

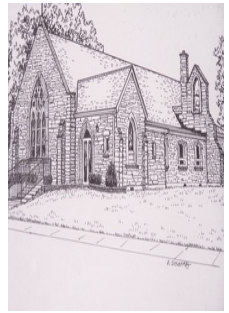


St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Epiphany of the Lord: January 4, 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 - 1/4 - 1/11

Sunday	1/4	Mass	8:00 a.m. Lucy Byrne
Monday	1/5	No Mass	
Tuesday	1/6	No Mass	
Wednesday	1/7	No Mass	
Thursday	1/8	No Mass	
Friday	1/9	No Mass	
Saturday	1/10	No Mass	
Sunday	1/11	Mass	8:00 a.m. Everett Russell

Ministries for 1/11

Servers:	8:00 a.m.	Davis & Ellie Mitchell
Lectors:	8:00 a.m.	Rob Mitchell
Eucharistic Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Schrecker, Connie Williams
Gifts:	8:00 a.m.	Sonny Evans Family
Ushers:	8:00 a.m.	Larry Schwartz, Dee Anna Booker

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

As the members of the Holy Mother Church, we are celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, the manifestation of Jesus' birth to the world by three wise men from the East. According to the medieval legends, the three wise men were from different cultures; Melchior from Asia, Balthazar from Persia and Gaspar from Ethiopia, representing the three races known to the entire Old World.

It is important to note that Jesus was born in the days of King Herod, then the king of the Jews. But the Magi from the East coming to the king and asked an interesting question, where is the newborn king of the Jews? What an embarrassing question! Hearing the question of the Magi, the Gospel states that King Herod is greatly troubled and all Jerusalem with him. Yes, the relevance of the Kingship of Herod is being questioned. Remember the beautiful Magnificat of Mary, "He has put down the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty". Yes the powerful King is greatly disturbed by the birth of a new born baby!

Yes, Herod was a king, but not a good leader for the people. He ruled according to his desire not according to people's desire and well being. He ruled and controlled people with his mighty power. But Jesus as a King is a good leader for the people by His life examples. He is going to rule the people according to people's desire by the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. Jesus as a king is going to control the people's heart by His Love. Yes, Jesus is the real star to rule the world and people to change the world and people with His love and service. Yes, a new age or era is being born by the birth of Jesus, and understanding this real magnanimity of Jesus only the astrologers, the Magi's are offering gifts to Jesus. Gold is the normal gift to a king in Jesus time and the gift of Gold to Jesus symbolizes the kingship of Christ. Frankincense is the usual gift to the Priests and the gift of frankincense to Jesus symbolizes that Jesus is the only real Priest in the New Testament. Myrrh is usually given to the dead. Usually people are born to live but by presenting Myrrh to Jesus symbolizes that Jesus is born to die and through death He promises everlasting life.

Now, coming to our life situation, we celebrated the birth of Jesus accepting Jesus as the real Star, King and centre of our life. Like Magi, we have the responsibility to manifest the Jesus to this world. Until now we have passed 9/10 days, how much effort have we made to manifest Jesus to this world? Yes, it is time to announce to the world that a Savior is born and witness His Holy birth through our daily lives. Yes, time to walk different way for the Gospel states that after seeing the Child Jesus the Magi departed for their country by another way. May God Bless you.

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.**

No Saturday evening Mass beginning January 1, 2015.

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.

Senior Citizen Luncheon: The Senior Citizen Group is only meeting once a month now. The next luncheon is at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, in the St. Peter Parish Hall. Anyone 55 or over is welcome. You may bring a dish or eat for \$1. Come meet new friends, see some of your neighbors and have a wonderful meal.

Any couples of the Parish having milestone anniversaries in 2015 such as 10, 25, 40, 50 and over 50 years, please contact me at (270) 454-1700. 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.

This Week's Birthdays:

Chase Payne 1/6

This Week's Anniversaries:

Church cleaner:

Lois Payne 1/5 - 1/18

Weekly Budget: \$1,221.15

Collections: \$1,499.00

Maintenance \$20.00

Christmas Collection: \$351.00

Diocese Christmas

Collection: \$105.00

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.