



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time: November 8, 2015

**Welcome to St. Augustine!!!**

Parish Website: [www.staugustinereed.org](http://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 11/8 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell  
Sunday 11/15 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne

### Ministries for 11/15

Servers: Henry Boeglin, Sam McFarland  
Lectors: Dee Anna Booker  
Eucharistic Min: Sonny & Linda Evans  
Gifts: Ed Dunivan Family  
Ushers: Sonny & Linda Evans

### Church Cleaner:

Elsie Blair 11/8 – 11/21

## Announcements

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

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 6:30 p.m.  
Next Reverse Raffle Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

**Big Country Breakfast:** The Stanley Masonic Lodge is hosting its quarterly breakfast on Saturday, November 14, 2015, from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

**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.

Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 25, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

There will be a special collection each Sunday during Advent. The money collected will be donated to needy families in our community in lieu of Christmas food baskets. Please be generous with your donations!

There will **not** be a first Sunday breakfast after Mass on December 6, 2015. Instead, there will be Parish Potluck Lunch at 1:00 p.m. on that day. No meat will be provided, so bring any kind of dish to share!

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015**, is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be a vigil Mass at St. Augustine on Monday, December 7, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at St. Augustine on Monday, December 21, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Mike and Elsie Blair would like thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. They lost their great-grandchild, Aiden Joseph McGehee, on November 3, 2015.

<p><b><u>This Week's Anniversaries:</u></b></p> <p>Paul &amp; Jane Johnson    11/10            25 years  Jerry &amp; Sheila Ralph    11/12            25 years</p>	<p><b><u>Please pray for the following:</u></b></p> <p>Fr. Jegin  Paula Mayfield  Donnie Brown</p>
<p><b><u>This Week's Birthdays:</u></b></p> <p>Robert Blair    11/10  Bill Tucker    11/11  Angela Peerman 11/13  Dee Anna Booker 11/14</p>	<p><b><u>Weekly Budget:</u></b>            <b>\$1,221.15</b></p> <p>Regular Collection:        \$1,553.00  Maintenance                \$118.00  KLEA                            \$10.00  All Souls                        \$10.00</p>

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

Religion plays a fundamental role in the lives human beings who aspire to maintain a good relationship with God, and in return, we are expected to keep up certain selfless services to our own religion. The primary role of every religion is to give birth to saints in the world through its humanitarian services and to remind us that only last weekend we celebrated All Saints Day. In today's world, we can see religion gives birth to so many sinners and that is the tragedy of today's world.

As we are reflecting about the Gospel of today, Jesus warns His disciples against the wrong kind of religion. If we divide today's Gospel into two parts, we see in the first part the attitude of scribes represents a wrong religion and religious people who are looking to gain something by being part of a particular religion. Condemning this attitude and life style of scribes, Jesus warns them against three things; the desire for prominence rather than selfless service; the desire for recognition and greetings from others rather than seeking to promote the good of others through humble service and love; and thirdly attempting to use one's position for self-gain and self-advancement.

When we come to the second part of the Gospel, Jesus appreciates the selfless giving of a poor widow and set an example for a true religion and how a religious person should be. Yes, every one of us are part of a religion and so we are all religious people, but by presenting this Gospel passage for our reflection, Jesus invites us to reflect about the sincerity of our religiosity and love of God. Yes, Jesus very clearly indicates to us that, it is not how much we give, but it is with how much love we give. This is the same thing Mother Theresa says. Yes, that is why we often we say, when God blesses with more gifts, we should not raise our standard of living but we should raise the standard of giving and that shows our true love of God and religion.

Dear friends, during this Mass, let us think about our attitude to our religion and our religiosity. Every celebration of the sacrament is the celebration of Jesus' selfless giving and are we not getting inspired by it? Yes, true love never calculates; it spends lavishly. If our religion, faith and religiosity does not inspire you to be more generous, be sure our entire life is in vain, for at the time of last judgment we are all measured not on the basis of how much wealth we had and gave away, but rather how much love we had and gave away. That is why the last book of the Bible Revelation 2:4 says "*But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did first*". Let us pray earnestly-Lord help us with a gracious and generous heart to love selflessly and to give generously. **God Bless you all.**

**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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