



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
 Reed, Kentucky 42451

2nd Sunday of Lent: March 12, 2017

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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Ministries for 3/19

Servers: Gabe & Sam McFarland
Lectors: Shelley Payne
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christie Hundley
Gifts: Dee Anna Booker Family
Ushers: Jimmy Davis, Kathy Wolfe

Mass Intentions:

3/12 Harold & Emma Swift
 3/19 Jean Coomes
 3/26 Jean Coomes

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Father Jegin
 Mack Lacer
 Paula Mayfield
 Michele Alexander Johnson

WEEKLY BUDGET:

Regular Collection **\$1,221.15**

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BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Michaela Boeglin 3/12
 Jimmy Davis 3/12
 Andrew Boeglin 3/14

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Church Cleaners:

Amy Sinnett 3/12 – 3/25
 Linda Sinnett 3/26 – 4/8

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

Mass Time Change: Beginning Saturday, March 18, 2017, Saturday night Mass at St. Peter will change from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Fish Fry on Friday, March 24th - Serving begins at 6:00 p.m. Choice of catfish or cod. The meal will include french fries, hushpuppies and drinks.

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.

Parish Council meeting - **March 20, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** 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.

Confirmation Information:

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

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.

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.

Local Confession Schedules

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

St. Peter is also having confessions at 3:00 p.m. during this time of year every Saturday and when the day light saving time starts, the confession will be at 4 PM every Saturday.

Penance service dates and times for Lent:

T	March 7	St. Mary Magdalene	6:00 p.m.
W	March 8	St Sebastian	6:00 p.m.
M	March 13	Mt St. Joseph	6:00 p.m.
Su	March 26	St. Martin	7:00 p.m.
M	March 27	St. Peter/St. Augustine	6:00 p.m.
T	March 28	Immaculate Parish	6:00 p.m.
M	April 3	Precious Blood	6:00 p.m.
Su	April 9	St. Stephen's Cathedral	2:00 p.m.
		St. Alphonsus	Leave the Light On
		St. Elizabeth	No Penance service

Living and Leading with Love (L3) Youth Theology Institute: Through the generous grant support of the Lilly Endowment, Brescia University will once again begin a youth theological institute for high school students beginning in August, 2017. Twenty students will participate in a year-long program that will include theological reflections, online learning, service opportunities, retreats, prayer experiences, and a five-day, intensive on-ground experience at Brescia University during the summer to conclude. **Who should apply?** Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors living in Western Kentucky who already have a strong interest in theology and desire to learn more. Juniors and seniors may choose to participate and earn college credit for completion of the program. To apply, visit www.brescia.edu/L3 and fill out the online application. Students will also be required to submit one recommendation letter from a church official, religious educator/teacher, or school counselor. Application received by April 1, 2017 will be given first priority. Contact Program Director, Dr. Emily DeMoor, for more information at emily.demoor@brescia.edu.

Five Minutes With the Word for Lent: The *Five Minutes With the Word* booklets have been placed on the tables by the church exits. Each family is welcome to take one home.

Fast & Abstinence Rules: 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.

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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,

There is a story told of a certain woman who was always bright, cheerful and optimistic, even though she was confined to her room because of her illness. She lived in the top floor of a very old apartment building. A friend visiting her brought along another woman who was very rich. Since there was no elevator in the building, both ladies began to climb the steps. When they reached the second floor, the rich woman commented, "*What a dark and filthy place!*" Her friend replied, "*It is better higher up*". When they reached the third floor the rich woman made another comment, "*It is disgusting here*". The friend replied, "*It is better higher up*". When they reached the fourth floor, the rich woman commented again "*Things look even worse here*". Again, the friend replied, "*It is better higher up*". Finally, they reached the top floor and found the bedridden saint of God, who welcomed them with a smiling and cheerful face radiating with joy in her heart. Although, the room was clean and flowers were set on the window, the rich woman could not get over the stark surroundings in which the woman lived, so she said to the bedridden saint of God, "*It must be difficult for you to be like this!*" Without a moment of hesitation, pointing towards heaven she responded, "*It is better higher up.*" The rich woman made all the comments looking at temporal things of this world and earthly sufferings. But, the bedridden saint of God was not looking at temporal things of this world and earthly sufferings, she always fixed her eyes of faith on God even in her illness. Yes, she was joyfully looking forward to the ultimate glory that awaited her.

Dear friends, by reflecting upon the three temptations of Jesus last Sunday, Jesus was teaching us about the importance of entering communion with God through fasting, prayer and almsgiving to receive God's grace to fight against the temptations of this world. This weekend, we have a beautiful Gospel passage which tells us about the ultimate result of communion with God, i.e., communication with God through experiencing His glory. Yes, the transfiguration of Jesus is a small glimpse of the destination of our Lenten Journey, Christ's risen glory. By presenting this Gospel passage to each of us today, the Holy Mother Church reminds us that walking through the footsteps of Jesus will lead us also to the experience of the glory of God and communication with Him.

Yes, most of us have decided to walk differently especially during this season of Lent by embracing repentance, fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Now the question is, do these spiritual practices help us to be a different person in Jesus Christ? How many of us experience the presence of God in our lives and help others to experience Jesus in their lives? Remember, as you are present here today, you are witnessing a transfiguration through the Holy Eucharist where mere bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Now, how many of us feel that it is good to be here, just like Peter said in today's Gospel? If you feel that it is good to be here, how can someone miss daily Mass and Sunday Mass? If you are not able to experience the transfiguration in the Holy Eucharist, remember, there was a call for you on the first day of the Lent, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" and did you listen to that call? Yes, the destination of our Lenten Journey is in the experiencing of the Glory of God. To have this experience in our lives, we need the virtue of faith in our lives like Abraham (1st Reading), we need the virtue of love in our lives like Jesus (2nd Reading), and we need the virtue of hope in our lives which the transfiguration calls us to have. May this Holy Journey help us experience the Glory of God and make us a different person in Jesus Christ. *God, Bless You!*