MINSTER CLUSTER

ST. AUGUSTINE & ST. JOSEPH
Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

December 13, 2015

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:  8:45 am
Holyday:  7:00 pm
Communion Service
Wednesday:  8:00 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.

Contact Us

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Cemetery

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Matt Sommer  419-305-7238

Bulletin

Please have announcements to the Cluster Office by 2:00 pm Monday. Announcements can be emailed to bulletin@staugie.com

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St Augustine/St Joseph Cluster. Minster, OH
St Augustine/St Joseph Youth Ministry. Minster, OH
Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday or Sunday at 1:00 pm outside of Mass. Baptismal preparation class for parents is offered the fourth Tuesday during the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November. You must register no later than the Monday before class. The class is held in the Parish Center at 7:30 pm and attendance is required before a child can be baptized. Baptisms are not performed during Lent.

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

Sacrament of Marriage
Congratulations on your engagement! A premarital preparation program is required by the Archdiocese. It is important to contact the rectory office at least six months in advance of a wedding date. A tentative date can be set after the first appointment, but will become final only after marriage preparation is completed.

Minister to the Sick
Jim Saluke
salukeb@roadrunner.com

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cinronv@nktelco.net
Deb Knapke
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Shirley Olding
oldingm@nktelco.net

Radio Maria—88.7 FM
www.radiomaria.us
Programs: Fr Rick Mondays 9:30 am
Rich Stein & Susan Bernhold second Monday 9:30 am

Readings of the Week : Dec 14-20
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a: Mt 21:23-27
Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18,21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:18-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a: Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

ST AUGUSTINE MINISTRIES

Servers:
Wed 12/16 8:00 am Dana Prenger, Justin Nixon
Sat 12/19 5:00 pm Carter Pohl, Mason Pohl, Ella Boate
Sun 12/20 8:00 am Jenna Collins, Veronika Gottschalk, Courtney Ernst
10:00 am Alex Eiting, Zach Eiting, Emily Stubbs
11:30 am Ava Sharp, Dylan Sharp, Logan Sharp

Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 12/19 5:00 pm Kathy Brackman, Nathan Schwieterman, Tricia Pohl, Morgan Pohl, Janet Beckman. Erin Cavanaugh, Josh Riehman

Sun 12/20 8:00 am Lisa Albers, Robert Albers, Jordan Berelsman, Jessica Berelsman, Kathleen Prenger, Kathy Osterfeld, Carly Wagner
10:00 am Chricket Wuebker, Mya Dirksen, Lacet Dirksen, Allison Heitkamp; Lauren Hagelberger; * Juliana Bice, Steve Eiting
11:30 am Lisa Borges, Cassie Francis, Maya Watercutter, Kaci Bornhorst, Austin Dwenger, Maddison Stewart

Lector:
Sat 12/19 5:00 pm Morgan Pohl
Sun 12/20 8:00 am Jared Pottkotter
10:00 am Brenda Eiting
11:30 am Nancy Harting

Greeters:
Sat 12/19 5:00pm Robert and Susan Bernhold, Mary Albers, Logan Tebbe, Ann Larger
Sun 12/20 8:00am Carly Wagner, Amy Hilgertof, Joyce Hoying, Lisa Wuebker, Barbara Wuebker
10:00am Ellen Zircher, Ben Stubbs, Deborah Meyer, Pamela Kinsella, mary Albers
11:30am Rita Wente, Rhonda Arnold, Anthony and Myra Boehnlein, Bonita Buschur

ST AUGUSTINE MINISTRIES

Babysitter:
Sun 12/20 10:00 am Stephanie Beckman & Tessa McDermitt
Grace, John & Mary Schmiesing
ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
Third Sunday of Advent ~ Dec 13, 2015

**Daily Masses and Intentions**

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| THURSDAY—Dec 17 | |
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| John & Marsha Oldiges |

**ST AUGUSTINE NEWS**

**Collection** - The Sunday, December 6th offerings were $8272. There was $7386 in 251 envelopes, $850 loose and $36 in children’s envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!

**Finance Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 in the Rectory Conference Room.

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes** – Meeting minutes form the November 17th Parish Council Meeting are available at all entrances of church. Please pick up a copy at your convenience. Next parish Council Meeting is Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Thank you.

**Friday Faith Series** - Fridays in the Hanover Street vestibule after the 8:00 am Mass for conversation on various Catholic topics. Refreshments and fellowship provided. For additional info, call Sr. Marla Gipson at 419-628-2614. There will be no Faith Series on Friday, Dec 25th or Jan 1st.

**Tuesday Social** - Tuesday, December 29th after the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Center. We will finish St. Rita of Casia, the compelling story of a loyal woman who endure immense paid yet finds peace and hew hope through her deep union with Christ. Join us for baked goods, coffee and fellowship!

**Parish Assessment & Cemetery Dues** - Reminder that all contributions must be received before December 31 to receive tax credit. Please note non-parishioners or parishioners who are not current on dues are assessed additional fees for burial services. Thank you for your cooperation on supporting the parish.

**Reconciliation Services**

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**Thursday, Dec 17**

| 7:30 pm |
| St. Michael, Ft. Loramie |

**Poinsettia Donations**

If you would like to make a donation in memory of your loved one please place $15 in a marked envelope with your intention into the collection or bring to the rectory office by December 18th. Poinsettias will be displayed at the altar as part of the Christmas decorating.
**ST JOSEPH MINISTRIES**

**Reader**
- Sun 12/20 8:45 am  Bill Bornhorst

**Gift Bearers**
- Sun 12/20 8:45 am  Rolly Schmiesing

**Ministers of Communion**
- Sun 12/20 8:45 am  Ted Brandewie
  
- Joe and Betsy Dauhlinghaus

**ST JOSEPH COLLECTION**
- Sunday 11/22 $560.00  Thanksgiving $377.00
  
- Catholic Campaign for Human Membership 11/22 $120.00
  
- Sunday 11/29 $637.00  Hall Rent $180.00

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**Church Cleaning For November:**  Karen Kauffman*, Phyllis Kremer, Jane Steinemann and Kelly Mueller

**Poinsettia’s For Christmas:**  If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a living or deceased loved one to help decorate St. Joseph Church for Christmas, please place $10 for each flower in an envelope marked Poinsettia or give it to Ernie Bergman.  Deadline to order is Sunday, December 20.

**Egypt Men’s Sodality & Cemetery Dues:**  There is a box inside the church on the back table for dues.  Men’s Sodality dues are $2 and Cemetery dues are $23.  Please Make Checks Payable To:  St. Joseph’s Men’s Sodality.  Thanks!

**Egypt Parish Membership:**  If you have not paid your membership for 2016, please do so by the end of the year 2015.  Remember to please return the attached slip to the letter with check made to St. Joseph Church.  If you need a new copy please contact Dan or Sue Wehrman at 419-628-4081.

**Egypt Penance Services:**  Wednesday, December 16 beginning at 7:30 pm.  Please mark your calendars.

**Communion Services:**  Are now cancelled until the week after Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17.  Thank you to those who come to pray and give service to the church.

**Traveling this holiday?:**  Visit MassTimes.org for find a Mass time in your area.
CLUSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Time to Heal ... Please pray for our parish members who are sick, especially Austin Knakpe.

A Time to Die ... Please pray for Thomas Travis and Len Wuebker who passed away recently.

Eucharistic Adoration: No Adoration Dec 14th due to reconciliation services.

Thank you - The Mission Commission would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We donated the grocery items to Agape Food Pantry of Auglaize County. God bless you for your generosity.

Grief Share - New Grief Share sessions are available at Precious Blood Rectory, Chickasaw beginning January 5th at 7 pm or at the St. Henry CCD Center, St. Henry beginning January 4th at 3:30 pm.

Minster Civic Association Dinner and Dance: The Roaring Twenties are back! Please join us for a fun night of dining and dancing on January 30, 2016. For tickets, please contact 419-628-2995

Mission Commission Baskets - Wednesday, December 16th at 1:00 pm in the Rectory Basement. Members will be assembling Christmas bags with fruit & snacks for the over 90 and home bound. Two dozen cookies from members is appreciated.

Right To Life Signature Ad Campaign - Mercer County Chapter will purchase a full-page ad in the Daily Standard. Several hundred others names will be included in the Pro-Life Ad. If you wish to participate, please send $5.00 along with the name/names as you wish it to appear to Pat Pottkotter, 5158 State Route 119, Saint Henry, OH 45883 by January 10, 2016. Make checks out to Mercer County Right to Life. This ad will appear in the newspaper dated January 20, 2016.

Wet Your Whistle Night - Friday, January 29th from 7-10 pm at St. Anthony School Hall sponsored by the St. Anthony Ladies Sodality. A variety of wines and beers will be available for tasting from the Celina Wine Store. Tickets are $15 and light snacks will be provided. Contact Cindy Homan 942-1146 or Krista Evans 375-4814 for tickets.

Maria Stein Shrine and Holy Relics: Tim Nealeigh will speak about the various nativity sets in an exhibit. “Why is there an Elephant in your Nativity Set?” On Monday, Dec. 28, at 1pm, 3pm, and 6:30pm. For more information contact: Anne McGuire at 419-925-4532

NFP Self-Paced Online Course: Are you and your spouse or fiancé interested in learning about Natural Family Planning but can’t find the time to take a traditional course together or feel uncomfortable learning about this topic as a group? A new self-paced online class is now available and may be just right for you. Natural Family Planning offers many benefits to a marriage. For more information please call 937-526-3305, email envoisard@gmail.com.

Christmas Angel Tree Program

Sponsored by the Mission Commission

All gifts were due on December 6th.

Thank you so very much for your generosity and continued support!!

Christmas Eve Family Liturgy

December 24 at 4:00 pm.
Parish Center News

Wednesday School Liturgy
Dec 16  5B Jackie Huwer

4pm Christmas Eve Family Liturgy - Parents, Please tell your PSR children 2-8th grade if you plan to attend 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, so that they can sign up in their Religion classes to participate in the Liturgy. Liturgy practice will be after school on Dec. 18. Church bus transportation will bring the children to Church and parent pick up is 4pm. Thank you! Kindergarten and 1st grade students will be invited to be Angels…no practice necessary. Details coming.

CYO Basketball Practice - Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the High School Gym.

High School PSR -
• No Class - December 20th & 27th Merry Christmas!
• Vocation Presentation - January 3rd at 10:00 am at the K of C Hall

Confirmation Students -
• Service Hours & Forms - should be completed by December 31st. Once completed turn in the Christian Witness (blue form) and Christian Service Project Reflection (orange form)
• Confirmation Practice - Wednesday, January 20th at 7pm in Church

January 22, 2016
Charter busses have been reserved for interested HS youth and adults. We will depart in the evening of Jan. 21 and return early morning of Jan. 23. The cost this year is $100. Forms needed for participants can be found on St. Augustine’s website and are also available at the Parish Center. If you can not attend the “March”, consider sponsoring a student. Please contact Polly Barga for more information 419-628-8787
Third Sunday of Advent ~ Dec 14-20

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18a,19
- In this lovely passage from the seventh century prophet, Zephaniah, God is so full of joy that he breaks into song.
- “He will rejoice over you with gladness.”

Reading II: Philippians 4: 4-7
- REJOICE always in the Lord who is near.
- Paul begins by repeatedly urging his Philippian audience and us to “rejoice in the Lord always!:

Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18
- “Although today’s reading takes place years after Jesus’ birth, it still has that air of expectancy associated with Advent.”
- What Advent teaches us to anticipate is Jesus, the Christ, the anointed one.

Third Week of Advent Prayer
O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive, Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here
REJOICE! REJOICE! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.