



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time: August 30, 2015

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

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 8/30 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell
Sunday 9/6 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne

Ministries for 9/6

Servers: Gabe McFarland, Davis Mitchell
Lectors: Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic Min: Dee Anna Booker, Angela Peerman
Gifts: Volunteers
Ushers: Larry Schwartz, Ben Blair

Church Cleaner:

Sherry Schwartz 8/30 – 9/12

Announcements

DONATIONS NEEDED: There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for donations for the Reverse Raffle. Items are needed for the preparation of the meal and for the silent auction.

REVERSE RAFFLE DINNER MEETINGS: All are welcome to attend these meetings. They are set for:

Monday, August 31, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Augustine Reverse Raffle - Saturday, September 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$70.00 per person with a cash prize of \$4,000.00 - for questions or tickets, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 6:30 p.m. Next Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 5:30 p.m. Next Finance Committee Meeting

Deadline for CCD sign-up is Sunday, August 30, 2015. Please call the St. Peter Office @ [\(270-764-1983\)](tel:270-764-1983) to register.

Any CCD families who will be attending the Precious Blood Mass on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. with the Bishop, please contact the St. Peter Office @ [\(270\) 764-1983](tel:270-764-1983) to sign up. There will be a cook-out after the Mass with Bishop Medley. Sr. C.J. would like to have a general idea of how many from the parishes will be attending.

St. Alphonsus High School Reunion: St. Alphonsus High School is having a reunion for all classes (1944-1964) on September 19, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. All Graduates, Non-Graduate Students and guests are invited. Please bring a potluck dish. Drinks and meat will be provided. For more info call Drew Ward @270-993-4386.

October 3, 2015, Hwy 60 Parish Yard Sale: Start collecting your items. You can rent a space along St. Peter's to sell your stuff or you can donate your items and we will sell for CCD expenses. More details to come. Questions? Call Terry Murphy @ (270) 929-3082.

<u>This Week's Birthdays:</u> Rob Mitchell 9/2	<u>This Week's Anniversaries:</u> Bill & Connie Williams 8/30 41 years	<u>Please pray for the following:</u> Fr. Jegin Paul Mayfield Donnie Brown Jamie & Andie McGehee
	<u>Weekly Budget:</u> \$1,221.15 Regular Collection \$1,257.00 Picnic Fund \$50.00	

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Many of us are good people and in our goodness we want to carry out the law of God prescribed by our Holy Mother Church. There is the law of Sunday Mass and here we are in the Church. There is fasting, abstinence, prayer and alms giving which we carefully observe. There are the Ten Commandments which we carefully obey, and if we don't, we feel sorry and go to confession. There are various appeals for Church support, and we respond to it. We take part in different sacraments and follow all the instructions and rituals involved in it. Thus, we have a greater abiding love for the law. Often we confirm to ourselves that following all these religious rituals will ensure us heaven after our death, but the Gospel of today reminds us that rituals carry only a share to take us to heaven after our death.

Today, Jesus comes down heavily against the legalism of His times. In the Gospel, we see the Pharisees are accusing the disciples for eating with unwashed hands. As per the custom of the time, everyone has to purify themselves before they eat something. To understand the extent of their legalist mentality, William Barclay says that one can hate the other person wholeheartedly, and yet at the same time, keenly observe all the religious rituals and observances. To illustrate this point, he gives the example of a Muslim who chases his greatest enemy in order to kill him. In the midst of chase, their public call to prayer was sounded. The next moment, the Muslim jumped off his horse, unrolled his prayer mat, knelt down and started his prayers. After performing his prayers, he continued chasing his enemy.

Yes, if we look into our hearts, sometimes we act in the same way as this Muslim. Yes, very often we all hold on to the letter of the law but ignore its spirit. Jesus calls them hypocrites and quoting the prophet Isaiah, He adds, "This people honors me with their lips but their heart is far from me". By saying this, Jesus invites each one of us to make an about turn in the way we live calling us for a change from the **love of law to the law of love**. In living our lives in accordance with His teaching, we need to ask at each turn two questions about the way we love: *Are we treating others as we would like them to treat us? Are we loving others as Christ has loved us?*

During this Holy Eucharistic celebration, let us ask the Lord to give us a heart which seeks **love** and **live** according to His love rather than the laws. **May the Good Lord Bless you.**

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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