



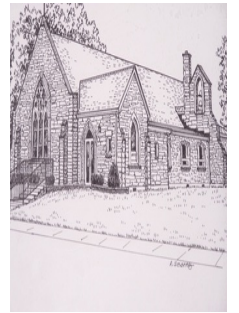
St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 15, 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 - 3/15 - 3/22

Sunday	3/15	Mass	8:00 a.m. Boonie Ralph
Monday	3/16	No Mass	
Tuesday	3/17	No Mass	
Wednesday	3/18	No Mass	
Thursday	3/19	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
Friday	3/20	No Mass	
Saturday	3/21	No Mass	
Sunday	3/22	Mass	8:00 a.m. Daniel & Peter Weaver

Ministries for 3/22

Servers:	8:00 a.m.	Davis & Ellie Mitchell
Lectors:	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Dee Anna Booker, Larry Schwartz
Gifts:	8:00 a.m.	Tony Hundley Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Larry Schwartz

Church cleaner:
Debbie Merimee 3/15 - 3/28

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,
As we are in the 4th week of our Lenten journey, the Holy Mother Church invites us to reflect about the unconditional love of God for each one of us through the three readings of today.

Since from the creation, there is no doubt the love of God is caring for us unconditionally in many ways. It is only after creating and arranging everything needed for our lives God created us in His own image and likeness. After creating us, God did not leave us alone. He kept watch on us, cared for us and directed our lives through the WORDS of many prophets. Yes, God could not resist His love for us. He could not remain in the heavenly realm for a long time. He came to live among us just like any one of us taking the form of a MAN. The Love of God was so powerful that He could not find any other way to express it, so He emptied Himself by dying on the Cross. Thus by dying on the cross, He continued to promise His love for us through HOLY EUCHARIST. Yes, every Eucharist reminds us about God's love for us and that there is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. Yes, God used different mediums to express His love for us and still He continues to use the same mediums through the word of God, through others, and through sacraments.

Now what makes God love us so passionately? Is there anything special in us? The simplest answer would be, it is His nature. This is why St. John says God is Love. St. Augustine says, "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." One of the specialties of God's love is that it is a covenantal love so this love should be following us every time in whatever situation we may be in. The word "Covenant" we use these days only in relation to marriage because we believe that marriage is not a contract but it is a covenant, and so it is unbreakable. The same way, we need to understand that God's love also is unbreakable and nothing can stop God's love for each one of us. It is to the same love every one of us is called to share in our lives, but do we have a covenantal nature of love in our hearts?

Yes, it is the covenantal nature of love that uplifts our lives, strengthens our family, and strengthens our community and society. This is what the Gospel says, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." So, it is the absence of covenantal nature of love that brings forth problems and tensions in our lives and in community and society. So today, our challenge is to experience and share the covenantal nature of love. The only way to experience the covenantal love of God is to be open to the mediums God used since from the creation of word of God, love of neighbor and Eucharist.

Yes, God brings us new life and light through His love and so the Gospel states that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life. The action of Moses' lifting the bronze serpent in the desert is an expression of God's love for the people and it points to Jesus' death on the cross which brought new life and meaning to our lives. It is the same action the priests are doing during the Holy Eucharistic celebration by lifting the body and blood of Jesus. For the Gospel says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God". Yes, God wants every one of us to be saved and be perfect and only God's love can

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

St. Peter's Men's Club will be having its last Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 27th. Don't miss out! Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. You will have a choice of catfish or cod. \$10.00 for adults (13 and over); \$5.00 for kids (4-12)

<u>This Week's Birthdays:</u>			
Justin Eblen	3/18		
Elsie Blair	3/21		
<u>This Week's Anniversaries:</u>			
David & Macey Peerman	3/16	5 years	
Weekly Budget:			\$1,221.15
Regular Collection			\$1,405.00
Maintenance			\$80.00
In Memory of Peggy Payne			\$40.00
Please pray for the following:			
Fr. Jegin			
Paula Mayfield			
Debbie Ralph			
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.