



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road, Reed, Kentucky 42451



Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 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:

Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. we will clean and decorate church for Easter

March 19, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. Penance Service at St. Peters.

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

Monday, March 25, 2013, at 6:30 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 Meeting in church basement

Tuesday, May 21, 2013, Penance Service at 6:00 p.m. for students going to be confirmed and their parents

Wednesday, May 22, 2013, Confirmation Practice - time to be announced

WEEKLY SCHEDULE - March 16 - March 24

Saturday	3/16	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Violet Newman
Sunday	3/17	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Raymond and Cecilia Fulkerson
		RCIA	6:00 p.m.	
Monday	3/18	No Mass		
Tuesday	3/19	No Mass		
Wednesday	3/20	No Mass		
Thursday	3/21	Mass	6:00 p.m.	followed by Adoration, Way of the Cross, Rosary, Confession
Friday	3/22	No Mass		
Saturday	3/23	No Mass		
Sunday	3/24	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Fitzie Fulkerson

Weekly budget: \$2,219.00

Actual Collection: \$1,317.75

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Greetings of love and prayerful wishes to you from your pastor Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal. Hope and pray that these few lines of mine will find you in the best health of mind and body. I hope that you are all eagerly waiting to see the Lord's Resurrection. But remember it is our duty to prepare well in advance for all the blessings of Easter through fasting, prayer and repentance. I hope all of you will gladly undertake these three steps in faith and love for Jesus.

Today we are in the Fifth Sunday of Lent and Jesus invites us to hate the sin and love the sinner by presenting to us the life of the sinful woman caught in adultery.

As we reflect about this gospel passage, I would like to divide this into two sections.

In the first part, we see Jesus is teaching the people who gathered in the temple to listen to Him. It is an accepted fact that teaching is an art and to teach like Jesus is a great challenge to all of us. In one way or the other, we are all engaged in the art of teaching and keep our affiliation with Jesus. Some in the school, some in the work place, some in the family, etc. But do we all have the qualities of patience, knowledge, understanding, wisdom etc., like that of our great teacher Jesus? If we look around the world, we can find that we fail in these qualities to a certain extent. Now do you wish to be a great teacher like Jesus with all these qualities? The way is opened before us through today's gospel. The gospel says Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Why did Jesus go to the mountain? It was only to pray for Him and for His listeners. Yes my dear friends, it says we should begin our day with prayer. How many of us really do that everyday? Yes, we have the call to pray for the people with whom we are going to work with everyday. Two weeks ago, I went to school Mass and asked the children how many could pray before leaving for school? I could find only a few hands raised. Why things are happening like this? Remember that faith formation begins from ones own family and parents should take extra ordinary care for that.

My dear friends, keep in mind that knowledge will correct you but may not always direct you where as wisdom will correct and direct your life time to time and you will never fail in your life. To get this wisdom, we need to sit with Jesus in prayer. In today's world people's brains are filled with knowledge but no wisdom and that is the tragedy we are facing during this present age. If we need to change the world, remember that we need to change according to the teacher of the wisdom, JESUS.

In the second part, we see as part of plot against Jesus, scribes and Pharisees bring a woman who was caught in adultery and place her in the center. Why she is placed at the center? The gospel of John shows that she is going to be the central figure of the whole incident because she is going to be a true child of God. So dear children of God, please keep in mind that if you are truthful to yourself and to Christ anywhere you go, the place that is reserved for you is at the center. So do not miss the center place before Jesus by being negligent.

From the gospel we find that when they produced the sinful woman with charges, Jesus was bending down, why? Dear friends, this is what happens every time we fall into sin. As Christians we are called to make Jesus so proud in this world through our lives but instead of that, we put shame on Christ through our sins. Yes, it was due to the weight of the sin of the people that Jesus' head went down. When Jesus responded to them by saying, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw stone at her". We read that one by one they went away beginning with the elders. Why is it that he mentioned the group "elders"? Yes, in the society elders are suppose to set an example for others but they themselves fail, and it is an indirect attack on them specially. So as we grow older, we have much more duty to be done for the whole society to set an example for others. So elders check to see if you are setting a good example for others.

Towards the end of the gospel, we see only the woman and Jesus. Yes, this is what happens to our life too. However you may live, at the end of your life, you will have to stand alone before Jesus to face the judgment. Jesus tells her, "Neither do I condemn you, go and from now on do not sin any more". Yes, it is a conditional warning to her. Just think how many warnings we get in our lives? But where are we? Something to be especially noticed here is that when all people were judging her present life, Jesus was focusing on her future and that made her a saint. Yes, our life and all activities should be focused on our future hope in Christ and to that, we are blessed with every new day. So consecrate the day with your holy life. May the Good Lord Bless you!!

Ministries for March 24

<u>Servers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
	8:00 a.m.	Claire Boeglin, Gabe McFarland, Davis and Ellie Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Smith, Michaela Boeglin
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
<u>Gifts:</u>	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
	8:00 a.m.	Steve Raley Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker and Gaylan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Jimmy Davis and Kathy Wolfe
Church cleaner:	3/3 - 3/16	Jamie Boeglin
	3/17 - 3/30	Philomena Bollinger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Servers scheduled for Palm Sunday and Holy Week: There will be practice for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday on Saturday, March 23rd at 1:00pm. All those listed to serve during Holy Week, please attend.

The family of Anderson Ramsey would like to thank everyone who helped in preparing and serving the very nice dinner after the funeral. We truly appreciate all of your hospitality. Our out-of-town friends were impressed with your nice Hall and enjoyed the meal. Thanks again and keep us in your prayers. God Bless all of you. Anna Ruth Ramsey and Family.

Confirmation meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 10, 2013. Remember your letters to the bishop are due at that time. If you missed the last meeting, please contact Ginny Coomes gabby.coomes@owensborocatholic.org to get the information that needs to be included in the letter.

St. Peter's has extra books (**75th Diocese Anniversary Books**) for anyone who would like to purchase one, they are \$30.00. Please contact the Parish Office (270) 764-1983.

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 24th 6:00 p.m.

Happy Anniversary:

David & Macey Peerman 3/16



Happy Birthday:

Justin Eblen 3/18



†† **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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