



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter: April 28, 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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**WEEKLY BUDGET:** \$1,221.15  
Regular Collection: \$733.00

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

Linda Evans 5/6

## **ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

## **Ministries 5/7**

**Servers:** Sam & Ellie Mitchell, Henry Boeglin  
**Lectors:** Barbara Smith  
**Eucharistic Min:** Angela Peerman, Larry Schwartz  
**Gifts:** Hershel Smith Family  
**Ushers:** Sonny & Linda Evans

## **Mass Intentions:**

4/30 Jeff Millay  
5/7 Jean Coomes  
5/14 Donnie Brown  
5/23 Jeff Millay  
5/25 Donnie Brown  
5/28 Donnie Brown

## **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

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.

**Parish Directory:** It is once again time for us to take family pictures for our Parish Directory. The date given to us is November 1, 2017. Please mark November 1, 2017, on your calendars to be available for pictures. For those who are not able to take their picture on this date, you will have a chance to get it done on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> in the St. Peter Parish Hall

**Senior Citizen Luncheon:** The next Senior Citizen luncheon will be at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in St. Peter's Parish Hall.

***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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**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,

Did you ever feel really discouraged? Maybe you feel like walking away from the Church and never coming back because you felt that God was not answering your prayers or someone was mean to you in the church? Or do you want to run away from home because someone in the family is always mean to you and does not understand you at all? Maybe you decided you were going to quit your job or school because you were treated so badly. Yes, we all have gone through this kind of experience of discouragement and disappointment. The Gospel of today tells us a story about how two disciples met with discouragement after seeing the cruel death of Jesus. They had hoped that Jesus would kick the Romans out of Israel and restore freedom and self-government to Israel, but when Jesus died, their hopes were shattered and they walked away. Dear friends, how often have we wanted to walk away from God like these two disciples when God does not do the things we want Him to do?

This Gospel story very clearly gives us the message that even though we turn our back on God, He does not turn His back on us. The Gospel reminds us that even in our discouragement and disappointment, we are not alone. We may not realize God's presence as we are in discouragement and disappointment, but God is always with us. Remember the popular poem "*footprints in the sand.*" Yes, Jesus promised us "*I will be with you always.*"

If we read through the Bible from the Book of Genesis to Revelation, we can find that we experience the presence of God three ways; word, flesh (Jesus) and bread (Eucharist). In the Old Testament, God always interacted with His people through His word. When we come to the New Testament, we see that the word in the Old Testament is transformed into a form of human flesh in Jesus Christ. Lastly, towards the end of Jesus' life by instituting the sacrament of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus assures His presence with us always. We can also see in today's Gospel these three ways of God's presence.

The Gospel tells us that in our experience of discouragement and disappointment, scripture (word of God) can bring us hope. Jesus helped His two disciples to understand the Scripture better, renewing their hope. Secondly, we have the resurrected Jesus in person, and thirdly, we see the disciples ask Jesus to spend the night with them. Before even the disciples could think, at the table Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them (Eucharist). Per Luke, these were the same gestures Jesus used at the Last Supper. Yes, it is here the two disciples recognized that Jesus is truly risen and He is alive, and it is to this same realization of the Risen Lord, the Eucharist is calling us.

Dear friends, our faith is not to be ended with the death of Jesus. If so, we would fall into discouragement and disappointment. Instead, it should be alive always with the resurrection of Jesus which needs to be activated through the word of God, love of neighbor (flesh) and breaking of the bread (Eucharist). So, let us try to experience Jesus in this Eucharist too. *God Bless you.*