

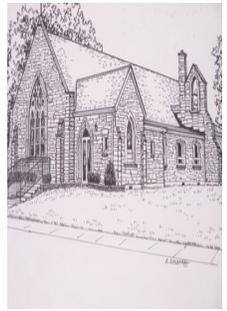


St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Baptism of the Lord: January 11, 2015
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 - 1/11 - 1/18

Sunday	1/11	Mass	8:00 a.m. Everett Russell
Monday	1/12	No Mass	
Tuesday	1/13	No Mass	
Wednesday	1/14	No Mass	
Thursday	1/15	No Mass	
Friday	1/16	No Mass	
Saturday	1/17	No Mass	
Sunday	1/18	Mass	8:00 a.m. Joe Brand

Ministries for 1/18

Servers:	8:00 a.m.	Sam Mitchell, Claire Boeglin
Lectors:	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Smith
Eucharistic Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts:	8:00 a.m.	Connie Williams Family
Ushers:	8:00 a.m.	Larry Schwartz, Dee Anna Booker

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Even though this event took place roughly 30 years after the birth of Jesus and the coming of the Magi, it is a feast that fits with the theme of Epiphany that we celebrated last weekend. Through the feast of Epiphany, God manifested His Son to this world through three wise men from the East. Today through this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, God again reveals His Son to each one of us, "You are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased." It is a grace filled moment where Jesus is completely submitting His entire body, mind and soul to the will of His Father. It is from here Heavenly Father is submitting His only Son Jesus to each one of us through His public ministry, Passion, Death and Resurrection. Thus Jesus becomes a new creation for God's will. It is also a moment to experience and hear God's love for us.

One of the beautiful scenes we can see in the Gospel in relation to Jesus' Baptism is that, "On coming up out of water He saw the Heavens being torn open and the spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him". Two activities are happening here. Jesus is coming up from the water and the Spirit is coming down from Heaven. Thus we see the culmination point of both ascending and descending is JESUS. Jesus' ascending is to Heaven and Spirit's descending to Jesus to sanctify the creation of this world.

Yes, dear friends, both ascending and descending is happening in every sacrament of Baptism. When one receives the sacrament of Baptism, God opens the Heaven for him and for her and sends the Spirit to that person to sanctify the world from evil. Just like Jesus, we become the culmination point for ascending and descending or Heaven and Earth. So to say, every baptized is responsible for heaven and earth. This is the same idea Bishop Fulton J. Sheen also states. According to him, Jesus' Baptism has two effects. Firstly, it prepared Jesus for a great war. A war against Evil the of this world. We read further in the Gospel, "He was led by the Sprit to the desert for forty days and there put to the test by Satan." Secondly, Jesus was anointed to preach the Good News. According to the Gospel of Mark. Jesus begins His public ministry preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand".

So, this feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us of two important things. We are the members of the kingdom of God, and we have the obligation to sanctify this world by the love of Christ. Today, Jesus says to each one of us, "You are my beloved son, with you, I am well pleased." It is our responsibility to tell every one that, "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." May the Good Lord Bless you. AMEN

Announcements

Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.**

Finance Committee Meeting is **Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.**

Father will be Blessing the Sick during the Masses the weekend of January 17th and 18th.

Anyone interested in becoming an Eucharistic Minister or wanting to learn how to serve, please contact Father or a member of the Parish Council. Father will be scheduling a date and time for this in the near future.

Any couples of the Parish having milestone anniversaries in 2015 such as 10, 25, 40, 50 and over 50 years, please list the following information and put it in the collection for me. I will need your full name, current address, date of marriage, and number of years married. This information is for the WKC - Marriage Celebration List. Please get me this information as soon as possible.

Fr. Suresh sent the Parish a card and letter wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New year. A copy of the letter will be posted on both bulletin boards in the Church.

This Week's Birthdays:

Olivia Miller 1/12

This Week's Anniversaries:

Ralph Jr & Amy Mitchell 1/15 16 yrs

Church cleaner:

Christa Hundley 1/4 - 1/17

Jane Johnson 1/18 - 1/31

Weekly Budget: \$1,221.15

12/29 - 1/4

Collections: \$4,461.00

Maintenance \$273.00

First Offering \$17.00

In Memory of

Mary Mitchell \$550.00

Please pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin

Paula Mayfield

Debbie Ralph

Joe Bill Merimee

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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.