

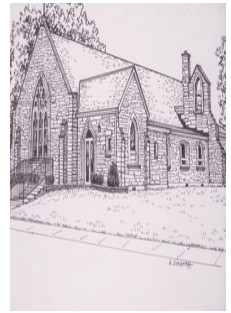


St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

First Sunday of Lent: February 22, 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 - 2/22 - 3/1

Sunday	2/22	Mass	8:00 a.m. Joseph & Rita Schwartz
Monday	2/23	No Mass	
Tuesday	2/24	No Mass	
Wednesday	2/25	No Mass	
Thursday	2/26	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Preaching Father Powers
Friday	2/27	No Mass	
Saturday	2/28	No Mass	
Sunday	3/1	Mass	8:00 a.m. Boonie Ralph

Ministries for 3/1

Servers:	8:00 a.m.	Claire & Henry Boeglin
Lectors:	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Larry Schwartz, Angela Peerman
Gifts:	8:00 a.m.	Connie Williams Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Larry Schwartz

Church cleaner:

Janet Medley 3/1 - 3/14

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

As Christians, no one wants to be tempted or be tested by the devil or by anything that goes against the will of God, but it is a common reality that everyone goes through different types of temptations and testing periods in their daily lives. In today's Gospel, we see that, just like anyone of us, Jesus is being thrown into temptation soon after His baptism. So as we began starting our Lenten Journey, the Gospel reminds us that as Christians we cannot run away from temptations, but rather we have to face it in our lives. The life of Jesus gives us the positive message that the testing time is not a wasting time, but rather it is the best time of preparation to take up a greater mission. Yes, it was a training period for Jesus to begin His public ministry.

The Gospel states that Jesus was in the desert for forty days by Himself fighting against Satan among wild beasts. Yes, forty days of war between good and evil. Look at our situation and the situation of the world today, we are almost in the same situation of Jesus. There is always a constant war going on between good and evil within us and within this world in the form of war, killings, kidnaping, sicknesses, injustice, corruption etc. There are wild beats around us too, to attack us, to kill us, to scare us and to destroy us in different ways. Yes, some are affected directly and some indirectly by all these evils, but the Gospel clearly reminds us the sufferings ones are not alone, they are always ministered by angels.

As Christians, we know that through the sacrament of Baptism, we have joined the military group of Jesus and so we are called Christians. But do we fight sincerely against the evil of this world from the side of Jesus? Yes, we are all given the weapons like the Bible, the rosary, the sacraments and sacramentals to fight against the evils of this world, but do we use them properly? If we deeply reflect, we can find that by wearing the uniform of Jesus' military and holding the weapons He has given us, we often spy against the kingdom God through our sins. Yes through our sins we are betraying our own kingdom.

Yes, our lack of faithfulness is known to the commander in Chief of our army, Jesus. He is not taking any strong action against us, but He is giving us another chance to us by saying "Repent". Yes, Jesus is calling us to become faithful soldiers for the Kingdom of God and fight against the evils of this world. Jesus is calling us for repentance with the good news that we are approaching to the final victory of our war by saying, "Repent and believe in the Gospel for the kingdom of God is at hand". Yes, Jesus wants every one of us to join the victory celebrations of the kingdom of God. Think and think, will you be there when Jesus comes in glory? The call comes to us again- Repent and believe in the Gospel for the kingdom of God is at hand". May you have the grace to hear this call of Jesus, through fasting, prayer and alms giving. God Bless you.

Announcements

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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.

This Week's Birthdays:

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

This Week's Anniversaries:

Weekly Budget: \$1,221.15
Regular Collection: \$1,177.00
Mandeville \$ 20.00
First Collection (envelopes) \$2.00

Please pray for the following:

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

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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.