



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Corpus Christi: June 18, 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: \$1,561.00
Special Collection: \$104.00

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

Linda Eblen 6/21

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Joseph & Raechel Go 6/21 14 years

Ministries 6/25

Servers: Ellie & Sam Mitchell

Lectors: Rob Mitchell

Eucharistic Min: Dee Anna Booker, Connie Williams

Gifts: Thomas McFarland Family

Ushers: Larry Schwartz, Joseph Schwartz

Mass Intentions:

June 18 Marie Murphy

June 25 Burma & Jim Young



Church Cleaners:

Sharon Brown 6/18 – 7/1

Jamie Boeglin 7/2 – 7/15

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

Parish Council and **Finance Committee** are meeting for 10 minutes after mass this morning.

Retrouvaille Weekend – Another marriage saving weekend is coming soon. Most couples across the nation who have attended Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) tell us they learned about this program from their weekly Bulletin. Many are afraid to ask their pastor or friends for help with their marriages. Others are just hoping time will make things better.

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 for Sunday, June 25, 2017, at St Augustine Church. Mass 8:00 a.m. with reception lunch at 1:00 p.m. Potluck dinner. Parish will provide fried chicken. Parishioners are asked to bring meat dishes, vegetables, salads, desserts --whatever you would like.

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.

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.*



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

I would like you to think about a question I am going to ask you. The question may be simple in its appearance, but it is very serious in itself. A do or die question. Would you like to live longer or live forever?

How strange it is that everyone wants live longer in this world, but they don't want to live forever! Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ/ Corpus Christi, Jesus comes to us with a powerful medicine to live forever, and the medical prescription to live forever reads: "*whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life...*" When the Jews, heard this prescription of Jesus for eternal life, they asked Him a reasonable question, how can this be? Yes, the same question is asked even today by many of us and precisely because of the same reason many would not mind to miss Mass. Dear friends, the answer to our question is beyond reason, it can be answered only by faith. Yes, Jesus is strong and confident about His statement and that is why He repeated the statement, by saying "*Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you do not have life within you.*"

If we look up today's Gospel passage, we see that after hearing the clear and strong statement from Jesus about eternal life, many of His followers walked away thinking to themselves that He is out of His mind. What is important here is what Jesus did not do. The Son of Man *who came to seek and to save the lost*, did not care about the people who walked away, He did not call them back, because Jesus understood that they followed Him, not out of their faith in Him, but to fulfill their selfish interests. Dear friends, if we try to approach God with our reasoning power, if we try to follow Christ just to fulfill our obligation or need, be sure we are going to fall away from God or walk away from God, today or tomorrow.

Dear friends, Christian life is not founded on emotions or feelings, but it is founded on our faith in Jesus Christ. The center of our Christian faith and life is the Eucharist. So, today is the celebration of our faith and our Christian life. As we celebrate the feast of Eucharist, Jesus invites all of us to get united with it, as the water gets united with the wine. For Jesus says, "*whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*" Yes, we have been part of this Eucharist and consuming the Body and Blood of Jesus for years now, do I remain with Jesus? If not, what is wrong with me and my relationship with God? Where do I need to change? Let us look into our own lives for a moment...why am I following Jesus? Do I have strong faith to accept all what Jesus is telling me? Did I ever try or think of going away from the Church just like the Jews in the Gospel because of my unwillingness to accept the teachings of Jesus or attitude of others? If so, we need to examine our faith in Jesus seriously.

Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Jesus, let us ask the Eucharistic Lord to Bless us with enough faith to experience Him in the Eucharist. May the Body and Blood of Christ protect us from our final damnation and grant us eternal life forever and ever. **God Bless.**