

# ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Paul Pluth, JCL, Pastor

## Parish Office

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
Parish E-mail [Information@StAugustineOH.org](mailto:Information@StAugustineOH.org)

9:00 am - 12 noon, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Visit us on the web at [www.StAugustineOH.org](http://www.StAugustineOH.org)

### MASS

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	St Augustine
Spanish 1st Saturday	7:00 pm	St Augustine
Sunday	8:00 am	St Augustine
	9:30 am	St Augustine
	11:15 am	St Mary
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

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 July 2017

In the middle of the Gospel of Matthew - chapter 13 - Jesus tells 7 *parables*: stories used by Jewish rabbis (teachers) to instruct their followers. All 7 parables are about *the kingdom of heaven*. Coming right in the middle of Matthew's Gospel, it's clear that *the kingdom of heaven* is the *theme* of Matthew's story of Jesus.

What is *the kingdom of heaven*? First, it's another name for the kingdom of *God* - pious Jews did not pronounce the name of god. The "kingdom of God" is God's rule of justice, peace and abundance over the universe and all it contains. At this time, we see God's kingdom in glimpses, here and there. When Jesus Christ returns to transition the current creation into the restored and perfect creation, the kingdom of God will be completely revealed to us, because it will be all there is. This is what we're praying for every time we pray the *Lord's Prayer*: "thy kingdom come!"

Over the span of last Sunday, today, and next Sunday we hear all 7 of these parables of the kingdom of heaven at Mass. Last week - the different kinds of soil where the

kingdom tries to grow. This week - the weed and the wheat growing together, the mustard seed, and the yeast in a loaf of bread. Next Sunday - the treasure hidden in a field, the finest pearl in the world, and the net thrown by a commercial fisherman into the sea that catches both worthwhile and worthless fish. The point of last Sunday's parable was *to be in the kingdom requires discipleship (following Jesus) along with conversion*. The points of this Sunday's parables are - *who is in the kingdom will only be known at the very end (weeds and wheat); the kingdom is hidden now in the world in the lives of believers, but one day all will see it (the mustard seed); Jesus' kingdom is invading the world in a hidden way, until it permeates everything (the yeast in the bread)*. What do next week's parables mean?



## Announcements, Events & Information

### **Margaret "Marge" Eggerman Memorial Mass & Reception**

A Memorial Mass for Marge will be celebrated on Saturday, July 29th at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon reception of sandwiches, salads, veggies, fruit and dessert .



**YOUR ASSISTANCE IS GREATLY NEEDED!!!!!!!**

**PLEASE contact Diana at 720-7180 or [driftwood\\_cottage@msn.com](mailto:driftwood_cottage@msn.com) or contact Peggy at 678-6536 or [pmccormick@staugustineoh.org](mailto:pmccormick@staugustineoh.org) and let us know how you may be able to assist us.**

**On Friday, July 28th beginning at 10:00 am we will be setting up Harrington Hall for the reception, please lend us a hand in moving and setting up tables**

Thank you for your continued support to the St. Mary Funeral Reception Committee.

### **Engaged to get married? Congratulations!**

Call Peggy Smith at 675-2303 to begin preparations which take six months.



### **Civilly Married & Want to be in a Church Marriage?**

Call Peggy Smith or Fr Paul at 675-2303 to find out how we can help you make that possible!



**Next Baptisms at St. Augustine on  
August 26  
(inquire about St. Mary)  
Mandatory classes will be held on  
Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
&  
Saturday, July 29, 10 am - 12 noon  
Both are held in the St Augustine  
Parish Office.  
Call 675-2303x5 to register.**

### ***Rachel's Corner***

***Hope and Healing After Abortion***

*"I had not looked at a crucifix in 15 years. I knew I was condemned and I was ashamed to look into His eyes. I am still in awe of that moment my eyes met His merciful and loving gaze. I can make it now because I know I am loved."*  
-Retreat Testimonial

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and see what it feels like to lay down a very heavy burden.

August 4-6

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

***You are loved with an everlasting Love!***

*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*



## Parish Stewardship

Weekly Parish Expense \$3,055  
July 16th \$3,427

Please remember St Mary in your will.  
(Please write your ID/envelope number on your checks.)

## Prayers

Please pray for all of our families & friends.

Manny Rojas, Irene Ramirez Hernandez ,  
Lyla Cornish, Cheryl Parrott,  
Maddie Rose Haaga, Michael Gerrity,  
Sam Santamaria, Song and his family,  
Abbey Lee, John Diedrich, Carole Hart,  
Colleen Patmore, Dee Gore,  
Larry Anderson, Patsy Hurt, Hugo Gutama

Those who are in college or in the military at home and  
deployed: Capt. Thomas Allan Bender - USAF  
PFC Zachary McCormick - Army NG

Please call the office at 678-6536 to add or  
delete someone's name.

*Permission is required from the individual prior  
to adding their name to the prayer list.*

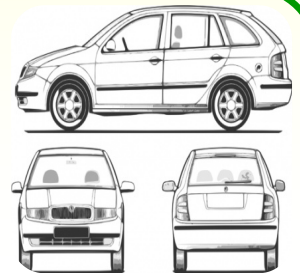
Attention ALL Sunday volunteers: The  
September - October volunteer schedule is  
in the making. Please contact Peggy at  
pmccormick@staugustineoh.org or by  
calling the office at 360-678-6536 and let us  
know what Sunday's you will not be  
available for your volunteer position during  
September - October. Thank you

Please visit the St Mary Parish  
website at [staugustineoh.org](http://staugustineoh.org)

## This Week at St. Mary

<b>Sun</b> <b>7/23</b>	10:45 am Rosary 11:15 am Mass - RIP +Carl Rizzo 12:15 pm Coffee & Donuts 6:30 pm Lutheran Service
<b>Tue</b> <b>7/25</b>	Office is closed
<b>Thu</b> <b>7/27</b>	11:30 am Rosary 12:10 pm Mass - RIP +Sally Foley Adoration will resume in September
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**Your  
attention  
please**



**On Sunday, to**  
avoid having your  
car locked up in the parking lot across  
the street from the church, please  
remove it from the lot before 1:00 pm.

*Thank you!*

**Parish Pilgrimage to**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, Mexico,  
April 11 - 16, 2018!



**Connect with Father Paul**



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