



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 19, 2017  
**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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## **Please Keep in Your Prayers:**

Father Jegin  
Mack Lacer  
Paula Mayfield  
Michele Alexander Johnson

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

Paul Johnson 2/23

## **ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

## **Ministries for 2/26**

Servers: Ellie & Sam Mitchell  
Lectors: Rosemary Murphy  
Eucharistic Min: Rob & April Mitchell  
Gifts: Angela Peerman Family  
Ushers: Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

## **Mass Intentions:**

2/19 Marie Murphy  
2/26 Jay & Mary Emma Blair

## **WEEKLY BUDGET:**

Regular Collection	\$1,221.15
Maintenance	\$1,149.00
First Offering Envelopes	\$10.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$2.00
	\$30.00

## **Church Cleaners:**

Cindy Simon 2/12 – 2/25  
Barbara Smith 2/26 – 3/11

**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.

## Announcements

Nominations for new Parish Council members will be accepted for the next two weeks, i.e., February 19th and 26th. Nomination forms are in the pews.

**Ash Wednesday Mass** will be at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 1st.

**Lenten Devotions:** "The Light is on for You" will be offered each Thursday evening during Lent at 6:00 p.m. There will be Mass, Rosary, Stations, and Confession. All parishioners are invited, encouraged and urged to attend.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday, March 20, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** Always, parishioners are invited to attend any Parish Council meeting for whatever reason--if you have something to discuss or bring to the attention of the Council or if you just want to see what goes on there.

**Choir Practice after Mass this Sunday (19th) and next Sunday (26th).**

### **Confirmation Information:**

March 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	St. Peter	Class
April 26th	6:30 pm	St. Augustine	Practice
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Mass	St. Augustine	Confirmation

**Knights of Columbus Sausage Sale:** KC's are taking orders for sausage until Monday, February 27, 2017. The price is \$3.75/pound, choices are smoked (bag or link) or fresh (bag or link). Sausage will be made Friday, March 3th, pickup @2:00 pm. Contact Gilbert Connor (270) 764-1039 to place order.

**OCHS Lady Aces Softball Team:** The Owensboro Catholic High School Lady Aces Softball Team is selling BBQ. If you are interested please contact Hannah or Tammy McKay at (270) 316-6843. Ribs \$15, Chicken \$10, 2 lbs pulled Pork/Boston Butt \$15, Whole Boston Butt \$35. Pickup from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 25th behind Immaculate Church. Any meat not picked up by 1:00 pm will be resold. Money is due at time of order. Thank you!

**Carmel Home Adorers Needed** - Carmel Home adorers and subs are needed for perpetual adoration. Hours include: Mondays 3-4am; Wednesday Midnight-1 and 1-2am. Please call Marti Castlen at 270-929-5839 to volunteer.

**American Red Cross:** Please consider volunteering with the American Red Cross on 3-25-17 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon to assist in installing smoke alarms in area homes and teaching home fire safety. Please register by calling 270.683.2438. Volunteers will meet at Chautauqua Park, 1301 Bluff Ave, in Owensboro. A Barbecue is also available for volunteers afterward at the Park from noon till 2:00pm. This is in honor of the Red Cross' 100th Anniversary.

Fr. Fid's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood is scheduled at St. Augustine for **Sunday, June 25, 2017.** We have a potluck lunch to celebrate that afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

**"A Story Worth Telling"** The Ash Wednesday Collection on March 1, 2017, will again be for our Sister Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica. "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!" Our Diocese is in partnership with the Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica to make those words a reality. We have a 15 year history together in this wonderful work. Your contributions to the Ash Wednesday Collection aid the Mandeville Diocese to share the Gospel with all the people in their region in both word and deed. Please consider a generous response to this collection again this year. Thank you.

**St. Peter's Reverse Raffle** is Saturday, February 25, 2017. For tickets contact Joe Bill McKay (270) 316-9429, Dennis McKay (270) 929-5182 or Bruce Schrecker (270) 764-1967.

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph invite you to a special picnic supply sale on **March 4, 2017**. The Mount Picnic will be replaced with Maple Fest at the Mount this Sept. 8-10, so picnic items that are no longer needed are for sale at reasonable prices. Join us in the Mount Saint Joseph Gymnasium from **7:30 a.m. to noon** for a chance to purchase both a piece of history and something to help your picnic. Find out more about the Ursuline Sisters at [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org).

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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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## Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Very often, we are reminded that the call of a Christian is not to be indifferent, but to be different. The call of a Christian is not to be a mere human being, but be a super human being. Yes, the call to be a Christian is not an ordinary call, but it is an extraordinary call. Highlighting the importance of the call we have received, Jesus reminds us of the very purpose of our Christian call by saying, “*be perfect just as your heavenly father is perfect.*” Yes, every Christian journey is supposed to be a pilgrimage (Journey with God) aimed at reaching the perfection (Kingdom of God). To fulfill our journey to its completion, Jesus came to this world in the form of a man.

We know, that as soon as spring season starts, some of the county and state roads are under maintenance and new roads are being made for our easy journey. Suppose we are depending on GPS for our journey to a distant place, and if the GPS is not updated every year, there is a possibility that we could get lost on our way. The same way, the arrival of Jesus into our midst can be considered as the updated GPS for us to enter into the Kingdom of God. This is the reason Jesus says, “*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes the Father, except through me.*”

Very often, we have discussed the defect of the teaching of Scribes and Pharisees. Yes, their teachings of the law or the commandments were not helpful for the people to experience God in their lives, and very often it was misleading. It is in this situation, God the Father felt the need of a good teacher with updated syllabus to teach the people, so we have Jesus in our midst. So as Jesus begins His ministry, He makes it very clear that, “*Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets, I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them*” (Mt. 5:17). The Gospel of today is the updated teachings of Jesus.

Before we read through the Gospel of today again, I just want to remind you that we are not the children of the Old Testament, but we are the children of the New Testament. We are not the slave of the Jewish Law, but we are the children of the Covenantal Love of Jesus’ precious Blood. Still I feel some of us continue to be part of the Old Testament and a slave of Jewish Law. Let us examine ourselves. Do we still keep anger and revenge against the other? Do we still hate our enemy? Do we still keep ill feelings towards the other? Do we still think, speak and act against Love of God and Neighbor? If we do all these, Jesus asks the question to, what is the difference we make as Christians in this world? If we continue to act against Love of God and Neighbor, how can we say that we have Faith in Jesus? How can we call ourselves a Christian? Jesus says, “*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*”

Yes, dear friends, we are all grown up. We all need to update our attitude according to the updated teachings of Jesus for Jesus very clearly says to us again that “*Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.*” May the love of God and neighbor reign in our hearts always. **God Bless.**