

MINSTER CLUSTER

ST. AUGUSTINE & ST. JOSEPH

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March 21, 2021

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: 8:30 am

Thursday: 8:00 am

Holyday: 7:00 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.

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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

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Opening Hymn: “O God, Beyond All Praising”

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word;
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our
King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless
you still,
To marvel at your beauty and glory in you ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

O God Beyond All Praising
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Reading I **Jer 31:31-34**

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm **51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15**

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Reading II **Heb 5:7-9**

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel **Jn 12:20-33**

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. “I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Offertory Hymn: "Hosea"

Verses:

1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.
2. The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
with tenderness, you shall know.
3. You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.

Refrain:

Long have I waited for your coming home to me and
living deeply our new life.

Hosea, Gregory Norbet
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Communion Hymn: "Table Song"

Refrain:

We are the body of Christ, broken and poured out,
promise of life from death, we are the body of Christ.

Verses:

1. Is not the bread of life we break a sharing in the
life of God? Is not the cup of peace outpoured the
blood of Christ?
2. How shall we make a return to God, for goodness
unsurpassing? This saving cup we shall hold high,
and call out God's name.
3. Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the earth, it
shall remain a single grain; but if it dies, it will
come to life.
4. Come taste and see the goodness, the wonders of
the risen one. Come bless our God, in all things, let
praise be our song.

Table Song, David Haas
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Closing Hymn: "Turn to the Living God"

Refrain:

Turn, turn to the living God,
the God of healing and comfort,
and with delight, God will turn to you.
With delight, God will turn to you.

Verse:

For now is the time of fulfillment. The reign of our God
is at hand. Reform your life, turn from sin and believe
this glorious news.

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St. Augustine Ministries

Server:

- Sat 3/27 5:00 pm** Kyra Oldiges
Sun 3/28 8:00 am Morgan Sparks
10:00 am James Niemeyer
11:30 am Lyndi Hemmelgarn

Eucharistic Minister:

- Sat 3/27 5:00 pm** Deb & Jessica Wenning, Diane Oldiges
Sun 3/28 8:00 am Jay & Therese Brown
10:00 am Tonya Niemeyer, Julie Woehrmyer, Kellie Gehret
11:30 am Maura Baumer, Nancy Harting

Lector:

- Sat 3/27 5:00 pm** Craig Oldiges
Sun 3/28 8:00 am Chad Willis
10:00 am Kellie Gehret
11:30 am Nancy Harting

Readings for the Week

- Monday** Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday Is 7:10-14,8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1-15:47

St. Augustine Stewardship

Sunday, March 14th offerings were \$5696

- \$4324 in 136 envelopes
- \$1358 loose
- \$14 in children's envelopes

Thank you for your generosity!



Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 21st
at 2:00 pm
in St. Augustine Church.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory of your loved to help decorate the church for Easter, please submit \$10 in a marked envelope into the collection basket by March 28th



How to download St. Augustine Parish app:
Text **App** to **88202**
Download and enter zip code 45865

DAILY INTENTIONS

MONDAY— Mar 22

8:00 am Communion Service

TUESDAY— Mar 23

8:00 am Larry Kemper Family

WEDNESDAY— Mar 24

8:00 am Fred Boecker

8:50 am For Our Country

THURSDAY— Mar 25

12:00 pm Lois Bender

FRIDAY— Mar 26

8:00 am Stephenson & Prenger Families

SATURDAY—Mar 27

5:00 pm Mildred & Roland Piening

SUNDAY—Mar 28

8:00 am Rita Travis

10:00 am Margie Fortman

11:30 am Treva Schmitmeyer

St. Augustine News

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) - We thank everyone who has participated in the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thus far we have reached \$19,325 of our \$31,967 goal. Our generous gifts let us impact the stories of thousands through six important Catholic ministries right here in our archdiocese. To make a gift online or for more information, visit www.AOCstewardship.org.

Building & Maintenance Meeting - Tuesday, March 23rd, at 8:00 pm in Rectory Conference Room.

Finance Meeting - Thursday, March 25th, at 6:30 pm in Rectory Conference Room.

Cemetery Continuous Improvement Project - Monuments in the infant section of the cemetery have been moved as part of the improvement project and will be restored to their original location upon completion. Thank you for understanding.

Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage - May 16—June 19. Help us celebrate the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with the longest Marian Procession in the United States. The pilgrimage begins Sunday, May 16, with a Mass at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Russells Point. From there, a small group of pilgrims will begin this historic pilgrimage with a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by Archbishop Schnurr for this occasion. The pilgrimage will last for 33 days, making stops at parishes in every deanery of the Archdiocese, and will be highlighted by four cornerstone family events. The pilgrimage will end at the steps of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on the day of the bicentennial, Saturday, June 19, where the Archbishop will re-consecrate the Archdiocese to Jesus through Mary. Anyone interested in becoming a Statue Guardian Pilgrim should visit MARY2021.org and select your leg of the journey. As a Statue Guardian you will be committing to at least three full days where you will be part of a core team that carries the statue and leads daily prayers.

Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are celebrated after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday or at 1:00 pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Baptismal preparation class for parents is offered on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Each child's baptism is special and attendance in a Baptism preparation class is required for the first child. Please RSVP for class by calling the rectory office at 419-628-2614 or register online at www.staugie.com/sacraments/baptism.

St. Joseph News

TUESDAY, March 23rd, 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration Leader: Cletus Prenger

THURSDAY, March 25th, 8:00 am

Mass Intentions: Deceased of the Gehret & Kuether Families

Lector: Mary Ray Smith

SUNDAY, March 28th, 8:30 am - Palm Sunday

Mass Intentions: Bulcher & Dircksen Families

Rosary: Roger & Mary Kay Hoying

Lectors: Jane Steinemann, Annette Albers

Gift Bearer: Rolly Schmiesing

Distributors: Joanna Homan, Julie Homan, Natalie Hoying

COLLECTION for Sunday, March 14th: Collection: \$563

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ST. JOSEPH PARISH

March Church Cleaning List: Jane Steinemann, Kayla Steinemann, Sue Wehrman, Tammy Wehrman

Catholic Ministries Appeal Campaign has begun. This campaign is an annual effort for all parishes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to raise funds for six areas of ministry including: Catholic Charities & Social Services; Retired Archdiocesan Priests; Campus, Hospital, and Prison Ministries; Seminary & Vocations; St. Rita School for the Deaf; and New Evangelization. Our parish goal has been set at \$2,028. To date, our parish has raised \$1,339. Envelopes can be found in the entrance of Church and can be mailed directly to the Archdiocese or placed in the collection basket. Additional information can be found at www.aocstewardship.org/cma.

Parish Almsgiving Project

Dear Parishioners,

We are truly humbled to be a part of your Almsgiving project this year. We would like to start by giving you an overview of our organization. Minster Area Life Squad currently consist of 22 dedicated members who are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and volunteer countless hours of service to our community. We have a range of ages and experience levels. We have new members that are getting ready to start training and we have members that have been with us for 30 plus years. We have youngsters and grandparents but one thing is certain, we are grateful for every single one of them. Last year we responded to 266 calls for service in our area and transported patients to Wilson Health in Sidney, Joint Township in St. Mary's and Mercer Health in Coldwater. We are very blessed to have a community that supports us in every aspect of operations whether it be volunteering to join our ranks, allowing your employees to respond from their workplace or supporting us financially. We would like to thank you again for the honor of being a part of this tradition.

And as always, we are continually looking for community members that are willing to donate their time and join our membership. If interested, any Life Squad member can help you with that.

~Minster Area Life Squad.



The second collection taken up this weekend will sponsor a staff appreciation meal at JTDM Hospital, Wilson Health Hospital and the Minster Area Life Squad. Donations can also be dropped off or mailed to the rectory office at PO Box 93, Minster.

Confession & Absolution

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

We invite you to participate in confession Saturdays at 4:00 pm.

Lenten Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 22nd Beginning at 6:30 pm at St. Augustine Church

Adoration will continue through reconciliation services.



Minster Journeyman's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 28th, at 1:30 pm at Four Seasons Park, Minster. All children age 0-8 are invited to come!



PLEASE WEAR MASKS THANK YOU!

Under the directive of Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, it is critically important to wear mask, use hand sanitizer, and social distance to stop the spread of Corona Virus. If you wish to receive Communion in your home, please call the rectory office at 419-628-2614 to be placed on the list.

CLUSTER NEWS

A Time to Celebrate - the upcoming nuptials of Dominik Maurer & Danielle Monnin (April 10, 2021).

A Time to Heal... please pray for our ill parishioners, especially, Charlotte Grace Watercutter, Nick Hoying, Dan Klosterman, Jessica Baustian, Rolly Hausfeld, Gene Burke, and Bud Winner.

Adoration - Monday, March 22nd, at St. Augustine Church. Opening at 9:00 am. Regnum Christi will lead Rosary at 8:00 pm. Concluding Benediction at 9:00 pm.

Quo Vadis Rec Night - Every Wednesday night at 8:00 pm young adults aged 18-30 from around our local area play basketball at the Halls of Hanover gym. Anyone is welcome to come!

Breakfast Buffet - Sunday, March 21st, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm at Knights of St. John, Maria Stein. Adults \$7.50, age 7-12 \$4.50, 6 and under eat free!

Virtual St. Peregrine Cancer Prayer Service - Sunday, March 21st, at 4:30 pm. This cancer prayer service will be live streamed on the Maria Stein Shrine's Facebook page. The Chapels will not be open to the public.

Right to Life Garage Sale - March 25-27 at St. Remy Hall, Russia. Hours will be 9 am -7 pm on Thursday & Friday, 9 am -12 pm on Saturday.

Into the Breach Men's Session - Thursday, March 25th, at the K of C Hall. Take a hard look at what it means to be a man and how to live as a man of faith in today's world. Each session covers a different topic.

Fish Fry - Friday March, 26th, 4-7 pm at St. Teresa Catholic Church, 6925 W. US Rt. 36, Covington. Cost is \$8.00. Carryout only.

American Legion Meeting - Monday, March 29th. Lunch at 7:00 pm with meeting to follow. For hall rental, please call April Hanson at 513-442-9651 or 419-628-3265.

Tenebrae - March 30th, at 7:30 pm at Maria Stein Shrine. The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story and to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day. Lead by Deacon Marty Brown, we will reflect on Christ's passion in scripture readings as the shadows gather around us with the extinguishing of candles. For more information, contact the Ministries office at 419-925-4532.

Bible Study: The Gospel of St. John - Every Tuesday, April 6 - May 25, from 7:00 - 8:15 pm at Maria Stein Shrine. Cost: \$25 per person (includes materials). RSVP to m.hess@mariasteinshrine.org or call the Ministry Office at 419.925.4532.

Century Farm Award Applications - Catholic Rural Life of St. Marys Deanery is now accepting applications for the 2021 Catholic Century Farm Award. Deadline is April 30th. Families who have farmed to same land for 100 years or more are eligible for the registry. Century Farm Families will be recognized as part of the Rural Urban Farm Mass. For more information go to: www.CatholicAOC.org.

Student News

Jr High Bible Study - Sunday, March 21st, at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center.

Blue Knights - Monday, March 22nd, at 6:00 pm at the Parish Center.

Via Dolorosa - Friday, April 2nd, beginning 10:00 am on the steps of St. Augustine Church. All are welcome to join the one mile walking loop of stations positioned around town. Concludes in time for 12:30 pm Good Friday Service. Any group who would be interested in leading a station, should call the office at 419-628-2614.

High School Seniors Retreat - Quo Vadis Young Adult Group will be hosting a FREE retreat for high school seniors, May 2nd, in New Bremen! For more info or to sign up for the retreat contact Brandon Koverman at 937-726-9613.

Vacation Bible School for incoming 1st-3rd graders on Mon. June 28th - Wed. June 30th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Each evening we'll cover a Sacrament along with a Saint! Registration info to come!

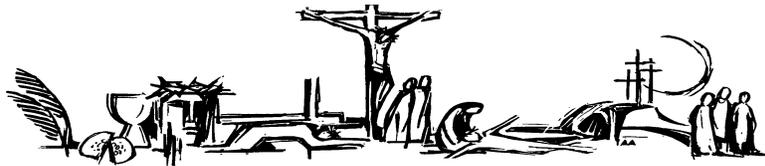
Save The Date - Totus Tuus is coming to St. Augustine's July 25th-31st. The day program for students entering 1st-6th grade will be from 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Monday-Friday. The Junior High & High School program will be in the evenings, from Sunday-Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm.



2nd Grade Jesus Retreat

Saturday March 27th,
from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
at the Parish Center.

We need a few parents to help with putting this event on, so if you're available please reach out to Jacob Kleinhenz at 419-628-3434 or crek8@staugie.com. Thank you!



Good Friday

The Good Friday service is the second commemoration during the Triduum. Good Friday is the only day out of the year on which there is no Mass. We have readings, and we receive Communion, but there is no sacrifice on the altar (that is why we call it the Good Friday *service* instead of *Mass*). This day commemorates the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the most solemn and sorrowful day of the year. The absence of the sacrifice of the Mass, along with the empty tabernacle, give this service a sense of desolation and loss, emotions appropriate to the day on which Our Savior died with the weight of our sins upon his innocent shoulders.

During the Good Friday service, we venerate the cross. Because we do not have the original cross, we use a replica instead. The cross has become a commonplace symbol, which can desensitize us to its meaning. The veneration of the cross is meant to remind us that the cross is a powerful symbol of both sorrow and of hope. What was a symbol of death and suffering, God turned into a symbol of life and joy.

We know from Scripture that Jesus was crucified around 9:00 in the morning and hung there until he died around 3:00. It is appropriate that we observe these six hours with penance and prayer, recalling with gratitude and sorrow the pain and suffering Our Lord endured to free us from our sins. The Good Friday service falls right in the middle of this time. It was at noon that darkness covered Jerusalem and the surrounding area; all creation began to mourn the death of its Creator.

Even after the Good Friday service, it is appropriate that we maintain solemnity until at least 3:00, when we recall the hour of Jesus' death. Like Mass on Holy Thursday, the Good Friday service has no distinct end, because the single commemoration of the Triduum continues into Holy Saturday.