



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 15, 2017
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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Ministries for 1/22

Servers: Gabe & Sam McFarland
Lectors: Rob Mitchell
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts: Steve Raley Family
Ushers: Larry Schwartz, Joseph Schwartz

Mass Intention 1/15 Donnie Brown
Mass Intention 1/22 Donnie Brown
Mass Intention 1/29 Donnie Brown

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Father Jegin
Mack Lacer
Paula Mayfield
Michele Alexander Johnson

WEEKLY BUDGET:

\$1,221.15
Regular Collection \$ 1,768.00
First Offering - Envelopes \$ 2.00
Maintenance \$10.00

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Gary Sinnett 1/20

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Church Cleaners:

Phyllis Schrecker 1/15 – 1/28
Sherry Schwartz 1/29 – 2/11

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.

Announcements

Parish Council Meeting on January 19, 2017, at 6.30 PM. All the Parish council members are requested to attend the meeting without any fail please. Any members of the parish who would like to be part of this meeting are welcome to attend.

Meeting with Parents of First Communicants on January 22, 2017, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Sister C.J. would like to meet with parents of children signed up to receive First Sacraments this year. This meeting is basically to review requirements and to set dates to meet for classes. First Communion is scheduled for May 7, 2017 during 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Patriotic Rosary: Patriotic Rosary will resume after the holidays.

Donatos is coming to Owensboro on West Parrish Avenue...opening January 24th! Owned by Sean and Jennifer Murphy Byrne and Mark & Liane Blair Riney. Donatos...every piece is important! Known for our Edge to Edge toppings and thin crust, Donatos also offers piles of pepperoni, family-recipe sausage, premium aged provolone cheese and fresh, handcut veggies! Please join our team by applying at Donatos.com (choose Owensboro location)!

Local Confession Schedules

St. Stephen	Saturday	9:30am-11:30am
St. Mary Magdalene	Saturday	2:30pm
Precious Blood	Saturday	3:30pm

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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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Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Most of the multinational companies, prominent institutions, highly placed individuals, political parties etc., normally will have a Public Relations Officer or PRO, to explain their opinion to the public regarding their own respective companies or company related issues.

In the Gospel reading of today, John the Baptist is seen as doing a fine job of PRO for Jesus by introducing Jesus as the "*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world*". Though, St. John the Baptist came into our midst to prepare the way for the Lord, in course of time, we know that there were many people who followed St. John the Baptist by being attracted to his preaching and way of life. Many even thought that he was the savior whom they are waiting for, but being fully conscious of his mission, St. John the Baptist was never carried away by the disciples and followers he had in his life. Being sincere to his mission, St. John the Baptist gladly lead all people, including his followers and disciples, to Jesus by saying "*Behold, **THE LAMB OF GOD**, who takes away the sin of the world.*" And he adds that "*He is the one whom I said.*" Besides calling Jesus the Lamb of God, John also witnessed Jesus as the one who existed before himself was the chosen one of God, one on whom the Spirit of the Lord rested and who would baptize, as well as empower others with the same power.

By calling Jesus the Lamb of God, St. John the Baptist clearly reveals the full identity and mission of Jesus to each one of us. When St. John the Baptist addresses Jesus as the Lamb of God, we have 3 important references to sheep in the scriptures, which are referring to Jesus ultimately. The first reference is the Paschal Lamb. When God was about to set the people of Israel free from the slavery in Egypt, Moses instructed the people to protect themselves from the last plague, the angel of Death (killing first born male in the land of Egypt) by sprinkling the blood of the lamb on the doorpost of their house so the angel of death would pass over those homes. Today, Jesus, as the Lamb of God, has saved us through His precious blood shed for each one of us on the Cross.

The second reference we find about Lamb is the suffering servant who goes obediently and silently to his death. Yes, Jesus, just like the lamb without uttering any word before authorities in obedience to the will of His Father, silently embraced death on the cross. The third reference we find in the Old Testament is that priests often asked people to sacrifice the perfect lamb to God for the expiation of their sins. Today in the New Testament, Jesus is the true and perfect lamb, without any stain of sin being offered for each one of us for the expiation of our sins.

Yes, Jesus is **THE LAMB OF GOD**. As Christians we all share the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. As Christians, we all share the mission of Jesus Christ, and we all belong to Christ, the Lamb of God. Our Mission as Christians is not so much to be saved from this world, but to save the world. To do this mission of saving the world, we all need to take the role of a PRO for Christ in this world to speak for Christ and Christian community in this world and for His values. **God Bless you all!**