



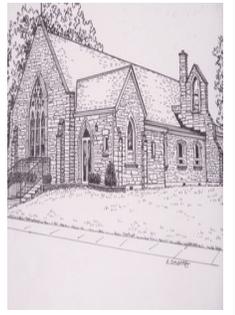
St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

The Ascension of the Lord: May 17, 2015

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 baskets.

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Weekly Schedule 5/17 - 5/24

Sunday	5/17	Mass	8:00 a.m. Raymond & Frances Murphy
Monday	5/18	No Mass	
Tuesday	5/19	No Mass	
Wednesday	5/20	No Mass	
Thursday	5/21	No Mass	
Friday	5/22	No Mass	
Saturday	5/23	No Mass	
Sunday	5/24	Mass	8:00 a.m. Raymond & Cecilia Fulkerson

Ministries for 5/24

<u>Servers:</u>	8:00 a.m.	Ellie & Sam Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	8:00 a.m.	Rob Mitchell
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	8:00 a.m.	Angela Peerman, Connie Williams
<u>Gifts:</u>	8:00 a.m.	Larry Schwartz Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	8:00 a.m.	Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Church cleaner:

Lois Payne 5/10 - 5/23

Announcements

The Stanley Masonic Lodge is hosting its quarterly community country breakfast on Saturday, May 23, 2015, from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

Next Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Bishop William Francis Medley is scheduled to visit our parish and celebrate Mass for us on Sunday, June 14, 2015. Come celebrate the Mass with the Bishop and hear the St. Augustine Choir. Please spread the word and encourage all to attend. There will be the monthly breakfast after Mass (14th instead of the 7th).

This Week's Birthdays:

Ruth Raley	5/20
Larry Schwartz	5/20
Brendan Haire	5/21



This Week's Anniversaries:

Herman & Martha Miller 5/18 59 years



Weekly Budget:
Regular Collection

\$1,221.15

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The Gospel of Matthew 27 clearly tells us that Jesus cried out on the cross, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me...." Hearing the cry of Jesus, one of the centurions at the foot of the cross proclaimed, "Clearly, this was the Son of God". The celebration of the feast of Ascension today clearly supports the proclamation of the centurion that Jesus is truly the son of God. Yes, after being with us for forty days after the resurrection, Jesus is going back to His Father.

Forty is a significant number in the scriptures which is a preparatory time for a new way of life or a new beginning. In the Bible, we see Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after His resurrection, Jesus appeared many times to His disciples to assure them that He had risen indeed. Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for His disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with His beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that He would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus is ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven promising to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost.

When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief, but instead, they were filled with joy and great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' last words to His apostles point to His saving mission and their mission to be witnesses of His saving death and glorious resurrection, and to proclaim the good news of salvation to the entire world. Yes, their task is to proclaim the Gospel, the good news of salvation, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well.

The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Now, do you believe in the power of the Gospel? This is the great commission which the Risen Christ gives to the whole church and all of us are given a share in this task to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Dear friends, we are not left alone in this task, for the Risen Lord works in and through us by the power of His Holy Spirit.

So during this Holy Eucharistic celebration, let us ask the Lord to inspire us always with His spirit, that we may preach the Good News of salvation in every moment of our lives. Amen.

Please pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
Paula Mayfield
Debbie Ralph
Donnie Brown

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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.