



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

7th Sunday of Easter: May 28, 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: \$

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Kristin Miller 5/28
Isaac Boeglin 5/31

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Tony & Stacy Cain 6/1 26 years

Ministries 6/4

Servers: Sam & Ellie Mitchell
Lectors: Barbara Smith
Eucharistic Min: Angela Peerman, Larry Schwartz
Gifts: Volunteers
Ushers: Sonny & Linda Evans

Mass Intentions:

5/28 Donnie Brown
6/4 Jeff Millay
6/11 Jean Coomes

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,

It is not normal to live a life of loneliness, because for the development of human personality everyone needs company, support and encouragement. Husbands and wives, with mutual support and encouragement, become good parents. A teacher becomes a better teacher if he/she gets a good response from the students. A speaker needs encouragement and response from the audience. A Christian becomes a better human being with the support and encouragement of Christians. Today, Jesus says to us that He is with us always. That is the good news of today's Gospel, *"I am with you always, until the end of the age."*

The resurrection of Jesus proclaims the Lordship of Jesus over all of us, the living and the dead. This is the reason the early Christians formulated their faith by saying, *"You alone are the Lord."* The Ascension of the Lord or Jesus' going to the Father is not to be understood as breaking His relationship with all of us. On the contrary, Jesus wants us to be with Him always and for eternity. So, Jesus is not to be sought in Bethlehem, Nazareth or Jerusalem. He is everywhere. Yes, Jesus is everywhere, *wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them* (Mt. 18:20). Thus, the feast of the Ascension becomes the feast of humanity. It is the feast of the earth and faith, because Jesus is the core of our faith.

God who became man will never part from us. He is always with us. That is the mystery we celebrate today. Once the Apostles experienced the living presence of the Risen Lord, they were overjoyed and convinced that nothing could separate them from the love of the Lord. No suffering, no enemy, no death because the victory of the Risen Lord has overcome all these. Yes, it is their strong conviction of the presence of Jesus with them, and their strong faith in Jesus that forced them to be the great ambassadors of Jesus in this world.

Today, as we celebrate this feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we are forced to ask ourselves certain questions. Are we with Jesus? Do we have the strong conviction that Jesus is always with us? Do we have a strong faith in Jesus? If our answer to all these questions is YES, Jesus says to us; *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."* Yes, it is the greatest desire of the risen and ascending Lord that we proclaim the Gospel to all the nations. The early Christians were convinced that it was a great privilege to proclaim the Gospel, even in difficult situations. Dear friends, do we ever feel the same?

As Christians, every one of us are called to be sent out (*Go, therefore*) to live according to the principles of Jesus, not according to the principles of this world (*Make disciples*) and enable everyone to live a life pleasing to God by teaching them to observe all that Jesus has commanded (*Baptism*). So, as we celebrate this feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through this Holy Eucharist, let us ask the grace of the Lord, to live our life worthy of the call that we have received in His goodness and Mercy. *May God Bless you.*