



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: January 24, 2016

Welcome to St. Augustine!!!

Parish Website: www.staugustinereed.org



We want to welcome our visitors and new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Jegin. If you have not registered, we ask that you fill out a form from the back of church and mail or place it in the collection basket.

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Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. scain42966@att.net

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 1/24 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell
Sunday 1/31 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell

Ministries for 1/31

Servers: Sam McFarland, Davis Mitchell
Lectors: Barbara Smith
Eucharistic Min: Connie Williams, Larry Schwartz
Gifts: Dee Anna Booker Family
Ushers: Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Church Cleaner:

Sharon Brown 1/17 – 1/30
Sheila Byrne 1/31 – 2/13

Please Pray for the following:

Father Jegin
Paula Mayfield
Donnie Brown
Bucky Lacer

WEEKLY BUDGET:

\$1,221.15
Regular Collection: \$1,028.00
Opportunities for Life: \$20.00

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Brenda Ralph 1/28
Vickie Lacer 1/30

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is administered upon request. Parents and Godparents must attend an evening class on Baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact the pastor and set up an appointment for this class at least a month in advance. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic for their child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated upon request, and at least four times a year at all the weekend Masses. Please notify the pastor or call the parish office if you know of anyone who might need this sacrament, but may not be able to notify the pastor personally. Please inform the pastor if you or any one in your family is in the hospital. If you notify us before surgery, we can celebrate this sacrament before you are admitted to the hospital. If your doctor is willing, we can also have a blessing for him/her at the time of your anointing.

Sacraments to the Home Bound: Please inform the pastor if you know of anyone who is homebound so that we can insure that they are afforded ample opportunities to receive the Sacraments. We would rather be notified by several people than to not be notified at all, so please don't presume that someone else has already notified us.

Sacrament of Marriage: A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. According to the guidelines of our diocese, you should not make absolute plans for a specific wedding date until after meeting with the priest. The couple will be required to attend a marriage preparation course which will include at least one formal program such as an Engaged Encounter Weekend or the Sponsor Couple Program.

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Announcements

Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Choir practice: Sunday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m. We are a small choir, and we try to be mighty for the honor and glory of God, but we also welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Join the Feisty Fifties of Immaculate Parish, March 13-19, the week before Holy Week, as we motor to Orlando, Florida. We will spend the day at the Holy Land Experience, see Downtown Disney, the works of Tiffany, the Bok Tower Gardens with bell carillon concerts, see the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, visit the Dundee Citrus Candy Factory and enjoy the Florida sunshine. Included are 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners. All this for \$540.00 per person, 2 in a room, with \$75.00 down payment. See www.GroupTrips.com/FeistyFifties or call Mickey 270-685-3015 for a flyer.

Year of Divine Mercy: Pope Francis announced a Year of Divine Mercy beginning on December 8, 2015, and ending on November 20, 2016. Bishop Medley opened the Door of Mercy at St. Stephen Cathedral, and the door will remain open until November 13, 2016. All are invited and encouraged to make a pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy during the Jubilee Year.

Project UK T-shirt Quilt for the St. Augustine Reverse Raffle dinner. We are in need of UK t-shirts for this project, so if you would like to donate a UK t-shirt for this project, please place it in the box at the back of church.

Church Cleaners: Cleaning the Church is an act of your love and gratitude to God for our Church. If for some reason you are unable to clean when it is your turn, please contact **Herschel Smith (270) 302-0601** and for a fee of \$30.00 he will clean for your two weeks. If you are physically unable to clean, please contact Herschel so other arrangements can be made.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The 'Word of God' is the most productive seed among all seeds in the world because there is no chaff in it. The Gospel of today ends with the same truth proclaimed by Jesus Himself, "Today, this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing". Yes, the portion of the scripture that Jesus read at the synagogue is being fulfilled today through Jesus. The book of Prophet Isaiah is one of the Old Testament books, and we see the completion of it in the New Testament. The Old Testament reaches its completion only in the New Testament and all what is said in the Old Testament is completed in Jesus. For this same reason Jesus says, "I came not to abolish the laws and the prophets, but to fulfill them. Yes, the fulfillment of the book of Prophet Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus and that is what we see in the ministry of Jesus. He brought Good News too many people. He brought liberty to captives of different kinds, sick people, sinful people, and evil processed people. Even from death through His resurrection. He also gave sight to the blind. Thus, we see the scripture fulfillment in Jesus. Yes, Jesus brought salvation to all of us and we are all sharing the joy of that salvation by virtue of the sacrament of Baptism and pledge to share the same joy of salvation with everyone we meet. But looking deep into our hearts how many of us can say that we are enjoying and share the Joy of salvation brought by Jesus with others?

Dear friends, if we were faithful in our pledge, we should not have created a world at present. Yes, we lack the presence of the person who has fulfilled or to say still we are in bondage. So today, our task is to open our hearts to receive Him through His Word and get liberated ourselves. In the Gospel, we see after reading the passage the reaction of the people is not impressive, because Jesus is declaring a revolution here. As we know in Jesus' time, every sickness and problems of the people were always linked with sins and so they were all considered low grade people in the community. Old Testament law and prophets never tried to understand the feelings of suffering people. But today, Jesus is bringing an end to that by saying, "Today, this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing". Dear friends, it is the duty of the church and duty of every one of us, what can we do for it?

Pope Francis reminds all of us about the same mission by saying that, "The Church should function as a multispecialty hospital, where everyone can come and receive needed treatment". Thus, the church should take care of the integral well-being of her children. If the Church is a Hospital, let us not forget our role, each one of us are doctors and nurses in this Hospital of church. So during this Holy Eucharist, let us ask the Grace of God to enlighten us so that we will be faithful workers in His Kingdom towards the fulfillment of the Mission. God Bless!