



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Baptism of the Lord: January 10, 2016

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 basket.

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Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. scain42966@att.net

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 1/10 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell
Sunday 1/17 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell

Ministries for 1/17

Servers: John & Henry Boeglin
Lectors: Kristin Miller
Eucharistic Min: April & Rob Mitchell
Gifts: Angela Peerman Family
Ushers: Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Church Cleaner:

Dee Anna Booker 1/3 – 1/16
Sharon Brown 1/17 – 1/30

Please Pray for the following:

Father Jegin, Paula Mayfield, Donnie Brown

This Week's Anniversaries:

Jr & Amy Mitchell 1/15 17 years

This Week's Birthdays:

Olivia Miller 1/12

WEEKLY BUDGET: **\$1,221.15**

Regular Collection: \$2,197.00

Maintenance: \$65.00

First Collection (envelopes) \$17.00

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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Announcements

Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Next Parish Council Meeting **Wednesday, January 27, 2016**, at 6:30 p.m.

Join the Feisty Fifties of Immaculate Parish, March 13-19, the week before Holy Week, as we motor to Orlando, Florida. We will spend the day at the Holy Land Experience, see Downtown Disney, the works of Tiffany, the Bok Tower Gardens with bell carillon concerts, see the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, visit the Dundee Citrus Candy Factory and enjoy the Florida sunshine. Included are 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners. All this for \$540.00 per person, 2 in a room, with \$75.00 down payment. See www.GroupTrips.com/FeistyFifties or call Mickey 270-685-3015 for a flyer.

Year of Divine Mercy: Pope Francis announced a Year of Divine Mercy beginning on December 8, 2015, and ending on November 20, 2016. Bishop Medley opened the Door of Mercy at St. Stephen Cathedral, and the door will remain open until November 13, 2016. All are invited and encouraged to make a pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy during the Jubilee Year.

Project UK T-Shirt Quilt for the St. Augustine Reverse Raffle dinner. We are in need of UK t-shirts for this project, so if you would like to donate a UK t-shirt for this project, please place it in the box at the back of church.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING FOR PARENTS: January 10, 2016, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass there will be a meeting with Sister C.J. and the parents of children who will be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion this year, including parents of those who attend Catholic School. This is an important meeting to share and discuss dates and times for classes as well as the dates for the two Sacraments. If you cannot be present that day, please let Sister C.J. know - 270-880-8121.

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.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, and it marks the official end of Christmas season. Till yesterday, we celebrated and reflected about the life of the 'infant Jesus', but starting today, we celebrate and reflect about the life of 'adult Jesus'. Yes, the Baptism is a sacrament where one is purified of his/her original sins, but today as we celebrate this great solemnity, there could be questions regarding Jesus' Baptism such as why at all Jesus should receive the sacrament of Baptism from St. John the Baptist for Jesus is born without any sin.

The attitude behind receiving the sacrament of Baptism by Jesus is explained in St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:6-8, "*Though he was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human state, and it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross*". Yes, Jesus wanted to identify Himself with each one of us and show His solidarity with the entire humanity. Thus, we see the great humility of Jesus or our God Himself. It is a self-surrendering of Jesus to His Father's will of Passion, Death and Resurrection. So Jesus very clearly indicates to us that Baptism is not the sacrament of showing our pride, but it is a sacrament which calls us for humility and obedience to His Father's will.

In the Gospel, we see the great humility of Jesus is being paid off very well. The Gospel states that while He was praying, three magnificent things happened in Jesus life: Heaven was opened, the Holy Spirit came down on Him, and finally, He was able to hear the voice of God, "*You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*". Yes, here we see the Trinitarian God is in action Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As Christians, every one of us is called to experience this Trinitarian God in our lives, and the way to experience this is nothing but to be humble. This is what Jesus says to us always, "*Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart*".

During this Mass, let us ask the Lord to make us more humble so that we may hear the same voice from the Father, "*You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*". Thus being pleased with the Father, we may be pleased with everyone in our lives and find peace on earth.
May God Bless you.