

Donna Fulkerson

# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road Reed, Kentucky 42451

## Third Sunday of Lent: March 23, 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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Pastor: Cell Phone Email: jouthonpurack	Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal (270) 929-2294 al@stpeterandstaugustine.com	Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday	3/22 Mass   3/23 Mass   3/24 No Mas   3/25 No Mas	SS	
Website Administrator:	<u> </u>	Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	3/26 No Mas   3/27 No Mas   3/28 No Mas   3/29 Mass	SS	
Parish Council President:	Robert E. Mitchell	Sunday	3/30 Mass	8:00 a.m. Connie Mills	
Finance Committee Chair:	Martha Miller	Servers:			
Parish Hall Rental: Bookkeeper: Email address:	Rosemary Murphy Rosemary Murphy rmurphee@hotmail.com	<u>Lectors:</u> Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m. M 8:00 a.m. E 4:00 p.m. F 8:00 a.m. S	Davis and Sam Mitchell Mason Jackson Barbara Smith Phyllis Schrecker, Connie Williams Sonny and Linda Evans	
Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. <u>scain42966@att.net</u>		Gifts: <u>Ushers:</u>	8:00 a.m. E 4:00 p.m. E	Stacy Cain Family Ed Dunivan Family Dee Anna Booker, Gaylan Haire Jimmy Davis, Kathy Wolfe	
			UPCOMING EVENTS:		
<i>Mary of Nazareth</i> is showing at the Malco Theater in Owensbord 2014, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 and will only be available f Family, Inc. in the lobby before each show.				<i>Monday, March 24, 2014,</i> Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.	
OCHS Band Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction is Saturday, Ma p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the OCHS cafeteria. All you can eat dinner, \$7.00. Tickets available at the door or email <u>mjqlife@bellsouth.r</u>			dessert for rve tickets.	<i>Thursday, March 27, 2014</i> 6:00 p.m. at St. Augustine - Mission/Retreat Preaching by Fr. Jerry Riney, Pastor of St. Stephen Cathedral	
Contact Stanette (270) 764 1661 with the dates that you will not your regular ministry at Mass. Stanette will be out of service fro June, so get your schedule to her as soon as possible.				<b>Sunday, April 6, 2014,</b> Potluck Breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass	
Mark your calendar for St. Peter's Fish Fry on April 4 <sup>th</sup> . Serving to Catfish fiddlers and cod.				<i>Tuesday, March 25, 2014</i> , Parish Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. <u>NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:</u>	
There will be a showing of the movie <i>Restless Heart, The Confessions of St. Augustine</i> in the St. Peter's Parish Hall on Sunday, March 30, 2014, at 2pm. This is the same movie that was shown in theaters before Christmas.					
Happy Birthday:		<u>Нарру А</u>	Happy Anniversary:		
Christopher Sauer Mark Murphy	3/26 3/28				
Please continue to pray for the following:		Weekly B	Weekly Budget: \$2,023.00		
Fr. Jegin Mary Angela Mitchell Paula Mayfield Sue Wolfe		Actual Co	llection: \$	1,145.00	
Debbie Ralph Jimmy Davis Joe Bill Merimee		Church c	leaner D	ebbie Ralph 3/16 - 3/29	

#### Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Today we have come to the third week of our Lenten journey. On the first weekend, we witnessed the beginning of our Lenten journey where Jesus strongly fought against temptations and cautioned us to be very vigilant against temptations through fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Last weekend, we were all given the experience of Transfiguration or the divine manifestation which is the culmination of our Lenten journey. This weekend we see, the transfigured Jesus is transforming a Samaritan woman who was a public sinner.

If we closely watch the life of Jesus, we can be sure that the public life of Jesus was a challenging one because He challenged everyone. He not only challenged His listeners, but He also challenged His disciples who were always with Him. In **Matthew 8:20**, Jesus says to a scribe who wanted to follow Him, 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head'. Again in **Luke 9:3-5**, while sending disciples to mission, Jesus is challenging them by saying, '*Take nothing for the journey, neither walking staff nor traveling bag; no bread, no money. No one is to have two coats. Stay at whatever house you enter and proceed from there. When people will not receive you, leave that town and shake its dust from your feet as a testimony against them*'. Dear friends, today if Jesus is not a challenge for us, His teachings are not challenging us, the faith and the call that we have is not challenging us, be sure none of us are growing in Christ and to be frank we are not Christians at all. Then who are we? Judge yourself.....

In today's Gospel, by talking with the Samaritan woman, Jesus is actually challenging the Jews as well as the Samaritans. In Jesus' time, there were absolutely no dealings, no social contact, no trade or inter-marriage between Jews and Samaritans. They were like born enemies for many centuries. Again, talking to a woman in public was considered to be scandalous to both Jews and Samaritans. All the more talking to a public sinner in public was considered to be a sin. But in today's Gospel, we see Jesus is breaking all the barriers of prejudice, hostility and tradition to bring good news of peace and reconciliation to Jews, Samaritans and Gentiles. Thus Jesus shows the universality of the Gospel both in word and deed. So a true Christian should not only preach the Gospel but should live the Gospel of love.

To live the Gospel of love in our lives, it is important that we experience Christ and His word in our personal life. The celebration of every sacrament in our Holy Catholic Church is a medium to experience Christ personally, and share with generally. But why is it that we fail to do that in our lives? The personal encounter of the Samaritan woman with Jesus and her acceptance of Jesus as Savior gave her a new life and new vision in her life, and we see new changes in the town. In Jesus' time, the testimony of a woman was not taken into consideration, but from the Gospel we read that hearing the testimony of this outcast Samaritan woman about Jesus, many people came to meet Jesus, to drink the living water. Those people who experienced Jesus and received the living water from Jesus personally make a very significant point to the woman at the end of the Gospel, 'We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.' Yes, they profess that the reason for their faith is not the testimony of the Samaritan woman, but it is their personal experience of Jesus. Today, the greatest challenge before us is to experience Jesus personally through this sacrament of Eucharist.

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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.