



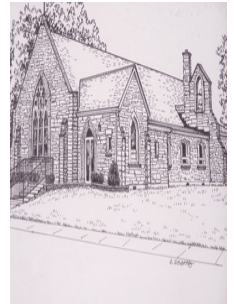
# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 17, 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.

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#### Weekly Schedule - 8/16 - 8/24

Saturday	8/16	Mass	5:30 p.m. Silas Simon
Sunday	8/17	Mass	8:00 a.m. Nina Howard
Monday	8/18	No Mass	
Tuesday	8/19	No Mass	
Wednesday	8/20	No Mass	
Thursday	8/21	No Mass	
Friday	8/22	No Mass	
Saturday	8/23	Mass	5:30 p.m. Silas Simon
Sunday	8/24	Mass	8:00 a.m. Nina Howard

#### Ministries for 8/23 and 8/24

Servers:	5:30 p.m.	Olivia Miller
	8:00 a.m.	John Boeglin, Gabe McFarland
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker
	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Smith
Eucharistic Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Schrecker, Connie Williams
	8:00 a.m.	Bucky & Vickie Lacer
Gifts:	5:30 p.m.	Judy Beasley Family
	8:00 a.m.	Janet Medley Family
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Larry & Joseph Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny & Linda Evans

#### Announcements & Upcoming Events

Father will have Blessing of the Sick during Mass on 9/20 and 9/21.

**Do You Think Mass Is Boring?** Do you ever get bored at Mass? Have you forgotten the significance of what is really happening in our liturgy of the Mass? Do you really understand what you believe as a Catholic? Please join us on Sept 7th at 2:00pm at St. Stephen Cathedral for Fr. Mike Williams' explanation of the Mass, also known as a "Teaching Mass". With his creative explanations and teaching, you are guaranteed a better understanding of the beauty of the Mass. This is open to all denominations; it will be a full Mass and will count as your Sunday Mass obligation. Bring a friend! "Unless we understand both the parts and the whole, the Mass can become mindless routine, without heartfelt compassion." - Dr. Scott Hahn

**Mount Saint Joseph Picnic:** The Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph are celebrating their 44th Mount Saint Joseph Picnic on Sunday, September 14, 2014, in Maple Mount. Booths open at 10:30 a.m. BBQ chicken, mutton and pork served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Burgoo and sandwiches also available. Grand raffle prizes: \$10,000, 2-year lease on a Toyota Corolla, \$1,000, a handmade quilt, \$500, \$250 and \$100. Grand raffle tickets are 4 for \$20. Fun for the whole family. Picnic proceeds benefit retired Ursuline Sisters. To order raffle tickets, call 270-229-4103 ext. 284 or ext. 448. The Ursuline Sisters will be selling Picnic Raffle Tickets after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the weekend of August 24th. Tickets are \$5.00 each

**Right to Life Walk:** Please join 35 years of tradition and show your support for a person's Right to Life. The Walk is Saturday, September 6, 2014, beginning at Our Lady of Lourdes. Get your sponsor forms at the office. Sign up begins at 9:00am, and the walk begins at 10:00 am.

#### This Week's Birthdays:

Sheila Ralph	8/16
Lisa Raley	8/20

#### This Week's Anniversaries:

Larry & Sherry Schwartz	8/19 37 years
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#### Please pray for the following:

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

<b>Weekly Budget:</b>	\$2,023.00
<b>Collections:</b>	\$851.00
<b>Maintenance:</b>	\$505.00
Brescia College	\$100.00

#### Church cleaner:

Philomena Bollinger	8/17 - 8/30
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Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

One day it seems a certain curious person in heaven asked St. Peter, "How many Hindus are there in heaven?" St. Peter replied, "No Hindus." Then he asked, "How many Muslims?" "Not even one", replied St. Peter. The man was surprised. He said, "Oh, then there are only Christians in heaven?" "No, there are no Christians in heaven either," replied St. Peter. "How many Catholics?" "No Catholics either.". Then Peter said, "Heaven is not meant for any particular group of people." All are welcome here. In heaven, there is no distinction between Hindus, Muslims or Christians, but all enjoy the loving presence of God. Today's Gospel gives us the message that no one is excluded from the love of God and anyone with faith in God is welcomed to enjoy His blessings.

The men oriented society of Jesus' time believed and propagated that salvation is only possible for Jews and not for Gentiles. Jews always condemned Gentiles as unclean dogs and dishonored them whenever it was possible. Jews even taught that Gentiles are excluded from God's Commandments and love. It is in this background of the society that we see the interaction of Jesus with the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel.

In the Gospel of Matthew 10:5, we see Jesus is commissioning His disciples, and says, "Do not visit pagan territory and do not enter a Samaritan town. Go instead after the lost sheep of Israel". But today, we see Jesus Himself takes an initiative to go to the Gentiles regions like Tyre and Sidon. Yes, Jesus is initiating a great transformation in the traditional beliefs and customs of Jews by interacting with the Canaanite woman. The Canaanite woman cries out, "Have Pity on me Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon". If you remember last weekend's Gospel, we can still hear the cry of St. Peter, "Lord Save me". If we compare the cry of St. Peter and the Canaanite woman, we can find that the Canaanite woman did a better job and that is why Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish". Yes, a cry with faith will never be neglected from the hands of God. The greatness of the woman's faith was that she believed and professed her faith in Jesus before the fulfillment of her great need. The great woman addressed Jesus as Lord, Son of David, but last weekend we saw it was after the great rescue of Peter from the water that the disciples paid homage and stated, "Truly, you are the Son of God." Today, as we sit before the Lord, we need to ask ourselves why are we here today? Am I waiting for a miracle to happen in my life through this Eucharist to strengthen my faith in Jesus like Peter and the other disciples? Or am I here with a strong faith like the Canaanite woman to thank the Lord for all the blessings received and for all the blessings anticipated?

There is no doubt most of us have gone through a feeling of rejection and humiliation from God and from others just like the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. In those moments of difficulties, we should never forget to emulate the example of the Canaanite woman in our lives. Jesus' response to the Canaanite woman's request was really embarrassing. Jesus says, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel...It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Yes, Jesus says to her very clearly that she is not disqualified by her birth to receive the blessings, but we see the determined Canaanite woman qualifies herself excellently by her strong faith in Jesus. Yes, Jesus always appreciated the quality of Faith, and Jesus could see the quality of faith more among the Gentiles than among His own people. Remember the story of the 10 lepers, the Good Samaritan etc.

Yes dear friends, the criteria for the blessing from God is not the birth place or the country or the color or the money or the family or the shape or the qualification, but it is the true Faith. So before you pray, do not forget to check the quality of your faith. O man and woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." God Bless you

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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.