



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

First Sunday of Lent: February 14, 2016

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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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 2/14 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne
Sunday 2/21 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne

Ministries for 2/21

Servers: Claire Boeglin, Gabe McFarland
Lectors: Dee Anna Booker
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts: James Davis Family
Ushers: Jimmy Davis, Kathy Wolfe

Church Cleaner:

Stacy Cain 2/14 – 2/27

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Father Jegin Paula Mayfield
Donnie Brown Bucky Lacer

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15

Regular Collection: \$944.00
Maintenance: \$70.00
St. Vincent DePaul: \$25.00
First Offering: \$2.00

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Ben Blair 2/16

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Announcements

First Reconciliation Meeting: The children preparing for First Reconciliation and their parents are asked to meet with Father Jegin and Sister C.J. at St. Peter Church on Saturday, February 20, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. Please continue to pray for these children.

OCS Parish Voucher: Please contact Fr. Jegin about your Voucher for the 2016-17 school year. Families who do not turn in their Parish Voucher to the OCS Central Office will not be considered officially registered.

The *Five Minutes with the Word* for Lent booklets have been placed on the tables by the church exits. Each family is welcome to take a booklet home.

Operation Rice Bowl: Rice Bowls have been placed in the back of church for you to take home to use for almsgiving during Lent. Using their website; www.crsricebowl.org/ you can access family activities, reflections, meatless recipes and more.

Registration Information: YOUTH 2000 will be held March 11-13, registration will be limited to the first 900 applications and money received this year due to the event being held at **The Owensboro Convention Center**. Youth must register through a Parish, School or Other Group. For more information contact Melinda Prunty 270-683-1545.

Fast & Abstinence Rules: In the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared that "the age of fasting is from the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth." The USCCB also allows the substitution of some other form of penance for abstinence on all of the Fridays of the year, except for those Fridays in Lent. Rules for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays in Lent.
- Every person between the age of 18 and 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.

Year of Divine Mercy: Pope Francis announced a Year of Divine Mercy on December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016. The Door of Mercy was opened at St. Stephen's Cathedral and will remain open until November 13, 2016. All are invited and encouraged to make a pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year.

Project UK T-shirt Quilt for St. Augustine Reverse Raffle dinner. Need UK t-shirts for this project so if you would like to donate a UK t-shirt for this project, please place it in the box at the back of church.

Parish Council Meeting – **Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.**

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Tracing the Cross on our forehead with Ashes this last Wednesday, we officially started our Lenten season, and we prayed to the Lord *“Be Merciful O Lord, for we have sinned”*. Yes, by requesting the mercy of God, most of us have made up our mind to walk a little differently than what we were walking, thinking, talking and living through the practice of fasting, prayer and alms giving. On this first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reminds us that the decided new way of life is not going to be easy, for *“...your great enemy devil is wandering around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour”*. So appropriately it is said ‘watch on your thoughts when you are alone and watch on your words when you are in groups’.

To remind us about the importance of being watchful about temptations, the Gospel presents to us the three important temptations that Jesus had to face in His life. These three temptations include all the temptations a human being can have in his or her life time. Jesus was tempted by bodily desires. He was tempted by power. He was tempted by the desire to amaze others.

The first temptation to Jesus was to transform stone into bread and eat. The first sin in the Bible came to be in regard to the food in the Garden of Eden. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve ate the apple and surrendered themselves to death of sin. But here, Jesus did not surrender Himself for bread, for He said *“Man does not live by bread alone”*. Later, we see Jesus offered Himself for each one of us and He became bread for all of us that brings us an everlasting life. Yes, feel the pain of starving through fasting and share that meal to the hungry.

The second temptation to Jesus was more political and power oriented, provided Jesus should worship Satan. But Jesus responded by saying, *“You shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone shall you serve”*. When we go through the Gospel, we can see the disciples had more inclination for more power and authority, and they even fought each other for this power and authority. But for Jesus, the greatest power was His Love for God and people. This is why in the Passion narrative Jesus reminds Pontius Pilate that His power comes from God. Yes, the same power is given to each one of us through the sacrament of Baptism, the power to serve God and others. Be Kind and generous to others through Alms giving.

The third temptation to Jesus was more religious and here Jesus is asked to throw Himself down from the parapet of Jerusalem temple. But Jesus says, *“You shall not put the Lord, your God to the test”*. This invites us to have more confidence in our prayer and in our God that our God will grant us everything that we need in our lives. This is what [Mathew 21:22](#) says *“if you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer”*. So let our prayers be sincere to deepen our love for God and thus be away from all kinds of temptations of our lives. For [Mathew 17:21](#) says *“This kind of devils will go only by prayer and fasting”*.

So during this Holy Eucharistic celebration, let us seek the grace of God to become more powerful against all kinds of temptations of this world through fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Blessings!

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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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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.



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