

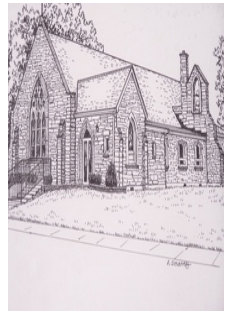


St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 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 - 3/22 - 3/29

Sunday	3/22	Mass	8:00 a.m. Daniel & Peter Weaver
Monday	3/23	No Mass	
Tuesday	3/24	No Mass	
Wednesday	3/25	No Mass	
Thursday	3/26	6:00 p.m. Lenten Service	
Friday	3/27	No Mass	
Saturday	3/28	No Mass	
Sunday	3/29	Mass	8:00 a.m. Donna & Fitzie Fulkerson Weaver

Ministries for 3/29 - Palm Sunday

Servers:	8:00 a.m.	Claire & Henry Boeglin Ellie & Davis Mitchell
Lectors:	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Smith, Rob Mitchell
Eucharistic Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Sonny & Linda Evans
Gifts:	8:00 a.m.	Angela Peerman Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Larry Schwartz

Church cleaner:

Debbie Merimee 3/15 - 3/28

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Jesus never had to browse internet or read many books to interpret the will of God to His people in a very concrete level. Rather, He always used things of this world. The Gospel of today gives us a beautiful imagery of a grain of wheat to convey the message of what it means to be His disciple and what it means to live out our Christian vocation. In the Gospel, we have heard that the grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die so that it can produce fruit. As we are living in a farming community, I am sure this imagery is very simple and easy to understand. But do we understand the deeper meaning of this simple ordinary imagery of grain of wheat?

In the first place, Jesus, in speaking of a grain of wheat dying, points to His own life and invites us to imitate His life in our lives and become a true disciple. The grain of wheat is a tiny thing but when it falls to the ground and dies, a single grain of wheat can produce many more grains. The same way each and every one of us are like a single grain in this huge world but just like the grain, when we are ready to surrender ourselves to the will of God, the Gospel says through our lives we can produce much fruit. The Gospel of Luke 6:44 states, "Each tree is known by its yield. Figs are not taken from thorn bushes, nor grapes picked from brambles". Yes, we Christians are the fruits of one single grain called Jesus Christ who died for us, so we are called Christians. The same way we are called upon to bear fruits who are able to witness Christ in this world. But is that happening? If we acknowledge that we are Christians and not producing the fruit as Christ wanted, what is our discipleship? What is our Christian Vocation? How can we call ourselves Christians?

We believe and teach that Jesus had two natures, human and divine. We know in Jesus, it was divine nature that was more dominant, so we have the life now and called Christians. The same way as a person, we too have two natures. Human and divine. It is human nature that is more dominant in us and often forces the divine nature to sleep within us and it is in this situation we need to assimilate the central theme of the Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit". Yes, the word of God reminds us that we should be ready to shed our human nature and wake up the divine nature in us. Only then can we bear fruit for Christ. Thus, it is only by awakening our divine nature that we can become a true disciple of Christ and live our vocation. It is the same St. John the Baptist is reminding us, "He must increase and I must decrease".

Let us ask the Eucharistic Lord to inspire us with His grace that we will realize the fact that we are not only humans but we are more of Divine.

Announcements

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice on Sunday, March 22, 2015, and Sunday, March 29, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

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)

This Week's Birthdays:

Christopher Sauer	3/26
Mark Murphy	3/28

This Week's Anniversaries:

Weekly Budget:

	\$1,221.15
Regular Collection	\$1,076.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$85.00
Mass Intentions Leon Cecil	\$20.00

Please pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
Paula Mayfield
Debbie Ralph

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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.