



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: January 1, 2017  
**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 basket.

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## **Ministries for 1/8**

Servers: John & Henry Boeglin  
Lectors: Jamie Boeglin  
Eucharistic Min: Angela Peerman, Connie Williams  
Gifts: Rob Mitchell Family  
Ushers: Larry Schwartz, Joseph Schwartz

## **Mass Intention 1/8**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Stanford & Alice Embrey

## **Please Keep in Your Prayers:**

Father Jegin  
Mack Lacer  
Paula Mayfield  
Michele Alexander Johnson

## **WEEKLY BUDGET:**

Regular Collection	\$1,221.15
Christmas Collection	\$3,195.00
	\$185.00

## **BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:**

Robert Purgeason 1/2

## **ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

## **Church Cleaners:**

Sheila Ralph 1/1 – 1/14  
Phyllis Schrecker 1/15 – 1/28

**Church Cleaners:** Cleaning the Church is an act of your love and gratitude to God for our Church. If for some reason you are unable to clean when it is your turn, please contact Herschel Smith (270) 302-0601 and for a fee of \$30.00 he will clean for your two weeks. If you are physically unable to clean, please contact Herschel so other arrangements can be made.

## Announcements

**Anointing of the Sick:** Father will have Anointing of the Sick during Mass on January 8, 2017.

**St. Benedict Shelter was very appreciative for the gift card to Krogers and the food donations. Due to your generosity, we were able to give them a gift card in the amount of \$246.00! Thanks to everyone who made donations!!!!**

**Meeting with Parents of First Communicants on January 22, 2017, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Sister C.J. would like to meet with parents of children signed up to receive First Sacraments this year. This meeting is basically to review requirements and to set dates to meet for classes. First Communion is scheduled for May 7, 2017 during 9:30 a.m. Mass.

*Church envelopes are ready and available in the pew at the side of the church*

**Patriotic Rosary: Patriotic Rosary will resume after the holidays.**

***Confirmation Retreat on January 14, 2017, from 12:00–4:30 p.m. ending Mass with Bishop Medley at St. Stephen's Cathedral.***

### Local Confession Schedules

St. Stephen	Saturday	9:30am-11:30am
St. Mary Magdalene	Saturday	2:30pm
Precious Blood	Saturday	3:30pm

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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.

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Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The life of Jesus begins with Mary, therefore, it is appropriate that we begin the New Year with the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Since Mary is the mother of God, she is the mother of joy, Joy to the World. So New Year is one of Joy. May I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

*“Today is the first day of the New Year. Today is the first day of the rest of our life.”* The two statements sound alike, but differ deeply in meaning. Yes, everybody knows that today is the first day of a New Year, but when I said, *‘today is the first day of the rest of our life’* I am sure that makes us thoughtful. We feel to take it as a warning to regulate our life forcing us to be more God-oriented and to be more responsible in our duties. Being the first day of the New Year, many of us make resolutions, and as days go by, we forget about those resolutions. Why is it that we are so irresponsible to the resolutions? St. Augustine says that, “God, who created you without you, cannot save you without you.” Yes, very often we fail to seek the grace of God to keep our resolutions, and as a consequence, we go through all kinds of disappointments and problems. It is here, we have the greatest example of Joseph and Mary who found true peace and happiness in the midst of problems and difficulties in the presence of the Lord.

Yes, true happiness can be found only in the presence of God, but sometimes people confuse happiness with pleasure. Some people find pleasure in food, alcohol, drugs, and many other things. Some people find pleasure in going out, watching movies, partying etc. Other people may find pleasure in amassing things, wealth etc., but all these pleasures are momentary. Now, where can we find true happiness? The answer is at Bethlehem. Look at the manger we have prepared resembling the Bethlehem of Jesus. Take your eyes away from Jesus and look around. There are no riches, no fame, no power, no convenience, no pleasure. Think about Mary and Joseph, how tired they must have been after travelling from Nazareth to Bethlehem by foot and donkey. They must be hungry and cold. It must have been humiliating for them to discover no room there in Bethlehem. Yes, in the midst of all this, Mary and Joseph are the happiest people to walk on the face of this earth. Here in Bethlehem, they are teaching us the amazing paradox that it is only when we sacrifice in the love and service of Jesus that we find happiness. A happiness that this world can never give and no one can take from us.

So, on this New Year, above all resolutions, let us make the resolution to get closer to God and be happy with whatever we have. Let us make the resolution to count our blessings rather than counting our problems. Let us intercede to Mary our Mother and Mother of God for the grace to find happiness in saying YES to the will of God. *May God Bless you all*