

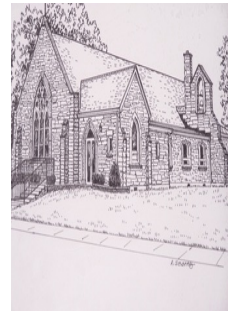


# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 15, 2015**  
**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 baskets.

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### Weekly Schedule - 2/15 - 2/22

Sunday	2/15	Mass	8:00 a.m. Ronnie Ralph
Monday	2/16	No Mass	
Tuesday	2/17	No Mass	
Wednesday	2/18	Mass	8:00 a.m.
Thursday	2/19	No Mass	
Friday	2/20	No Mass	
Saturday	2/21	No Mass	
Sunday	2/22	Mass	8:00 a.m. Joseph & Rita Schwartz

### Ministries for 2/22

Servers:	8:00 a.m.	Gabe McFarland, Davis Mitchell
Lectors:	8:00 a.m.	Dee Anna Booker
Eucharistic Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Rob & April Mitchell
Gifts:	8:00 a.m.	Steve Byrne Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	8:00 a.m.	Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

**Church cleaner:**  
Connie McFarland 2/15 - 2/28

**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,

Blessed Mother Theresa says, "The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved." Rev. [Kendall Palladino](#), the director of spiritual and bereavement services for Regional Hospice of Western Connecticut in Danbury, shares his life touching experience with Mother Theresa.

Ever since I first heard of [Mother Teresa](#), I have admired her. For this reason, I decided to join a team working with her in India in 1994. After a day working together, Mother Teresa spoke with our team. I told Mother Teresa that I planned to enter medical school after seminary to work with people with leprosy overseas. She surprised me when she said, "Why do you want to do that?" She continued, "There is poverty in your country that is just as severe as our poorest of the poor in India." I wondered what she could mean by that. Mother Teresa went on to say, "In the West there is a loneliness which I call the leprosy of the West. In many ways, it is worse than our poor in India." The implication of her statement was that I should first look for the difference that I could make right around me. She said that we make a difference one person at a time.

Yes, many of us are concerned about poverty in the world at large, but we show little concern for the lonely, hurting and sad person living next door or in our own family. What I believe Mother Teresa meant by "loneliness being the leprosy of the west" is that in the west we have affluence, mobility, capitalism and freedom. With these, however, have come very high rates of divorce, a breakdown in the extended family and tradition, corporate moves, job dislocations and decline in family living in close proximity. To pay for their lifestyle, working parents spend most of their time away from their children and their homes. When sickness, death and tragedy strike us in the west, our moving around, lack of extended families, divorce and the like, leave us emotionally and spiritually vulnerable. I believe that this explains, in part, the high rate of drug use and of low-grade depression in our country. Is loneliness everywhere in the world? Of course it is. Is there physical poverty in our country? Yes. After spending time with people in need over the last eight years in the United States, however, I believe that Mother Teresa was right to say that loneliness is, in special measure, the leprosy of the west. As I considered what Mother Teresa had said, I came back to the United States with a new direction. After seminary, I took pastoral counseling and chaplain training and have since worked as a chaplain and bereavement counselor in various settings with different types of patients, in hospitals, nursing homes, and in houses.

Dear friends, as we are reflecting upon this Gospel passage, we know that Rev. Kendall is speaking about each one of us and about the society we are presently living. Yes, his experience is a wake up call for each one of us to act differently to make our life and others' lives more beautiful. The leper in the Gospel is thrown out from his community, family and friends. The leper is going through the feelings of loneliness and unloved, but through Jesus' intervention, he is getting back to a normal situation of life. Yes there are so many lonely and unloved people and at the same time there are so many Christ like people, the so called Christians and Catholics. How are we going to find a solution to this serious problem in our midst? The Gospel reminds us that we have a big share in making this world more beautiful to live in with justice, peace and love. Blessed Mother Theresa reminds us again, "The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved." Let us deeply reflect about this... Amen.

**Announcements**

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

**Ash Wednesday is February 18th.** Mass and Stations of the Cross will be at 6pm. There will not be a morning Mass at St. Peter - morning Mass at St. Augustine at 8am.

**OCS Parish Voucher:** Please contact Fr. Jegin about your Voucher for the 2015-16 school year. Families who do not turn in their Parish Voucher to the OCS Central Office will not be considered officially registered.

**Cathedral Preschool Registration:** Cathedral Preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year begins in February. Families are welcome to visit at 600 Locust Street or request information and forms by calling 270-926-1652 or check the website at: [www.cathedralpreschool.com](http://www.cathedralpreschool.com)

**Youth 2000** is responding to the call of Pope John Paul II to enable young people to live and proclaim the Gospel. You are invited to a YOUTH 2000 Retreat on March 13-15, 2015 at Brescia University Campus Center in Owensboro. You will have the opportunity to gather with other young people your age for prayer, adoration, singing and learning about our Catholic faith. Retreat sponsored by the Diocesan Offices of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation and the Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee. Youth should register through a Parish, School or other Group. More information contact Robin Tomes at 270-683-1545. Registration forms at <<http://marianshrine.org>> look for Youth 2000 button. Deadline for registration 2/27/2015. Space permitting, registrations will be accepted at the door.

**The Ash Wednesday Collection for the Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica "It Is Right and Just"** will be on February 18<sup>th</sup> for our Sister Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica. As the Priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, he says "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God" and our response is "It is right and just." As we share from our sacrifices for the needs of our Sister Diocese in Mandeville Jamaica, we respond not only with words, but also with deeds to thank the Lord for His many blessings to us and share in His ongoing mission to tell the whole world of His kindness. Please consider a generous response to this collection again this year.

**Catholic Bishops Town Hall Meetings:** In preparation for the October 2015 Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis is encouraging widespread consultation in dioceses around the world on questions concerning marriage and family life. Please make plans to attend the Town Hall Meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Your input will be conveyed to the Synod of Bishops in a report submitted by Bishop Medley at the conclusion of the listening sessions For those who are unable to attend, you may submit your input by completing one or both of the surveys from the Diocesan website. Please submit your responses by February 20, 2015. To access the survey(s), please use the link below: [http://rcdok.org/ministries/family life/synod on the family.php](http://rcdok.org/ministries/family%20life/synod%20on%20the%20family.php)

**This Week's Birthdays:**

Ben Blair 2/16

**This Week's Anniversaries:**

**Weekly Budget: \$1,221.15**

Regular Collection \$933.00

**Please pray for the following:**

Fr. Jegin  
Paula Mayfield  
Debbie Ralph  
Joe Bill Merimee  
Lori Eblen

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