



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time: January 31, 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.
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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 1/31 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell
Sunday 2/7 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne
Wednesday 2/10 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne

Ministries for 2/7

Servers: Ellie & Sam Mitchell
Lectors: Shelley Payne
Eucharistic Min: Anna Dee DeMar, Dee Anna Booker
Gifts: Ben Blair Family
Ushers: Jimmy David, Kathy Wolfe

Church Cleaner:

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: \$1,057.00

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

James Eblen 2/4
Zachary Peerman 2/4

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Announcements

Annual Senior Citizen Valentine's Day Luncheon – Hosted by the Newman's Ladies Club – Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Augustine Church Hall.

Special THANK YOU to the MURPHY BROTHERS for clearing the church parking lot last week. It is great having good neighbors. Greatly appreciated by Fr. Fid Levri and St. Augustine Parishioners

Choir practice: Sunday, January 31, 2016, 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.

Senior Citizen Luncheon: The next Senior Citizen luncheon will be Wednesday, February 3, 2016, in the parish hall. Anyone 55 or older is invited to attend.

Big Country Breakfast: The Stanley Masonic Lodge is hosting its quarterly breakfast on Saturday, February 6, 2016, from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

Knights of Columbus – Sausage Sale: The Knights of Columbus at Sorgho will be making sausage Friday, February 5, 2016, pick up is at noon at the KC Hall. Sausage must be preordered. Contact Gilbert Connor 270-764-1039 to place your order.

Ash Wednesday is February 10, 2016. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Parish and at 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter's. There will be prayers services on Wednesday's at 6:00 p.m. during Lent at St. Peter's and on Thursday's at 6:00 p.m. at St. Augustine beginning on Thursday, February 11, 2016. Please pick up a Program at the back of church for a schedule of Lenten Services.

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 on December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016. The Door of Mercy was opened at St. Stephen's Cathedral and will remain open until November 13, 2016. All are invited and encouraged to make a pilgrimage 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.

Parish Council Meeting – **Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.**

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Though science and technology have developed so much in this present world, still some things in this world remain mysterious; the mystery of God, the mystery of man, the mystery of evil, the mystery of death etc. The mysterious nature of all these things give us the message that all things are not in our control. At this point of time, as a believer, we call it by saying this is the way of the Lord. This is the same the Lord says in Isaiah 55:8 "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways*". Yes, God can change the life of any one of us at any time which is unreasonable and unbelievable to human eyes, that is the mystery of God. To accept this mystery of God, we need a true faith in Him.

When we go through the Bible, we can see there were many instances where God is changing the life of so many people in an unexpected way. Moses was a man with a speech problem, but God made him to lead the people of Israel. David was a shepherd and God made him a King. Jeremiah confessed himself as a small boy, but God made him one of the greatest prophets. Many other prophets and kings in the Old Testament were ordinary people, and God changed their lives for the Kingdom of God. When we come to the New Testament, we can see Mary our Mother was an ordinary woman, but when she said "yes" to the Lord, that made her blessed among women in the world. Look at the disciples, they were just ordinary fishermen, but when they said "yes", there happens a drastic change in their lives for the Kingdom of God. Yes, the call of God is a call to live differently which is different from human understanding. The same type of unexpected transformations we can see in Jesus' life and it is well expressed through the reaction of the people.

Last weekend, Jesus caught the attention of many people in the synagogue by reading and interpreting the word of God. Though they appreciated Jesus for His preaching, they were not willing to receive those words into their hearts because of their prejudice so they begin to raise so many questions about Jesus. Dear friends, "True Faith never questions, but accepts everything". The Gospel very clearly mentions that Jesus could not do many miracles in His own hometown because of their lack of faith.

Dear friends, as human beings we often approach God with lots of prejudice in our lives, but through the Gospel of today, Jesus invites all of us to remove all kinds of prejudice from our lives and in our relationship with Him so that we may receive more and more graces and blessings in our lives. The book of James 4:10 reminds us that "*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor*". Thus during this Holy Eucharist, let us humbly surrender ourselves to the Mercy of God so that as God lifted up prophets and Kings for Israel; ordinary fishermen into disciples of Him, we also will be lifted up for the greater glory of God. Blessings!

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**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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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.

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