



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

6th Sunday of Easter: May 21, 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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Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. scain42966@att.net

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15

Regular Collection: \$1,342.00

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Aaron Ellis 5/24
Lauren Mitchell 5/25
Emily Mitchell 5/27

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Ministries 5/28

Servers: Zachary Peerman, Lily Sinnett

Lectors: Rob Mitchell

Eucharistic Min: Dee Anna Booker, Connie Williams

Gifts: Paul Johnson Family

Ushers: Sonny & Linda Evans

Mass Intentions:

5/21 Jeff Millay

5/25 Donnie Brown

5/28 Donnie Brown

Church Cleaners:

Stanette Blair 5/21 – 6/3

Elsie Blair 6/4 – 6/17

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

Those who are interested in reading, there are some good books for free to take home to read at both sides of the door. (St. Peters)

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 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in the St. Peter 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.

Carmel Home Adorers Needed - Carmel Home adorers and subs are needed for perpetual adoration. Hours include: Mondays 3-4am; Wednesday Midnight-1 and 1-2am. Please call Marti Castlen at 270-929-5839 to volunteer.

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at 3306 Fenmore, Street. Booths open at 3:00 p.m., serving begins at 4:00 p.m. **We will have a Drive Thru again this year (enter on Fenmore Street exit on Dalton Street).** Good food (eat in air-conditioned Parish Hall), live band from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (bring your own lawn chairs), fun and prizes galore. This year's raffle has prizes totaling approximately \$14,650.00 including a 2017 Hyundai Elantra or \$7000.00 cash option! For tickets call 270-684-6888. Come, bring the family, join the fun! Everyone welcome!

Sophia Awards: The Diocese is accepting nominations for the Sophia Awards for outstanding senior citizen(s) until July 15th. The person being nominated should be age 65 or over, and a good Catholic role model. The person can be a priest or nun, can be very active in the parish and community, or they can be homebound or in a nursing home. Anyone can nominate a person for the award, but only one nomination per person. Send nominations to: Cathy Hagan, McRaith Catholic Center, 600 Locust St, Owensboro, KY 42301. Forms can be found at www.owensborodiocese.org/sophia

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,

Tom figured out a way to remember his wife's birthday and their wedding anniversary. He opened an account with the florist and told him to send flowers to his wife on those dates with a note signed, "Your loving husband." His wife was so much thrilled by the attention and love. Everything was great until one anniversary, Tom came home and saw the bouquet, kissed his wife, and said, "Nice flowers. Where did you get them?". Dear friends we cannot put love on cruise control or automatic pilot. Relationships take an ongoing involvement of ourselves, even in our relationship with God.

In the Garden of Eden, Eve asks Adam, "Do you love me?" Adam answers, "Of course, Eve! You are my one and only love." Adam was smart enough to give the right answer. When it comes to loving God, we are all tempted to let other things take priority in our lives other than God, such things as games, pleasure, money, our own ego etc.

In today's short Gospel, Jesus uses the word "love" five times and tell us the importance of love in our daily lives and in our relationships. In today's world, when we hear or talk about the word "love" often we think about romantic love. Yes, romantic love is good, without which the human life would be meaningless. But very often in our culture "love" is overdone through writings, movies etc. Sometimes people feel that their religion is not satisfying them because they don't feel close to God when they are praying or when they are at Mass or when they are reading the word of God. They feel all these religious practices are a waste of time. Here, the problem is that most people think of God's love as a romantic love. When Jesus speaks about love, He has a different meaning. There are three different words for love. Eros, which means romantic love; Philia, which means friendship love; and Agape, which means esteem, affection, a giving and caring kind of interest in another.

When Jesus speaks of love in today's Gospel, He is speaking of agape love. This love cannot be explained in words or expressed in actions. It is something personal to each person. It is not possible to measure our love for God or God's love for us by our feelings. Jesus does give us a way of knowing whether we love God by saying, "*if you love me you will keep my commandments.*" This is a reality that is true in all our relationships. When we love others with agape love, we are willing to go out of our way and sacrifice our time, talent and treasure for them.

Dear friends, today's Gospel setting is at the Last Supper. Jesus is preparing to leave His apostles, but He asks for their and our continued love even in His physical absence. Even though Jesus is ready to leave them, He is not leaving them abandoned. He promises His unconditional presence and love for them and for each of us through the Holy Spirit. Yes, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to us, so what do we have to offer to Jesus to assure Him our unconditional love for Him? Jesus says to us, "*if you love me you will keep my commandments.*" Let us examine our lives and ask the Lord to help us to love Him, unconditionally. **God Bless you all.**