



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 22, 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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Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Father Jegin
Mack Lacer
Paula Mayfield
Michele Alexander Johnson

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Ministries for 1/29

Servers: Ellie & Sam Mitchell
Lectors: Shelley Payne
Eucharistic Min: Rob & April Mitchell
Gifts: Jeff Raley Family
Ushers: Larry Schwartz, Joseph Schwartz

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

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15

Regular Collection	\$748.00
Maintenance	\$25.00
First Offering - Envelopes	\$2.00
Opportunities for Life	\$45.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$5.00

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

Newman Lady's Club's Valentine's  Day Luncheon for Senior Citizens is set for Friday, February 10, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Augustine Parish Hall. All seniors 55 and older are welcome to attend.

Disciples Response Fund Donations: Out of the 50 families in the parish, 20 families responded. The designated goal was \$2,332.00. Pledges totaled \$3,392.00; \$3,079.50 has already been paid and \$312.50 is due. Special thanks to all who donated to this fund and did such a fine job in meeting our goal. We have gone over our goal by \$1,060.00. The deal is that half of that amount will come back to the parish.

Fr. Fid's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood is scheduled at St. Augustine for Sunday, April 23, 2017. We have a potluck lunch to celebrate that afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

Confirmation will be held at St. Augustine on Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. Mass. We have five students who will be confirmed this year. Potluck Breakfast and donuts after Mass to celebrate.

Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the RiverPark Center, 101 Daviess Street, Owensboro, Kentucky. The conference will address the subject of how to live your life as a Catholic man and will include nationally renowned and dynamic Catholic speakers such as Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Father Larry Richards, and Robert Rogers. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan. The conference is open to men who are high school seniors or older. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, and it includes lunch. To order tickets or obtain more information, visits their website - www.kycatholic.com or call Randy Clemens at (270) 316-5067.

St. Peter's Reverse Raffle is Saturday, February 25, 2017. For tickets contact Joe Bill McKay (270) 316-9429, Dennis McKay (270) 929-5182 or Bruce Schrecker (270) 764-1967.

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.*



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

A U.S Congressman died and went to heaven. St. Peter greeted him at the door of heaven with a wide smile and said, “normally we don’t see any congressman here”. Then St. Peter explained, this is how things work here. You will spend one day in hell and one day in heaven, after that you will have to choose where you want to spend your eternity. When the congressman went to hell, he saw the golf course, clubhouse and all his politician friends eating and drinking and dancing. Their host, the devil appeared to be very attractive and very pleasant. The next day, when the congressman went to heaven, he saw many happy souls playing musical instruments and singing. After the day in heaven, St Peter came to the congressman, said it is time for you to choose your eternity. After much reflection, the congressman selected hell. When he went back to hell, he realized that the entire situation had changed. He saw a barren land full of garbage, fire and smoke, and his friends wearing dirty clothes and suffering. A smiling devil greeted him. The congressman protested and said, yesterday there was golf, lobster, champagne, great drinks, great food, dancing etc., what happened? The smiling devil replied, yesterday we were campaigning and today you voted.

Dear friends, in today’s Gospel, we see the end of St. John the Baptist’s campaign for the Kingdom of God with his arrest by King Herod, and the beginning of Jesus’ campaign for the Kingdom of God, immediately after John’s arrest. We learn from the Gospels that St. John the Baptist and Jesus had the same campaign slogan, which is “**Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.**” Today, as you listen to my campaign preaching for the Kingdom of God on behalf of Jesus, Jesus expects our great support by accepting this great slogan of “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand” into our own hearts and to live accordingly. Yes, darkness is the result of sin, but light is the result of repentance and good life, and Jesus is the light of our life and world. This is the reason Matthew welcomes the beginning of Jesus’ campaign by quoting the prophet Isaiah “*the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light,*”

Yes, every one of us is called to be a light in this darkened world, that is why Jesus says in Matthew 5:14 “*You are the light of the world.*” Yes, you and I are chosen to be the light of the world through the sacrament of Baptism through which we become a new creation in Christ. This is the same transformation Jesus is expecting from each one of us when He calls us for repentance. Yes, it is a personal call to each one of us to live in holiness, just like Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John in today’s Gospel. This call is not so much based on holiness but of willingness to follow Him for one who is calling us is Holy. Are you ready to accept the call of holiness and become His true disciple? Please do not look at your worthiness. That is the business of God, but are you willing to follow Him just like the disciples to spread the light of Christ to this world?

This Sunday is celebrated as the Vocation Sunday in our diocese. Vocation to priesthood and religious life. As parents, you have an important role to play in promoting and encouraging your children to choose this special call to priesthood and religious life. Now, in your own family, how many of you initiate talking about encouraging your children to become a priest or nun? Young children, Jesus is calling you, “*Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.*” It is not a call to enjoy your life, but it is a call to embrace the cross of Jesus in your life and help others to carry the cross of Jesus in their lives. Yes, it is a call to campaign for Jesus and His Kingdom, “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” **God Bless you all ...**