

# St. Augustine Parish

*A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart*

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First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021

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## Mass Schedule

### Weekday:

Monday thru Friday: 5:30 PM  
(Civic holidays at 10 AM)

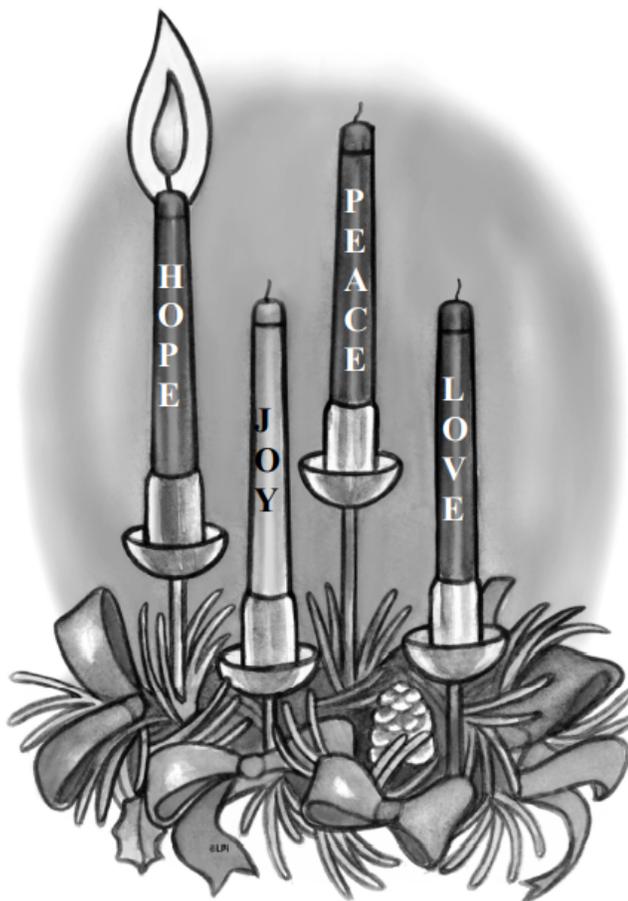
### Weekend:

Saturday: 4:15 PM\*  
Sunday: 8:30 AM\* and 11 AM\*

\*Interpreted for the Deaf

## Confession

Saturday: 3:30-4 PM or by appointment



**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.

## First Sunday of Advent

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord, whom we portray as a precious infant in a simple manger at the end of this season. But there are two more arrivals of our Lord to contemplate during this season of preparation and they tend to be overlooked. One day Jesus Christ will come again in glory as the world ends and he delivers his final judgment. He gives a glimpse of this to his disciples in today's Gospel. But let us also consider his third appearance—to each of us personally, into our hearts and into our lives as we embrace him as his disciples. As we celebrate today, let us consider how we can welcome him ever more intimately into our lives.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> - 4:15 PM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Gertrude and Henry Senyak
Sunday, Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Frank Iskra
Sunday, Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup> – 11 AM Fr. Joe McNulty	† Sr. Wilma Apack (Sr. Ann Joseph)
Monday, Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM	† Lottie Gembus
Tuesday, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM St. Andrew , Apostle	† Joe Brown
Wednesday, Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> - 5:30 PM	† Rosemary Moon
Thursday, Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5:30 PM	† Stella Janusczak
Friday, Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5:30 PM St. Francis Xavier	† Benefactors
Saturday, Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> - 4:15 PM Fr. Joe McNulty	† Eifel and Imbrogno Families
Sunday, Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Art Parham
Sunday, Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup> - 11 AM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Steven Dulik



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25- 27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27- 31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5 -6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

### Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, 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...

The spirit of Advent that we begin this Sunday turns our minds and hearts to the future. The gospel reading from Luke cites Jesus' words to his disciples while teaching in the Jerusalem temple.

By using several biblical texts about the future, Jesus warns that there will be times of turmoil, "nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the seas and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken."

Viewing the future with concern is something we have heard a lot about in recent weeks. Discussions about severe climate change and its disastrous impact dominated meetings of world leaders at conferences in Rome and Glasgow. Following the meeting in Glasgow 250,000 demonstrators surged through the streets, protesting that not enough is being done to void environmental disaster. It would be a much more compelling commitment for us if we had not lost the sense of the common good.

The Season of Advent speaks of Christ's coming to us in a variety of ways and urges us to be alert and ready.

On one level, we recall the historical appearance of Jesus among us through the incarnation and begin to prepare for the joy of Christmas. In regard to the readings today, we are also reminded that Christ will be present to us at the end of human history, an ultimate future event we find it almost impossible to imagine. But there is another "advent" of Christ in our everyday lives – moments of grace that comfort or challenge us. The figure of Christ is the link between each of these dimensions. The Christ we will meet at the end of time, we believe is the same compassionate and healing Christ that is revealed in the Gospels.

Despite the uncertainties and chaos that history might bring, we trust that our final destiny is not one of doom but an encounter with the unimaginable love of God for us, the intense love revealed by Jesus himself.

On November 16, the church remembered, as it does often, the life and death of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago. His living and dying and the goodness of his life transfixed the life of the entire Church in the United States in 1996. This year we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cardinal's death.

I know the Cardinal but only from a distance, but I did feel close to him. We both moved from Cincinnati to Chicago on the same day in 1982. I, to work at Marist High School and the Archbishop to lead one of the largest archdioceses in the country.

When the Cardinal died of pancreatic cancer, I joined thousands in paying respects as his body lie in state in Holy Name Cathedral. I suspect that most of that crowd was honoring the cardinal not so much because of his amazing leadership and negotiating skills but because of his evident holiness and the courage with which he faced his death. When he learned that he had cancer, he became a voice of compassion and comfort to the sick that were also facing death.

In the last weeks of his life, the Cardinal dictated a beautiful book entitled "The Gift of Peace." There he spoke candidly of his own suffering when he had been falsely accused of sexual abuse and yet reconciled with his accuser.

In rereading his book, I thought of it as an Advent reflection. He said that toward the end of his life, many people asked what heaven would be like, even though he knew no more than anyone else. But he recalled his experience of visiting for the first time his parent's homeland in northern Italy.

As he said, "After years of looking through my mother's photo albums, I knew the mountains, the land, the houses, the people..." I said, "My God I know this place. I am home.

Somehow, I think crossing from this life into life eternal will be similar. I will be home."

As we begin the season of Advent and think of the future, both personally and collectively, our faith assures us that no matter what we may face along the way, we will be home.



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### Little Blue Books – for the Advent & Christmas Seasons

Copies of the Little Blue Book are available for free at the church entrances. The Little Blue Book begins with the first Sunday of Advent and continues through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, on Sunday, January 9, 2022. The Book has daily reflections on the Gospel passages for that day. Also, each day you will read about a variety of thoughts about the Advent and Christmas seasons, the feast of the day, or various traditions and customs.



### Christ Child Society of Cleveland

Next Sunday we welcome members of, Christ Child Society of Cleveland, to our Sunday 11 AM Mass.

Immediately after Mass, Christ Child members will be giving away Christmas books in the back of Church.

Thank you, Christ Child Society, for continuing to meet the ever changing and growing needs of children in the greater Cleveland area.

For more information on the Christ Child Society of Cleveland please visit:  
[www.christchildscleveland.org](http://www.christchildscleveland.org)



### Pray the Rosary

We invite you to join us **every weeknight** (Monday thru Friday) at **6 PM (note new time)** in the church as we recite the rosary. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on livestream.



## Notre Dame Club of Cleveland

Next weekend we welcome members of the Notre Dame Club of Cleveland to our 11 AM mass. The Notre Dame Club of Cleveland was founded in 1916 and brings together alumni, parents, students, and friends. We are honored to celebrate with them as together we strive to bring Christ to all God's people.

For more information on the Notre Dame Club of Cleveland, please visit: [cleveland.undclub.org](http://cleveland.undclub.org)

### Christmas Flowers

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one by donating toward the Christmas flowers used to decorate the church, please clearly mark "Christmas Flowers" on an envelope. The envelope can then be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the office.

If you would like your loved one's name recognized in the bulletin (between Christmas & New Year) please clearly make "In memory of (loved one's name) on the envelope. These need to be submitted by December 19, 2021.



### Parish Tree Lighting

You are invited to join us in front of the Church for a tree lighting ceremony immediately following our 4:15 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Following the ceremony, you are invited to join us in Walsh Hall for hot chocolate and pastries.

### Annual Financial Report

Inserted in this weekend's bulletin is our annual Financial Report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. As a Parish we wish to build a sense of trust amongst our church communities. Transparency and accuracy are our goal in this reporting process. Should you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

### Parish School of Religion (PSR)/CCD

Classes will resume **Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**. If you have not registered your child(ren) for the 2021-2022 school year, please do so by either calling the parish office, emailing Kathleen Ulintz at [Staugustinepsr@yahoo.com](mailto:Staugustinepsr@yahoo.com).

### 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 November 21, 2021, was \$2,623.00. Thank You

### St. Augustine Seniors

Will gather on, **Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon** in Walsh Hall for their annual Christmas celebration. We encourage the use of masks while not seated. Thank you for your understanding.

### Stewardship Reflection

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate- do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season- the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way- that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point- Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can grove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God- and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season- "advent" – encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget- our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves; how can we prepare the manger?

Tracy Earl Welliver (LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)



### RCIA

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program will begin again in September and runs through May, with our celebration of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. The RCIA is a process, not a program. It is designed for adults wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know desires to become a fully initiated Catholic, receiving the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, please join us on **Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM** in the rectory or contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530 for further information.

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

At this time of the year, we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

### Signing Choir Christmas Concert

The St. Augustine Signing Choir has been practicing Christmas songs in preparation of a Christmas concert. As we prepare for the birth of Christ, you are invited to a concert on Saturday, **December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**. Immediately following the concert there will be a lite reception in Walsh Hall.

### Ultreya

Cursillistas will gather for Ultreya on **Saturday, December 11<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.

## Watch the Road

Several years ago, a bus driver in Oklahoma reached an unusual record. In 23 years he had driven a bus over 900,000 miles without a single accident. When asked how he had done it, he gave this simple answer: "Watch the road." In today's Gospel Jesus gives the same advice in several ways: "**Be vigilant at all times,**" "**Stand erect,**" "**Raise your heads,**" "**Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy.**" This is not only a good spiritual advice for the Advent season but also a safe rule for daily life. A good football player or basketball player should always concentrate his attention on the ball and the players. A good student must be alert, awake and attentive, watching the teacher and listening to his or her words. A good Catholic in the Church must be physically and mentally alert, watching the altar and actively participating in the prayers and songs. Like the Roman god Janus, who had two faces, one looking at the past year and the other looking into future, Christians during the Advent season are to look at the past event of the first coming of Jesus into the world and expectantly look forward to his second coming in glory

### Journey to Bethlehem Mass

Every year our disabilities communities gather for a "Journey to Bethlehem Mass". This year we will celebrate the birth of Christ with persons with disabilities, their families, and friends on Saturday, **December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.**

### Beatitudes- Special Religious Education

St. Augustine Church, in partnership with Catholic Charities Disability Ministries, offers "The Beatitudes" for children with disabilities. This special religious education program helps prepare children with disabilities for the sacraments and other aspects of faith formation. Instruction is tailored to each individual and their strengths, in order to help them express their love of God and come to a better understanding of their faith. Beatitudes will continue on **December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.** For more information, please contact Terry Hogan at [thogan@ccdocle.org](mailto:thogan@ccdocle.org) or call (216) 781-5530 ext. 29.

### On the Lighter Side

While a man had gone out driving to do some Christmas shopping, his wife had been watching TV when she heard the announcer say, "be very careful and watch driving on I5 today, there is a car driving the wrong way"! His wife got hold of him on the cell phone to warn him, and his reply was: "You tell me, there are hundreds of them in the wrong lane!"

### Save the Date

Saturday, December 4	Journey to Bethlehem	11 AM
Saturday, December 4	Signing Choir Concert	2 PM
Saturday, December 4	Tree Lighting Ceremony	5 PM

### Livestream

Our streams can be viewed live on the parish website Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. Our streams will be live for the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass, the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, and the weekday Rosary. A live audio feed will be available for the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass and 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 the code 2020 when prompted.

## Sunday Thought

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic, and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters, we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

### Calendar Winners

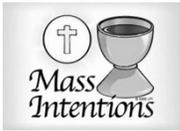
Nov 22, 2021	Madeline Milicia	#21036
Nov 23, 2021	Kate Slosar	#21157
Nov 24, 2021	Mike Graveh	#21072
Nov 25, 2021	Ruben Estremera	#21028
Nov 26, 2021	René and Theresa Ortiz	#21213
Nov 27, 2021	Gary and Dawn Gryg	#21033
Nov 28, 2021	Lynette Filips	#21231

**Inspiration for the Week**

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God’s revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.

**This Week’s Events of the Parish**

- Monday: Mass: 5:30 PM  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
PSR/CCD: 5:30 PM  
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Tuesday: AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh Hall)  
Mass: 5:30 PM  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
Sign Language Class: 6 PM (CCDC)  
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Wednesday: AA Meeting 11 AM (Deaf Center)  
LINKS: 3 PM  
Mass: 5:30 PM  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)  
Signing Choir Practice: 6:30 PM (Walsh)
- Thursday: Mass: 5:30 PM  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
Boy Scouts: 6:30 PM (Second Floor)  
AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Friday: LINKS: 3 PM  
Mass: 5:30 PM  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Saturday: Journey to Bethlehem Mass: 11 AM (Church)  
Christmas Concert- Signing Choir: 2 PM (Church)  
Mass: 4:15 PM  
Tree Lighting: 5 PM (Front of Church)
- Sunday: Mass: 8:30 AM and 11 AM



**2022 MASS BOOK**

The 2022 Mass Book is now available for Parishioners requesting Mass Intentions for the year 2022. Mass request can be made

by calling the parish office, by mail, or by placing your request in the collection box. Please include your name, address, and phone number on the request along with your intention, so that we can contact you if any adjustments are necessary.

<b>November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup></b>			
	<b>Saturday 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 11 AM</b>
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Joe M <sup>c</sup> Nulty (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
<b>Lectors</b>	Michelle Rivera	Ed Zubek	Jean Mendis Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		Maria Rivera	
<b>December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup></b>			
	<b>Saturday 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 11 AM</b>
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Joe M <sup>c</sup> Nulty, 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)
<b>Lectors</b>	Migdalia White	Debbie Sollars	Tom Smith Priscilla Treska
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Bonnie Robertson		

H: Homilist

**A Pearl of Wisdom for this Week**

Life becomes a lot easier when you learn to accept  
an apology you never got.