



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: September 6, 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 9/6 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne
Sunday 9/13 Mass 8:00 a.m. Emmy Key

Ministries for 9/13

Servers: Ellie & Sam Mitchell, Sophie Go
Lectors: Barbara Smith
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts: Lois Payne Family
Ushers: Jimmy David, Kathy Wolfe

Church Cleaner:

Sherry Schwartz 8/30 – 9/12

Announcements

50th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Sonny and Linda Evans on Sunday, September 13, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. @ St. Augustine Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to come and help celebrate this very special milestone in their lives.

REVERSE RAFFLE DINNER MEETINGS set for Wednesday, *September 9, 2015*, and Wednesday, *September 16, 2015*, at 6:00 p.m.

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.

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

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.

This Week's Birthdays:

Henry Boeglin 9/7
Betty Davis 9/7
Janet Medley 9/7
Abbey Morris 9/7
Michael Blair 9/10
Tony Hundley 9/11
Bill Payne 9/11

This Week's Anniversaries:

Doug & Tonya Evans 9/6 24 years

Weekly Budget: **\$1,221.15**
Regular Collection \$1,179.00
St Vincent DePaul \$90.00

Please pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
Paul Mayfield
Donnie Brown
Jamie & Andie McGehee

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

There was an old grandfather who was almost stone deaf. Without telling any of his family members, he decided to go to a doctor and get a set of hearing aids that helped him to hear almost perfectly. When grandfather went back to the doctor for his monthly check up the doctor said to him, I bet your family was really surprised to discover that you can hear very well now. The grandfather said, "I have not told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to them. I have already changed my will three times."

In today's Gospel, we have the healing story of a deaf and mute person. Through this healing ministry of Jesus, Jesus pronounces His entire mission into a single word-*Ephphatha* / Be Opened. Yes, the entire mission of Jesus was opened to everyone. Opened to every class and type of people without any discrimination. Yes, He accepted everyone and loved every one. Today, as we reflect about this Gospel passage the greatest challenge before us is to be opened to everyone like Jesus.

The healing story of the Gospel comes to us with many reminders. The first reminder is that it is better to have faithful friends than Facebook friends, friends in deed and need. The mute and deaf man in the Gospel was fortunate to have faithful friends who brought him to Jesus to experience the healing. Yes, true friends will always be instruments of healing rather than hurting. The book of Proverb 27:10 says, "Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family and do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you-- better a neighbor nearby than a relative far away". Every one of us is called to be a good friend to the other, to share everything, Be Opened.

The second reminder is that Jesus loves us personally. When the people brought the mute and deaf man to Jesus, we see Jesus takes personal care of him by taking him away from the crowd. Yes, dear friends, if we take our master seriously, He will take us seriously and will give us a personal care. So, be opened to approach Jesus anytime and in any situation, He is waiting for us.

The third reminder is that when we are suffering we are not alone. Jesus is suffering with us. The Gospel says that by understanding the suffering of the man, Jesus looked up to heaven and groaned. So, why do we worry about our little sufferings? Romans 8:31 says, "If God is for us, who can be against us".

Lastly, we can see an extra ordinary healing ministry of Jesus-putting His finger into the man's ears, spitting and touching his tongue saying *Ephphatha*. Yes dear friends, the primary functioning of the ears and tongue are to hear the word of God and preach the word of God respectively. If we are not fulfilling the primary functioning of each organ God has given us be sure we need a healing touch today. Mathew 5:29 says, "If your right eye makes you sin, pluck it out and throw it from you...if your right hand makes you sin, cut it off and throw it from you, for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell."

Yes dear friends, we know that we are not perfect, but we have a perfect God who can make us perfect. So let us be opened to receive Him and let His powerful word *Ephphatha*, fulfill in our lives. 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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