



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 29, 2017  
**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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### **Please Keep in Your Prayers:**

Father Jegin  
Mack Lacer  
Paula Mayfield  
Michele Alexander Johnson

### **BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:**

Vickie Lacer 1/30  
Zachary Peerman 2/4

### **ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

### **Ministries for 2/5**

Servers: Henry & Claire Boeglin  
Lectors: Jamie Boeglin  
Eucharistic Min: Angela Peerman, Connie Williams  
Gifts: Larry Schwartz Family  
Ushers: Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Mass Intention 1/29 Donnie Brown

### **WEEKLY BUDGET:** **\$1,221.15**

Regular Collection \$2,387.00  
First Offering - Envelopes \$2.00

### **Church Cleaners:**

Sherry Schwartz 1/29 – 2/11  
Cindy Simon 2/12 – 2/25

**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

**Community Breakfast:** The Stanley Masonic Lodge is hosting its Community Breakfast on Saturday, February 4, 2017, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

**Newman Lady's Club's Valentine's <sup>☺</sup> 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](http://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.*  
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## Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Once, a philosopher was walking along a sea-shore reflecting and trying to find out an answer to the question of 'how to achieve happiness' when suddenly, he noticed that a little away from the seashore, a poor fisherman was lying on a mat resting under a tree outside his small house. The Philosopher went to the fisherman and said, "You shouldn't be wasting your time like that." "What should I do then?" asked the fisherman. "You should be out fishing, that way you will get more fish and by selling them you will have more money," the Philosopher told him. "What should I do then?" again asked the fisherman. The Philosopher told him, "If you keep doing so, one day you will have enough money to buy a bigger boat, and you will be able to go into the deeper sea and catch bigger fish and selling them you will make still more money." "What should I do after that?" again asked the fisherman. The Philosopher answered him, "Then you should buy more boats, hire men to help you and make fishing a big business. This will make you plenty of money." "What should I do then?" asked the fisherman again. The philosopher then said, "When you have plenty of money, you should go and buy a big mansion, marry a beautiful woman, have children and enjoy your life." "What should I do then?" the fisherman further asked. Immediately, the philosopher said, "Oh! Then you go, lie down, relax, and be happy." At this the fisherman smiled and said to the philosopher, "And what do you think that I am doing now!"

Everyone wants to be happy. God too wants all human beings to be happy, so the question is not in happiness, but rather how to achieve happiness. The readings of today speak about how to achieve true and lasting happiness which comes from God. In the first reading, the Prophet Zephaniah says that those who seek God with lowliness and humility and serve God and obey His commands, they will find the peace and happiness they desire. In the second reading, St. Paul asks the Corinthians to consider their calling and make the contrast between the values of Jesus and the values of the world. When we come to the Gospel reading, we have '*the Beatitudes*' or the Sermon on the Mount according to Mathew. In them, Jesus gives His prescription for true and lasting happiness.

In the Old Testament, we see that to direct the lives of the people of Israel according to the will of God and help them to experience true happiness, God called Moses to Mount Sinai and gave him the Ten Commandments for the people to follow. When we come to the New Testament, to ensure our true happiness, Jesus announces His beatitudes for each one of us to live by. If we closely examine the Old Testament as well as the New Testament, we find that the sufferings of people are not caused by God, but by human attitude and intervention. Yes, it is due to our lack of respect for our fellow brethren that we have sufferings in this world. Yes, it is because of our failure to love God and our neighbors sincerely that we have sufferings in this world. Today's Gospel very clearly reveals this truth to us, but the good part of the Gospel is that though all the sufferings are caused by human beings, God transforms those problems into great Blessings to enter into heaven. Dear friends, today's Gospel can be really disappointing, if you follow the values of this world, but this Gospel can fill your hearts with great hope and happiness if you follow God and His values in your life. So be sure, it is the attitude that makes the difference in our lives. As Christians, the challenge for us is to make the Beatitudes our attitude, so that we can live our lives pleasing to God filled with Faith, Hope and Love. **God Bless You.**