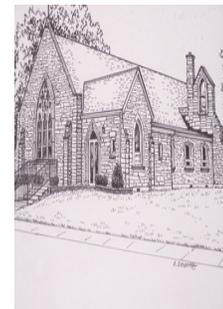




St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: March 2, 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.

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

Weekly Schedule - 3/1 - 3/10

Saturday	3/1	Mass	4:00 p.m. Leo Murphy
Sunday	3/2	Mass	8:00 a.m. Connie Mills
Monday	3/4	No Mass	
Tuesday	3/5	No Mass	
Wednesday	3/6	Mass	8:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday
Thursday	3/7	Mass	6:00 p.m.
Friday	3/8	No Mass	
Saturday	3/9	Mass	4:00 p.m. Leo Murphy
Sunday	3/10	Mass	8:00 a.m. Connie Mills

Ministries for 3/9 and 3/10

<u>Servers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Mason Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Ellie & Sam Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Tracy Miller
	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker, Angela Peerman
	8:00 a.m.	Linda & Sonny Evans
Gifts:	4:00 p.m.	Stacy Cain Family
	8:00 a.m.	Hershel Smith Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker, Gaylan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Jimmy Davis, Kathy Wolfe

Announcements:

During the Lenten Season we will have Prayer Service with Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Stations and Divine Mercy devotions every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. beginning on Thursday, March 7, 2014. All parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this time before the Blessed Sacrament during Lent. If unable to come on Thursday, St. Peters has the same schedule on Wednesday of each week.

Lenten Choir Practice: Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning on Monday, March 10, 2014. It doesn't matter if you have a great voice, a mediocre voice or no voice at all, come to choir practice. Jesus likes for you to be there. All voices together make beautiful music!!!!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 6, 2014,
Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 7, 2014,
6:00 p.m. - Prayer Service, Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Stations and Divine Mercy devotions

Monday, March 10, 2014,
Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday:

Joseph Schwartz	3/3
Macey Peerman	3/3
Steve Byrne	3/4
Herman Miller	3/6
Jeff Raley	3/7

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

Weekly Budget:	\$2,023.00
Actual Collection:	\$899.00
Maintenance:	\$25.00

Church cleaner Ruth Raley 3/2 - 3/15

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

We always say problems are part of life and cannot be avoided. In itself problems are not dangerous but allowing problems to take control over us in the form of tensions, worries etc., are dangerous. If we look around, we can find various types of people with various types of problems. Though we say every person is unique, often we forget about the greatest truth of our faith, the commonality of human creation, that we are created in the image and likeness of God. Because of this negligence, we invite problems and tensions in our daily lives. We accept the fact that the past is gone and cannot be brought back, so there is no meaning in worrying about the past. We accept the fact that the future is not in our hands and so there is no meaning in worrying about it. Finally what is in our hands is present and today our target is to live the present meaningfully and wait for the future with great hope. Every one is called to live their lives in the Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. Love the present with Faith and wait for the future with Hope in God. Yes, living in these cardinal virtues, we can find ourselves in the platform of peace.

Through today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to think about the dignity of our own creation or life and make a differentiation between the Creator and the creation so that we may live in peace. Every creation is called to depend on the creator, but when we come to our own life situations, we can find that we, God's own images, are finding consolation and peace in creation rather than the Creator, and as a consequence, we make bad judgments, decisions, and actions and invite problems and difficulties in our lives. Knowing this fact, Jesus encourages us to reflect about the life of other creation and learn from them. Jesus says, "Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin."

Yes, Jesus is asking us not to worry but rather have faith in God and keep up the dignity as God's image and children. Yes, God has given us the highest status among the whole creation, but before Him, we perform as the least one among the creation. He gives the best and primary priority to human life, but we don't realize it because often we are not grateful to the Lord for the blessings we received and worry and complain about what we have and what we don't have. Jesus is asking us if we think that we are less important than the birds in the sky and plants of the earth?

Again Jesus is warning us not to be like pagans always seeking worldly things. Apparently we act as the best Christians before others. Reflection upon today's Gospel, we can find many of us are just like the Pagans who do not really believe in God. This is the reason Jesus says, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me". Yes, often we are seeking the wrong things from the Lord, and that is why we get disappointed. Remember, God does not want to feed us with wrong, evil and harmful things, but always wishes our well being. That is why Jesus tells us "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides". Yes, we need to seek for the kingdom values of Justice, Peace and Love from God for they are essential and primary things needed in our lives. Now we have to ask ourselves, am I asking the right thing from the Lord in my life? We give more importance to secondary things and God does not want to give us secondary things for we are precious, and we are not secondary beings. We read in the book of Psalms 8:5 about our dignity that "You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor."

Dear friends, often we say, Chinese goods are cheap, low quality and not lasting. We know allowing their goods into our market will weaken our country market. In the same way food, clothing, drinks and worrying about worldly things are like Chinese goods. They are cheap and reduce our dignity from God's children to world's children. God wants us to use original and lasting things in our lives. Just like the original and company things are costly and more lasting, the original things from God are also very costly and that is why Jesus says in today's Gospel, "No one can serve two masters." Dear friends, the quality of our life is given in our hands and the Gospel gives us guidelines to increase the quality of our life. If you are looking for original things in life, we have to come to the Creator, not to the creation. The world and worldly are duplicate and they can give us only tensions and worries. So as yourself, am I original or duplicate? Am I from God or from world? Am I God's or the World's? Jesus says in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." May the Good Lord Bless you all.

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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.