



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

The Epiphany of the Lord: January 3, 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 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 1/3 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell
Sunday 1/10 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell

Ministries for 1/10

Servers: Ellie Mitchell, Sam Mitchell
Lectors: Shelley Payne
Eucharistic Min: Linda & Sonny Evans
Gifts: Stacy Cain Family
Ushers: Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Church Cleaner:

Dee Anna Booker 1/3 – 1/16

Please Pray for the following:

Father Jegin, Paula Mayfield, Donnie Brown

This Week's Anniversaries:

This Week's Birthdays:

Chase Payne 1/6

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15

Regular Collection: \$787.00
Parish Christmas Collection: \$1,215.00
Diocese Christmas Collection: \$45.00
Christmas Baskets: \$11.00

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

Year of Divine Mercy: Pope Francis announced a Year of Divine Mercy beginning on December 8, 2015, and ending on November 20, 2016, the Sunday dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - and living face of the Father's mercy. Bishop Medley opened the Door of Mercy at St. Stephen Cathedral on December 13, 2015. 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.

Stacy Ralph (wife of Monty Ralph) has volunteered to make an 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.

Church Cleaners: Keep in mind cleaning the Church is an act of your love and gratitude to God for our Church. *If you do not clean for your two weeks or make arrangements to have it cleaned, it makes it harder on the next person.* 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. **Note:** if you are physically unable to clean, please contact Herschel so that he can arrangements to clean. Thanks for your help keeping our Church clean. St. Augustine Altar Society

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING FOR PARENTS: January 10th after the 9:30am 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.

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

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

As Christians, we know that the central figure of all our liturgical celebrations is none other than Jesus Christ. Last weekend, we celebrated the solemnity of Holy Family, and the Holy Mother Church reminded us that it is the presence of Jesus, who is the important figure of the Holy Family. A couple of days before, we had a beautiful celebration of Christmas where we reflected about the extra ordinary birth of Jesus. Thus the real purpose of all these special liturgical celebrations is to invite us to experience and manifest the presence of Jesus through our lives.

The celebration we have today is the Epiphany of the Lord or the manifestation of Jesus as the savior of the world. Today, as we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we have three wise men coming from the East to visit Jesus. It is important to note here that these wise men are not Jews, but they are Gentiles. The King Herod was a Jew, the chief priests and the scribes of the people were among Jews, but none of them cared about the birth of Jesus. This is what the Gospel of John 1:11 says "He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him". Dear friends, this comment of Jesus and the visit of these three wise men of Gentiles, are placing a great challenge before each one of us. How do we respond to the call of God?

Every day or every weekend we come together as Christ's people to celebrate this beautiful sacrament of the Eucharist, but do we really experience Jesus in our lives and manifest His presence through our lives that Jesus is our Savior? Yes, Jesus is coming to us through every sacrament, but Jesus is making this comment, "He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him". The wise men looked for Jesus and they found Him. What are we looking for through our celebrations? Let us not forget the experience of Joseph and Mary on missing Jesus during the celebrations in Jerusalem Temple. The arrival of three wise men from East is unfolding many truths about Jesus. Their question to King Herod, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews", very clearly affirms that there are different kingdoms; King Herod represents the earthly kingdom, and Jesus represents the Heavenly Kingdom. This is what Jesus says in the Gospel of John 18:36, "My Kingdom is not of this world". This is what we read in Philippians 3:20, "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ".

Dear friends, now who is the king in our life? Let our thoughts, words and actions manifest the king of our lives! Again the gifts of three wise men, adds the qualities of Jesus. They had the gift of Gold in their hands, normally offered to kings, thus they proclaimed to the world that Jesus is the King. They had the gift of frankincense, normally used for religious rituals, thus they proclaimed to the world that Jesus is the priest and He is the High priest in the New Testament. Finally, they had the gift of Myrrh, normally used for the dead. We are all born to live, but in the case of Jesus, He is born to die, and through His death He is promising a new Life, an everlasting Life. Thus we see, three wise men offered their gifts and did Him homage and had the experience and the vision of God and thus departed for their country by another way.

Dear friends, as we participate in this Holy Mass, let us diligently look for Jesus and a personal encounter with Him, so that our offering of this Mass will be acceptable to Him and we may receive more and more blessings in our lives. May the Good Lord Bless you.