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**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

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## Happy Mother's Day...

The month of May... the month we honor Mary, our Heavenly Mother, but also a special day we set aside to honor our earthly mother. My focus here today is on the *influence of a mother*, and I'll start with St. Monica, St. Augustine's mother. She is the Patron Saint of all Mothers.

She holds significant importance in Christian history, particularly within the Catholic tradition. As the mother of Saint Augustine, one of the most influential theologians in Western Christianity, and our patron saint. She stands as a resolute and devoted woman who played a critical role in her son's spiritual journey, like most mothers do. Her unwavering faith and relentless intercessory prayers led to the conversion of her husband, son, and other members of her family, making her a revered figure for those who seek the conversion of their loved ones. All mothers only want what is best for their sons and daughters, particularly in regards to their spiritual nature.

The story of Saint Monica's life serves as an inspiring testament to the transformative power of unwavering faith, persistent prayers, and maternal love. It was a special internal gift of a mother's love. Her dedication to her faith in the face of adversity has led the Catholic Church to recognize her as the patron saint of mothers, conversions, and wives in difficult marriages. In celebrating Mother's Day, we are reminded of the strength and resilience embodied by this remarkable woman and the impact she has had on Christian history.

Through her marriage, she had several children, including Saint Augustine, who would later become a renowned theologian and bishop. Saint Monica's steadfastness and belief in God played a significant role in not only her husband's conversion but also in shaping the spiritual journeys of her children, making her an exemplary role model for mothers in the Christian faith.

Perhaps the most significant account of her life is found in the autobiographical work "*Confessions*" by her son, St. Augustine, where he shares the profound impact she had on his own spiritual journey. Saint Monica is a significant figure in Christian history, known for her unwavering faith and diligent prayers. Her role as the mother of Saint Augustine makes her an archetype for all Christian mothers, showcasing the importance of love, patience, and perseverance in fostering the spiritual growth of children.

All mother's lives are a testament to the wondrous power of prayer and unwavering love, offering valuable insights for Christians striving to nurture and sustain their faith. With great love and respect I offer a special gratitude and respect to all mothers on this Mother's Day. God's Blessing! - Fr. Jerry

### Ministries for the Sunday Liturgies

**Saturday, May 18, 2024** 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Becky Hilvers  
Servers: Molly Huddle, Mackenzie Keller  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Volunteers (4)  
Min. of Com.:

Ushers: Kevin Glanz, Volunteer

**Sunday, May 19, 2024** 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Rick Hoffman  
Servers: Cole and Reese Wagner  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Mike, Morgan,  
Min. of Com.: Miya and Noah Weber  
Ushers: Doug Monnin, Volunteer

**Sunday, May 19, 2024** 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Joel Miller  
Servers: Santino and Apollonia Schindley,  
Kalista Zapata  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Doug Burgei,  
Min. of Com.: Richard Fisher, Sandra Martinez,  
Lori Siclair  
Ushers: Chad Roth, Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers: Week of May 13, 2024**

**Nursing Home:** Fr. Jerry

**Homebound:** Mary Gunter

**Tellers: May 20, 2024** - Viv Dominique, Mary Hoover,  
Bill Lytle, Jan Westhoven

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

4:30 p.m. - Irma Tovar

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

8:00 a.m. - Dick Denny

10:30 a.m. - Tom Grabowski

1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

No Communion Service

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

8:45 a.m. - Kimberly Bofia

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

10:00 a.m. - Mass at Genacross Lutheran Home

6:00 p.m. - Michael Cochran

**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

8:45 a.m. - Mass

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

8:45 a.m. - Mass

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

4:30 p.m. - Marian Parsons

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

8:00 a.m. - For the Parish

10:30 a.m. - *Baccalaureate Mass*

Mary Margaret Schwab-Allen,

Robert and James Schwab



## Save the Date

June - July

Vacation Bible School June 30th - July 3rd  
(6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

September

Turtle Fest 20th - 21st

### FORMED Family Focus

Read: *The Catholic Family Handbook by Fr. Lorasik*

Watch: *Finding Fatima*

Listen: *Real Womanhood by Lisa Cotter*

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**2025 MASS INTENTIONS:** Our 2025 Mass intention book has just arrived. Mass intentions can be made for **deceased** loved one or ones in your family. The Mass intentions are said for your loved one/ones as well as for others. They are \$10.00 per Mass. The intention can be scheduled for every third week, not each or every other week to allow for as many parishioners as possible to schedule for the Mass that they are accustomed to attending. Please remember that we can schedule also for the daily Masses as well as the 2:00 Friday afternoon school Mass during the school year. You can drop your request in the collection with your suggested dates, your name & your phone number and the office will contact you with the availability of your requested dates. You can also call in or stop in the office to schedule your Masses.

~Thank you for your understanding.~

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**CATHOLIC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP** - The Kline Family Catholic Scholarship has funds available for the next school year. A graduate of any of the four high schools of Henry County is eligible for this \$1,000 award. Catholic college students enrolled in their second year or beyond are candidates. The student may contact the Henry County (Ohio) Community Foundation (application online), the high school guidance counselor, or call John/Mary Jane Kline directly for information (419) 592-5382.

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**FUNERAL LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS** - Jan Neiling will be taking over the calling of volunteers asking if you would be willing to make a dessert or salad for a funeral. Please note that her cell phone number is out of our area code and you may think that it is a robo call. How about adding her as a new contact in your cell phone directory? Her number is (803) 367-7041. ~ Thank you ~ Funeral Committee



# LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**Life Teen** - Join us every Sunday 6-8pm, starting with dinner. Grades 9-12. Text "STAUGIE210" to 84576 to keep up to date!

Upcoming Events:

- May 12th - Mother's Day, no Life Teen
- May 19th - Senior Night/Summer Send Off

### Defiance YES Project

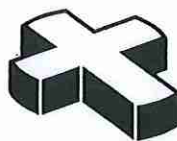
Y.E.S. - Youth Elect Service Project

Team Leaders NEEDED



Do you like to spend time helping those in need? We'd love for you to join our adult team leaders for the Y.E.S. weekend June 13-15th. Adult team leaders need to be current college freshmen, up to retirees! Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with the young church of today! For questions or registration, please contact Renee Kelch at 419-236-4006 or scan the QR code.

Registrations are due by May 20. Please answer His call today because the opportunities are endless and the reward is eternal!



# EDGE

**Edge** - Edge is our youth group for grades 6-8. Edge will be from 6:30-8pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Text "STAUGIE210" to 84576 to keep up to date!

5th graders are officially invited through the rest of the semester!

Upcoming Events:

- May 15th - End of the year party. Make sure to wear clothes you can get wet and messy and bring a water gun if you have one.

**MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS** - Carnations for Mother's Day will be available after the masses this weekend. There will be a free carnation for each mother while the supply lasts. If you would like to make a donation, we would appreciate it to help offset rising costs. Thank you for supporting this life affirming organization. If you would like more information on Henry County Right to Life, please check out [righttolifehenryco.org](http://righttolifehenryco.org).

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**HOMESCHOOL MASS** - Come together with Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2024 Homeschool Mass scheduled for Tues., June 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Rosary Cathedral. This special event is open to all 8th grade and graduating high school senior homeschooolers. If you wish to take part in this Mass, kindly reach out to us at [homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com](mailto:homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com).

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**DIOCESE OF TOLEDO UPCOMING ORDINATIONS** - On Sat., May 18, at 10:00 a.m., Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Travis Kahle, Eric Kaufman, and Kevin McGraw to the transitional diaconate. Please keep them in your prayers.

On Sat., June 22, at 10:00 a.m., Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Deacons Jacob Levecchi and Chris Turner to the priesthood. Please keep them in your prayers.

You are invited to join us for the joyous occasion in person at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Additionally, the ordinations will be live-streamed. Watch at [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org)

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**2024 CENTURY FARM AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE** - Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for Century Farm Awards. This award designation honors Catholic families who have maintained a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo, emphasizing well-preserved working farms. Applicants must submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information submitted must show family residence and ownership of a farm for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo. Applications should be submitted no later than Fri., Oct. 4, 2024. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate a Mass honoring Century Farm Award recipients at 9:00 a.m. on Wed., Oct. 16, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 66 Chapel St., Monroeville, OH 44847. For more information or to request the registration form, please contact Paula J. Kidney at (419) 214-4898 or email: [pkidney@toledodiocese.org](mailto:pkidney@toledodiocese.org).

**BACCALAUREATE LETTERS** were sent out last week. If you did not receive one, there are copies in the back of church.

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**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** - We want to thank all of our Parishioners who joined together in pledging their gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made your commitment, today would be a convenient opportunity to do so. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the back of church. Every gift is so significant. Thank you for your generosity. Our goal is \$29,882. We are currently at 63%.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS** - St. Vincent de Paul needs Spanish speaking volunteers to help with the Food Pantry. Please call 419-966-8174 if you can help.

**SAVE THE DATE** - If you have helped St. Vincent de Paul minister to the needy in our area, you are invited to our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thurs., May 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center. It is fast approaching!! Please RSVP to Nanci Westhoven at (419) 966.8174.

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When sending in your **LIVING CHRIST** payments, you can send them directly to: Pastoral Center, Diocese of Toledo, ATTN: Living Christ Campaign, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or directly to the Processing Company: Living Christ Campaign, Diocese of Toledo, P.O. Box 7293, Kensington, CT 06037.

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**FRIDAY ADORATION** will take place each First Friday of the month after 8:45 Mass until 5:30 p.m. We will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church and would appreciate folks filling the day so that our Lord is not exposed on the altar without anyone present. If you are not able to come for your hour of adoration, please call Jane Recker at 419-508-0711. The day will end with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

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**YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS** - people in their 20s - 30s you are invited to St. Joan of Arc Parish for the next Executive Speaker Series event with Dave Vacheresse from Annunciation Radio on Wed., May 15, at 7:00 p.m. The address is 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo. Register at [www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/events](http://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/events).

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**PROJECT RACHEL** - Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion? Contact Project Rachel for confidential help in starting your healing journey. God's mercy is abundant and waiting for you. Go to [kpakka@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kpakka@toledodiocese.org) - [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com) or call 419-260-5811.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., May 12** PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
May Crowning (at 10:30 Mass)  
No Life Teen
- Wed., May 15** K of C and Auxiliary 6:30 p.m.  
Edge Party 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Thur., May 16** St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Dinner  
6:30 p.m.
- Sat., May 18** Confessions 3:30 p.m.  
Rosary 3:55 p.m.  
St. Vincent de Paul Collection
- Sun., May 19** Life Teen Senior Party 6:00 p.m.  
St. Vincent de Paul Collection

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	5,560.00
On-Line	\$	2,402.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	195.00
School	\$	713.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	379,960.76

To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:  
[www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net) and select online giving from the side menu.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

- Bill Wiles (77) - 5/13/10
- Joseph A. Gerdeman (45) - 5/13/01
- Magdalene Baker (88) - 5/14/12
- Mary Greta Erman (84) - 5/15/03
- Ruth Jones (86) - 5/15/11
- Viola Tuttle (88) - 5/18/98

Remember those who have gone before us. Please pray for them.  
Due to space we are listing only the past 25 years. If you would like  
a parishioner listed who passed away longer than 25 years ago,  
please contact the office.

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**MOTHER'S DAY TO FATHER'S DAY - CPC**

Women's Health Resource here in Napoleon is collecting your loose change for their 2024 campaign. Their goal is to provide support and practical assistance for women during and after pregnancy. All services are free of charge. Baby bottles are in the back of church. Please return them to the parish office as soon as possible after Father's Day, June 16th.

**FROM THE SCHOOL**

This month's issue of "Partners in Faith" reminds us that in the month in which we honor our mothers, we give special honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who Jesus gave to us as our mother. This is a time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our Savior, Jesus. The month of May being dedicated to Mary has been a tradition since the 1300's. Devotion to Mary is an important part of our Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "YES" to the will of God. Many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments in their life as any child does with his mother. I pray our mothers feel Mary's presence and love this month, as they are celebrated and blessed!

**Become a Saint!**

St. Augustine educates children from Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade with small class sizes and dedicated, licensed teachers providing a wonderful faith-based academic experience. We offer affordable onsite Before-care beginning at 7:00am and After-care until 6:00pm. Our Full Day Preschool Program has openings in the 3-year-old class (Tuesday & Thursday) and our 4 or 5-year-old class (Monday's, Wednesday, & Friday or Monday through Friday). If your child was born before September 30, 2019, he/she is eligible to enroll in our Kindergarten program. We offer scholarships to every student and have multiple financial aid opportunities. If you have any questions or would like to set up a family tour, please call the St. Augustine School office @419-592-3641. Thank you for considering this important investment in your children's future!

Blessings to your family,  
Ginny Minnick, Principal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 5/13 - Jessica Green, Raquel Mendoza, Amanda Westhoven
- 5/14 - Shari Barry, Avery Hill, Ed Houck, Brian Hummer, Julie Katakis, Sandy Kretz
- 5/15 - Ruben Hoffman, David Mack, Gideon Pease, Miles Pease
- 5/16 - Norman Demmel, Brad Flowers
- 5/17 - Tara Hoyt, Sherri Short
- 5/18 - Denise Abel, Kennedy Cordes, Mary Ann DeWit, Victor Garcia
- 5/19 - Maria Fonseca, Cole Wagner

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## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM** To schedule instructions for the Sacrament of Baptism: contact the church office at 419-592-7656 before your child is born for directions to complete online classes.

**RECONCILIATION** Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

**ANointing OF THE SICK** The Parish Office should be notified whenever any parishioner is suffering from severe or prolonged illness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered by request.

**MARRIAGE** "As soon as a couple makes a decision to marry and at least six months before the anticipated wedding date they are to make contact with the priest/deacons in order to begin the various steps of the Marriage Preparation Program" (Diocese of Toledo Directive). Official dates for wedding celebrations at St. Augustine Parish must be approved by the Pastor or Parish Deacon.

**ADULT INITIATION/FULL COMMUNION - RCIA** Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the Catholic Church is invited to be a part of this formation process. Call the Parish Office for details.

**HOLY ORDERS/VOCATIONS** Contact the Parish Office.