



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

1st Sunday of Lent: March 5, 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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Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Father Jegin
Mack Lacer
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BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Jeff Raley 3/7

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Ministries for 3/12

Servers: Zachary Peerman, Claire Boeglin
Lectors: Rob Mitchell
Eucharistic Min: Dee Anna Booker, Larry Schwartz
Gifts: Connie Williams Family
Ushers: Jimmy Davis, Kathy Wolfe

Mass Intentions:

3/5 Marie Murphy
3/12 Harold & Emma Swift
3/19 Jean Coomes
3/26 Jean Coomes

WEEKLY BUDGET:

Regular Collection

\$1,221.15

\$647.00

Church Cleaners:

Barbara Smith 2/26 – 3/11
Amy Sinnett 3/12 – 3/25

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: Daylight Saving Time begins March 12, 2017. 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: During Lent, St. Peter's Men's Club will be frying fish on Friday, March 10th and Friday, March 24th. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. You will have a 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 on **Monday, 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.

American Red Cross: Please consider volunteering with the American Red Cross on 3-25-17 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon to assist in installing smoke alarms in area homes and teaching home fire safety. Please register by calling (270) 683-2438. Volunteers will meet at Chautauqua Park, 1301 Bluff Ave, in Owensboro. A Barbecue is also available for volunteers afterward at the Park from noon till 2:00pm. This is in honor of the Red Cross' 100th Anniversary.

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.

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.

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.

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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,

A woman was shopping for a new dress and found the most stunning creation she had ever seen in her life, but it was too expensive: \$750.00. She knew that she couldn't afford it, but she wanted to try the dress on to see how she looked in it. So she tried the dress on and found that she looked very beautiful in it. She thought that if she didn't buy this rare piece of dress now, someone else will see it and buy it, so she bought it. That evening as she showed the dress to her husband and told him how beautiful she looked in the dress, the husband asked her how much she paid for it. When she told the cost of the dress, he actually had a fit. She explained that the temptation was more than she could resist. The husband told her that when you are tempted like that, you should tell the devil, "get behind me, Satan." She pleaded with her husband saying that is what I did, and the devil told me, it looks fantastic from the back too.

Yes, dear friends, temptations always attract us to something that looks good and beautiful even though we know that tempted things are not good for us in the long run, and that is the nature of temptation. As human beings, we all go through different types of temptation on different occasions. In today's Gospel, we reflect upon the three temptations Jesus had to face in His life. Sometimes people justify temptations in their life referring to the temptations of Jesus saying that even the Son of God was not spared from being tempted, so how can we? I want to remind you that this is not the right kind of justification. Here, the temptations of Jesus should be seen as one of occasions where Jesus is identifying Himself with each one of us, just like He identified Himself with each one of us by taking the form of a human being. Thus, facing temptations in His life, Jesus clearly teaches us how to face temptations in our lives, in communion with His Father.

Yes, temptations are part and parcel of life. Being tempted is not a sin, but falling into temptation is a sin, and we should understand that it is an act of selfishness. We know that the life of Jesus was not of selfishness but of generosity. Jesus willingly gave up His entire life for our own well-being. The same way, as Christians, each one of us is called to be more generous towards God and our fellow brethren. At the same time, through the Gospel of today, Jesus reminds us that it is not that easy to be generous or live without temptation, because the Book of Genesis 4:7 says, "... sin is crouching at your door of life; it desires to have you..." Again 1 Peter 5:8 says "Be alert and of sober mind, your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat." **So Be Careful!**

Yes, dear friends, the season of Lent demands a lot more attention and care from each one of us to live an authentic Christian life. This is the reason Jesus says in Matthew 11:16, "You must be clever as snakes and innocent as doves". Yes, dear friends, temptations or the presence of evil in this world is a reality, and without the grace of God, it is really hard to defeat them. Now, to attain the grace of God to defeat devil, the Bible prescribed three medicines for us on the first day of our Lenten season on Ash Wednesday; repentance, fasting, almsgiving and Prayer. Yes, repentance leads fasting, fasting or self-donation leads to almsgiving, almsgiving is a sign of reconciliation with brethren, reconciliation leads to prayer and prayer is a communion with God. Thus, following the prescriptions given by God, let us make our Lenten Journey, a special one with God. **God Bless You with a fruitful season of LENT.**