



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 28, 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 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday if possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, August 2, 2013, Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, August 4, 2013, Potluck Breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Sunday, August 4, 2013, Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall
 Thursday, August 8, 2013, Parish Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday, October 17, 2013, Finance Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday, October 20, 2013, Community Day - more details later

Weekly Schedule - July 27 - August 4

Saturday	7/27	Mass	4:00 p.m.	Leo Murphy
Sunday	7/28	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Stanford Embrey
Monday	7/29	No Mass		
Tuesday	7/30	No Mass		
Wednesday	7/31	No Mass		
Thursday	8/1	No Mass		
Friday	8/2	No Mass		
Saturday	8/3	Mass	4:00 p.m.	Violet Newman
Sunday	8/4	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Stanford Embrey

Ministries for August 3 and August 4

<u>Servers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Brendan Haire, Olivia Miller	
	8:00 a.m.	Sam & Davis Mitchell	
<u>Lectors:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Mason Jackson	
	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Smith	
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Gaylan Haire, Angela Peerman	
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny & Linda Evans	
<u>Gifts:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Herman Miller Family	
	8:00 a.m.	Larry Schwartz Family	
<u>Ushers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker, Gaylan Haire	
	8:00 a.m.	Neil Rudy, Steve Byrne	
Prayer Service	8/2/13	6:30 p.m.	Leader, Stanette Blair
Church cleaner		8/4 - 8/17	Christa Hundley

Weekly budget: \$2,023.00

Actual Collection: \$2,836.00

As Catholics, we are fortunate to receive three beautiful and invaluable gifts of God from heaven: Heavenly Father, Heavenly Prayer & Heavenly Bread. Every time we participate in the Holy Eucharistic celebration, we have the chance to experience these three gifts in our lives in its full essence and spirit. So as Catholics, it is our challenge to experience and nourish this miracle in our lives.

Today as we are in the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Holy Mother Church has given us a chance to reflect on one of these heavenly gifts, namely the Heavenly Prayer. The very uniqueness of this prayer is that it is not a prayer to be said by a person alone, but rather, it is a prayer to be said as a group, as a community, as a family etc. This is why the prayer begins like this; 'OUR Father' rather than "my father". Again in this prayer, we say – Give 'US' this day 'OUR' daily bread and forgive 'US OUR' trespasses, as 'WE' forgive those who trespass against US, lead US not into temptation. So this prayer should increase our responsibility for our brothers and sisters, and at the same time reminds us about the UNITY we should maintain as the members of the Church as Catholic.

In the gospel, we hear the disciples asking Jesus, "Lord teach us to pray". This is an inspiration of one who has received the enlightenment in his or her life. In our daily lives, did any one ever ask us this same question, would you teach me to pray? Children and grandchildren may ask you to teach them many things, but why is it they are not asking you to teach them to pray? It is not their fault, but rather it is our fault because we could not inspire them with our prayer life.

As we reflect about this Heavenly gift of prayer, we should understand that there are two spheres for every prayer. They are Glory to God in the highest and Peace to the people on Earth. How can we materialize the first part of our prayer, Glorify God? The answer is ask the will of God, search the will of God, and finally knock at the will of God. That is why Jesus says, "Ask and you will receive, search and you will find, and knock and you will find", but are we asking, searching, and knocking according to the will of God? Most of the time we get disappointed in asking, searching and knocking because we are not asking the right thing in the right way. So walking through the will of God is essential to glorify God. Once we begin to live according to the will of God, even without our knowledge, the second sphere of the prayer will be materialized here in this world. Peace to the people on Earth.

To have a peaceful life here on earth, a person should have three essential things in life, and those three things are very well mentioned in the Lord's prayer.

The first thing is the Daily Bread. It is not only the material bread, but medicine for the sick, hope for the depressed, love for the unwanted, daily wage for the worker, cloth for the naked, water for the thirsty, food for the hungry, knowledge for the mind, word of God for the soul etc.

The second need for our peaceful life is the forgiveness of our sins. In one way or another, we are all sinners, and we all need forgiveness for the sins that we have committed yesterday and today. Sometimes those who we are to forgive or those who are suppose to forgive us may not be alive today, but through this prayer, we are asking forgiveness from God, and we seek the forgiveness from God only on the basis of the forgiveness that we give to the other. So this prayer is the most conditional prayer too. So forgiveness of God is based on the forgiveness of one's own self. So reflect do I need to forgive some one?


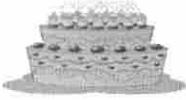

The third need for the peaceful living is that lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Here we are asking for the grace of God to live faithfully in the future.

In these three basic needs, we are also seeking the presence of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Father who provides the bread, Son who forgives our sins and Holy Spirit who strengthens us to be faithful. Thus this prayer sheds its light on the past, present and future life of every one of us. Forgiveness for the past life, bread for the present life and support for the future life.

So in conclusion, every Christian should boldly say the Lord's prayer is the best, greatest and most powerful prayer in the world which includes our whole life. So understanding the value of this prayer let us continue to ask, search and knock through this most beautiful prayer. May the Good Lord bless each one of us to recite this prayer with a sincere heart in unity, peace and love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On August 3rd and 4th, Father will have a blessing during Mass for teachers and students for the new school year. Please be present.

<p><u>Please continue to pray for the following:</u></p> <p>Fr. Jegin Mary Angela Mitchell Paula Mayfield Sue Wolfe Debbie Ralph Jimmy Davis Vicki Rudy</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><u>Happy Birthday:</u></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p><u>Happy Anniversary:</u></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<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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