



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road

Reed, Kentucky 42451

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 5, 2017

Welcome to St. Augustine!!!

Parish Website: [www.staugstinereed.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

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BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Tom & Connie McFarland 2/10 21 years

Ministries for 2/12

Servers: Zachary Peerman, John Boeglin

Lectors: Anna Dee DeMar

Eucharistic Min: Dee Anna Booker, Larry Schwartz

Gifts: Thomas McFarland Family

Ushers: Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Mass Intention 02/05 & 02/12

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Marie Murphy

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15

Regular Collection \$946.15

St Vincent DePaul \$55.00

Church Cleaners:

Sherry Schwartz 1/29 – 2/11

Cindy Simon 2/12 – 2/25

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

Newman Lady's Club's Valentine's Day Luncheon for Senior Citizens is set for Friday, February 10, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Augustine Parish Hall. All seniors 55 and older are welcome to attend.

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.

Confirmation will be held at St. Augustine on Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. Mass. We have six students who will be confirmed this year. Potluck Breakfast and donuts after Mass to celebrate.

Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the RiverPark Center, 101 Daviess Street, Owensboro, Kentucky. The conference will address the subject of how to live your life as a Catholic man and will include nationally renowned and dynamic Catholic speakers such as Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Father Larry Richards, and Robert Rogers. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan. The conference is open to men who are high school seniors or older. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, and it includes lunch. To order tickets or obtain more information, visits their website - www.kycatholic.com or call Randy Clemens at (270) 316-5067.

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.

Local Confession Schedules

St. Stephen	Saturday	9:30am-11:30am
St. Mary Magdalene	Saturday	2:30pm
Precious Blood	Saturday	3:30pm

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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.



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Today, we live in a world or in a country where many people are crying out for their rights, their life and their choices. In this situation of our world and country, I want to remind you that God made a great and wonderful choice in His authority to have us all in this world with a specific purpose. Above all, by being a Christian in the name of Jesus, I would like to remind you that God made an excellent choice in welcoming each of us to His Christian Community with a great purpose. The Gospel of today very clearly explains to us the great purpose of God having each of us in this world in His excellent choice. Jesus highlights our importance in this world through three metaphors. Though they look simple, in reality they are really powerful. Jesus says:

**You are the salt of the Earth
You are the Light of the world.
A City set on a mountain cannot be hidden.**

Yes, these three metaphors clearly say that each of us is inevitable beings in this world.

Jesus says: You are the Salt of the Earth: Though, salt appears to be so simple, in reality we find that salt plays a very important role in our lives. Yes, salt is a basic and essential item in our diet and adds flavor or special taste to our food. Apart from adding taste to the food, it has other important qualities. In ancient times, salt was used as one of the best preservatives. Salt has also been used for medicinal purposes. In the Old Testament, we can see salt has different connotations like purification, sacrifice, loyalty and covenant. So when Jesus says to us, "You are the salt of the earth", it implies that it is our identity, as well as our mission. Yes, we are called to discharge the qualities of salt in this world to be a means to add taste to the lives of the less fortunate, preserve lives and its holiness from being corrupted, be a healing remedy to the wounded etc. Again Jesus says, "If salt loses its taste", it is good for nothing. The same way, a Christian life without Christ and His values, will be useless in this world. Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation India once said. "if I were to see a true Christian in my life, I should have converted to Christianity." The greatest tragedy of Christianity in this modern world is that we Christians are losing the taste of Christ in our lives.

Jesus says: You are the Light of the World: I am sure, some of you know well, the importance of light when you had the winter storm a couple of years back. People coming from developing and under developed countries will know the importance of light. If you ask a blind person, they will tell you the importance of light. Yes, light enables us to see things and enables us to walk without falling and trembling. The important part of the light is that we not only see things around us, but we are also seen. So as a disciple of Christ, we are bound to maintain our identity as true a Christian and help others to walk in the light of Christ. Jesus was able to say "I am the Light of the world" by being united with His Father in Heaven in thoughts, words and actions. The same way, we can be a true light in this world, only by being united to Him, through our thoughts, words and actions.

Jesus says: A city built on a mountain cannot be hidden. If we look into the lives of Jesus, we see that all the important things that happened in His life were on a mountain. Yes, the life of a Christian is not to be hidden, but to be seen by others. Yes, our Christian life and Christ's values should stand out in this world. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples.

Yes, let us be thankful to God for His great confidence in each one of us by letting us live in this world and making us aware of our importance in this world as Christians. At the same time, let us ask the Lord to help us to live up to His expectation as a true disciple of Him. God Bless You.