. But Jesus says: "I have something greater for you yet. You are no longer slaves; you are friends." Christ offers an intimacy with God which not even the greatest of men knew before Jesus came into the world. The idea of being the friend of God also has a Biblical background. Abraham was the friend of God (Isaiah 4 1: 8). In Wisdom 7: 27, Wisdom is said to make us the friends of God. In Rome in the first century, the Friends of the king and the emperor were those who had the closest and the most intimate connection with him. Jesus has called us to be his friends and the friends of God. Jesus has given us this intimacy with God, so that He is no longer a distant stranger, but our close friend.

The theme of "joy" is introduced here in today's gospel passage. Jesus' "joy" comes from a relationship of perfect obedience to the Father and the unity that the Father and Son therefore share. But even this joy can be expanded. It can be made more "complete." "Completed" or "fulfilled" joy (also used in 3:29) is accomplished when Jesus' disciples enter into the obedient, loving relationship between the Father and the Son by their own loving obedience.

Parish Calendar and Events

Cleveland Marathon

Due to the route of the Cleveland Marathon closing many streets around the Cleveland neighborhoods and St. Augustine's on **Sunday, May 19th, we will not celebrate an 8:30 am**

Mass. The running path should be accessible for the celebration of Pentecost at the 11 am Mass.

Parish Breakfast

Due to the Cleveland Marathon closing many streets around the Cleveland neighborhood and St. Augustine's, our monthly parish breakfast will not be held this month.

Augustine Rainbow Camp

We are very excited to be gearing up for another great camp season! Online Camper Registration is now open. 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.

Classical Guitar Recital

Blessed Sacrament

Chris McGee, a member of our music ministry, will have a classical guitar recital on **Sunday, May 19, 2024** beginning at 3 pm in St. Augustine Church. For more information please contact the parish office.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

In the Diocese of Cleveland, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is not celebrated on Thursday, May 9, but is transferred to the following Sunday, May 12, 2024.

This week at St. Augustine

Monday, May 6, 2024

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)

Tuesday, May 7, 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, May 8, 2024

12:30 pm: Sign Class for Beginners (Walsh Hall)

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)

6:30 pm: Signing Hands

6:30 pm: Bible Study (Walsh Hall)

Thursday, May 9, 2024

12:00 pm: St. Augustine Seniors (Walsh Hall)

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)

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, May10, 2024

3:00 pm: Links

5:30 pm: Mass (Church)

6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, May 11, 2024

10:00 am: Ultreya

Maria Rivera

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

4:15 pm: Mass (Church) **Sunday, May 12, 2024** 8:30 am: Mass (Church)

11:00 am: Mass (Church)

May 4 th and 5 th	Saturday: 4:15 PM	Sunday: 8:30 AM	Sunday: 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Rick Toth	Matt Cook	Karen Halupnik Robin McMarlin
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Dave Dylyn Theresa Fallon Bonnie Robertson	Bob Duda Joe Lewandowski Debbie Sollars	Dawn Dingledein Kate Slosar Tammy Willimas
May 11 th and 12 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	Michelle Rivera	Debbie Sollars	Jeannie Rawlings John Kowalchik
Extraordinary Ministers of the	Lin Janson Theresa Ortiz Michelle Pivera	David Murray Rob Owens	Tom Calton Alana Ortiz

Michelle Rivera