



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road, Reed, Kentucky 42451



Third Sunday of Lent: March 3, 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:

Sunday, March 3, 2013, Potluck breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
 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

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

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.

No Mass on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at St. Augustine

WEEKLY SCHEDULE - March 2 - March 10

Saturday	3/2	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Fitzie Fulkerson
Sunday	3/3	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Violet Newman
		RCIA	6:00 p.m.	
Monday	3/4	No Mass		
Tuesday	3/5	No Mass		
Wednesday	3/6	No Mass		
Thursday	3/7	Mass	6:00 p.m.	followed by Adoration, Way of the Cross, Rosary and Confession
Friday	3/8	No Mass		
Saturday	3/9	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Boonie Ralph
Sunday	3/10	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Violet Newman

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Greetings to you all from your loving pastor Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal. Hope and pray that you had a wonderful week with lots of Gods Blessings and Love. May the Good Lord continue to bless you with good health of mind and body.

Today we are in the Third Sunday of Lent and Jesus invites each one of us again to a life of repentance.

The first part of the gospel gives us the answer for many of our unanswered questions in life. Why is it that innocent people suffer? Why is it that bad things are happening in different parts of the world? When the Connecticut shooting happened, there was an important question raised against an innocent person, Jesus. Why is it that God allowed those things to happen to poor, innocent children, and where was God? When the twin towers were blasted and many people were killed, most of us asked the same question about God. Jesus makes it clear in today's gospel, it is not because they were sinners. Those things happened as a warning to each one of us to repent about our way of life. Jesus makes it clear that if you do not repent; you will perish as they did.

To tell you sincerely, as I was going through this passage, I was terrified. Are you not scared of Jesus' constant warning? He is looking in your eyes and pointing His finger at you and warning you again, if you do not repent you will perish. Thank the Lord that He gave us one more day to repent. Take this day seriously and make your paths straight according to the will of God.

In the second part, Jesus gives us a beautiful passage for our lives, the parable of the fig tree. My dear friends, first and foremost, we should keep in mind that the fig tree in the gospel is you and I. Normally the fig tree is wild as well as a waist tree, and it could grow anywhere in the field. It does not need any special care and attention such as a fruit tree which needs special treatment and daily care. In the parable, Jesus says a person planted a fig tree in the orchard so we should understand the care the useless fig tree is given by planting it in the orchard. The very purpose of giving special care to the fig tree by planting it in the orchard is nothing but for fruit. The owner has been coming to the fig tree for three years in search of fruit, and he finds nothing. Finally, he loses his patience and wants to cut it down. But, there comes the recommendation to give the fig tree one more year to live by the gardener, and the owner allows it.

Dear friends, now I ask you again. to place each one of you in the place of fig tree which could grow anywhere without care and attention. The same way you could be born in Africa or any other poor country without most of the facilities that you have right now in your life. You could be born in a forest or desert, you could be killed in your mother's womb or after your birth, and you could be down on the bed with many serious sicknesses like many other people in the world, but none of these things have happened in your life. You are proud to be born in America, you enjoy good health, good food, good facilities etc. My dear friends, this is the love of God that we are enjoying in our life. Yes, just like the fig tree, we are planted in on orchard. You and I experience the daily care of God. Since many years God has been gracious to us, and do remember, we have the duty to bear fruit for Him according to the care that we receive. Every day Jesus is coming to our life looking for fruit. Reflect, reflect and reflect how much fruit we could produce for the glory of God in our life for Christ?

If you have not bore any fruit so far be careful Jesus has already given the order to the gardener to cut down our life. Just like the fig tree received one more year by the request of the gardener, today must be a day that you and I receive on the request of someone like the Gardner. It could be your forefathers or patron saint or the prayers of our dear ones and loved one. So do not be so happy about the life you have today, but rather today is the day that God has given to repent and straighten our way of life according to the way of Christ. Yes, it could be the last day in our life to repent about our sins. Yes, Jesus is looking at you again and again and says again, " IF YOU DO NOT REPENT, YOU WILL PERISH."

Dear friends the option is given to us, to live or to perish. Yes, life and death is in our hands. May the Good Lord Bless you with the spirit of repentance and Love. May the Good Lord Bless you.

Ministries for March 9 and 10

<u>Servers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Mason Jackson and Brendan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Sam Mitchell, Claire Boeglin
<u>Lectors:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker
	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Branda Haire and Angela Peerman
	8:00 a.m.	Linda & Sonny Evans
<u>Gifts:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Stacy Cain Family
	8:00 a.m.	Robert Purgeason 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to new council members: Stacy Cain, Gaylan Haire, and Jerry Ralph. Like to thank outgoing members who have served for the last three years: Larry Schwartz, Lisa Raley and Steve Byrne.

FYI: For those in our parish who don't know, we now have hot water in the sacristy!! Thank you to Buck and Vickie Lacer for donating a hot water tank and for all those who help to install it.

The Family of Violet Newman would like to thank everyone for their love, prayers, concerns and kindness during the illness and death of their mother. The dinner you provided after the funeral was delicious and so appreciated. Thanks to all who made the food and helped us in any way with the funeral service.

Paula Mayfield and her family are very thankful for the kindness and generosity we received in her behalf at the fundraiser. We are continuing to receive donations and want everyone to know what a blessing it is. We are blessed to live in a community and belong to a Church that helps people with their needs. Thank you so much. The Mitchell Family

If you have a student who should be making his/her First Communion this year (traditionally, 2nd graders), please contact Monica Rice at 270 830 8675 or at monicamrice@ymail.com. The First Sacrament Class will be on March 7, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Peter Church basement.

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 - (all classes are at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Peter Church basement). March 3rd; 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: \$1,740.00

<p>Happy Anniversary:</p> 	<p>Happy Birthday:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Steve Byrne</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3/4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Herman Miller</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3/6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jeff Raley</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3/7</td> </tr> </table> 	Steve Byrne	3/4	Herman Miller	3/6	Jeff Raley	3/7
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✠✠ Please continue to pray for the following: ✠✠

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

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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