



Fall Beginnings

Religious Education - St Augustine

We've made some changes to the St Augustine RE schedule.

The Confirmation class is now on Wednesday night from 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm.

There will be a monthly Youth Sunday, including a Youth Mass, the 4th Sunday of every month, a mandatory activity for all grade levels.

We've scheduled an additional Mission trip for those students who want to share their time and service to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

All RE information can be found on the St Augustine website at www.staugustineoh.org. 🍁

World Youth Day 2016



Our parish youth will be participating in the World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland in July 25, 2016 - August 1, 2016.

This is the first time in our parish history that we are sending a delegation for the World Youth Day (WYD).

Participants for this trip must be ages 16- 20 and must be at least 16 before the WYD 2016 trip.

Participants must be Parish and RE registered and in good standing with the RE program.

Participants should be prepared to be one hundred percent committed because of the arduous effort that is required to raise the monies to finance the trip.

All the details of the trip, including financial information, will be discussed in future parent meetings after we receive more information from the September Archdiocesan meeting. 🍁

Religious Education - St Mary

The Teen Faith Formation students, 7th to 11th grade, will be starting their classes soon.

The volunteer teachers for these classes are looking forward to a year filled with teaching about our Catholic faith, getting the teens involved in church and community service activities and creating a valuable team of faith-filled, caring, Catholic teens.

We will start the school year with a pizza and movie night in Harrington Hall (date to be announced).

Besides the Wednesday classes (held every other Wednesday night from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm), we will be scheduling service projects for the students so they can give of their time and talents,

Building a strong core of teens who will be able to

welcome new teens and help mentor the younger children in our Faith Formation classes.

We ask the adult members of St Mary to encourage our teens with kind words when you encounter them at Mass and the Social hour after Mass. Also we ask for your prayers for these young people and their teachers. 🍁

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Adult Education - RCIA & RCIC

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

JOURNEY OF FAITH: (7 years – Adult)
St. Augustine and St. Mary have an ongoing program of Adult Education for everyone!

This program is year round and everyone is welcome to drop in anytime. We meet in the St. Augustine education wing, in **rooms**

1 & 2 every Thursday at 6:30 pm. Our RCIA-C class for children and teens is held on Thursday afternoon at 3:00 pm beginning on September 12th.

If you or someone you know wants to receive First Communion or Confirmation, or just to take a refresher course, come in!
If you or someone you know are thinking

about coming in to the Church, and would like to find out more about the Faith, come in!

Call Peggy at 675-2303 x5 for a schedule and more information. 🍁



Adult Education - Fall Baptisms

Fall Baptisms will be on **Saturday morning on November 22nd**, for St Augustine, and on **Sunday, November 23rd**, for St Mary.

There are mandatory classes that parents need to take before the baptisms. All classes will be held at St Augustine.

Classes at **St Augustine on Wednesday, October 22nd, 7:00 - 9:00 pm** and on **Saturday, October 25th, 10 am - Noon** in the parish office conference room. 🍁



Adult Education - Advent Reflections

Advent begins on November 30th! In preparation for Christmas, St Augustine will be hosting Karlo Broussard from the Magis Center of Reason & Faith, to give two talks.

On **Wednesday, December 3rd, at 6:30 pm**, Karlo's first talk will be **"Science: A Believer's Friend or Foe?"** Considering whether one has to reject his or her belief in God and embrace science to be intellectually responsible?

On **Thursday, December 4th, at 7:00 pm**, Karlo will give a talk on the **"Historical Jesus: Emmanuel or Mere Prophet?"** He will address the modern myths that give rise to skepticism toward Jesus, such as the belief that he was just a great prophet, or not really risen from the dead.

Come, and be able to know and defend your faith to people you are in contact with - who genuinely do not understand what the

Church believes and teaches. Come so that you will be much more ready to rejoice in Jesus at Christmas and every day! 🍁

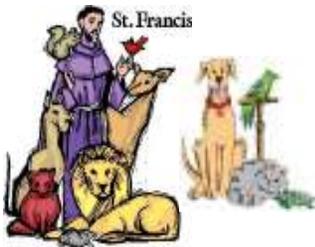


Pet Blessing - St Augustine & St Mary

Animal lovers are welcome to bring their beloved pets to the Pet Blessing held on October 4th at 10:30 am at St Augustine and 10:30 am at St Mary.

Each blessing takes place after Mass. At St Augustine the blessing will be in the church courtyard and at St Mary the blessing will be held in the sheltered breezeway between the church and the parish hall.

This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. The popular saint's feast day is on the same day as this event.



Animals of all kinds are welcome to the blessing when accompanied by their owners. Common sense is strongly advised, of course. Using cages, pet taxis, leashes - or just holding the pet to secure the animals *is highly encouraged*.

For more information, call St Augustine parish office at 675-2303 during business hours or St Mary parish office at 678-6536 during business hours. 

Financial Report - St Augustine

A Parish fiscal year runs July 1st-June 30th, every year. Though we will provide a more in-depth fiscal report prior to the November Stewardship campaign, we thought the start of our Fall calendar would be the perfect time to tell our parishioners the parish fiscal status.



At St Augustine, the weekly collections and holy day envelopes have increased enough to say that the parish is in a strong cash position with no debt.

Due to your response and increased support of our Archdiocese we are receiving rebates from the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal, after three years of decreases. The rebates will allow our Religious Education ministry to offer more activities for our youth, and

will grow the fund for the upcoming renovation of the parish hall and kitchen.

Looking ahead, we are in the process of improving the parish appearance by addressing the worn metal handrails and the Cross atop the Church and the crumbling asphalt behind the parish office. 

Financial Report - St Mary

The 2013-2014 Parish fiscal year ended on June 30th, on a very positive note.

At St Mary, the weekly collections ended slightly above the estimated budget, whereas the holy day envelopes completely surpassed all budget estimates. The parish is in a good cash position.

Your ongoing response and support of the Annual Catholic Appeal continues to

provide rebates to support Religious Education and the purchase of new roof for Harrington Hall.

We've been able to address many necessary Breezeway repairs, maintenance for the metal supports of the concrete steps, replace the wooden areas of the south-side Main street entrance and place "decorative metal leaves" on the handrails to prevent skateboarders using the handrails for fun.

Looking ahead, the stained windows of the Church are in dire need of help. We're looking for a tradesman with the expertise to maintain the beauty of these windows. 



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Change In The Air

The second crops of kale and peas have been planted in my garden, to flourish in the cooler days of late summer.

The grey squirrels and birds are far fewer at my feeders, so my dogs have less intruders to bark at.

Nature knows—change is in the air!

Change is in the air also at your Catholic Churches of St Augustine & St Mary, as autumn opens, programs rev up, and new schedules begin.

Youth have Religious Education classes starting, and registration for classes is now! **High School Youth** are preparing to go to **World Youth Day 2016** in Krakow, Poland with Archbishop Sartain—our first time ever! Planning and fundraising have begun, and it's not too late for youth to get on board! More details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

The *Spanish Mass / La Misa en Español* is growing on the **1st Saturday** of every month, 7 pm, at St Augustine. The bands have been great, and the new English/Spanish worship aid *Together for Worship / Unidos en la Oración*, always free and available, helps everyone follow and participate in the Mass. You'll find *Together for Worship / Unidos en la Oración* available every weekend at both churches, with all the prayers and readings for Mass.

The *Traditional Latin Mass* now is celebrated **every Friday** at 12 noon, and the **2nd & 4th Sundays** of the month, 11 am, at St Augustine.

Challenged on how best to make ethical decisions? Spend an evening on "Consequences vs Morality", coming soon.

Morning Confessions are now heard **Fridays**, 11:30 am–11:50 am. A great opportunity if you haven't been able to make Saturday afternoon Confessions.

Just a taste of what's new and beginning again, that you'll find inside this newsletter. Read, come, and experience! 

Father Paul Pluth

