

MINSTER CLUSTER

ST. AUGUSTINE & ST. JOSEPH

Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

December 3, 2017

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

48 N. Hanover St., PO Box 93

Minster, OH 45865

St Augustine Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 am

Holyday Vigil: 6:30 pm

Holyday: 8:00 am, 6:30 pm

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

02441 State Route 364

Minster, OH 45865

St Joseph Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:45 am

Holyday: 7:00 pm

Communion Service

Wednesday: 8:00 pm

Mission Statement

The Mission of St Augustine/St Joseph Cluster is to provide a spiritual environment and resources where people may gather to hear the Word proclaimed. As a cluster, we celebrate the Eucharist, the sacraments, and provide the members of all ages the opportunity to grow in the practice of their faith, learning how to fully keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbors.

Contact Us

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Bulletin

Please have announcements to the Cluster Office by 2:00 pm Monday. Announcements can be emailed to bulletin@staugie.com

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St Augustine/St Joseph Cluster. Minster, OH

St Augustine/St Joseph Youth Ministry. Minster, OH

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday or Sunday at 1:00 pm outside of Mass. Baptismal preparation class for parents is offered the fourth Tuesday during the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November. You must register no later than the Monday before class. The class is held in the Parish Center at 7:30 pm and attendance is required before a child can be baptized.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00–4:30 pm at St. Augustine Church

Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! A premarital preparation program is required by the Archdiocese. It is important to contact the rectory office at least six months in advance of a wedding date. A tentative date can be set after the first appointment, but will become final only after marriage preparation is completed.

MINISTRY

Minister to the Sick

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Radio Maria—88.7 FM

www.radiomaria.us Mondays at 9:30 am
Fr. Sean Wilson & Julia Monnin 1st & 4th Monday
Fr. Alex Witt 2nd Monday
Rich Stein & Susan Bernhold 3rd Monday

ST AUGUSTINE MINISTRIES

Greeters:

Sat 12/9 5:00 pm Change for Change
Sun 12/10 8:00 am Change for Change
10:00 am Change for Change
11:30 am Change for Change

Babysitter:

Sun 12/10 Elizabeth Hart, Amy Bergman
Justin Bergman, Bo Dwenger, Joey Dwenger

ST AUGUSTINE MINISTRIES

Servers:

Wed 12/6 8:00 am Maura Baumer, Savanah Bergman
Thu 12/7 6:30 pm Devon Schultz, Phillip Trzaska
Fri 12/8 6:30 pm Logan Tumbusch, Ben Wuebker
Sat 12/9 5:00 pm Josie Winner, Joseph Winner, John Keller
Sun 12/10 8:00 am Kody Richard, Cory Schulze, Courtney Prenger
10:00 am Noah Plieman, Noah Walter, Paige Schulte
11:30 am Max, Carson & Jason Prenger

Eucharistic Ministers

Thu 12/7 6:30 pm Bonnie Trzaska, Sue Siegel, Maya Watercutter, Brooke Wolf, Danielle Barhorst, Ryan Cavanaugh, Abigail Brown
Fri 12/8 6:30 pm Tim Bertke, Morgan Tumbusch, Regan Wuebker, Peggy Bensman, Tricia Pohl, Paige & Karla Thobe
Sat 12/9 5:00 pm Sharon Belcher, Jill Oldiges, Ryan Cavanaugh, Josh Riethman, Bob & Kris Poeppelman
Sun 12/10 8:00 am Dolores Fortman, Karly Richard, Rob & Lisa Albers, Gerry Dwenger, Macy & Kellie Gehret
10:00 am *Karen Dwenger, Cricket Wuebker, Kathleen Prenger, Steve & Brenda Eiting, Doug Prenger, Eric Belcher
11:30 am Jordan Berelsman, April Slane, Min Wieskittle, Jeremy Kauffman, Jenna Nixon, Jenna Poeppelman

Lector:

Thu 12/7 6:30 pm Kevin Steinemann
Fri 12/8 6:30 pm Laura Heitkamp
Sat 12/9 5:00 pm Linda Winner
Sun 12/10 8:00 am Macy Gehret
10:00 am Chad Willis
11:30 am Byron Albers

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH

Daily Masses and Intentions

MONDAY— Dec 4

8:00 am Communion Service

TUESDAY—Dec 5

8:00 am Audrey A. Meyer

WEDNESDAY— Dec 6

8:00 am Mike Meiring

THURSDAY—Dec 7

8:00 am Cummings Family

6:30 pm Mike & Irene Meiring Family

FRIDAY— Dec 8

8:00 am

6:30 pm Robert Hoying

SATURDAY—Dec 9

5:00 pm For the parish

SUNDAY— Dec 10

8:00 am Robert Lehmkuhl

10:00 am Marilyn Kemper

11:30 am All Souls

St. Joseph Mass Intentions

Wed 12/7 7:00 pm Mass for Immaculate Conception (for the parish)

Sun 12/10 8:45 am Rose Beyke

PARISH NEWS

Confession - offered every Saturday evening from 4:00-4:30 pm at St. Augustine Church. Advent confession will be December 11th at 7:00 pm at St. Augustine.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priest spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals and churches often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities with out adequate saving for retirement and eldercare. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Parish Assessment & Cemetery Dues - Reminder that all contributions must be received before December 31 to receive tax credit. Please note non-parishioners or parishioners who are not current on dues are assessed additional fees for burial services. Thank you for your cooperation in supporting the parish.

St. Augustine Cemetery Board - The St. Augustine Cemetery Board is looking for one new member. Any St. Augustine parishioners who would like to serve one 6-year term on the Cemetery Board should contact Cindy Wuebker at 419-628-2614 by December 31, 2017. The location of burial sites at St. Augustine Cemetery can be accessed on the parish website (staugie.com) under the St. Augustine/St. Joseph Cemetery link.

Blanket Drive - Now through Dec 15th. New purchased or handmade blankets can be placed in bins in the back of church. St Vincent de Paul's homeless shelter, Dayton is in desperate need of blankets again this year, as the number of people they house keeps rising. Thank you for your donation and hopefully making someone's holiday a little warmer this year!

St. Augustine Stewardship

Sunday, November 19th offerings were \$6115

- \$5140 in 174 envelopes
- \$960 loose
- \$15 children's envelopes

Catholic Campaign for Human Development offerings were \$2558

Sunday, November 26th offerings were \$6862

- \$5919 in 240 envelopes
- \$917 loose
- \$26 children's envelopes

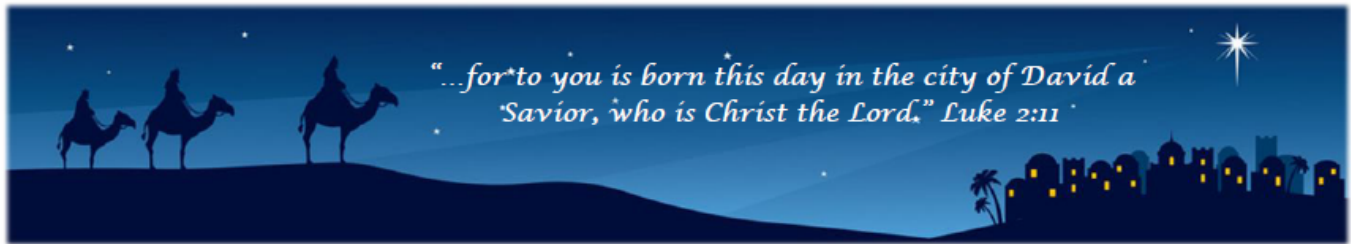
Monthly EFT November 29th - \$20,956 from 177 parishioners

Thank you for your generosity!



Poinsettia Donations

If you would like to make a donation in memory of your loved one please place \$15 in a marked envelope with your intention into the collection or bring to the rectory office by December 20th. Poinsettias will be displayed at the altar as part of the Christmas decorating.



Christmas is a time of anticipation. Children and even adults wait anxiously for the weeks, days and hours to tick down to Christmas. Advent is our time of spiritual anticipation. Just as Mary did, we watch and wait in hope for the birth of our Lord. We prepare ourselves for His arrival with penance and prayer. Take some extra time this Christmas to join us for the love, grace, and wonder of the Advent Season.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thur, Dec 7	6:30 pm	St. Augustine
	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
Fri, Dec 8	8:00 am	St. Augustine
	6:30 pm	St. Augustine

Reconciliation Services

The Sacrament of Reconciliation emphasizes God's forgiveness, our common need to forgive and to be forgiven. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities.

Mon, Dec 11	7:00 pm	St. Augustine, Minster
Wed, Dec 13	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Egypt

Christmas Choir Concert

The St Augustine Music Ministry invites you to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ through music and fellowship.

Sun, Dec 17	7:00 pm	St. Augustine
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Christmas Masses

December 24

8:00 am St. Augustine (4th Sunday of Advent)
 10:00 am St. Augustine (4th Sunday of Advent)
 4:00 pm St. Augustine (Christmas)
 7:00 pm St. Augustine (Christmas)
 7:00 pm St. Joseph (Christmas)

December 25

8:00 am St. Augustine
 9:00 am St. Joseph
 10:00 am St. Augustine

**Please note we will also have Mass, Saturday, December 23rd for the 4th Sunday of Advent at 5:00 pm at both St. Augustine & St. Joseph*

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Family, Dec 31

8:00 am St. Augustine
 8:45 am St. Joseph
 10:00 am St. Augustine
 11:30 am St. Augustine

Solemnity of Mary Holy Day, Jan 1

9:00 am St. Joseph
 10:00 am St. Augustine

We wish you heartfelt prayers for a wonderful Christmas and peace and joy in the year to come.

The Staff of St. Augustine & St. Joseph Cluster

CLUSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Time of Joy ... please welcome Behr Francis Thieman, son of Wesley & Cassie (Francis) Theman, Harper Marie Dysert, daughter of Derrick & Elizabeth (Homan) Dysert, and Selena Kay Heitkamp, daughter of Tracy & Jun Liu Heitkamp who were baptized recently.

A Time to Heal...please pray for our parishioners who are ill, especially, Randy Watercutter and Michael Vondenhuevel.

A Time to Die ... please pray for Henry Dickman who passed away recently.

Eucharistic Adoration - Monday, December 4th at St. Augustine Church. Opening begins at 9:00 am. Schoenstatt will lead rosary at 8:00 pm with Benediction concluding at 9 pm.

Advent Speaker Series - Holy Redeemer, New Bremen welcomes Steve Angrisano who will lead us on a two-night Advent journey, teaching us how to live our faith in big and small ways, so that others desire to be a part of our community. Sunday, December 3rd from 7:00 – 8:30 pm & Monday, December 4th from 7:30 – 9:00 pm . Free will donations accepted. For more information contact Brad Feltz 419-629-2543 • hrtech@nktelco.net

Blood Drive - Monday, December 4th at K of C Hall, Minster from Noon – 6:00 pm. To make an appointment visit: www.redcrossblood.org. Walk ins welcome Sponsored by American Legion Post #387.

VFW Meeting - Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm with supper to follow.

ANIMA Advent Adult Study Session - Tuesday, December 5th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in St. Augustine Parish Center. Perfect for anyone who wants to grow in their faith this Advent. No sign ups or registration required...just show up! For questions, email Kathy Winner at kmuellka@gmail.com.

Mission Commission Meeting - Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 pm at Parish Center. Stacy Lamm, with the Little Flower Girls Club, will be our guest speaker. New members - men and women - always welcome!

National Night of Prayer for Life - starting at 9:00 pm, Friday, December 8th at the Spiritual Center chapel, Maria Stein, to 1:00 am, Saturday, December 9th. Each hour will begin with a hymn, rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, prayers of reparation for the sin of abortion and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to come for all or part of the event.

Men's Prayer Group - Saturday, December 9th at 7:30 pm in the rectory basement. Prayer and discussion associated with the readings for Sunday's Mass. Anyone is welcome to join. If you have questions please call Jeff Stammen at 419-628-3889.

Minster/New Bremen Right to Life Meeting - will not have a meeting in December. We want to wish everyone a Very Merry Blessed Christmas! Next RTL meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Knights of Columbus Meeting - Tuesday, December 12th at 8:30 pm at the K of C Hall. All current members are welcome to attend the meeting and enjoy food, drink and fellowship immediately following.



Christmas Angel Tree

Sponsored by the Mission Commission has begun and you will find angels on the trees/basket at church entrances.

Minster's children's needs, Auglaize County foster children's requests, and angels for the working poor in Sr. Marge Eilerman's ministry are included.

All gifts are due no later than December 10th. Please attach the angel to your gift and do NOT wrap your gift.

Red Wagon Campaign

Nov 24– Dec 22

Wagons are located at Minster High School & Minster Elementary School

Minster Youth Leadership Association is asking for donation to fill donated Red Wagons full of toys and activities for the Dayton Children's Hospital.

Suggested items: Lego sets, rattles, hand held toys, books (all kinds), playing cards, crayons, markers, coloring books, Play-doh, action figures, over the door basketball hoops, fingernail polish, chapstick, word search, crossword, puzzles, sketch pads.

For more information contact Abby Brown @ (937)-710-3497 or abbybrown699@gmail.com

Advent Afternoon Rescheduled

December 15th

3:30-5:00 pm

Parish Center

For K-3rd Graders

An event to celebrate Advent in preparation of Christmas. Afternoon includes games, Christmas Carols, and movie, "Veggie Tales: Saint Nicolas a story of Joyful Giving".

Light snack will be provided. Church bus will transport students after school to the Parish Center with parent pick up at 5:00 pm. No child will be transported without permission slip. Permission slips can be found on our parish website:

www.staugie.com/forms

For further information or to volunteer, please call

Alex Clune at
419-628-3434.

"Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about Him for whom we are waiting." ~Henri Nouwen

Student News

Wednesday School Liturgies

December 6 - 5B Jackie Huwer
December 13 - 7C Bonnie Trzaska
December 20 - 6C Stacie Lamm

Schedule

12-10-17 – Class as scheduled
12-17-17 - Mission Presentation at
Halls of Hanover

3rd Grade Catechist Needed - Catechist needed for 3rd grade on Tuesdays from 2:05 to 3:05 pm. If you feel called or willing to help please contact Therese Brown 419-628-3434.

Confirmation Student Reminders - Saint Reports and Service Hours due in December!

Christmas Eve 4pm Children's Liturgy - Parents, please let your children know if they will be able to participate in the 4pm Christmas Eve liturgy, practice will be for 2nd thru 8th graders on December 19th after school until 5 pm. Religion teachers will be asking in classes for participants. Questions? Email or call Therese Brown 419-628-3434, therese@staugie.com.

Christmas Eve Liturgy Practice - Those participating in the 4pm Christmas Eve Liturgy will have practice on December 19th. Church Bus will transport to Church afterschool. Parents please pick them up at 5pm. Details will continue to be communicated. Questions, please direct them to Therese Brown 419-628-3434 or therese@staugie.com.

CYO Basketball Practice - Every Wednesday at 8:00 pm in Minster Elementary Gym.

Jr High Bible Study Sunday, December 3rd from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

High School Bible Study - Sunday, December 3rd from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Blue Knights Catholic Boys Club - Tuesday, December 5th at 6:45 pm in the Parish Center.

Edge - Wednesday, December 6th from 3:15 - 5:00 pm. Church bus will transport 4th - 6th grade students from Minster Elementary after school to the Parish Center with parent pick up at 5:00 pm.

Little Flowers - Wednesday, December 13th from 3:15—5:00 pm. Church bus will pick 1st- 4th grade girls up at Minster Elementary after school with parent pick up at the Parish Center at 5:00 pm.

March for Life - Departing Thur, Jan. 18 approx. 7:00pm from St. Augustine Church to Washington D.C. Returning Saturday morning, Jan. 20. We will be combining youth groups from surrounding parishes. Cost \$100; please submit full payment and paper work found at www.staugie.com/forms by December 10 to: Polly Barga, 10 Fieldcrest Rd. Minster, Ohio 45865. Make check payable to Minster-New Bremen Right to Life. Jr High students are permitted to attend with a parent or with a parent approved high school sibling, but HS students will be given priority. For questions contact Polly Barga at apbarga@nktelco.net or 419.628.8787

LIMA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

BAROQUE BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, January 21, 2018 | 7:30 pm

St. Augustine Catholic Church, Minster

*Savor an evening of elegance by candlelight as the
Lima Symphony Orchestra seeks to evoke the refined
loveliness of the Baroque era .*

Adults \$20 Student \$10

*Tickets may be purchased at the St. Augustine
Rectory or online at*

www.limasymphony.com/baroque-by-candlelight

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

December 9th & 10th

We will be collection for



Center for Neurological Development

The Center was founded in 1984 by five families, who were seeking a facility to house an outpatient therapy clinic. The Center deals primarily with neurologically impaired children and adults who, because of damage to their brain cells, suffer physical, perceptual and academic handicaps. There are many operating expenses including the cost of therapy equipment, maintenance, etc. that must be financed solely by the Center. The Center relies totally on charity drives and financial contributions from the community to meet the challenges of these expenses. The Center receives no state or federal assistance.

First Sunday of Advent – December 3, 2017

Reading I : Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

We have not seen any God like you!

- The first reading was written after the Israelites returned from exile and resettled in Judah.
- The people were discouraged by widespread poverty, dissension among their leaders, and the overwhelming task of rebuilding the ruins.
- The prophet challenges the Israelites to persevere at their task.

Reading II : 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

He will strengthen you to the end.

- Paul's letter is addressed to the Corinthians, a people who have embraced Christianity with ardor.
- They compete with one another for the most evident signs of the spirit.
- Paul reminds the people that the most essential gift for their salvation is perseverance in faith.

Gospel : Mark 13:33-37

Be constantly on guard!

- The author of Mark's Gospel wrote for a community greatly concerned with events of the end of time.
- Today's passage repeats two ideas. First, no one but God knows the time of the end. Second, the proper response of the faithful disciple is to watch and be ready at all times.
- Only those who persevere in watching will be saved.

Question for Youth: What is one thing that you can do this week to help you remember that Jesus is coming?

Question for Adults: When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?