



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Second Sunday of Lent: February 21, 2016

**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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### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 2/21 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne  
Sunday 2/28 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne

### **Ministries for 2/28**

Servers: Sam McFarland, Davis Mitchell  
Lectors: Rosemary Murphy  
Eucharistic Min: Rob & April Mitchell  
Gifts: Tony Hundley 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: \$1,223.00  
Maintenance: \$20.00  
Diocese of Mandeville: \$169.00  
Diocesan Administration: \$60.00

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

Paul Johnson 2/23  
Theresa Sauer 2/24  
Walter Wolfe 2/26  
Ed Dunivan 2/27

### **ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

## Announcements

**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/](http://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.**

**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.

## Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Prayer is one of the most powerful pious practices everyone is called to follow in his or her life, along with the practices of fasting and almsgiving during the season of Lent to imitate Christ more intimately. Prayer is one of the most beautiful mediums God gifted us to nurture our relationship with Him, so He taught us the most beautiful prayer that includes our past, present and future life with everything we need for a happy life here on earth.

Today, as we are in the second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel presents to us the true effect of a sincere prayer. The Gospel states that *“while He was praying, His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white”*. Yes, this is the holiness of the prayer everyone is expected to experience in his or her own life. Yes, the real purpose of prayer is not the transformation/transfiguration of others, but rather it is the transformation/transfiguration of oneself into the glory of God. This is what 2 Chronicles 7: 14 says *“and if my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land. Now my eyes shall be open and my ear attentive to the prayer of this place”*. Yes, this is the difference the whole of the Lenten season is expecting us to make through the practice of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. But in reality, we know we are praying hard to change the lives of others without changing oneself and that is the tragedy of our prayer life.

Yes dear friends, our prayer life is expected to bring about transfiguration in each one of us, a transformation similar to the image of God or the glory of God, which includes more beauty in our thinking and talking in every way of our lives. Looking deep within our hearts, how many of us can proudly say, *“Yes I am experiencing the Transfiguration!”* The Book of Genesis states that after creating the world and all its things, God found everything to be good. But today when we look around and witness, we make the comment, *“the world is turning out to be bad”*. So it clearly indicates that disfiguration of the world and its things are taking place rather than the transfiguration of the world and its things.

Today, as we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord, the Gospel reminds us that as children of God every one of us are called to transform the world and its things to the glory of God. It is with the same purpose God created us in His own image and likeness and gave us the medium of prayer to connect with Him. So let us always be connected to God through our prayers so that we will experience the transfiguration which ultimately results in the transfiguration of the world that is the building of the Kingdom of God. **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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