

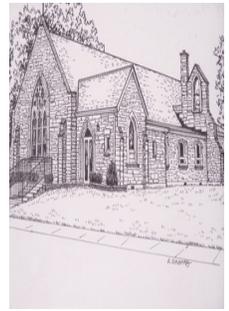


St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 1, 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 baskets.

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Weekly Schedule - 2/1 - 2/7

Sunday	2/1	Mass	8:00 a.m. Sister Mary Ignatias
Monday	2/2	No Mass	
Tuesday	2/3	No Mass	
Wednesday	2/4	No Mass	
Thursday	2/5	No Mass	
Friday	2/6	No Mass	
Saturday	2/7	No Mass	
Sunday	2/8	Mass	8:00 a.m. Sherrel Ralph

Ministries for 2/8

Servers:	8:00 a.m.	Claire & Henry Boeglin
Lectors:	8:00 a.m.	Dee Anna Booker
Eucharistic Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Connie Williams, Larry Schwartz
Gifts:	8:00 a.m.	Andrew Boeglin Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	8:00 a.m.	Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Church cleaner:

Vickie Lacer 2/1 - 2/14

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

There was an Indian prince who was a lover of knowledge. He collected thousands of books in his large library, and it happened that he was appointed the right hand of the king. This position demanded him to travel all over the kingdom and neighboring kingdoms to represent the king. Wherever he traveled, he used thirty camels to carry his books along with him. Realizing the impracticality of loading all the books, he asked his chancellor to read all the books and then give to him the one book that was most important to his journey. After sometime, the chancellor gave the prince the book that summarized all the wisdom of the world, it was a Bible. The prince asked, "What authority does this book have that I should carry with me?" the chancellor replied, "It is the authority of the Son of God.". Later the prince was baptized.

Philosopher Karl Marx says that the aim of philosophy should not be just to explain the world but to change it. The same can be said about today's Gospel. The people of Capernaum used to get instruction in their synagogue on every Sabbath. One Sabbath, they had a different teacher, Jesus, whose teaching and preaching were really different than the scribes. The Gospel states, "They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes". Yes, Jesus taught with authority, the scribes did not. What can we find special in Jesus' teaching and preaching that is different from that of the scribes?

First of all, we need to admit that Jesus taught from His heart. He teaches with absolute conviction because His messages are in accordance with the will of God. This we can certify while reading the Gospel of John. When trying to persuade His unbelieving audience, Jesus says, "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony" (John 3:11). His preaching is a personal testimony of His intimate relationship with His Heavenly Father. The scribes on the other hand get their knowledge not from their personal communion with God but from their long study of commentaries on the law. As a result, most of their teachings are from the head and not from the heart.

A second specialty we can find in Jesus' teaching and preaching is on the content of the message. The scribes seek to apply the prescription of the law to the letter. Jesus goes deeper to find the spirit, the original intent of the law. Consequently, Jesus is able to discover the positive value that the law seeks to protect, whereas the scribes are busy with words and their minutest applications. For example, the law of Sabbath. The scribes are trying to determine precisely when the Sabbath begins and ends and what should be and should not be done on the Sabbath. Jesus would rather seek the mind of God and His fatherly care and love. Jesus concluded by saying that the Sabbath is a day to serve God and do God's work (John 5:17). Because of the positive accent of His message, people perceive the teaching of Jesus as liberating Good News in contrast to that of the heavy burden.

The final quality of Jesus' teaching is that He always intended to bring a positive change in the hearts of the people instead of making people feel bad. The scribes taught whatever makes sense in terms of their understanding of the law and traditions. Presented with a man born blind, the scribes seek to explain why he is blind, whether it was he who sinned or his parents. Jesus, on the other hand, is only interested in curing the blindness. For this reason, Jesus performed healings and exorcisms together with His teaching to show that His primary concern is to change the human situation not just to explain it.

What is our attitude to the word of God that we hear? Do we allow it to challenge us and bring about a positive difference in our lives? If we claim to have faith in Christ, it is essential that we must listen to Him. We need to open ourselves to His wisdom and authority.

Announcements

Please pray for the health and protection of our Pope Francis especially now that ISIS has targeted the Vatican and plans to assassinate the POPE! The goal is ten million Hail Mary's for our Pope!! Pass this message on to all Catholic friends or even to those who like him. We pray for the Holy Father that the heavenly Mother intercedes for him and protects him in his ministry:

POPE FRANCIS MAKES A REQUEST

*Weep not for what you have lost, fight for what you have.
Weep not for what is dead, fight for what was born in you.
Weep not for the one who abandoned you, fight for who is with you.
Weep not for those who hate you, fight for those who want you.
Weep not for your past, fight for your present struggle.
Weep not for your suffering, fight for your happiness.
With things that are happening to us, we begin to learn that nothing is impossible to solve, just move forward.*

THE HOLY FATHER MAKES A REQUEST FOR PRAYERS THAT GOD PROTECTS HIM AND GIVES HIM FORCES TO MEET THIS DIFFICULT TASK ... SO BE IT

Father will have the blessing of the throats this weekend, and he will be blessing all married couples the weekend of February 7th and 8th for World Marriage Day.

Stanley Masonic Lodge is hosting its quarterly community breakfast on Saturday, February 7, 2014, from 6-9am. Cost is \$6.00 per person

Liturgy Meeting on Friday, **February 6, 2015, at 5.30 p.m.**
Parish Council Meeting on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Newman Ladies Club invites all senior citizens to their Valentine's Day Luncheon on Friday, February 13, 2015, at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Augustine Parish Hall. Any questions please call Martha Miller at (270) 764-1003 or Doris Purgeason (270) 827 9018.

Don't forget to return your "Member Update Form".

It is with a humble and grateful heart that we wish to thank our St. Augustine Family for all that you did for our family during my Mom's illness and with her funeral. We truly appreciate everyone's kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The out pouring of support and kindness was both amazing and uplifting and touched not only the entire Mitchell and Eblen Families but those who came from out of town for Mom's funeral. The funeral Mass was beautiful and the bereavement dinner was incredible. For such a small parish, our Church sure can prepare a meal. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful and supportive faith community and parish. Thank you. Yours in Christ, Rob, April, Zach, Emily, Davis, Ellie & Sam, and Bobby Frank and the Mitchell Family

This Week's Birthdays:

Zachary Peerman 2/4

This Week's Anniversaries:

Weekly Budget: \$1,221.15

1/18 Collection \$580.00

1/25 Collection \$2,491.00

First Offering \$5.00

Mass Intentions \$150.00

Please pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
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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.