



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Christ the King Solemnity: November 22, 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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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 11/22 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell
Sunday 11/29 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne

Ministries for 11/29

Servers: Davis & Ellie Mitchell
Lectors: Kristin Miller
Eucharistic Min: Rob & April Mitchell
Gifts: Angela Peerman Family
Ushers: Sonny & Linda Evans

Church Cleaner:

Jamie Boeglin 11/22 – 12/5

Announcements

Thanksgiving Mass on **Wednesday, November 25, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.**

November is the month we pray especially for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Again this year, we will have a Remembrance Table for your loved ones on the Sacred Heart Alter. Bring pictures of your family and loved ones to be placed on the alter.

Parish Potluck Lunch on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. No meat will be provided, so bring any kind of dish to share! **No breakfast after Mass on December 6, 2015.**

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at St. Augustine on Monday, December 7, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Next Reverse Raffle Dinner Meeting on **Wednesday, December 9, 2015,** at 6:30 p.m. (We need for as many people to show up as possible.)

Next Parish Council Meeting **Wednesday, December 16, 2015,** 6:30 p.m.

There will be a special collection each Sunday during Advent. The money collected will be donated to needy families in our community in lieu of Christmas food baskets. Please be generous with your donations!

***Advent Penance Service** at St. Augustine on **Monday, December 21, 2015,** at 6:00 p.m.

*Decorate church for Christmas after the **8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 20, 2015.** Donuts, juice, coffee and milk will be provided before we begin.

*Christmas Eve Mass on **Thursday, December 24, 2015, at 8:00 p.m.**

*Christmas Day Mass on **Friday, December 25, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.**

*New Year's Eve Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Mass on **Thursday, December 31, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.**

This Week's Anniversaries:

Paul & Tracy Miller 11/26 27 years

This Week's Birthdays:

Hershel Smith 11/25
Branda Haire 11/26

Please pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
Paula Mayfield
Donnie Brown

Weekly Budget: \$1,221.15
Regular Collection: \$3,169.00
Heralds of Good News \$479.50

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The last couple of weekends through the Gospels, the Holy Mother Church has been inviting her children to be ready for the coming of a king called JESUS. Today, as we celebrate this great feast of the Christ the King, the Holy Mother Church invites her children to make a public announcement to the world that **Christ is my King**. Thus, with this feast of Christ the King, we are entering into a new journey of our faith, a journey which invites us to wait for the coming of the king of Kings through the season of Advent.

Reflecting deeply on the many unfortunate events happening around the world forces me to let you know that our announcement for this special day and for our life-**“Christ is my King”** is not loud enough or heard enough. Is it because others are deaf or our proclamation voice is very feeble? Dear friends, before we point our finger at others for their hearing problem, let us look into our own proclamation! As a Christian or Catholic did I allow the spirit of Christ to grow in my life and get rooted as a King who rules my life? Jesus became Christ the King not with His mighty power and authority, but through His Mercy, Love, and Compassion.

Yes, with power and authority of this world, we are able to control and manipulate things and people of this world, but that will never, ever guarantee peace in our lives, and so we have this present world. Today, by celebrating this feast of Christ the King, the Church reminds us that we can make a change from this situation of the world only by adapting the weapons of Christ the King like Mercy, Love and Compassion, because these weapons rule the Hearts of the people which can only bring peace in this world. Understanding this greatest need Pope Francis declared this year as a **Year of Mercy**.

Yes, the whole media is focusing on the unacceptable brutality of ISIS, innocent people are killed and persecuted..... Stop for a moment....Look at the Crucifix, why is that innocent man on the cross? Let us not forget, He is there because of you and me. Because of your sins and because of my sins. Never mind Jesus prayed on the Cross *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”*. Yes, a great message is to be learned from His suffering. Today, in the midst of all these sufferings, I challenge you not to focus on evil called ISIS, but on Christ. How many of us could pray like Jesus, yes, how many of us could pray for ISIS and for their change of heart? I am sure most of our hearts are filled with hatred, but history has shown us clearly that hatred will never bring us peace.

So dear friends, very often our lives and attitudes are too far from Christ and His attitudes and that is the reason our proclamation **“Christ is my King”** is not heard or loud enough to change the world. So today, as we celebrate this great feast, let us focus on Christ and His values and live accordingly, and remind ourselves the policy of John the Baptist *“I must decrease and He must Increase”*. Let us pray that -Let there be Peace of Christ in the Hearts of everyone. **God Bless you all.**

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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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