



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

5th Sunday of Lent: March 13, 2016

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 basket.

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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 3/13 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne
Thursday 3/17 6:00 p.m. Peggy Payne
Sunday 3/20 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Andrew Boeglin 3/14
Justine Eblen 3/18

Church Cleaner: Linda Evans 3/13/ - 3/26

Ministries for Sunday, 3/20

Servers: Claire Boeglin, Gabe McFarland
Lectors: Anna Dee DeMar, Rosemary Murphy
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts: Lois Payne Family
Ushers: Dee Anna Booker, Ben Blair

Holy Thursday, 3/24 – Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Servers: Davis, Ellie, Sam Mitchell, Sam McFarland
Lectors: Barbara Smith
Eucharistic Min: Larry Schwartz, Angela Peerman
Gifts: Robert Purgeason Family

Good Friday, 3/25 – Services at 6:00 p.m.

Servers: John, Henry, Claire Boeglin
Lectors: Shelley Payne, Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts: Larry Schwartz Family

Holy Saturday, 3/26 – Mass at 8:00 p.m.

Servers: Gabe & Sam McFarland, John & Henry Boeglin
Lectors: Dee Anna Booker (1); Anna Dee DeMar (3),
Rosemary Murphy (5), Jamie Boeglin (Mass)
Eucharistic Min: Connie Williams, Ben Blair
Gifts: Volunteers

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15

Regular Collection: \$1,965.00
Maintenance: \$100.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$95.00

Announcements

Saturday, March 26, 2016, decorate church at 9:00 a.m. for Easter.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Children preparing for first Communion are asked to meet this week on Thursday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m. or Saturday, March 19th at 9:30 a.m. for the last three (3) lessons. Please continue praying for these children and their families that they stay well as they prepare for these important steps in their journey with Christ - the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist!

Thank you for the consolation that you gave us at the service for our son, Timothy Chaney, and for your continuing prayers. All was greatly appreciated, Dave and Juanita Chaney

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 back per of the church by the organ. **(As of right now we only have 5 t-shirts – this is not enough to make a quilt)**

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,

When Louie 13th was the King of France, he made a list of all his enemies and put a cross straight to their names. Coming to know about this, most of the enemies thought that the King was going to grant them death on the cross so they all fled from the country. Later, the King declared, *"I am not going to kill anyone on the cross, but for the sake of the one who died on the cross, I am ready to forgive all my enemies and to show that I have put cross straight to their names"*.

Today, as we are in the 5th Sunday of Lent, we have a beautiful Gospel passage of the sinful woman caught in adultery. This Gospel passage shows us the true nature of Jesus and each one of us. This Gospel passage clearly shows us the great difference between the judgment of human beings and God. Human beings are more concerned about rules and regulations and judgment on the spot, but in the case of God, we see God shows mercy and compassion and gives more room for improvement. There is no doubt that every one of us are enjoying this benefit from our God. Surely, if God were to use the judgment criteria of human beings for each one of us, none of us would be alive. So remember that every moment and every day is the last chance to live faithfully.

Dear friends, when we travel through the life of Jesus, we can see that Jesus never condemned the sinner, He always condemned the sin. According to the Old Testament, adultery was a serious sins, and that is why scribes and Pharisees are quoting the Old Testament, *"Moses commanded us to stone such women"* and they are ready to kill the woman. But the mercy and love of Jesus bypass all their laws and send out a powerful message to scribes and Pharisees, *"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her"*, and we see everyone left the scene except Jesus and the woman.

Coming to the New Testament, we see the worst sin that Jesus condemned was hypocrisy. The same hypocrisy of scribes and Pharisees were made reveled when they all left the scene without stoning the woman. Yes, it is to these same scribes and Pharisees Jesus addressed, *"woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside is full of the bones of dead and everything unclean"*.

Yes, finally left alone, Jesus says to the woman, *"Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin anymore."* Yes, it is a message with firm purpose and call to amend her life. Yes, this is the same message Jesus wants to tell everyone when you approach the sacrament of penance or reconciliation. Are you ready to have firm purpose and amend your life? Dear friends, finally as we reflect about this Gospel passage, we have three characters to be chosen for our lives. The character of the crowd, the character of the woman and the character of Jesus. Without any doubt, I am sure all of us have taken the role of the crowd and the woman on different occasions. Today, can we take the role of Jesus to forgive and to forget? May the Good Lord Bless you to be an instrument of Mercy and compassion in this world.



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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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Please Keep in Your Prayers:

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