



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

**Palm Sunday: April 9, 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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## **Mass Intentions:**

4/9 Donnie Brown  
4/13 Jeff Millay  
4/15 Donnie Brown  
4/16 Jeff Millay  
4/23 Donnie Brown  
4/30 Jeff Millay

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

Debbie Merimee 4/6  
Isaac Ellis 4/10  
Ellie Mitchell 4/10  
Gabe McFarland 4/13  
Jane Johnson 4/14

## **ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

Bill & Amy Payne 4/12 31 years  
Hershel & Barbara Smith 4/12 48 years

## **Ministries 4/13 – Holy Thursday**

**Servers:** Sam McFarland, Ellie Mitchell, John & Henry Boeglin  
**Lectors:** Anne Dee DeMar  
**Eucharistic Min:** Larry Schwartz, Ben Blair  
**Gifts:** Tony Hundley Family  
**Ushers:** Ben Blair, Dee Anna Booker

## **Ministries 4/14 – Good Friday**

**Servers:** Zachary Peerman, Sam Mitchell, Claire Boeglin  
**Lectors:** Rob Mitchell, Barbara Smith  
**Eucharistic Min:** Ben Blair

## **Ministries 4/15 – Holy Saturday:**

**Services:** Ellie & Sam Mitchell, Gabe & Sam McFarland  
**Lectors:** Anna Dee DeMar, Taylor Sinnett, Dee Anna Booker; Epistle: Jamie Boeglin  
**Eucharistic Min:** Angela Peerman, Connie Williams  
**Gifts:** Paul Miller Family

## **Ministries 4/16 – Easter Sunday:**

**Servers:** Henry & Claire Boeglin  
**Lector:** Rosemary Murphy  
**Eucharistic Min:** Rob & April Mitchell  
**Gifts:** Debbie Merimee

## **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!

**Chrism Mass** will be held at the Owensboro Sportscenter on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** (*The Sportscenter is located across the street from Owensboro Catholic High School at 1215 Hickman Avenue.*)

**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

**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.

## Penance service dates and times for Lent:

St. Peter is having confessions every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. during this time of year.

St. Alphonsus	Leave the Light On
St. Elizabeth	No Penance service

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$1,221.15</b>
Regular Collection	\$697.00
Maintenance	\$70.00
Easter Flowers	\$111.00
Inform Priests	\$10.00
Donations for new stove:	\$50.00

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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,**

Today, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. We call it Palm Sunday because the people were so happy that they welcomed Jesus into their city by singing songs of praise to the Lord and spreading their cloaks and palm branches on the road. They cried out "Hosanna" which means "God saves" in Hebrew. Today also marks the beginning of Holy Week or Passion Week, a time when we focus on the trial, the condemnation, the suffering, and the death of our Lord. From today, we shall read and reflect on all the events which took place in the last days of Jesus' life on earth. I believe that just pondering the events for a few fleeting moments can change the life of anyone with pure devotion and faith.

However, first and foremost, we must know who Jesus is. We heard in today's text from the gospel of Matthew, "And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?"" Didn't they know who Jesus is? Surely they must have known, and yet what might have led them to ask such a question?

First, Jesus was asking his disciples to go ahead of him into a village and fetch a donkey from an unknown person for his journey to Jerusalem. He instructed them to reply to anyone who asked why they were taking the donkey that the Master has need of it. It looks as if Jesus was asking them to steal the animal. The disciples might have been embarrassed to carry out Jesus' request as they did not know whose donkey they should be asking for.

Second, Jesus was entering Jerusalem during one of the most important festivals in the Jewish calendar, the Passover. At the Passover, the Jews commemorate their liberation from slavery and the

exodus of the Israelites from Egypt which took place 3000 years before Christ. Certainly, the Jews might have been angered and offended by the disturbance that Jesus had created with his trip to Jerusalem.

Third, Jesus and his disciples knew the danger awaiting them in Jerusalem. There had already been attempts to capture Jesus. When Jesus predicted his suffering, Peter even took him aside and rebuked him and said, "this must not happen to you". Yes, Jesus made the decision to go back to Jerusalem.

Therefore, the question from the crowds, "Who is this?", must have been asked in fear or in wonder or in anger or in delight or in hope. With that question, the people wanted to know where he came from, what he had done, what is he doing, what will he do, and, why and by whose authority and power, has chosen this time and place to carry out the works of God and so on.

In today's Gospel, Matthew himself gives three answers to the questions of people, who is Jesus? Firstly, Matthew remembers the prophecy of Zachariah and says Jesus is a King. Secondly, Matthew remembers the promise of God to David, the great king of Israel, and says that Jesus is the Son of David. Thirdly, Matthew says that Jesus is the prophet from Nazareth.

Now, all these answers were acceptable to the crowds. Of course, no one might have disputed the basic information that Jesus is from Nazareth and He is the son of Joseph the carpenter. There was also no problem in accepting Jesus as a prophet. Many people saw him as a prophet because his teachings and works were like those of the great prophets of the past, Elijah, Jeremiah or John the Baptist. They recognized Jesus' knowledge of the scriptures and appreciated his wisdom. Seeing Jesus doing the works of a prophet such as healing the sick, casting out demons, calming storms, multiplying loaves and fish and even raising the dead they realized that Jesus was not an ordinary man but a man with special divine power.

They also easily accepted that Jesus is the Son of David because Joseph the father of Jesus was a descendant of David. However, what was prophesied to David was the coming of the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed great king. Thus, when the crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with cries of "Hosanna to the Son of David!", they were only acclaiming that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior of the world and the king of the universe. However, the Messiah would be a humble One and a suffering one. Besides, Jesus himself claimed that He is the Son of God in many places in the Bible like that He existed before Abraham, that he was equal with the Father. He also claimed the authority to forgive sins, which the Scriptures say was something that God alone could do etc. There are also others who called Him the Son of God. In the gospel of Matthew, we hear the declaration of Simon Peter who said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." So, it was this claim and declaration that, "Jesus is Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God" that led him to his suffering and crucifixion which redeemed the whole human race.

Friends, what do these answers mean to you? Who is this Jesus to you? Do you see him just as a man from Nazareth or the descendant of David or a prophet or do you also see Him as Christ, the Messiah? Are you a true believer of Jesus Christ or just a curious onlooker or a skeptic? If you are one of those still in the darkness of unbelief, I invite you today to seek our Lord Jesus with true devotion and faith and ask him to fill your life with his presence. You can put the question to Jesus himself in any manner you like. In fear or in wonder or in anger or in delight or in hope. The Lord Himself will reveal his identity lovingly to you because he has willingly, joyfully and mercifully offered himself as a sacrifice to redeem every soul for God. Let us count us among those who have not seen Him yet believe in Him.