



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent: March 26, 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.

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

Father Jegin  
Mack Lacer  
Paula Mayfield  
Michele Alexander Johnson

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

Steve Raley 3/29

## **ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

## **Ministries for 4/2/17**

Servers: John & Henry Boeglin  
Lectors: Shelley Payne  
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christa Hundley  
Gifts: Steve Byrne Family  
Ushers: Ben Blair, Dee Anna Booker

## **Mass Intentions:**

3/26 Jean Coomes  
4/2 Jean Coomes

## **WEEKLY BUDGET:**

**\$1,221.15**

Regular Collection \$1,395.00  
Diocesan Administration \$50.00  
Infirm Priests \$140.00

## **Church Cleaners:**

Linda Sinnett 3/26 – 4/8  
Connie Williams 4/9 – 4/22

**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!

**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.

**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.

**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.

### **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

### **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	

**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.

**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) 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).

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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,

If you remember the Gospel of last weekend, we know Jesus challenged the customs and traditions of the Jews and Samaritans by talking with the Samaritan woman in public. In today's Gospel we see Jesus is challenging the spiritual pride/spiritual blindness of Pharisees by curing the blindness of a man who was born blind on a Sabbath day. Thus Jesus proclaims to each one of us that-He is the light of the word, and reminds us that spiritual blindness is more cancerous than physical blindness.

Today, we are all living in a strange world, where we complain so much about the darkest side of the world-about war, poverty, corruption, racism, terrorism and many other problems and sufferings around the world without lighting the light that we have in our hands. In other words we are all busy in cursing the darkness without lighting the candle! Yes, we are living in totally a strange world where we have a microscope to see tiny things and a telescope to see distant things, but often we do not see what is closest to us. We know more about celebrities than our next door neighbors or family and friends. Yes, so many things distract us from what really matters. Saint Theresa of Calcutta said: *"I think the world today is upside down...we have no time for our children, we have no time for each other; there is no time to enjoy each other. In the home begins the disruption of the peace of the world."*

Dear friends, this Sunday, let us ask Jesus to heal our blindness, particularly our failure to see those close to us. Let us pray to the Lord to help us to see our children, our family members, and our fellow parishioners. In order to experience the healing from our blindness, the first reading of today clearly reminds us that do not judge anyone from his/her appearance because the Lord looks into the heart. Yes, to see the heart of the other person we need the light of Christ in our lives. As Catholics, by receiving the lighted candle from the priest, we all have received the light of Christ at the sacrament of Baptism. And today the question is did we care for that light of Christ to burn brightly in our lives? Those who stood as parents and God-parents at the time of Baptism, please check for yourselves-how responsible you were to the commitment you made on behalf of that little child? Yes dear friends, it is our negligence to respond to the light of Christ, which makes this world more darkened and problem filled. So as Catholic, let us not forget that we have a major role to play to brighten this world through our lives of Faith, Hope and Charity.

If you listened attentively to today's Gospel, you notice the gradual insight the blind man developed about Jesus. The same kind of progression, we could find in last weekend Gospel too in the case of the Samaritan woman (*Sir-Prophet-Jesus Christ/Messiah*). At first, the blind man sees Jesus as "the Man called Jesus." When the Pharisees questioned him about Jesus, the blind man said, "He is a Prophet." Lastly, when Jesus asked the blind man if he believed in Jesus as son of Man, he said "I do believe" and he worshipped Him. The practical lesson for us here is that, believing and worshiping go together. Today, we have so many people willing to say "I Believe" but they seldom have time to worship.

Although we may not be blind like Pharisees, if we were we would not be here but, sometimes we are like the parents of the blind man who hesitated to give witness to Christ for the healing He has done to their son for fear of the Jews. During this Mass, let us pray that we continue to come to know Christ as our Light and, our Savior and proclaim His greatness without any fear. **God Bless You!**