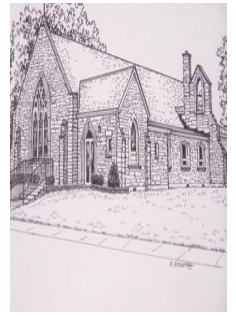




# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451



**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 23, 2014**

**Welcome to St. Augustine!!!**

Parish Website: [www.staugustinereed.org](http://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.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday if possible. [scain42966@att.net](mailto:scain42966@att.net)

### Weekly Schedule - 2/22 - 3/2

Saturday	2/22	Mass	4:00 p.m. Connie Mills
Sunday	2/23	Mass	8:00 a.m. Leo Murphy
Monday	2/24	No Mass	
Tuesday	2/25	No Mass	
Wednesday	2/26	No Mass	
Thursday	2/27	No Mass	
Friday	2/28	No Mass	
Saturday	3/1	Mass	4:00 p.m. Leo Murphy
Sunday	3/2	Mass	8:00 a.m. Connie Mills

### Ministries for 3/1 and 3/2

<u>Servers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Mason Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Ellie & Sam Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Branda Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker, Angela Peerman
	8:00 a.m.	Larry Schwartz, Christa Hundley
Gifts:	4:00 p.m.	Ben Blair Family
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny Evans Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

### Announcements:

If you have not already picked up your envelopes, please check the back of church.

Pre-registration going on at Holy Name School and Owensboro Catholic for anyone interested in registering.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Sunday, March 2, 2014,**

Potluck breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass

### Happy Birthday:

Paul Johnson	2/23
Theresa Sauer	2/24
Walter Wolfe	2/26
Ed Dunivan	2/27

### 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: \$1,159.00

Church cleaner Lisa Raley 2/16 - 3/1

**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.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

A person who can suffer much can love more because love demands suffering and patience. This is the message the life of Jesus is teaching us through the Bible especially through the gospel so anyone who complains about suffering of any type is actually complaining about God.

Through today's Gospel, Jesus strongly proclaims the message that the character of love should be a characteristic of every Christian. As Christians, we should be known not by our family name, money, power or position in society or any other worldly thing, but rather we should be the model for others or stand out or excel in our character of love. The only challenge the gospel put before us today is to love everyone.

Today, many nations and people are working hard for peace among nations and within nations, but why is it that we are not able to experience it? The main reason is that we have chosen the wrong method to establish peace often through revenge, violence and anger. Understanding our attitude rightly, Jesus says in the gospel, "You have heard that it was said an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil...". Yes, Jesus says, be patient with everyone who provokes you. Again Jesus says, "You have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy, but I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Yes, again Jesus says to us to be a person of love. Dear friends, it is not merely the words spoken out by Jesus, but it is the life of Jesus. Look at the life of Jesus, He loved everyone personally without any discrimination. He never sought revenge or felt anger against anyone. Jesus loved Peter who denied Him three times; Jesus loved Judas who betrayed Him; and Jesus prayed for the people who persecuted Him. Yes, the life of Jesus was a life of Love, and He taught us only to love and gave permission only to love. But now, we need to answer a question. If Jesus has taught us and given us permission only to love one another, who taught us and gave permission to take revenge and be angry with our brothers and sisters?

In the book of the Prophet of Jeremiah 1:5, God says to us, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart. A prophet to the nations, I appointed you". Yes, every one of us has got a prophetic mission in this world to spread the love and peace of Christ. Yes, every prophet present in this church is called to influence the world with Christ's love, but why is it that the world is influencing us everyday? What is happening to the stream of love that is flowing to our hearts from Jesus' heart?

Dear friends, as Christians we all strongly oppose abortion for it is a direct sin of killing a human life by the very fact that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. God has vested His love in each one of us in its fullness, but when we fail to share that love in its fullness, we actually kill the love of Jesus in our lives. I would like to call it "Spiritual Abortion" or "Abortion of God's love". It is an indirect killing of oneself and others, and we have no right to block the flow of the love of God to others through us. This is the reason through the second reading St. Paul is reminding us that "You are the temple of God and the Spirit of the Lord dwells in you. If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person for the temple of God which you are is Holy."

Dear friends, it is a time to get back our holiness in its fullness by surrendering ourselves completely with the love of God. So during this Mass let us ask the Lord wash away all our stain of sin and fill our hearts with His love and Holiness. Amen.

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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.