

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am - 12 noon, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Parish E-mail: Information@StAugustineOH.org; Visit us on the web at www.StAugustineOH.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	St Augustine
<i>Filipino Music</i>	<i>2nd Saturday</i>	
Spanish 1st Saturday	7:00 pm	St Augustine
Sunday	8:00 am	St Augustine
	9:30 am	St Augustine
	11:15 am	St Mary
Latin 2nd & 4th Sunday	11:00 am	St Augustine
Mon, Thu, Fri & 1st Sat	9:00 am	St Augustine
Thursday	12:10 pm	St Mary

CONFESSION

Friday	8:30 am	St Augustine
Saturday	4:00 pm	St Augustine
3rd Sunday	12:15 pm	St Mary

PARISH MINISTERS

Pastor	Rev. Paul Pluth, JCL
Administration	Mary A. Waters
Religious Education	Mary Rose Anderson
Music Director	Kathleen Dodge-DeHaven
Receptionist	Peggy McCormick

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION

Please call the Parish Office



My mom grew up with 6 brothers and sisters. Looking at my mom, my aunts, and uncles, I always wondered: "How can there be so much diversity in one Norwegian-American family?" But each one of them was so different than the other. That's how families are – your family probably had the same variety.

The Catholic Church also is a family, and the Church has the diversity every other family has. The word "catholic" means "universal", and that we are: the Church is found in almost every culture on earth. Here at St Augustine and St Mary, we experience that same diversity every weekend. Between our two churches on any given weekend, we have people from 5 continents coming together to praise the Lord in worship. What a gift! Our diversity at St Augustine and St Mary shows we have been faithful to that final

command of Jesus, "Go and make disciples of all nations."
Matthew 28:19

All of us different worshippers bring our own culture, our own way of worshipping Jesus, into Mass with us. And that diversity of cultures in how we worship Jesus is part of the beauty of the Catholic Church, making the Church what St Pope John Paul called "a bride adorned with many jewels." Pope Francis has written a letter to the world called *The Joy of the Gospel*, and Pope Francis talks about the beauty of the many ways we worship Jesus. He says – "Cultural diversity is not a threat to Church unity. The Holy Spirit brings forth a rich variety of gifts, while at the same time creating a unity which is never uniformity but a harmony. We would not do justice to the logic of the incarnation if we thought of Christianity as monocultural and monotonous. It is an indisputable fact that no single culture can exhaust the mystery of our redemption in Christ." *The Joy of the Gospel* 116, 117
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(continued from front page) Over the past 3 years at St Augustine and St Mary we have been increasing the diversity of our worship, to reflect the variety of our family that worships together Sunday after Sunday. When I began as pastor we had 2 Filipino – English Masses and 1 Spanish – English Mass a year, and a Youth Mass every 3 months. Today, between our two churches, we have a Spanish Mass every month, a Youth Mass almost every month, an English Mass with some Spanish every month, and a Latin Mass twice a month. And starting this October, on the second Saturday of every month, the Mass will be in English with all hymns in Filipino, to include the worship heritage of the largest cultural group of our worshipping family. Thank you, Rene and Mimi Abadesco, and the Filipino Choir, for taking on this expanded ministry and bringing this cultural richness to our worship as a family.

When there are changes like this in our routine, not everyone feels comfortable or happy with what is happening. But our church family is just like any other family: none of us can always have things just the way we like them. Sometimes, things go my brother's way, or my sister's way. That's how families are. And no one can make us happy but ourselves; happiness is our personal choice. So, as brothers and sisters in Christ, let's choose

to do what Pope Francis is urging us to do as a family, and celebrate the variety of worship treasures the Holy Spirit is pouring out on our two churches. *The Joy of the Gospel* 117

Love in Jesus,

Father Paul Pluth

In the Third Millenium ... Christianity, while remaining completely true to itself, with unswerving fidelity to the proclamation of the Gospel and the tradition of the Church, will also reflect the different faces of the cultures and peoples in which it is received and takes root. In this Jubilee Year [2000], we have rejoiced in a special way in the beauty of the Church's varied face. This is perhaps only a beginning, a barely sketched image of the future which the Spirit of God is preparing for us.

St Pope John Paul II

“At the Beginning of the New Millenium”

2001

Announcements & Events

◆ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Do you hear our Lord calling YOU?

Volunteer positions where we need your assistance are as Assistant Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers (call Roger at 720-9696), Altar Servers, Rosary Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound/Careage, Ushers. If you hear our Lord calling you to one of these ministries and you would like to find out more please call the office and we will direct you to a coordinator. Thank you

◆ PREGNANCY CARE CLINIC—We have an ongoing collection of baby items for PCC. Your new items are greatly appreciated, please keep them coming! Formula, diapers, clothing etc. You may place them in the cradle located in the SE corner of Harrington Hall. Monetary donations are gratefully appreciated and accepted. THANK YOU!



◆ CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Mark December 3rd on your calendar NOW for St Mary 4th Annual Christmas Bazaar! Please start collecting new or like new gift items.



Glassware, jewelry, beautiful Christmas decorations, etc. Remember NO Garage Sale items, only gifts for giving at Christmas.

Do you knit or crochet? Need yarn for those hand made treasures? Come by the office to take a look at what was donated for this very purpose.

Please store items at your home until we are ready to receive them. If storing them at home is difficult please contact Janet at 360-969-1609 or email her at mjrojas@whidbey.net

“The Lutheran Community of Coupeville invites the parishioners of St Mary to join us to celebrate our 8th year of worshipping at St Mary! Sunday, October 16th, 6:30 pm Vespers, followed by a reception in Harrington Hall.”

The word of the Lord remains for ever. This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2016

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Parish Expense: \$3,055

September 25th: \$2,359

Please remember St Mary in your will



The Women of St. Mary next meeting will be in Harrington Hall on Thursday,

October 6th after the 12:10 pm Mass. Bring your lunch, a friend and ideas.



October is the month of the Rosary
Pray the Rosary daily

This Week at St. Mary

Sun 10/2	10:45 am Rosary 11:15 am Mass - RIP +Joan Blakely 12:15 pm Coffee & Donuts 6:30 pm Lutheran Service
Tues 10/4	Office closed
Wed 10/5	9:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm Bible Study
Thu 10/6	11:30 am Rosary 12:10 pm Mass - RIP +Joan Blakely 1:00 pm WOSM meeting 12:45 - 2:00 pm Adoration
Sun 10/9	10:45 am Rosary 11:15 am Mass 12:15 pm Coffee & Donuts 6:30 pm Lutheran Service

Please pray for all, especially for those who are ill, going to have or are recovering from surgery.

Scott Rosenkranz, Tom Meisch,
Diana Schmidt, Josh Poole,
Bryan Russell, Bennett Boyles,
Charlie Toth, Aimee Macdonald,
Michael Hay, Colleen Patmore,
Julie Helleksen

For our family members who are in college or in the military at home and deployed
PFC Zachary McCormick - Army NG
Capt. Thomas Allan Bender - USAF

Please call the office at 678-6536 to add a name.

Thank you so much for all the prayers.

Young Peoples RE Gr 7th-11th

Classes will begin THIS Wednesday, October 5th at 6:15 pm.

RE Grades Pre-K—6th

Classes will begin NEXT Sunday, October 9th at 9:30 am.

If you have not yet registered your child(ren) in the program please do so ASAP. Also remember that the fee is now \$50 per child. You may come to the Parish Office to register.

Scholarships are available, but recipients need to call the religious education coordinator, Mary Rose Anderson at [206-771-2764](tel:206-771-2764) as soon as possible. No child or family will be turned away due to financial restrictions.

October

is

Respect



Life

month

November/December Volunteer Schedule

It is time to start putting together the November - December schedule.

Please notify the receptionist in the office by phoning 678-6536 or emailing pmccormick@staugustineoh.org with any conflicting Sundays.

Thank you for your responses.



Fall Baptisms are scheduled for November 19th

Classes are this month in
St. Augustine parish office

on Wednesday, October 19th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
and on

Saturday, October 22nd, 10 am – noon

Call 675-2303 to register



St. Augustine Bible Study begins again!

FOLLOW ME: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Mondays at St Augustine

at 10:00 am or 6:00 pm

Study Workbooks are available in
the St Augustine office for \$18.00

**Are you or
someone you
know interested
in the
Catholic Faith?**



RCIA Journey of Faith for Adults

& RCIA-C For Children 7—18 yrs.

*A Journey of Deeper Faith and Relationship with
God*

- Invite your friends to be part of the RCIA Inquiry program that looks at our Catholic Faith. Come with them and update your understandings!

**Thursdays at 6:30 pm for adults in classrooms 1 & 2
3:00 pm, for middle school/high school students in
the St. Augustine parish office**

**Call 360-675-2303 x 5 to register and/or ask
questions**

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

This is a beautiful and yet very intense experience. Lots of spiritual healing, miracles, emotional bonding, as long as you are open to the work of the Holy Spirit inside your heart. Prepare to be surprised even if you are skeptical of what God can do for you in one weekend.

-Testimonial after Retreat

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat!

November 11-13, 2016

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of

Catholic Community Services

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

October 2016

St. Augustine and St. Mary Catholic Community

Rev. Paul Pluth, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Francis of Assisi

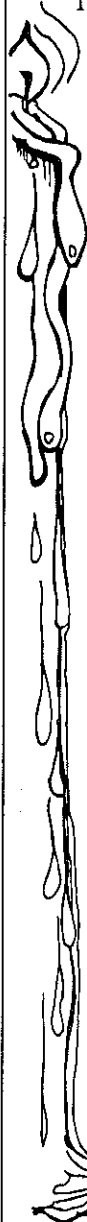
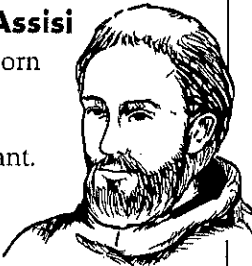
St. Francis was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1182 to a rich cloth merchant. He enjoyed good food, fine clothes, and a busy social life. All that changed when he fell seriously ill on his way to a battle. St. Francis took the Gospel message literally and devoted his life to living in poverty. Followers gathered around him, wanting to imitate his way of life, and in 1210, he received approval to found the Franciscan Order.

Ignore

Ever notice how good it feels to walk away from a fight? That's why Jesus said, "When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). Next time someone picks a fight, walk peacefully away.

"Receive Communion often, very often... there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing..."

St. Therese of Lisieux



Love the Rosary during the month of the Rosary

The Rosary is a powerful prayer to which popes, saints, and Catholics over the centuries have turned for miraculous help in seemingly impossible situations. As a devotion, the Rosary is deeply ingrained in our Catholic identity.

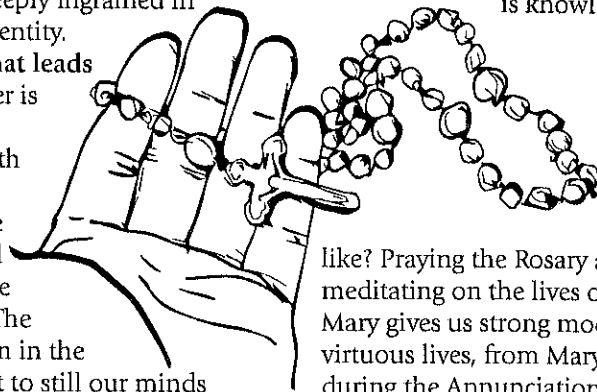
The prayer that leads to prayer. Prayer is key to a close relationship with God but it's difficult to raise heart and mind to him when we are distracted. The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to still our minds and direct our hearts to communion with God. This meditative prayer places our focus on God and takes it out of the world.

A connection to the Gospels. The mysteries of the Rosary describe the

events of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. By praying the Rosary, we visit these events as they are told in Scripture. To invert St. Jerome's famous quote, knowledge of Scripture is knowledge of Christ.

The prayer of virtue. We are called to be holy and virtuous, but what does that look

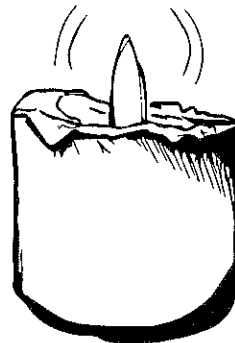
like? Praying the Rosary and meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary gives us strong models of virtuous lives, from Mary's obedience during the Annunciation and her fortitude during the crucifixion, to Jesus' entire life of virtue – justice, temperance, and courage, in particular. Regular Rosary meditation opens us to the graces needed to acquire those very virtues.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics light prayer candles?

Ancient Jews kept a light perpetually burning near the Ark of the Covenant to show reverence for the presence of God. In a similar way, the lit candle symbolizes for us Christ's presence, recalling that he said, "I am the light of the



world" (John 8:12).

Votive candles in church also symbolize prayer intentions others have offered to God. Lighting a candle is a way of expressing our desire to remain present to God after we have left the church.

Love your neighbor AND yourself

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39) commands us to treat other people with love. In truth, we can only love our neighbor to the extent that we love ourselves. Do you have trouble believing that you deserve love? Consider this:

God doesn't make mistakes. By nature he is perfect and can't make anything bad. God created each of us and *"looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good"*



(Genesis 1:31). That means you, too.

Look with God's eyes. Don't chase after other people's approval. Too much of how we see ourselves depends upon how others see us. God loves us as we are and considers us precious. *"See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name"* (Isaiah 49:16).

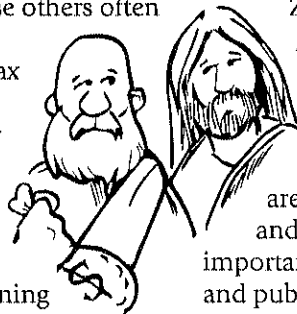
Love with God's heart. Spend time with Jesus by praying, reading Scripture, and attending Mass. When you let yourself be filled up with Jesus' love, you will find yourself so full that love will overflow to those around you - just like he commanded.

from Scripture

Luke 19:1-10, Jesus is the friend we want to be

Jesus didn't evaluate people the way others did. Instead of gravitating to the best of society, Jesus included in his inner circle of friends those others often excluded. Consider the example of Zacchaeus, a tax collector.

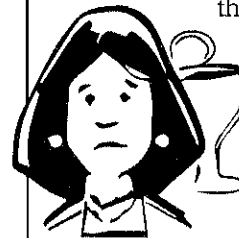
As the chief tax collector in Jericho, Zacchaeus was not a popular man. He probably took more in taxes than was required and became wealthy. Learning Jesus was passing through, Zacchaeus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus. Imagine the crowd's reaction when Jesus spotted Zacchaeus and invited himself to dinner at the tax collector's home. Jesus wasn't dissuaded



by the fact that Zacchaeus was unpopular and dishonest but saw him as a child of God. In return, Zacchaeus' eagerness for Jesus' friendship changed his life forever. He was inspired to make generous amends for his past sins. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be open, forgiving, and accepting of others. It is important to look beyond the gossip and public perception. Try to adopt Jesus' habit of being quick to forgive and welcoming in your relationships with others. Perhaps a friendship with you can change someone else's life, just as friendship with Jesus changed Zacchaeus for the good.

Q & A How can I get more out of going to Mass?

Start by getting into the right frame of mind. You can do this by reviewing the readings before Mass to really absorb their message.



Next, notice and greet the people near you. A nod and a smile is a start but a handshake and "hello" is the right spirit. That tells

others you're happy to be there and happy to see them, too.

Change your spot. If you normally sit in the back, move to the front. If you sit on the side, move to the center. Sometimes just a change of scene helps you take on a fresh perspective.

Sing every song. Pray every prayer. Mass is not a spectator sport.

Take with you a small pad. Then you can jot down prayer requests, intercessions, or thoughts from the homily to review later. Take the Mass home with you and live it all week long.

Receive Communion if your soul is in the proper disposition. (Go to Confession if you aren't sure.) That's the main point of attending Mass.

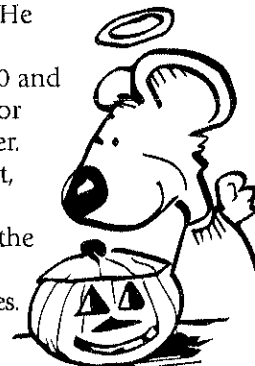
Feasts & Celebrations

Oct. 1 - St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1897). At the age of 15, Thérèse Martin became a Carmelite nun in Lisieux, France, and served others with "quiet acts of love." Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is an easy read for older children.

Oct. 10 - St. Francis Borgia (1572). St. Francis was a nobleman who served in the Spanish imperial court. After the death of his wife, he gave away all his possessions and joined the Jesuits. He proved to be a good administrator, and

as superior general of the Jesuits, he helped to spread their presence all over Spain and Portugal.

Oct. 20 - St. Paul of the Cross (1775). Born in Italy to a poor, pious family, Paul felt called to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ. He founded the Passionists in 1720 and was elected superior general of the order. He became a priest, lived a penitential life, and cared for the poor and sick. He also worked miracles.



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