

# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road Reed, Kentucky 42451

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 11, 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 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday if possible.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** 

Sunday, September 1, 2013, Potluck Breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday, September 1, 2013, Bible Study at 6:00 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 - August 10 - August 18

Saturd	ay 8/10	Mass	4:00 p.m.	Leo Murphy
Sunda	y 8/11	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Stanford Embrey
Monda	ay 8/12	No Mass		<i>™</i> .
Tuesd	ay 8/13	No Mass		
Wedn	esday 8/14	Mass	6:30 p.m.	
Thurs	day 8/15	No Mass	•	
Friday	8/16	No Mass		
Saturo	lay 8/17	Mass	4:00 p.m.	Leo Murphy
Sunda	v 8/18	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Violet Newman

Ministries for August 17 and August 18

Servers: 4:00 p.m. Olivia Miller, Brendan Haire 8:00 a.m. Gabe McFarland, Ellie Mitchell

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. Dee Anna Booker 8:00 a.m. Michaela Boeglin

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:00 p.m. Connie Williams, Larry Schwartz

8:00 a.m. Rob & April Mitchell
Gifts: 4:00 p.m. David Peerman Family
8:00 a.m. Ed Dunivan Family

Ushers: 4:00 p.m. Dee Anna Booker, Gaylan Haire

8:00 a.m. Neil Rudy, Steve Byrne

Need volunteers for Mass on Wednesday, August 14, 2013.

Church cleaner 8/4 - 8/17 Christa Hundley

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Waiting for someone or something for a long time is not easy, but if we have a real need and commitment we can. I had to wait almost eleven years to become a priest and it was a vigilant waiting without getting into any major trouble. A woman who is pregnant needs a vigilant waiting for nine months to see her child in her hands. A farmer needs vigilant waiting to earn the fruit of his labor. A person who wants to reach Florida or California by car or flight needs vigilant waiting to get to his/her destination. A loving parent is ever ready to sacrifice their time, meal, and sleep for the sake of their sick child in the hospital and a good wife is ready to wait for her husband to return from the war land. Yes, in every field we are ready to sacrifice time and energy in waiting, but why is it that we find it difficult to find time for Christ and prepare for His second coming? Is it because we don't need Him? Remember since from Baptism, every Christian is empowered to give birth to Jesus. But why is it that, even after so many days and years, we fail to give birth that child? Why is it that we fail to reflect His spirit in our lives and surroundings?

Dear friends, today's gospel invites us to be faithful and watchful, because the Master of our life can enter in at any time from now on. The Gospel says, "Blessed are those who prepare and wait for his master's arrival", and the gospel of Luke 21:36, says to us how we should get prepared- "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man". How many of us are able to be vigilant and faithful in prayer waiting for the Lord? Yes, those who are faithful will be able to prepare and wait for the Lord because a true faith calls for patience and waiting without any complaint.

Here is the question to be asked. Are we believers of Jesus Christ or faithful of Jesus Christ? Which is correct and applicable for us? To find out our category we need to understand the difference between both believers and faithful. **Believe**, it is something worldly. It is created in one person based on the experience. It is not permanent and strong. That is why when bad things happen in our lives we question God. But where as **Faith**, it is divine, strong, permanent and free gift of God.

So, though we say we are faithful, we are not faithful but rather we are believers. Faith is the highest realm of believing and to become faithful should be the ultimate goal of every believer where the faithful of God accepts everything with an open heart without raising any question. This is the reason we call Abraham the Father of Faith. The second reading very well explains to us about the quality of Abraham's faith. By faith, Abraham obeyed God; by Faith, Abraham journeyed in the promised land; and by faith Abraham received the power to generate in his old age. We continue to read that "he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy".

Yes my dear friends, this is the same God who made the promise with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and made the promise with each one of us through Baptism that "I will be with you always till the end of the age". It is the same God who promised us that "those who eat my flesh and drink my blood will never die". So let us remind ourselves that our God is the God of promise, and the gospel is asking us to wait for this promising and faithful God. Every sacrament in the church is a means to grow from believing to be faithful. Yes, the Church and the world need not just the believers, but the faithful servants. To be faithful is the call, and we have a missed call and voice mail through the gospel, and now it is our turn to call back and say "yes" to Him.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thursday, August 15, 2013, is a Holy Day of Obligation, Assumption of Our Lady. St. Augustine will have Mass on Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sidney Cain who made her Confirmation on Saturday, August 4, 2013, at Holy Name Church. She is the daughter of Tony and Stacy Cain.

Religious Education: Any student who will be enrolled in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade needs to sign up for First Reconciliation and First Communion Sacraments. Please call or text Monica Rice at (270) 302-8675 or email her at <a href="monicamrice@ymail.com">monicamrice@ymail.com</a> to sign up. There are also sign up sheets in the back of St. Peter's Church. Sacrament classes will take place later in the school year.

We will not have Confirmation this year. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the 2014-2015 school year will make their Confirmation during Spring, 2015.

Any student receiving a Sacrament this year <u>MUST</u> be enrolled in Catholic schools OR attend CCD. Sign up for CCD for students grade K-8 are now taking place. Enrollment packets are in the back of St. Peter's Church. Please fill out and return to the St. Peter's Church Office. There will be a kickoff party on Sunday, September 15, 2013, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter's. For any questions, please contact Monica Rice by text or call (270) 302-8675 or email at <a href="mailto:monicamrice@ymail.com">monicamrice@ymail.com</a> You can also join our Facebook group - St. Peter's Religious Education - for updates and information.

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

Fr. Jegin Mary Angela Mitchell Paula Mayfield Sue Wolfe Debbie Ralph Jimmy Davis Vicki Rudy Joe Bill Merimee



#### Happy Birthday:

Debbie Ralph 8/11
Doris Purgeason 8/14
Stanette Blair 8/15
Sheila Ralph 8/16









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 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.

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.

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