



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road, Reed, Kentucky 42451



Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 10, 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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 22, 2013, Parish Penance Service at 6:30 p.m.
No Mass on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at St. Augustine
Monday, March 25, 2013, at 6:20 p.m. Parish Council meeting
 Tuesday, March 26, 2013, Diocesan Chrism Mass at the Sportscenter at 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday, March 28, 2013, Holy Thursday Mass
 Friday, March 29, 2013, Good Friday Services
 Saturday, March 30, 2013, Holy Saturday Mass
 Sunday March 31, 2013, Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
 Tuesday, May 21, 2013, Penance Service - time to be announced
 Wednesday, May 22, 2013, Confirmation Practice - time to be announced

WEEKLY SCHEDULE - March 9 - March 17

Saturday	3/9	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Boonie Ralph
Sunday	3/10	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Violet Newman
		RCIA	6:00 p.m.	
Monday	3/11	No Mass		
Tuesday	3/12	No Mass		
Wednesday	3/13	No Mass		
Thursday	3/14	Mass	6:00 p.m.	followed by Adoration, Way of the Cross, Rosary and Confession
Friday	3/15	No Mass		
Saturday	3/16	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Violet Newman
Sunday	3/17	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Raymond and Cecilia Fulkerson

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, written in the light of the Holy Spirit, will enlighten you and help you to smoothly reach your ultimate goal. As Easter is fast approaching, I hope you are making every effort to approach God more closely through the God given Sacraments in the Church.

Today, as we are traveling through the 4th Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reminds us that our Heavenly Father is eagerly waiting for each one of us to come back to Him with repentance.

The parable of the prodigal son is not an incident that happened in Jesus' time, but it is something that is happening right now in our lives. If we look closely, we can find two sons of the gospel in our midst too.

Normally, according to Jewish tradition, only after the death of the father, will the property be divided under the leadership of oldest son in the family. But here, by asking for his share, the younger son ends his relationship with his father and declares the death of his father even while he is alive. This is the gravest sin the younger son has done in his life. Now look into your own lives and examine whether we have ended our relationship with any of our dear and near ones for any reason? If you find that you have broken relationships, Jesus says rectify them because that could be the only reason for all your problems in life. It is from the broken relationship with the father that the misfortune of the younger son begins. This is what the book of Revelation says in 2:4, "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember, therefore, from where you have fallen, repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place unless you repent". Yes, my dear friends, fulfillment of this revelation happens in the life of this younger son.

Yes, a fall from the love of God is called sin or the absence of love is called sin. A sin can mess up the entire life of a person just like that of the younger son in the gospel. As per the gospel, by committing sin, we are losing five precious things in our lives. First, it is the garment of Holiness/ prestige. Second, wealth. Third, health (famine). Fourth, peace of mind (no proper food and living). Fifth, hope (work of tending swine).

It is at this stage, people end their lives, but the life of the prodigal son is an inspiration for the people who have lost hope in life. We read from the gospel that "Coming to his senses he thought, how many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger? I shall get up and go to my father...." Now, what happened to his senses? Was he a senseless son? Yes, he was. It was at that moment he broke his relationship with his father and lived a bad life. So the gospel is giving us a great revelation. It is only at the point of losing sense, we commit sin and break our relationship with God. Jesus is well aware of it and that is why he says from the cross, "Forgive them Father, for they do not know what they are doing." So, do not ever think that we are super sensible people. If we are in a sinful state, it is the clear fact that we are senseless. Now, each one can think whether I am sensible or not? Now what is sense then? Yes, it is the thoughts of the Kingdom of God or Love of God. Yes, the prodigal son gets back his sensible thinking about the love he experienced in his home.

Now, how can we get back the sense we lost in sin? No other short cut but to go back to the first state where we have lost the love of God. That is what the prodigal son does, he is getting back to his loving father. This sincere return gives him back all that he lost in his sinful life. First, he is given a new dress for his lost dress and prestige. Second, he is given rings and sandals for the lost wealth. Third, his honor, his father is killing a fattened calf for his lost health. Fourth, a big party is arranged to give him peace of mind, and fifth, through the celebration he is given back the hope of acceptance and love.

Yes, my dear friends, this is what we gain in the sacrament of confession. Remember always, no one is lost in his or her life or in this world so far to the extend that we cannot get back. We have the possibility to get back all we lost in our life, but it is only by getting back to His promised first love. Remember in every confession room of the church, the Heavenly Father is waiting for our arrival to forgive our sins and for the celebration there after. Can't you hear His calling? Yes my dear friends, we are preparing for Easter, and every Easter is a celebration of hope. If you do not have hope in God and do not have time for receiving hope through confession, what is the celebration you are going to have? Just reflect for ourselves. Ask the Lord to help us with his spirit to regain our lost sense through this Eucharist. Amen.

Ministries for March 16 and 17

<u>Servers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Olivia Miller and Brendan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Davis and Ellie Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Mason Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Emily Mitchell
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Gaylan Haire and Dee Ann Booker
	8:00 a.m.	Bucky and Vicky Lacer
<u>Gifts:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Herman Miller Family
	8:00 a.m.	Hershel Smith Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker and Gaylan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Jimmy Davis and Kathy Wolfe
<u>Church cleaner:</u>	3/3 - 3/16	Jamie Boeglin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Owensboro Catholic - Pre-Registration for all families March 4th - Friday, March 22nd

Holy Name School - 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.

CCD classes for the remainder of the year - (class at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Peter Church basement).
March 17th; April 14th; April 28th; May 12th and May 19th

Youth Group March 10th and March 24th 6:00 p.m.

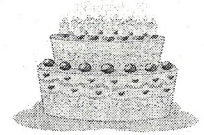
Weekly budget: \$2,219.00 Actual Collection: \$1,139.20

Happy Anniversary:



Happy Birthday:

Mike Jackson	3/11
James Davis	3/12
Michaela Boeglin	3/12
Andrew Boeglin	3/14





Please continue to pray for the following:



Stan Embrey, Fr. Jegin, Leo Murphy, Mary Angela Mitchell, Paula Mayfield, Sue Wolfe, Debbie Ralph, Jimmy Davis

Please pray for Sheila Ralph, Ruth Raley, and Macy Peerman as they prepare to enter the church. We ask our loving God to send His Spirit to be a Helper and a Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. We ask the Lord to fill their lives with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence

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 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.

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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