



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time: August 23, 2015

Welcome to St. Augustine!!!

Parish Website: www.staugustinereed.org



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 basket.

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Weekly Schedule 8/23 – 8/30

Sunday 8/23 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne
Sunday 8/30 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell

Ministries for 8/30

Servers: John and Henry Boeglin, Sophie Go
Lectors: Kristin Miller
Eucharistic Min: Rob & April Mitchell
Gifts: Tony Hundley Family
Ushers: Larry Schwartz, Ben Blair

Church Cleaner:

Phyllis Schrecker 8/16 – 8/29
Sherry Schwartz 8/30 – 9/12

Announcements

DONATIONS NEEDED: There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for donations for the Reverse Raffle. Items are needed for the preparation of the meal and for the silent auction.

REVERSE RAFFLE DINNER MEETINGS: All are welcome to attend these meetings. They are set for:

Monday, August 31, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Augustine Reverse Raffle - Saturday, September 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$70.00 per person with a cash prize of \$4,000.00 - for questions or tickets, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 6:30 p.m. Next Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 5:30 p.m. Next Finance Committee Meeting

CCD sign-up is still going on. Please call the St. Peter Office to register ([270-764-1983](tel:270-764-1983)). Registration will continue until Sunday, August 30th so books can be ordered.

Any CCD families who will be attending the Mass celebrated at 6pm at Precious Blood with the Bishop on Wednesday, September 2nd please contact the St. Peter Office to sign up ([270-764-1983](tel:270-764-1983)). There will be a cook-out after the Mass with Bishop Medley. Sr. C.J. would like to have a general idea of how many from the parishes will be attending.

<p><u>This Week's Birthdays:</u> Ralph Mitchell Jr. 8/23 Doug Evans 8/24 Anna Marie Blair 8/24 Sam Mitchell 8/26 Garry Eblen 8/28</p>	<p><u>This Week's Anniversaries:</u> Ben & Stanette Blair 8/24 47 years</p> <hr/> <p><u>Weekly Budget:</u> \$1,221.15 Regular Collection \$ 632.00</p>	<p><u>Please pray for the following:</u> Fr. Jegin Paul Mayfield Donnie Brown Jamie & Andie McGehee</p>
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Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Starting from the very conception of Jesus in the womb of Mother Mary, till His death and resurrection, every bit of Jesus' life was completely different and mysterious one. Often people could not understand Him correctly, and this mysterious nature of Jesus continues even today for all of us. This is the reason through Prophet Isaiah 55:8, the Lord says *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways"*.

Failing to understand Jesus and His ways correctly, often people and religious leaders had to confront Jesus. In today's Gospel we see some of Jesus' disciples are murmuring about His teaching by saying *"This saying is hard; who can accept it"*? The Last couple of weekends, we know Jesus was talking about eating His flesh and drinking His blood for eternal life, and today, we see the reaction of people who did not understand the actual meaning of Jesus' saying. Yes, people walked out from His teaching place, and the same type of reaction can be found in our own circle too.

By inviting us to eat His flesh and drink His blood, Jesus is talking about the Holy Eucharist that we have now. Just like the people in Jesus' time who did not understand His teachings, today we have many examples of people who quit coming to church by saying-I don't get anything from the mass, and there are also people who do not even bother to come to Sunday Mass. Yes, dear friends, all these excuses make people fall into the category of people who walked out and confronted Jesus by saying *"This saying is hard; who can accept it"*? This is a question raised from the hearts, where there is no true faith and that is why Jesus says *"For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my father."*

Yes, faith is a free gift from God to those who listen to His word and put their trust in Him, and if we have true faith in God we will be attracted to Jesus, His teachings, Holy Eucharist and other sacraments too. Yes, in human perspective, the life and the teachings of Jesus are very difficult, but it is not impossible. That is why Matthew 19:26 says *"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* Understanding this greatest truth only Simon Peter confesses in today's Gospel *"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy one of God."*

So during this Holy Eucharistic celebration, let us pray for a good faith, so that we will understand His teachings in its right sense and make impossible into possible with the help of God. **May the Good Lord Bless you.**

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**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.*

**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 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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