



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Easter Sunday: April 16, 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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WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15
Regular Collection: \$1,688.00
Maintenance: \$20.00
Flowers: \$10.00

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Sidney Cain 4/16
April Mitchell 4/17
David Peerman 4/20
Macey Cain 4/21
Sherry Schwartz 4/21
Kathy Wolfe 4/21

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Ministries 4/23

Servers: Zachary Peerman, John Boeglin
Lectors: Barbara Smith
Eucharistic Min: Dee Anna Booker, Larry Schwartz
Gifts: Lois Payne Family
Ushers: Ben Blair, Dee Anna Booker

Mass Intentions:

4/13 Jeff Millay
4/15 Donnie Brown
4/16 Jeff Millay
4/23 Donnie Brown
4/30 Jeff Millay



Church Cleaners:

Connie Williams 4/9 - 4/22
Kathy Wolfe 4/23 - 5/6

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

Confirmation practice at St. Augustine on April 26, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Let's pray for our country! A group of people are meeting each Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. 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!

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

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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 of a boy walking down a road when a frog called to him, "Boy, if you kiss me, I will turn into a beautiful princess." The boy picked up the frog, smiled at it, then placed the frog into his pocket. A few minutes later, the frog said, "Boy, if you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for a week." The boy took the frog from his pocket, smiled at it, then put it back into his pocket. A few minutes later, the frog said, "Boy, if you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will do anything you want!" The boy took the frog from his pocket, smiled, and put it back. Finally, the frog cried, "Oh! Boy, what is the matter? I have told you that I am a beautiful princess, and if you kiss me, I will stay with you and do anything you want!" The boy took the frog from his pocket and said, "Look, I am just a student, I have no time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog is cool!"

Friends, we have spent forty days in prayer, fasting, penance and spiritual reflection to prepare ourselves for today's celebration, the Resurrection of the Lord. I would like to ask you, do you personally and truly believe that Jesus Christ is alive, that He is risen, that He has conquered death, that He has overcome darkness, that He is our Lord and Savior? If you do, then, Alleluia! If you do not yet believe, then what does the resurrection of Christ mean to you?

For some Christians, today is just another Sunday with perhaps a few changes in the worship, the color of vestments, the decorations and the duration of the liturgy. Some of us could be quite indifferent to the whole celebration. Though our body is here, our mind and heart could be somewhere else. We may not be focusing on what we are doing here and now. For this reason, I am afraid that many people see Jesus Christ as only a talking frog whose teachings and miracles are very cool and bring a lot of comfort. No doubt, some of us warmly and gladly welcome Jesus into our life. Remember, while He was on earth many people liked Him, they followed Him wherever He went, they admired His knowledge and wisdom, and they applauded His miracles and wonders. The disciples witnessing His transfiguration and appearance with Moses and Elijah on Mount Tabor said to Him, "Lord, it is good for us to be here". But how many people believe in His promises and obey His teachings? Jesus said to the Jews who believed in Him, "If you make My word your home you will indeed be My disciples, you will come to know the truth and the truth will set you free".

Friends, it is one thing to be baptized in Jesus' name, proclaim Him as Savior, and keep Christian symbols and images in our pocket, in our homes and in our churches. It is another thing to truly believe in His promises and make Him part and parcel of our life. How much effort do we take in our lives to make the name of Jesus proud in this world?

There was a Sunday school student who could hardly answer any of the questions that he was asked. Every time he was asked a question, he thought for a long time before answering and still got it wrong. This went on and on and on. The Sunday school teacher was becoming frustrated and decided to ask him an easy question. She asked, "Who are we celebrating at Easter?" The student thought for a very long time which made the teacher very angry, so she screamed, "Jesus Christ!" As soon as she had said that, the student turned quickly and headed back to his seat. "Get back here! I did not ask you to leave yet!" The teacher yelled. The student replied, " Oh! I'm sorry, I thought you called the next student."

Friends, Easter is all about a person by the name of Jesus Christ. Many people mock and attack the name of Jesus Christ. They take the Lord Jesus' name in vain and disgrace it, but for us the name "Jesus Christ" is the most wonderful and powerful name in existence. So, Jesus Christ is the anointed one of God who came to save people from the darkness of sin. He died on a wooden cross, not for His wrong doings, but for the sins of the world so that people would not be condemned. He rose again on the third day as He had predicted. His Resurrection from the

dead has changed the lives of people - yesterday, today and tomorrow. We gather today to celebrate this great and joyful event which gives meaning to everyone's life and everything else. Now what is the Message the Resurrection of our Lord is giving to us? Through the resurrection, Christ is offering many gifts to us, however, four gifts are worth reflecting on today.

The Risen Christ promises forgiveness for our sins. John (1:9) says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." According to the scriptures, the punishment for sin is death, but now because Jesus has died for our sins and is resurrected, He has conquered death and brings forgiveness of sins to those who trust Him. Therefore, let us confess our sins honestly, sincerely and in faith, relying wholly on His mercy and grace for complete forgiveness, and our deliverance from the darkness of sin.

The Risen Christ offers us the gift of peace. Jesus said to His disciples the night before His death, "My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you." When He appeared to them after the resurrection He said to them repeatedly, "Do not be afraid! Peace be with you!" As we look around at our hearts, our lives and our world, one wonders if anyone is interested in accepting the gift of peace. Many times, we just don't seem to want the gift of peace. We seem quite comfortable making ourselves and others miserable, or we try to make peace on our own, by taking charge of it ourselves and not relying on God to help us. Friends, let us remember that the gift of true peace is available only through mercy and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today He comes back and shares His peace with us as well. He offers it to us as a gift. He wants us to live in His peace. He wants to make peace real within us and around us. As Easter people, we can take that gift of peace seriously and make it part of our lives, and share it with others.

The Risen Christ promises eternal life. Jesus says in John (11:25),"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies." Imagine! Our Lord loves us so much that He wants to be with us for eternity. He gives eternal life to those who believe in Him.

The Risen Christ promises the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus says in John, "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you, but if I go, I will send Him to you." The Helper of Whom He is speaking here in context is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is important in our life. He is the one who teaches and helps us understand the truth. Today, the Risen Christ comes back to us in the fullness of life without a trace of anger, resentment, revenge, or bitterness and wants us to accept these gifts. Let us receive His gifts with gratitude and joy, and praise Him forever.

Happy Easter!

