



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time: July 24, 2016

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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Ministries for 7/31

Servers: Henry & Claire Boeglin
Lectors: Rosemary Murphy
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts: Tony Hundley Family

Ushers: Dee Anna Booker, Ben Blair

Mass Intention 7/31

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Deceased of the Embry Family

Church Cleaner: Kristin Miller 7/17 – 7/30
Martha Miller 7/31 – 8/13

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Father Jegin
Mack Lacer
Paula Mayfield
Michele Alexander Johnson

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15

Regular Collection \$710.00
Picnic Relief \$600.00

BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Robert & Doris Purgeason 7/24 51 years
Bruce & Phyllis Schrecker 7/25 7 years

Announcements

Picnic Relief Fund: It is that time of year again. Our annual picnic was always July 4th. Each family is asked to donate \$300.00 to help cover the funds that we no longer receive from the picnic. Our budget is especially tight this year and this will help ease the situation.

Reverse Raffle Prizes: The Reverse Raffle is set for September 17, 2016. It is time to start getting the prizes to be given away that night and the auction items to be bid on gathered up. Bring your prizes to the Parish Hall and put them in the back room. Thank you.

The Donald E. Brown Family would like to express their appreciation for all the prayers and support during the time of Donnie's illness. Donnie loved to cook and eat and would have been so grateful for all the wonderful food and sweet smiles serving it. *With Love and Respect, The Brown Family*

Year of Divine Mercy: The Door of Mercy was opened at St. Stephen's Cathedral and will remain open until November 13, 2016. Anyone who walks through the Holy Doors of a designated Holy Year of Mercy site can obtain a Plenary Indulgence, if they are in the state of grace when they pass through the Doors. To be in the state of grace, go to Confession within 8 days before or after going through the Holy Doors. For those interested in making a Pilgrimage for the Holy Year of Mercy, we are offering the opportunity to travel on a bus to St. Meinrad Archabbey on Saturday, August 6, 2016. The costs will be \$20.00 per seat, and currently, there are 11 open seats if you want to participate in this great opportunity of the Holy Year of Mercy. **UPDATE – UPDATE -UPDATE - The bus will arrive at St. Peter of Alcantara at 8am on Saturday, August 6, 2016. Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB, will meet with us at 10:00 a.m. for a brief talk, followed by a tour, the Door of Mercy, Noon Day Prayer, and then Lunch in the Guest House dining room. We will pay for lunch at the Front Desk. The cost of lunch is \$8.00 per person (including tax). They accept check, credit card, or cash. We should be able to leave for home around 1:30pm.**

A note about the Plenary Indulgence: While watching Mother Angelica on EWTN, someone called in asking about the difference between a plenary indulgence and partial indulgence. Mother said: (Paraphrasing here, couldn't write fast enough to get all) There are two kinds of grace, actual grace and sanctifying grace (we all knew that, didn't we)

We receive actual grace in the moment to overcome ourselves; i.e., impatience, anger, talking about others, any temptation. Grace is the presence of Jesus. We are in the state of sanctifying grace when there is no mortal sin on our soul. We possess the Father, Son and Holy Spirit all day and all night. The church is like a bank—a spiritual bank—filled with opportunities, graces, indulgences . . . All these things help to remove some of the pain and suffering that we will have in purgatory, but not all. But the plenary indulgence is very special. We can only receive it when you are in the state of sanctifying grace, and we must also meet these conditions: a) Repent of our sins—not because we are afraid of going to hell or purgatory, but because we are truly sorry for our sins because they offend God; b) Be sorry for the pain that we have caused God by our sins; and c) Love God with a pure love. Mother Angelica said we can go straight to heaven in a situation like that! Isn't that something to strive for? So, I am asking (begging, really) everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to go to confession within few days of going to St. Meinrad, that way, we can all be in the state of sanctifying grace, ready to face whatever the world throws at us. God Bless - Stanette Blair

VOCARE 2016 – September 23, 2016 – The Diocese of Owensboro is now accepting registrations for VOCARE 2016, the event of the year for the Diocese. It is an opportunity to dress your finest and help our Diocese increase awareness of vocations, celebrate vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and provide financial support for seminarian education. The evening begins at the Owensboro Convention Center with cocktail/social hour at 5:00 p.m. Dinner to be served promptly at 6:00 p.m. and will feature a keynote address by Andy Day, Diocese of Owensboro native and southeast regional director of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Those interested in attending can purchase an entire table, a single seat or seats for two. Visit owensborodioces.org/vocare to register and pay for the event.

RCIA - It's not too early to sign up for RCIA Classes! Classes will begin in the Fall. Call the Office (St. Peters) now to sign up.

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.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The Catholic pastor took note of a man who spent many hours in the church everyday looking at the crucifix. One day, the pastor went to this man and asked him, "What is God talking to you about?" The man replied, "He does not talk to me, He only listens to me." Then the pastor asked the man, what do you ask God every day? The man replied, "I don't ask anything to God, but only listen to Him." Yes, this is the real beauty of prayer where the Creator and the creature enjoy their presence to each other.

In last weekend's Gospel, Jesus was stressing the point of spending more time with Him by appreciating the hospitality of Mary by saying, "*Mary has chosen the better part and that will not be taken away*". In today's Gospel, we see Jesus is praying and teaching us to pray daily.

As Catholics, prayer is the medium through which we refresh our relationship with God which needs to be done every day the same as we charge our cell phone every day to be able to talk with our dear and near ones. But in our relationship with God, do we take the same care as we show for our cell phones to be charged? Yes, Jesus has promised us through the scripture that, "*Ask, you will receive, seek your will find, knock and the door will be opened to you*" and believing in this promise of Jesus, we come before the Lord to Ask, Seek and Knock in our needs without meeting the conditions to talk to Him in prayer.

We all fall sick, and when we go to the doctor's office, do we ever write our own prescription for our health problems? We always allow the doctor to examine our body and health situation and according to his findings, the doctor writes us a prescription for our health problems. When we come before the Lord, do we have the same attitude that we show at a doctor's office? Yes, when we present ourselves before the Lord through our prayers, we should believe that God knows our needs and problems, and we should allow God to decide what is best for us. That is why we pray, "*thy kingdom come and thy will be done*", but is that happening in our relationship with God?

Yes, to get well physically, we need to take the prescription prescribed by our doctor. In the same way, if we want our prayers to be answered by God, Jesus Himself has given us the prescription needed for it in our prayer "*as we forgive those who trespass against us*". Yes, dear friends, the prayer that Jesus taught us is full of promises for a happy life with conditions to be fulfilled by each of us. The tragedy is that we all conveniently keep away all conditions set by God Himself and keep on Asking, Seeking and Knocking without much result. Yes, this is the basic problem of our prayer life.

Dear friends, as we conclude this reflection let us not forget that just like any one of us, Jesus also is seeking for us, for we are lost in sin. Jesus also is knocking at our hearts to dwell in our hearts and travel in this world. Jesus is also asking us, I died for you, can you live for Me? Yes, prayer is a bridge through which I reach to God and God reaches to me. Just like the disciples, let us ask the Lord, Lord, teach us to pray from our heart! Amen.

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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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