



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road, Reed, Kentucky 42451



First Sunday of Lent: February 17, 2013

Welcome to St. Augustine!!!

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 baskets.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain as early in the week as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

***Thursday, February 21, 2013, Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by Adoration, Way of the Cross, Rosary and confession. All are encouraged to attend.**

There will be no Stations of the Cross on Friday's during Lent as in previous years.

✠No First Friday of the month prayer service in March.

!!Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 2/19/13 at 6:30 pm.

†March 26, 2013, Diocesan Chrism Mass at the Sportscenter at 6:00 p.m.

††March 22, 2013, Parish Penance Service at 6:30 p.m.

February CCD	February 3 rd and February 17 th	10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
February Youth Group	February 10 th and February 24 th	6:00 p.m.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE - February 17 - February 24

Saturday	2/16	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Violet Newman
Sunday	2/17	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Bill Raley
		RCIA	6:00 p.m.	
Monday	2/18	No Mass		
Tuesday	2/19	No Mass		
Wednesday	2/20	No Mass		
Thursday	2/21	No Mass		
Friday	2/22	No Mass		
Saturday	2/23	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Boonie Ralph
Sunday	2/24	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Violet Newman

Weekly budget:	\$2,219.00	Actual Collection:	\$1,832.00
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Ministries for February 23 and 24

<u>Servers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Nick and Mason Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Sam and Ellie Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Branda Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Kristin Miller
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dee Ann Booker, Angela Peerman
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair and Christa Hundley
<u>Gifts:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Connie Williams Family
	8:00 a.m.	Debbie Merimee Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Larry and Joseph Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	Neil Rudy, Steve Byrne
First Friday Leader	6:30 p.m.	Tracy Miller
Church cleaner:	2/3 - 2/16	Elsie Blair
Church cleaner:	2/17 - 3/2	Stanette Blair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The family of Paula Mitchell Mayfield is having a Bunco Party Fund Raiser to help with medical expenses she has incurred from her chemotherapy treatments for breast cancer. The event will take place on Saturday, February 16, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine Parish Hall. Drinks and desserts will be provided. The cost is \$15.00 per person. There are chances available for \$100.00; selection of wines from the "Mitchell Winery" and a UK wreath. Any questions phone DeeAnn Booker (270) 302-2439 or Mary Martin Cooper (270) 302-3044.

Owensboro Catholic - Pre-Registration for all families will begin on Monday, March 4th and will conclude on Friday, March 22nd.

Holy Name School will hold its annual "Come and See" open house on February 25, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. to give potential new families a chance to see the school and hear about their mission. New family registration begins on March 4, 2013

All families who wish to be Parish Sponsored are required to include a copy of their Parish Voucher with the completed Pre-Registration Form given to the respective school. The parents and child/children will need to meet with Father to receive their voucher. Please contact Father to set up a time to meet. He will be available by appointment after Saturday night mass at St. Augustine, or in his office in Stanley. Every family must have a signed voucher to be sponsored by the parish.

→The public is invited to Eucharistic Adoration at Maple Mount and St. Stephen's on the **2nd Sunday of every month** to pray for vocations. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Motherhouse Chapel in Maple Mount, 8001 Cummings Road. The adoration will conclude with evening prayer with the Ursuline Sisters. The public is also welcome to attend Eucharistic Adoration at St. Stephen's Cathedral on the **4th Sunday of every month** from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. which will also conclude with evening prayer. For more information visit www.ursulinesmsj.org.

➔**Glenmary Sisters' 6th Annual Men Who Cook - Saturday, February 23, 2013, 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at the Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club** Tickets \$25 per person; \$40 per couple; \$35 at door includes food, soda, beer, live music, silent auction, celebrity chefs. Tickets or information contact Richard at 270 315 5747 or 270 686 8401 or email: Richard@glenmarysisters.org

Happy Anniversary:



Happy Birthday:

Ben Blair	2/16
Paul Johnson	2/23
Theresa Sauer	2/24



†† Please continue to pray for the following: ††

Stan Embrey, Fr. Jegin, Dr. David Medley, Leo Murphy, Sherry Schwartz, Mary Angela Mitchell, Paula Mayfield, Sue Wolfe

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.

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.

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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My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Greetings of love and prayerful wishes to you from Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal. Hope and pray that these few lines of mine will find you in the best health of mind and body. The season of Lent invites each one of us to remold our lives through fasting, prayer and repentance. The holy mother church exhorts us to do all these because she always looks for a better future for her children. Yes, it gives us a fresh mind, body and soul so that we will become more like Christ in this world.

Every life is a challenge. Challenged with problems, difficulties, worries, temptations and many other things. People who face challenges win the life and those who fail to take the challenge fail in their life. Today as we are in the First Sunday of Lent, Jesus invites us to face the challenges of temptations of the world. Every normal human being undergoes various types of temptations in his or her own life, this is part of human life. But as Christians, we are called to be special human beings in Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ invites each one of us to have control over our temptations, rather than allowing temptations to have control on us.

Today as we are traveling through the gospel, we find Jesus is winning over the temptations of the world, and he is teaching us how to do that. Before we go deep into this gospel, we need to admit the fact that this gospel passage certifies that Jesus was a human being who underwent temptations just like any one of us. So he was one among us. Secondly, we should accept a great truth that the three temptations that we find in the gospel are still active in our midst and most of us are facing today.

Something to be especially noticed in the life of Jesus is that He never performed any miracle in order to meet the challenge put by somebody nor for his personal glory. Every time Jesus performed a miracle, it was out of necessity and for the glory of God. Again, more than taking up the challenge put by somebody else, he challenged every one through his entire life. He still continues to challenge each one of us today. As Christians, it is our challenge to take up the challenges set by Jesus. Are you ready for that? Jesus was able to defeat all the temptations because He was very clear about his mission and his goal to be achieved here in this world. We often fall into temptations because we lose sight of the mission we have undertaken at the time of Baptism and the goal to be achieved as Christians. Yes, it is the temptations that make us blind and divert our attention from reaching our goals. So we should understand and defeat the temptations that have taken control over us.

First Temptation: Asking Jesus to convert stone into bread. Yes, we all need bread for our existence. Very often we live as if we are living for bread, not having the bread for living. We pray every day "Give us this day our daily bread", but is it a sincere prayer? Storing up things for many days, we are praying for daily bread. So food or things that we store up for more than a day is a temptation and sin. As we talk about food, we need to look into the ways through which we are striving for bread, is it done in a sincere way? Jesus makes it clear that it is not only the body that needs food but that the soul and the word of God are food for the soul. Do you feed your soul?

Second Temptation: Asking Jesus to Worship Him. Many times more than God and Spiritual exercises, we give more importance to many other things. We fall into this temptation of the world. We may get so many appointments but if we do not make our appointment correctly with Jesus and time to worship him, we are losing sight in God and thus we are breaking the first commandment of God. Jesus was very certain that His kingdom does not belong to this earth but it is in the presence of Heavenly Father. So the same way keep in mind that we are the members of the Kingdom of God not of this world.

Third Temptation: Asking Jesus to perform a heroic action by doing a great jump from the top of the Jerusalem Temple. Yes, most of us think that by doing heroic actions we can become a great hero. Through life of Jesus and saints we understand that it is through humility and meekness that we can become a hero. Every Christian is called to become a hero not by heroic action but rather through humility and meekness. This is what Mother Theresa says "Holiness lies not in doing great things, but small things with great love".

So my dear friends, from the gospel Jesus gives us a warning that as we begin our Lenten season, the temptations are going to be strong, so we should be very vigilant to defeat them through the assistance of the word of God as Jesus did. So the season of Lent invites us spend more time in reading the word of God as soup for our soul. May the good Lord bless you and strengthen you with his spirit that you may fight against all kinds of temptations of the world and become a great hero for Christ.