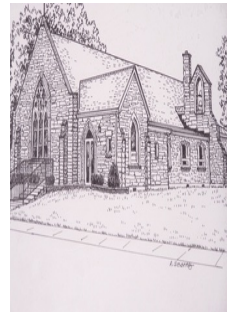




St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 16, 2014

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 baskets.

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Weekly Schedule - 2/15 - 2/23

Saturday	2/15	Mass	4:00 p.m. Stanford Embrey
Sunday	2/16	Mass	8:00 a.m. Leo Murphy
Monday	2/17	No Mass	
Tuesday	2/18	No Mass	
Wednesday	2/19	No Mass	
Thursday	2/20	No Mass	
Friday	2/21	No Mass	
Saturday	2/22	Mass	4:00 p.m. Connie Mills
Sunday	2/23	Mass	8:00 a.m. Leo Murphy

Ministries for 2/22 and 2/23

<u>Servers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Nicholas Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Gabe McFarland & Davis Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Kristin Miller
	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Smith
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m.	Connie Williams, Larry Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts:	4:00 p.m.	Paul Miller Family
	8:00 a.m.	Kathy Wolfe Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Announcements:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, February 19, 2014,

5:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, March 2, 2014,

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Potluck breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Happy Birthday:

Ben Blair 2/16

Happy Anniversary:

Please continue to pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
Mary Angela Mitchell
Paula Mayfield
Sue Wolfe
Debbie Ralph
Jimmy Davis
Joe Bill Merimee
Virginia Ward (mother of Sonny Evans)

Weekly Budget: \$2,023.00

Actual Collection: \$1,365.00

Maintenance: \$10.00

Church cleaner Lisa Raley 2/16 - 3/1

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Today we are in the 6th Sunday of the Ordinary time, and Jesus is inviting us to hold onto the spirit of the law of God than to the letter of the law of God.

Every country, system, organization and religion has their own laws and regulations to be followed. The very purpose of all rules and regulations are to maintain the well being and rights of every one who are part of it, so to say to respect and love everyone without any discrimination.

James was a good boy, who always wanted to respect his parents by being obedient to them to the best of his ability. Once his mother asked him to get a goat from the market. He bought a goat, put it on his shoulders and bent down with the weight of it, came home struggling and sweating. His mother said, "How stupid you are! You should have tied a rope around its neck and dragged it along." The next time his mother asked him to get some meat from the butchers' market, James tied a rope around it as his mother had instructed and dragged the meat on the muddy road all the way home from market. When seeing this, his mother lost her control and scolded little James and told him that he should have wrapped the meat in a paper and carried it on his head instead. The next time, the obedient James was asked to get some butter. As expected, he carried it on his head and it melted in the scorching sun and fell on his body and there was nothing left to give to his mother.

Like James in the story, the scribes and Pharisees at the time of Jesus spent their lives being faithful to the every letter of the law, the Torah, while ignoring its spirit. Because of this attitude, they had missed out the very core of the religion, to love God and neighbors. Because of this reason, Jesus is challenging His disciples to go to the basics, the essentials and the more radical implications of the law. Jesus says, "I tell you unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Jesus did not come to abolish the law nor did He come to affirm the status quo of the Torah, but rather, He came to fulfill the law not with letters of the law but with the spirit of love of God and neighbor.

In the gospel, we see Jesus is quoting from Torah, "Do not Kill, do not commit adultery, do not divorce, and do not bear false witness", and he explains the real meaning of it in view of human relationship. Jesus condemns not only the action and fruit of the action, but also the root of the action. So by explaining the spirit of the four commandments in detail, Jesus invites us to make our thoughts pure and holy. Often we think only our bad actions are considered as sin, but Jesus goes further and says that our bad thoughts are dangerous, and they come under the category of sin. Thoughts need to be examined because our evil thoughts are the roots of our evil actions. In the book of Genesis 6: 5-7, we read about the anger of God on evil thoughts. It reads, "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually, he regretted that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was grieved. So the Lord said, "I will wipe out from the earth the men whom I have created and not only the men, but also the beasts and the creeping things and the birds of the air, for I am sorry that I made them".

Yes my dear friends, only when we go beyond the letter of the law to the spirit of the law, does it give life. Any law that does not serve and protect the life of oneself and the other is not from God but from the evil one. So the very purpose of true law is to live, to live is to love and to love is to die for Christ and dying for Christ is the fulfillment of Christian life. Yes, Jesus came not to abolish the law but to fulfill the law. May the Good Lord Bless you all.

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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.

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.