

St. Augustine Church

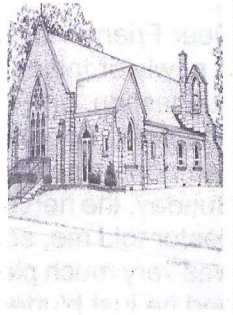
16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 13, 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 - 7/12 - 7/20

Saturday	7/12	Mass	5:30 p.m. Nina Howard
Sunday	7/13	Mass	8:00 a.m. June & Violet Newman
Monday	7/14	No Mass	
Tuesday	7/15	No Mass	
Wednesday	7/16	No Mass	
Thursday	7/17	No Mass	
Friday	7/18	No Mass	
Saturday	7/19	Mass	5:30 p.m. Nina Howard
Sunday	7/20	Mass	8:00 a.m. Edgar & Margaret Fulkerson

Ministries for 7/19 and 7/20

<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
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Larry Schwartz, Dee Anna Booker
	8:00 a.m.	Bucky & Vickie Lacer
<u>Gifts:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Stacy Cain Family
	8:00 a.m.	Paul Johnson Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Dee Ann Booker, Gaylan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Bucky & Vickie Lacer

Church cleaner: Elsie Blair 7/6 - 7/19

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Please remember month of July is Picnic Relief Donation time. These donations are to replace our annual picnic.

If you are interested in assisting the missions of Jamaica, please attend the next Pilgrims of Hope meeting on Saturday, July 19, at 1:00 p.m. in the dining hall of Holy Name Parish in Henderson. Please come to see what Pilgrims of Hope is all about and how you can assist the Church's mission among the poor in Jamaica. If you have been on a Global Mission Trip to Jamaica, your next stop should be the Pilgrims of Hope meeting.

This Week's Birthdays:

Tony Cain 7/18

This Week's Anniversaries:

Walter & Kathy Wolfe 7/17 43 yrs

Please continue to pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
Mary Angela Mitchell
Paula Mayfield
Sue Wolfe
Debbie Ralph
Jimmy Davis
Joe Bill Merimee
Donna Fulkerson

Weekly Budget: \$2,023.00

Collections: \$863.30

Maintenance \$103.00

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

A newly ordained priest was having a difficult time in preparing his first sermon in the church. He asked his pastor for a suggestion, and his pastor told him that it would be better to start with a story or incident that would grab the people's attention. For example, you might say: "Some of the best years of my life were spent in the arms of a woman who was someone else's wife". The pastor looked at the young priest's shocked face and added "She was my mother." That Sunday, the nervous young priest came on to the pulpit to deliver his sermon sweating and shivering. Finally he said, "The pastor told me, some of the best years of his life were spent in the arms of a woman who was someone else's wife." He was very much pleased to get the attention of whole congregation but his nervousness overtook him, his mind went blank and he just blurted out, "For the life of me, I can't remember if he said who she was."

Today as we reflect about the parable of growth, we all know that as infants we all spent a lot of time in someone's arms, most probably our parents or grandparents. But somehow we grew up, started walking, talking, going to school, then eventually driving, working, getting married and getting older. If we look back, we can acknowledge many factors that supported our growth to our present stage of life. If we look around, we can find all our childhood friends have reached different stages of life. Some are successful and some are not; some are happy and some are not; some are married and some are not; some have children but some do not. Thus people have different ways of living and have different outcomes.

All our lives seem like seeds thrown and fell on different places like in today's Gospel. If we go through the Gospels, we can find that people have different ways of responding to Jesus and to His ministry. Some accused Him of being possessed, a blasphemer and breaker of divine laws. Some thought He was a great healer, others as good teacher, others a good preacher, etc. Some people enjoyed His stories, but still some thought He had something worthwhile to say, and they continued to listen to Him and learn from Him. Yes, Jesus was like a farmer sowing the seed of word of God. Although He did not touch all hearts, those whose hearts He touched grew in His love and produced much fruit.

Yes my dear friends, by comparing this parable with the Kingdom of God, Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of God is not an entitlement, but a seed of grace that has been planted in our hearts, and if we do nothing with it, it will die. If it lives in us, it will grow. If we look into our growth, we can find that our physical growth is something that happens automatically, but growing in knowledge, growing in certain skills etc. happens intentionally. The same way growing in God's grace and Holiness is something intentional that we need to make an effort on our own part. It involves making a choice that Jesus is more important than anything or anyone. Yes, it is an invitation to say Yes to the Lord and No to the world.

Dear Friends, how do we respond to the grace of God in our lives? Jesus comes to us in different ways and through different people. How do we respond to different situations of life? Do we seek the will of God in our lives to bear much fruit for the Lord? Remember everyone is the seed from God that fell on the good ground to bear hundred fold, but does that happen in our lives? Where have we gone wrong?

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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.