

# MINSTER CLUSTER

ST. AUGUSTINE & ST. JOSEPH

November 28, 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

Announcements can be emailed to [bulletin@staugie.com](mailto:bulletin@staugie.com) by 2:00 pm on Monday. This bulletin is furnished to the parish without charge due to the generosity of our advertisers.

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## Sacraments

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday or at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Baptismal preparation class for parents is offered on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. This class assists parents in understanding the rite and the sacrament of baptism. Each child's baptism is special and unique and attendance in a Baptism preparation class is recommended for each child, however only required for the first child. Please RSVP for class, please call the rectory office at 419-628-2614 or register online at [www.staugie.com/sacraments/baptism](http://www.staugie.com/sacraments/baptism).

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! The Sacrament of Marriage is scheduled by calling the rectory office at 419-628-2614 to begin the process of marriage preparation at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. A date for the wedding is set only after meeting with a Deacon or Priest.

### RCIA

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### Radio Maria—88.7 FM

[www.radiomaria.us](http://www.radiomaria.us) Mondays at 9:30 am  
Julia Monnin 1st & 4th Monday  
Dcn. Clif Perryman / Bob Lammers 2nd Monday  
Rich Stein & Susan Bernhold 3rd Monday

## Readings for the Week

**Mon** Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11  
**Tues** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
**Wed** Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37  
**Thurs** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27  
**Fri** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31  
**Sat** Is 30:19-21; 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8  
**Sun** Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## St. Augustine Ministries

### Servers:

**Wed 12/1 8:00 am** Jackson Corona  
Evelyn Hanson  
**Sat 12/4 5:00 pm** Mitchell Bornhorst  
Zach Westerheide  
Gabi Pelletier  
**Sun 12/5 8:00 am** Zach Fortman  
Dillon Schmiesing  
Kayla Lamm  
**10:00 am** Grant Larger  
Cole McClurg  
Maria Niekamp  
**11:30 am** Matthew Niekamp  
Rachel Niekamp  
Connor Gehret

### Eucharistic Ministers:

**Sat 12/4 5:00 pm** Julie Woehrmyer  
Cara Meyer  
Emma Meyer  
**Sun 12/5 8:00 am** Stacie Lamm  
Claire Lamm  
Mary Muhlenkamp  
**10:00 am** Doug Prenger  
Cora Heitkamp  
Sandy Schulze  
Jenna Schulze  
**11:30 am** Savanah Bergman  
Amy Bergman  
Kellie Gehret

### Lector:

**Sat 12/4 5:00 pm** Chris Farr  
**Sun 12/5 8:00 am** Chad Willis  
**10:00 am** Jenna Schulze  
**11:30 am** Kellie Gehret



### Eucharistic Minister Training

Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm.  
Meet in St. Augustine Church

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.  
Meet at the Parish Center

Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister is welcome to join this training.

## DAILY INTENTIONS

### MONDAY— November 29

8:00 am Communion Service

### TUESDAY— November 30

8:00 am Matthew Koverman

### WEDNESDAY— December 1

8:00 am Ray Rutschilling

### THURSDAY— December 2

12:00 pm Lynn Belcher

### FRIDAY— December 3

8:00 am Alex, Rita, & Robert Koesters  
& Family

### SATURDAY— December 4

5:00 pm Liv & Dec of Donald & Eunice  
Piening Family

### SUNDAY— December 5

8:00 am Madonna Prenger

10:00 am Ann Berning

11:30 am Robert Lehmkuhl

## St. Augustine Stewardship

Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> offerings were not available due to early bulletin deadlines. Offerings will be printed in the December 5th edition.

Thank you for your generosity!

## St. Augustine News

**A Time to Celebrate** ... the upcoming wedding of Amelia Slonkosky & Dusty Ellis (December 11, 2021), Erica Oldiges & Caleb Ranly (December 18, 2021), and Carter Hogenkamp & Olivia Quinter (December 31, 2021).

**A Time of Joy** ... please welcome Hadley Jean Borchers, daughter of Zach & Julie (Rupp) Borchers, Hailey Jo Link, daughter of Matthew & Megan (Heckman) Link, and Genevieve Marie Slonkosky, daughter of George & Chelsea (Moore) Slonkosky who were baptized recently.

**A Time to Heal** ... please pray for our ill parishioners, especially, Mike Brinkman.

**Adoration** - Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at St. Augustine Church. Opening at 9:00 am. Men's Fellowship Group will lead Rosary at 8:00 pm. Concluding Benediction at 9:00 pm.

**Additional Mass Stipends** - There are a limited amount of Mass openings in January - July, 2022. Families can now make one additional Mass stipend until the book is full. Mass stipends are \$5 and must be made in person at the rectory office.

**Building & Maintenance Meeting** - Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 pm in the rectory conference room. This will be the last meeting for the year combining November and December.

**Parish Assessment and Cemetery Dues Reminder** - Saint Augustine Church continues the tradition to send an envelope for the annual Parish Assessment and Cemetery Dues. Your contribution represents a part of your stewardship and it also reflects the way you share in the responsibility of caring for the parish. All contributions must be received before December 31 to be considered current and receive tax credit. Thank you for supporting St. Augustine.

**Qualified Charitable Contribution** - Are you age 70 1/2 and required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to the church. QCD's will satisfy your annual distribution requirement and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. For more details on QCD's, please contact your tax advisor as we cannot provide specific tax advice.



### Family Rosary

Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 7:00 pm at  
St. Augustine.

All are invited to pray in thanksgiving for our blessings, for those battling illness, and for the families in our Parish.

### Poinsettia Donations

If you would like to make a donation in memory or in honor of your loved one, please place \$15 in a marked envelope with your intention in the collection no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>.





## GIVECatholicAOC

#GivingTuesday  
November 30, 2021

This online giving day created to celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, the GIVECatholicAOC Giving Day inspires faithful stewards to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving.

Any donations made on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> will be 'assessment free' and all donations will be returned to our parish.

Donors making a contribution(s) through the GIVECatholicAOC platform, powered by GiveCentral, will be sent a donation receipt via email from the Archdiocese. This receipt will include the appropriate language for tax deduction purposes.

### To give to St. Joseph Parish visit:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/1284/event/31467>

### To give to St. Augustine Parish visit:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/1284/event/32138>

## St. Joseph News

Tuesday, November 30th, 7:00 pm  
Leader: Clete Prenger

THURSDAY, December 2nd, 8:00 am  
Mass Intentions: St. Joseph Parish  
Lector: Jack Homan

SUNDAY, December 5th, 8:30 am  
Mass Intentions: Kuether & Bergman Families  
Rosary: Stacy Dirksen  
Servers: Courtney & Colby Wehrman, Stella Mueller  
Lector: Mary Ray Smith  
Gift Bearer: Mike Albers  
Distributors: Gabby Wehrman, Nikki Baumer

COLLECTION for Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>:  
Collection: Not Available

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ST. JOSEPH PARISH

**November Church Cleaning:** Jennifer Hoying, Stacey Hoying, Theresa Kremer, Teresa Meyer

**Giving Tuesday (November 30, 2021):** Please visit <https://www.givecentral.org/location/1284/event/31467> on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 as a way to donate to St. Joseph parish. Any donations made on Tuesday 11/30/21 will be 'tax free' and all donations will be returned to our parish.

**Ladies Sodality:** The Egypt Ladies Sodality Christmas Party will be held on December 6 at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Doors open at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 6:30. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of church. We hope to see you there!

**A Synod on Synodality:** Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet this is what the Holy Father has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all the people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only the bishops and priests) can journey together in bringing the Gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all dioceses in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. The St. Mary's Deanery is participating in Pope Francis's Synod on Synodality scheduled to culminate in Rome in 2023. Currently, our archdiocese is targeting Jan and Feb of 2022 for these meetings. Please prayerfully consider participating in your local deanery meeting. That opportunity will soon be available on our archdiocesan website.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Quo Vadis Rec Night** - Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the The Edge Sports Complex, 8044 Booster Drive Maria Stein. Anyone 18-29 is welcome to come on out and have some fun playing basketball!

**Natural Family Planning** - Natural family planning helps with infertility, spacing out births, and can reveal symptoms a woman may not know she is having. The Creighton Method helps people to understand their fertility better and appreciate the beauty within it. Appointments are one on one. For more information or to make an appointment email kristabertke@hotmail.com.

**Help Wanted** - St. Charles Center is looking for part time day, evening, and weekend cooks. Duties include food prep, serving, and clean up. Inquire with Food Service Manager at 419-925-4516, ext 711 or hrmanager@cpps-preciousblood.org.

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** - An eight week adult study beginning Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:15-7:30 pm at Do Good Restaurant, Osgood. This 8 session class will provide a basic understanding of the whole bible by reading only the 14 "narrative" books. Sessions meet every other week. To register call/text Don Borchers (937-305-4222) All are welcome!

**St. Augustine & St. Joseph Mission Commission Meeting** - Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Dr. Kris Prenger will be the guest speaker.

**Ministry of Mothers (MoM) Meeting** - Date Change: Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. All moms are welcome!

**Women's Evening Prayer Group** - Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Join us as we read and reflect passages from the Bible, pray together, share experiences, and explore our Catholic faith. No registration is required.

**National Night of Prayer for Life** Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Spiritual Center Chapel, Maria Stein, from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration and prayers of reparation for the sin of abortion will be offered. Each hour will begin with a hymn & prayers including the rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet. This Night of Prayer again will again unite over 600 parishes across the nation to end abortion. All are welcome and participants may come for all or part of the event.

**Right to Life Bus Trip** - Shelby County Right to Life is sending 2 buses to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January, 2022. The buses will leave Sidney on Thursday, January 20 at 7:30 pm and return on Saturday, January 22 around 5:00 a.m. The cost is \$85 per seat. Registration forms, payment information, and basic itinerary are available at [www.shelbycountyrtp.org](http://www.shelbycountyrtp.org) or email Anne Schmiesing at [director@shelbycountyrtp.org](mailto:director@shelbycountyrtp.org). Registration deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>. Passengers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult or a chaperoned group.

**Newspaper Signature Ad Campaign** - Mercer County Right to Life Chapter will once again purchase a full-page ad in the Daily Standard. If you wish to participate, please send \$5.00 along with the name(s) as you wish it to appear in the newspaper to Pat Pottkotter, 5158 State Route 119, St. Henry, OH 45883 by Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Make checks out to Mercer County Right to Life. This ad will appear in the newspaper Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

## Christmas Angel Tree Program

The Angel Tree Program sponsored by the Mission Commission has begun!

You will find angels on the trees at St. Augustine Church entrances and in a basket at St. Joseph Church. All gifts are due no later than **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please attach the angel to your gift and do NOT wrap your gift. Thank you so very much for your generosity and continued support!



"Keep Christ in Christmas"

The Men's Group, in collaboration with the K of C's initiative to "Keep Christ in Christmas", invite all men to join them in exploring the Sunday readings during Advent as a way to more fully appreciate the mystery and splendor of the season. We will be meeting in the Parish Center every Saturday morning from 7:30 - 8:30 starting on 11/27 through 12/18. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to draw closer to our Lord.



## Advent

## Afternoon

Grades K - 3 will be having Advent Afternoon on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 pm at the Parish Center.

Parish bus will pick students up from school and bring them to St. Augustine. Parent pick up at 5:00 pm.



### St. Nicholas Celebration

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Maria Stein Shrine.

Join us for prayer, activities, pictures with St. Nicholas, cookies, cocoa, and plenty of holiday fun! Cost \$10 per child; all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Register at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org).



## STUDENT NEWS

**School Mass** - If your child is sick or absent **and not** coming to Wednesday 8:00 am Mass: please let the Parish Center Office know, 419-628-3434 or [carol@staugie.com](mailto:carol@staugie.com).

**CYO Basketball** - Come out and support our CYO basketball teams in action! Girls team will play Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> vs. Cassella at Minster at 1:00 pm; Senior Boys will play Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> vs. Wapak at Minster at 2:00 pm; Boys Underclassman team play November 28<sup>th</sup> vs. Ft. Recovery at Minster at 3:00 pm.

**Ablaze Nights** - Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. For all 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It's not too late to join!

**Jr High Bible Study** - Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the Parish Center. All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited!

**Little Flowers** - Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Church bus will transport after school to the Parish Center with parent pick up at 5:00 pm.

**Blue Knights Boys Club** - Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**Santa is Coming!** - Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup> at Do Good Restaurant, Osgood from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and then again from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. We have candy canes for all the kids and, in addition, each family will receive a beautiful puzzle of Santa kneeling and adoring the Christ child in the manger. We hope this helps children see that the "magic" of Santa comes through the love of Jesus!

### Confirmation Service Hours Opportunities -

- St. Patrick Soup Kitchen - Soup kitchen in Troy, Ohio serves meals from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Mon - Fri. Volunteers help prepare the meals, serve the meals, clean. If you are helping serve dinner, we ask that you arrive at 4:45 pm and you should be done with clean up no later than 6:30 pm. If you have a special talent such as a construction, yard work, or cleaning, please let us know and as we always need help beyond dinner time. Please contact Dick Steinemann to schedule an appointment at 937-451-1723.
- Minster Area Life Squad is in need of two volunteers to help with Monday Night Bingo at the K of C Hall, Minster from 4:30-6:30 pm to set up the equipment. Sign up for any Monday now through February. Please sign up by texting 937-710-3141 with your first and last name and dates you can help.
- Salvation Army Red Bell Ringer - Ring bell at the red kettle located at Kroger, St. Marys, November 26<sup>th</sup>- December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Shifts are 2 hours long from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. All money supports their mission to offer programs rooted in the passion to serve God by serving the vulnerable, the needy, the poor, the hurting, the lost and helpless and the hopeless. If interested, please call Bev at 419-300-5277.



If you ordered and paid for a commemorative Christmas ornament last year in recognition of the organ refurbishment, ornaments are available for pick-up in the rectory office from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday.

There are a limited number of extra commemorative Christmas Ornaments that will be for sale in the rectory office, starting Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Ornaments will be sold for \$25 on a first-come, first served basis. Exact change or check (made payable to Pat Timmerman) is preferred.

### Beacons of Light Update

Work continues as Beacons of Light gets closer to the next major milestone: the announcement of the final Families of Parishes. Archbishop Schnurr will promulgate the final Families of Parishes on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Maps will be "live" on [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org) at 12:00 noon that day.



### *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

**Tuesday, Holy Day Vigil**

**December 7**

6:30 PM St. Augustine

**Wednesday, Holy Day**

**December 8**

8:00 AM St. Augustine

6:30 PM St. Augustine

7:00 PM St. Joseph

### *Advent Reconciliation Service*

**Monday,**

**December 13**

6:30 PM St. Augustine

### *Christmas Choral Concert*

**Sunday,**

**December 19**

7:00 PM St. Augustine

## **First Sunday of Advent - November 28, 2021**

### **Reading I : Jeremiah 33:14-16**

A shoot shall rise up.

- The prophets believed that the fullness of God's kingdom could be experienced in history.
- Jeremiah was writing for an audience that was facing exile.
- The prophet Jeremiah assures the people that even in the midst of disaster God would remain faithful.

### **Reading II : 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

Love one another and act in ways pleasing to God.

- The Christians at Thessalonica believed that Christ's return would come in their lifetime.
- Paul's letter encourages them to live wisely in anticipation of Christ's coming.
- The Thessalonians are urged to persevere in the way of life they had learned from Paul so that the day of the Lord would truly be a day of rejoicing.

### **Gospel : Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus will come again in glory; be not afraid.

- Today's Gospel uses apocalyptic imagery to describe the return of Christ.
- Luke's audience recognized that the wait for Christ's return could be long.
- Christians must always be ready because no one knows when the great day will come.

**Question for Youth:** Advent is the Church season when we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas. What is one thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

**Question for Adults:** Paul exhorts us to "make greater progress" in our spiritual lives. What one step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?