



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time: **October 25, 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 10/25 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell
Sunday 11/1 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne

Ministries for 11/1

Servers: Davis Mitchell, Ellie Mitchell
Lectors: Rob Mitchell
Eucharistic Min: Angela Peerman, Connie Williams
Gifts: Larry Schwartz Family
Ushers: Sonny & Linda Evans

Church Cleaner:

Stanette Blair 10/25 - 11/7

Announcements

REVERSE RAFFLE REVIEW MEETING – Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend to provide compliments, complaint, suggestions, opinions, etc. for next year's dinner.

Mass for All Souls Day, November 2, 2015: 5:00 p.m. at St. Augustine and 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter. If the weather is good, St. Augustine will meet in the cemetery at 4:30 p.m. for Blessing of the Graves

Time Change: Daylight Saving Time Ends Saturday, October 31, 2015. DO NOT forget to change your clocks.

Sunday, November 15, 2015, special collection for the Heralds of Good News.

Choir Practice on Sunday, November 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

St Peter Mass Time Change: Beginning Saturday, November 7, 2015, Saturday night Mass at St. Peter will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Next Liturgy Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

November is the month we pray especially for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Again this year, we will have a Remembrance Table for your loved ones on the Sacred Heart Alter. Bring pictures of your family and loved ones to be placed on the alter.

This Week's Birthdays:

Andy Johnson 10/27

This Week's Anniversaries:

Weekly Budget: \$1,221.15
Regular Collection: \$1,847.00
Maintenance \$5.00
World Mission Sunday \$40.00

Please pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
Paula Mayfield
Donnie Brown
Jamie & Andie McGehee

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

If I ask you about the Gospel of today, I am sure most of you will surely respond by saying the Gospel is about the healing story of Bartimaeus. If you reflect deeply, you will find this answer is very impersonal. As children of God, we are called to make the Gospel more personal, and it is only then through the word of God can Jesus dwell within us. So more than a healing story of Bartimaeus' blindness, I would like to remind you that it is the vocation story of Bartimaeus and each one of us.

If you remember the Gospel of last weekend where we met twelve blind people with Jesus and among them two were super blind. James and John, influenced by the blindness of power and authority, asked Jesus for favored positions. Hearing the selfish intention of James and John, we see the other ten disciples get blinded by jealousy and envy. Today, we have a blind person called Bartimaeus.

As we begin to reflect about this Gospel passage, we should keep in mind always that Jericho was a sin city in Jesus' time, and Bartimaeus was begging by the roadside. His present state of life shows that he is neglected by everyone, and he is completely depending on the mercy of others. Though at the beginning of the Gospel we find Bartimaeus as the physically blind person, towards the end of the Gospel we come to the realization that it was the spiritual blindness that was bothering him most. Yes, constantly living in a sinful situation will automatically bring anyone in the same situation of blindness, loneliness and finally to the roadside. The road is not the place to sit and beg, it is a place to walk, and every Christian should be walking constantly like Jesus on the road not sitting by because our Christian life is a Journey to eternity to meet our Master Jesus.

One of the beautiful scenes we can see in the Gospel is that at the very moment Bartimaeus heard that Jesus is calling. He just throws his cloak and runs to Jesus. His act of "throwing cloak" indicates his complete abandoning of old way of life and embracing the life of Jesus. It is the same thing we are invited to do at the time of Baptism by placing a white garment on the chest of the child the priest says put on Christ. It is there we begin our Christian vocation, and it is the same thing we see in the life of Bartimaeus. There is a great difference we can see between Bartimaeus and each one of us. Bartimaeus, after embracing the life of Christ in His life, receiving the gift of sight did not abandon Jesus there, but he just followed Him on the way. He was on the road side but now he is on the road to heaven. But where are we after having embraced the life of Christ in our lives through Baptism and after having numerous blessings and gifts in our lives? Be sure, when we are holding on to our own little pride, laziness, unforgiving, arrogance and all kinds of unfaithfulness to God, we still continue to stay blind and occupy the roadside for begging.

Yes, we appear to be smart looking with all the organs of our body functioning. But if we are not able to see the presence of God in others and in sacraments, if we are not able to see the will of God and act accordingly, the Gospel reminds us that we continue to remain blind on the roadside. Yes, through the sacrament of Eucharist, Jesus is coming on our way, Let us call upon Him with a contrite heart like Bartimaeus, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me" and thus follow Him on His way. God Bless you.

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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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