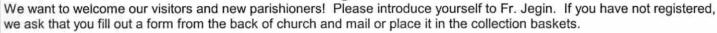


# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road Reed, Kentucky 42451

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 4, 2013

Welcome to St. Augustine!!!



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Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday if possible.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 S	Schedule	- August 3	- August 11
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Saturday	8/3	Mass	4:00 p.m.	Violet Newman
Sunday	8/4	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Stanford Embrey
Monday	8/5	No Mass		
Tuesday	8/6	No Mass		
Wednesday	8/7	No Mass		
Thursday	8/8	No Mass		
Friday	8/9	No Mass		
Saturday	8/10	Mass	4:00 p.m.	Leo Murphy
Sunday	8/11	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Stanford Embrey

## Ministries for August 10 and August 11

Servers:	4:00 p.m.	Mason and Nick Jackson	
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-3	8:00 a.m.	Claire and John Boeglin	
Lectors:	4:00 p.m.	Tracy Miller	
	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin	
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m.	Theresa Sauer, Phyllis Schrecker	
	8:00 a.m.	Bucky and Vicky Lacer	
Gifts:	4:00 p.m.	Bobby Payne Family	
	8:00 a.m.	Thomas McFarland Family	
Ushers:	4:00 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker, Gaylan Haire	
	8:00 a.m.	Neil Rudy, Steve Byrne	

Church cleaner

8/4 - 8/17

Christa Hundley

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 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:

Shelia Byrne

8/5



## Happy Anniversary:



#### 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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In this business oriented and competitive world, most people think about how much profit can I make? How much can I get from this world? How much can I get from my friendship and relationship etc? As a result of this altruistic attitude of human beings, the world seems to be controlled by money. This selfish nature modifies a beautiful world into a broken world with problems and tensions. Let us not forget the fact that it was this selfish nature of the first parents that brought the stain of sin into this world. Precisely knowing the hidden power of evil in wealth, Jesus said a big NO to all the temptations of Satan. So today the Church reminds us that wealth is a blessing, but at times it could be a curse spoiling our peace of mind and quality of life. As Christians, we should keep in mind that it is love that qualifies our life to the kingdom of God.

King Solomon was one of the richest people in history. He had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines. He could get anything he wanted any time he wanted. Many people today are trying hard to become more like Solomon. They want to be able to relax "for years to come," "eat heartily, drink well," and enjoy themselves. Solomon, who ought to know, says they are fools (Lk 12:20) for "all things are vanity!" "What profit does he show, who gains the whole world and destroys himself in the process?" (Lk 9:25) Therefore, the second reading reminds us that, "set your heart on what pertains to higher realms, where Christ is seated at God's right hand. Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth" (Col 3:1-2).

Have you ever tried to settle a money dispute or an inheritance issue? Inheritance disputes are rarely ever easy to resolve especially when the relatives or close associates of the dead benefactor can't agree on who should get what and how much. Why did Jesus refuse to settle an inheritance dispute between two brothers? He saw that the heart of the issue was not justice or fairness but rather greed and possessiveness. The Ten Commandments were summarized into two prohibitions; do not worship false idols and do not covet what belongs to another. It's the flip side of the two great commandments, love God and love your neighbor. Jesus warned the man who wanted half of his brother's inheritance to "Take care to guard against all greed." To covet is to wish to get wrongfully what another possesses or to begrudge what God has given to another. Jesus restates the commandment "do not covet", but He also states that a person's life does not consist in the abundance of his or her possessions.

August of Hippo, a fifth century church father, comments on Jesus' words to the brother who wanted more. Greed wants to divide, just as love desires to gather. Jesus reinforces His point with a parable about a foolish rich man. Why does Jesus call this wealthy landowner a fool? Jesus does not fault the rich man for his skill in acquiring wealth, but rather for his egoism and selfishness, it's mine, all mine, and no one else's. This parable is similar to the parable of the rich man who refused to give any help to the beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). The rich fool had lost the capacity to be concerned for others. His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul! Those who are rich towards God receive ample reward not only in this life but in eternity as well.

Cyril of Alexandria, a fifth century church father, comments on Jesus' word to be rich toward God, "It is true that a person's life is not from ones possessions or because of having an overabundance. He who is rich toward God is very blessed and has glorious hope. Who is he? Evidently, one who does not love wealth but rather loves virtue, and to whom few things are sufficient. It is one whose hand is open to the needs of the poor, comforting the sorrows of those in poverty according to his means and the utmost of his power. He gathers in the storehouses that are above and lays up treasures in heaven. Such a one shall find the interest of his virtue and the reward of his right and blameless life".

In this little parable, Jesus probes our heart. Where is your treasure? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. What do you treasure above all else? Let us pray together, "Lord Jesus free my heart from all possessiveness and from coveting what belongs to another. May I desire you alone as the one true treasure worth possessing above all else. Help me to make good use of the material blessings you give me that I may use them generously for your glory and for the good of others."