



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time: October 18, 2015

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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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 10/18 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne
Sunday 10/25 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell

Ministries for 10/25

Servers: John Boeglin, Gabe McFarland
Lectors: Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic Min: Dee Anna Booker, Larry Schwartz
Gifts: Jeff Raley Family
Ushers: Bucky & Vicki Lacer

Church Cleaner:

Kathy Wolfe 10/11 – 10/24

Announcements

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Fr. Jegin would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards, greetings, and well wishes. They made his birthday very special.

Shopping/Bus Trip to the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass in Simpsonville, Kentucky, on **November 14, 2015**, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$45.00 per person. Bus will leave St. Peter's parking lot with only 56 people so call early to reserve your spot. Contact Sally Moss (270) 993-7944 or Angie Morris (270) 316-6761.

This Week's Birthdays:

Madilynn Mitchell 10/24

This Week's Anniversaries:

Weekly Budget: \$1,221.15
Regular Collection: \$2,292.00

Please pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
Paula Mayfield
Donnie Brown
Jamie & Andie McGehee



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Prior to the historic visit of Pope Francis to our country, there were many heated discussions and debates regarding the issues of faith, morality and social on many television channels. One of the television channels, namely NBC, Bishop Robert Barron, the auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, was faced with a difficult question from Mr. Chris Mathew. He asked Bishop, "The Catholic church is a men authoritarian church, why are women not given equal authority in the church? Why cannot women be priests and Bishops?" The Bishop, without any hesitation, told Chris Mathew that when you equalize or compare the authority of the Church with the authority of the world, you are tempted to ask questions like this, and it is the greatest mistake many people do today. Bishop continued, today we all consider Pope Francis as the head of the church, but he introduces himself as the servant of servants, and so he asks for our humble prayers always and admits that he is also a sinner. So priesthood is not the highest authority in the church, but it is the sainthood which is the greatest authority in the church. Bishop continued to remind Chris Mathew that there are so many women saints like Catherine of Sienna, St. Theresa of Child Jesus, Mother Theresa etc., whose lives became great inspiration for many of our popes. So ministerial positions like priesthood or seat of Bishop or Cardinal or Pope are not the greatest priority or authority in the church, but it is the holiness which is the highest priority and authority in the Church.

When we come to the Gospel of today, Jesus invites us to look for the authority of holiness than worldly concept of authority. Yes, the road to holiness is not an easy task. The roads our saints have travelled are the most difficult ones of suffering and persecution. In the Gospel of today, in response to the request of sons of Zebedee to sit at the right and left at His glory, Jesus invites them to walk through the roads of suffering and persecution to be the greatest in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus makes three important comments to be the greatest:

- Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized? The cup and the Baptism that Jesus is talking about represents the cruel suffering and death Jesus is waiting to receive. Yes, a great sacrifice of oneself is demanded from a disciple to be the greatest in the Kingdom of God.
- To sit at my right or left is not mine to give but it is for those whom it is has been prepared. Jesus makes it clear that it is the sole authority of the Father in Heaven to fix the seat in heaven. By this, Jesus also indicates His Obedience to the Father.
- Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. Yes, this is what Bishop Robert Barron made it clear at the debate.

Thus, the Gospel very explicitly says to us that we should never underestimate the authority of the Kingdom of God with the authority of the world. As Christians, we are all called to be the greatest in the Kingdom of God. So let us be obedient to the will of God and thus strive hard to attain Holiness in our lives through our selfless service and facing sufferings for the greater glory of God. God Bless you all.

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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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