



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Fourth Sunday of Easter: April 17, 2016

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 4/24

Servers: Davis & Ellie Mitchell
Lectors: Kristin Miller
Eucharistic Min: Sonny & Linda Evans
Gifts: Jeff Raley Family

Ushers: Larry & Joseph Schwartz

Mass Intention for 4/24

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Richard Dunbar Family

Church Cleaner: Rita Haire 4/10 – 4/23
Christa Hundley 4/24 – 5/7

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Father Jegin
Donnie Brown
Bucky Lacer
Paula Mayfield
Michele Alexander Johnson

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15

Regular Collection: \$961.00

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

April Mitchell 4/17
David Peerman 4/20
Macey Cain 4/21
Sherry Schwartz 4/21
Kathy Wolfe 4/21

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Announcements

Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE after Mass on Sunday, April 17, 2016, and Sunday, April 24, 2016.

Year of Divine Mercy: Pope Francis announced a Year of Divine Mercy on December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016. The Door of Mercy was opened at St. Stephen's Cathedral and will remain open until November 13, 2016. All are invited and encouraged to make a pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year.

Project UK T-shirt Quilt for St. Augustine Reverse Raffle dinner. Need UK t-shirts for this project so if you would like to donate a UK t-shirt for this project, please place it in the back per of the church by the organ.

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.

**The Lord
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.**

Psalm 23.1



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. A day in which the church recalls the intimate relationship between God and His people through the image of a Shepherd and a sheep. The Gospel of today very clearly brings to us this intimate relationship by saying, *“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me...”* As we reflected on last weekend’s Gospel, we clearly examined the consequences of listening and not listening to the voice of God. Though Jesus had foretold His disciples about His death and resurrection a number of times, the disciples heard, but did not follow in their lives. As a consequence, they had all kinds of failures in their lives. Last weekend, we saw that Peter and his companions had a very pathetic fishing night with no fish in their basket. But later, however, we saw, after listening to the word of God and following it, they had a great catch in their lives. Today, placing each of our lives in this context of Good Shepherd Sunday, how do we evaluate? Do we maintain a good relationship with God? How eager are we to listen to the voice of God and follow His message in our lives?

Very often bad things happen in our lives, and many people justify this by saying, I never missed Sunday Mass, I do all my daily prayers, I do my monthly confessions, I do good things for the people, etc, so why did God allow such bad things to happen in my life? Here at this point, we need to reflect deeply about this word of God; *“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.”* Yes, people, those who believe in this word, can never, ever raise questions to God when we are going through bad situations, because through the living word of God, Jesus promises that if we follow Him, *we shall never perish and no one can take them out of my hand.* Yes dear friends, our Jesus is not a destroyer, but He is a builder. He is not a sadist God as we may be thinking, but He is a God who always wishes good for you and me. Yes, this is the kind of relationship we should always keep in our lives with God.

Yes, Jesus is the Good Shepherd: Last weekend, we saw Jesus being the Good Shepherd going after the lost one and going after the disciples who went in different directions after the death of Jesus. If we examine the life of Jesus, we can very well say that He is a good shepherd for He always cared for the unwanted people or the lost ones of the society, especially the poor, the sick, the tax collectors, prostitutes, crippled, blind, lepers, sinners etc. Yes, the heart of Jesus reaches out to everyone. Today, as we celebrate this Good Shepherd Sunday, the challenge before us is the same, to prepare our hearts to love every one, especially the lost ones in our society. Only then we can secure a place in the Kingdom of God. That is why **Mathew 7:21** very clearly says, *“Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven”.*

So today, as we celebrate this Good Shepherd Sunday, the challenge before us is to become a good sheep for God and be a Good shepherd for the people of this world. **May the Good Lord Bless you.**

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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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