



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent: March 19, 2017

Welcome to St. Augustine!!!

Parish Website: [www.staugustinereed.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.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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## **Please Keep in Your Prayers:**

Father Jegin  
Mack Lacer  
Paula Mayfield  
Michele Alexander Johnson

## **BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:**

Elsie Blair 3/21  
Steve Raley 3/29

## **ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

## **Ministries for 3/26**

Servers: Ellie & Sam Mitchell  
Lectors: Dee Anna Booker  
Eucharistic Min: April & Rob Mitchell  
Gifts: Andrew Boeglin Family  
Ushers: Jimmy Davis, Kathy Wolfe

## **Mass Intentions:**

3/19 Jean Coomes  
3/26 Jean Coomes

## **WEEKLY BUDGET:**

	<b>\$1,221.15</b>
Regular Collection	\$1,045.70
Maintenance	\$50.00
Diocesan Administration	\$5.00
Diocese of Mandeville	\$10.00
Infirm Priests	\$10.00
Catholic Relief	\$10.00

## **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

**Let's pray for our country!** A group of people are meeting each Saturday morning at 9:00am at St. Augustine Parish to pray the Patriotic Rosary for the United States of America. You are invited to attend -every Saturday or any Saturday that you can. This is important work!

Chrism Mass will be held at the Owensboro Sportscenter on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** (*The Sportscenter is located across the street from Owensboro Catholic High School at 1215 Hickman Avenue.*) Everyone encouraged to attend.

Request for Lawn Care Bids: The Diocese of Owensboro is entertaining bids for law care at three separate locations: 1) St. Raphael (cemetery & picnic area) West County; 2) Bishop Cotton Apartments behind Carmel Home; 3) Diocesan Office (600 Locust, 513, 515 & 559 Cedar Sts) Call (270) 852-8378 or email [ernie.taliaferro@pastoral.org](mailto:ernie.taliaferro@pastoral.org) for additional information. Bids will close at noon on April 3, 2017, and should be turned in at the McRaith Catholic Center @600 Locust Street.

**St. Peter's Fish Fry** on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - 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:**

April 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	St. Augustine	Practice
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	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

**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.

**Penance service dates and times for Lent:**

Su	March 26	St. Martin	7:00 p.m.
M	March 27	St. Peter	6:00 p.m.
(St. Peter is having confessions every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. during this time of year.)			
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](http://www.brescia.edu/L3) <<http://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](mailto:emily.demoor@brescia.edu) <[mailto: emily.demoor@brescia.edu](mailto:emily.demoor@brescia.edu)>.

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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,

Today, we have come to the third week of our Lenten journey. The first week of Lent, Jesus was showing us the way to fight against temptations in our lives through communion with His Heavenly Father. Last weekend, we were all given the experience of transfiguration, the ultimate destination of our Lenten journey. This weekend, we see the transfigured Jesus is transforming a Samaritan woman who is a public sinner.

If we closely watch the life of Jesus, we can see that the public life of Jesus was a challenging one because He challenged everyone with His life of faith, hope and charity. As Christians, we are also called to challenge everyone who comes to us through our life of faith in Jesus, hope in Jesus and charity in the name of Jesus. Looking sincerely into your own heart and life, how many of you can proudly say that I am challenged by Jesus and His life? I am sure, in most of our cases, instead of being challenged by Jesus, we are challenging Jesus in every way possible through our sinful life. Dear friends, how long will we challenge Jesus like this? It is good to remember that the day will come that we will never be able to challenge Jesus, but that day Jesus will challenge us with His questions! To avoid that situation, Jesus said to us on the first day of lent, “*Repent and Believe in the Gospel.*”

In today's Gospel by talking with the Samaritan woman, Jesus is challenging the Jews and Samaritans. In Jesus' time, there was no relationship between Jews and Samaritans. They lived like born enemies for many centuries. Again, a man talking to a woman in public was scandalous to both Jews and Samaritans. Even more, talking to a public sinner in public was a sin, but in today's Gospel, we see Jesus is breaking all the barriers of prejudice, hostility and tradition, and bringing good news of peace and reconciliation to Jews, Samaritans and Gentiles. The same way, a true Christian should not only preach the Gospel of love, but should live the Gospel of love.

Everything in today's Gospel started with a conversation between Jesus and the woman. Firstly, we see Jesus asked for a drink, and in return Jesus offered her living water that would lead to eternal life which she did not understand at first. Yes, there is no life without water. Similarly, we Christians had our beginning of Christian life in the life of grace starting with the water. The water of Baptism. Secondly, we see the woman gradually coming to know Jesus in a fuller and deeper way. She initially addresses Jesus as “Sir” a polite title to address a stranger. Then she sees Him as a Prophet, and, thirdly she begins to believe that He is the Christ, the Messiah. The very moment she realizes that Jesus is the Messiah, she becomes a new creation in Jesus and runs to town to tell everyone about Him. Thus, this Samaritan woman becomes the first missionary to preach to others that Jesus is the Messiah even before His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Yes, all these transformations in the life of the Samaritan woman started with her willingness to talk with Jesus which led her to know that Jesus is the Messiah. The same way, we will never be able to get to know our Lord if we don't find time to talk to Him. Yes, dear friends, Jesus is talking to us daily through the Word of God, and we need to talk to Him by living the Word of God. Are you ready for this challenge? Yes, Christian life is full of challenges and to become a true Christian, we should be ready to take up every challenge in our lives. This is the reason Jesus says “*whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me*” (Matthew 16:24). **God Bless you!**