



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

2nd Sunday of Easter: April 23, 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: \$6,282.00
Rice Bowl: \$131.30
Holy Land: \$98.00
Education of Young Men
to Priesthood \$180.00
Return from Diocese
from Disciples Response
Fund Campaign \$464.82

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Rita Haire 4/26
Stacy Cain 4/29

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Tony & Christa Hundley 4/27 43 years

Ministries 4/30

Servers: Gabe & Sam McFarland
Lectors: Dee Anna Booker
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts: Robert Purgeason Family
Ushers: Ben Blair, Dee Anna Booker

Mass Intentions:

4/23 Donnie Brown
4/30 Jeff Millay

Church Cleaners:

Kathy Wolfe 4/23 – 5/6
Claudia Behnke 5/7 – 5/20

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.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates. Confirmation is May 7, 2017.

John Boeglin,
Claire Boeglin
Amy Simon
Veronica Simon
Emma Simon
Lily Sinnett

There will be a breakfast reception after the Confirmation Mass. Since there will be more family members present than normal, please bring extra food. A celebration cake will be provided.

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
St. Peter of Alcantara	Saturday	4.00pm

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Thank you for your generosity. Following are the totals for the Disciples Response Fund Appeal for our parish as of April 20, 2017:

Parish Target Amount: \$2332.37
Pledged: \$3412
Paid: \$3337
Remaining Balance: \$75
Rebate Paid to Parish 3/31/2017: \$464.82

(Our Parish receives a rebate of 50% for all dollars paid over Parish Target Amount.)

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.



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

On Easter Sunday, the news of the Resurrection of Our Lord came to us through the proclamation of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. This Sunday, the news of the Resurrection of Our Lord comes to us again through the proclamation of the disciples of Jesus. The Gospel of today very clearly shows us that the experience of the Risen Lord in the lives of the disciples dispelled their fear and they became joyful. This great transformation in the lives of the disciples forces us to ask a personal question, am I fearful or joyful when I am confronted with problems and difficulties? If you are fearful, please do not hesitate to throw yourself onto the feet of Jesus. If you are always joyful, per the words of Pope Francis, that is a trademark of a true Christian. So, go and proclaim that our Lord is Risen.

From the Gospels, we find that it was not easy for Jesus to always keep His disciples united together. They always had different opinions! They did not have a prepared heart to understand the real meaning of the word of God. They totally failed to understand who Jesus

is while He was with them. So, to say, even though they spent most of their time with Jesus, they did not have enough faith in Him or in His words. Now, the Gospel of today says to us that the absence or the death of Jesus broke their unity into different pieces, and so, we have a lonely St. Thomas in today's Gospel.

After witnessing the cruel death of Jesus and fearing the Jews, we see the disciples are locked up in a room by themselves. Yes, the absence of Jesus makes them scared of everything outside, but the God who promised us 365 times, "*Do not worry*" through the Bible, comes to their rescue by promising them peace through the Holy Spirit. Dear friends, be sure of this in your life, fear is the product of evil and peace is the product of the Holy Spirit. So, let us examine what kind of spirit is dwelling in us? The same God, who kicked out fear from the hearts of the disciples, is ready to rescue us provided we open our hearts and accept Him as our boss. Yes, the book of [Revelation 3:20](#) says, "*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock, if anyone hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will dwell with Him and he with Me.*"

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy and the Feast of Reconciliation. Yes, as Christians, these two feasts are very important to our spiritual journey because our whole existence is in the Mercy of God. At the same time, these two feasts are interrelated because it is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we believe to receive the Divine Mercy of God for our failures. Yes, sacraments are the visible signs of the invisible God. In today's Gospel, we see St. Thomas is pleading for the Mercy of God for his unbelief in the Resurrection of our Lord by falling onto the feet of Jesus and confirming his faith in Him, "*My Lord and my God*". From the Gospel, we understand that the main reason for the fear of the disciples and unbelief of St. Thomas is caused by the absence of Jesus. Yes, dear friends, absence of Jesus in our lives is the cause for all the problems in our lives.

The disciples who are not familiar with the absence of Jesus in their lives are called to accept a new method of following Jesus. So, Jesus says to St. Thomas, "*Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and believed.*" Yes, the invitation is to believe in Jesus through the help of the Holy Spirit and that is why we read in the Gospel, "*...He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."*" Yes, we are called to worship the Lord in Spirit, that is what Jesus says to us through the Gospel of [John 16:7](#), "*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.*"

Dear friends, during this Mass, let us confess our faith in Jesus by falling onto His feet seeking His mercy like St. Thomas and ask the Lord to breath His spirit upon each one of us so that we will proclaim to the world that the Lord is truly risen. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**