



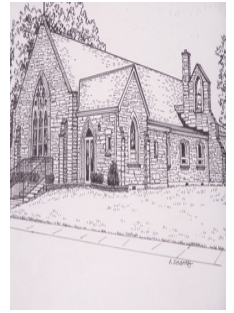
St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 21, 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 - 9/20 - 9/28

Saturday	9/20	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Shari Murphy
Sunday	9/21	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Shari Murphy
Monday	9/22	No Mass		
Tuesday	9/23	No Mass		
Wednesday	9/24	No Mass		
Thursday	9/25	No Mass		
Friday	9/26	No Mass		
Saturday	9/27	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Shari Murphy
Sunday	9/28	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Shari Murphy

Ministries for 9/27 and 9/28

Servers:	5:30 p.m.	Olivia Miller
	8:00 a.m.	Ellie & Sam Mitchell
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker
	8:00 a.m.	Rob Mitchell
Eucharistic Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Angela Peerman, Theresa Sauer
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts:	5:30 p.m.	Judy Beasley Family
	8:00 a.m.	Steve Byrne Family
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker, Gaylan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday, *September 25, 2014*, at 6:30 p.m.

Special thanks to Steve Haire for trimming the shrubs for the church.

Please pray for the following:

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

This Week's Birthdays:

Eric Johnson	9/22
Dr. David Medley	9/23
Amy Mitchell	9/24

This Week's Anniversaries:

Robert & Gail Blair	9/13	37 years
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Weekly Budget:	\$1,221.15
Collections:	\$2,456.00
Maintenance I	\$37.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$5.00
Heralds of Good News	\$376.00

Church cleaner:

Sharon Brown 9/14 - 9/27

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Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

We remember that parables are earthly stories with a heavenly meaning. Jesus' parables are always designed to shock us into thinking a different way than what we are used to normally thinking. Today as we listen to this parable, many of us may raise our eye brows and say it is not fair because in a country like the United States most of the workers are paid based on the number of hours they work. But today, Jesus breaks all barriers and understanding of payment for the Job. Yes, Jesus is trying to provoke our thinking through this parable and if you are provoked, be sure the real purpose of this Gospel is working within in you.

Growing up in a large traditional farming family has its advantages. When the crop is ready for harvest, the whole family is out in the field working together. They do not work at the same pace. Dad and big brother would be in the field very early while little sister is still asleep. Mom and little sister would join them in the farm later. You see dad and big brother go to work without breakfast but little sister would not go anywhere without breakfast. When she finally arrives in the field, she is more interested in asking silly questions and distracting the workers than in the work itself. At the end of the day, all go home happy together. Supper is prepared and served. Does anyone suggest that you eat as much as you have worked? Not at all! Often the same little sister who did the least work is pampered with the best food. Yet no one complains, no one is jealous, and everyone is happy.

In today's Gospel, we hear of a harvest in which some workers put in more work than others. When pay time comes, they are all treated equally and the early birds among them begin to complain and grumble. Why do the workers in the vineyard grumble and complain whereas the workers in the family do not? The answer is simple. One group of workers is made up of family members and other of unrelated individuals drawn from the wider society. So the question that the parable poses to each one of us today is, "Do we see ourselves as family with a common purpose or do we see ourselves as a bunch of individuals, each with their own agenda?" We call ourselves brothers and sisters. Why then do we often see and treat one another as rivals and competitors?

The notion of the Kingdom of God as family is central to understanding this parable. The kingdom of God is a family more than a society. A society is characterized by 'they' and 'them', by rivalry and survival of the fittest. A family, on the other hand, is 'we' and not 'they' or 'them'. It is characterized by a spirit of co-operation rather than competition and supported by generous love and understanding of each other.

Yes, certainly the Gospel of today and especially the dealings of the land owner is really embarrassing to most of us as human beings as he is paying same amount of money to all workers even to those who came at the last hour. But by presenting this parable, Jesus wants to tell the individuals of society that God's ways are not the same as human ways. God does not work according to the world's standards but God operates on the principle of grace and generosity. The Kingdom of God is not something that you can earn by your ability or hard work or argument, but it is purely a gift of God, that God gives generously to whomever He wishes.

Finally, as the members of the church, it is time to evaluate our attitude. Do we really feel the belongingness of a family member to your parish with understanding and generosity in all the activities of the Church? Or do we act like different individuals each with their own agenda? Remember God Unites, but Evil separates. God Bless you all.

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.