



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

4th Sunday of Easter: May 7, 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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WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15
Regular Collection: \$1,067.00
Catholic Missions \$25.00
St Vincent DePaul \$50.00

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Lois Payne 5/10
Sam McFarland 5/11

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Jeff & Lisa Raley 5/13

Ministries 5/14

Servers: John & Claire Boeglin
Lectors: Dee Anna Booker
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts: Rob Mitchell Family
Ushers: Sonny & Linda Evans

Mass Intentions:

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

Church Cleaners:

Claudia Behnke 5/7 – 5/20
Stanette Blair 5/21 – 6/3

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

Community Breakfast - The Stanley Masonic Lodge is hosting its Community Breakfast on Saturday, May 13, 2017, from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Sunday, May 7, 2017, the Fourth Sunday of Easter known as Good Shepherd Sunday, has also been designated a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, each parish in the Diocese of Owensboro has been invited to participate in CALLED BY NAME, a program of vocations awareness that offers an opportunity for us to pray for priestly vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood. Perhaps you know a man (high school or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest. Please recommend this person by submitting their name at <https://owensborodiocese.org/called-by-name/> or by contacting the vocations office: 270-683-1545 or jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

Next Parish Council Meeting is on May 18, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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.

**The Lord
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.**

Psalm 23.1



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

As we are celebrating this Sunday as the Good Shepherd Sunday, the Gospel of today invites us to enter a deeper reflection about our own lives and determine our role in today's Gospel. Through the Gospel, Jesus comes us by saying that He is not only a Good shepherd, but also a guardian, "*I am the door, anyone who enters through me will be safe.*" Today, as we place ourselves along with this Gospel passage, there is no doubt that we cannot run away from this Gospel reality because we all have a role play as a good shepherd and good sheep, but do we play our role sincerely?

The first role we are called upon to take in our lives is to be a good shepherd. By saying 'Yes' to the Lord through the sacrament of Baptism, all of us are called to live like a good shepherd in our work place, in our community and in our family, just as Jesus did. Reflecting upon the qualities prescribed by Jesus in today's Gospel placing our hands on our chest, how many of us can say sincerely that they are a good shepherd! If you have ever prayed the Psalms 23, you will know who is a Good shepherd. Today, Jesus presents Himself as the Good shepherd and invites us to be good shepherd. Dear friends, Jesus should be a challenge for all of us to become like Him. When we fail to accept Him as our life challenge to conquer, we mess up our role as a true Christian. We fail to be a good shepherd and that sends the wrong message to others around us.

The second role we are called upon to take in our lives is to be good sheep. A sheep that only listens to its Shepherd; a sheep that follows only its shepherd; and a sheep that knows only its shepherd.

Dear friends, by examining the qualities of a good shepherd and good sheep, most of us know that we are no longer close to a good shepherd nor good sheep. Yes, most of us are a lost shepherd and lost sheep, but Jesus says to us, "*I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.*" Yes, the true shepherd, Jesus has so much to offer us, but the problem is we are not aware of the resources He has stored for us. To know the resources Jesus has for us, it is important that we become true sheep of Jesus by listening to Him, by following Him and by knowing Him. Yes, only by becoming true sheep can become a true shepherd in our lives.

So, during this Holy Mass, let us ask the Lord to come into our lives as a good shepherd, to make good sheep to follow Him through our true faith, hope and charity. ***God Bless you all!***