



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: November 27, 2016

**Welcome to St. Augustine!!!**

Parish Website: [www.staugustinereed.org](http://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.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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### **Ministries for 12/4**

Servers: Ellie & Sam Mitchell  
Lectors: Shelly Payne  
Eucharistic Min: Rob & April Mitchell  
Gifts: James David Family  
Ushers: Dee Anna Booker, Ben Blair

### **Mass Intention 12/4**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Donnie Brown  
Thursday, 12/8 6:00 p.m. Donnie Brown

### **Local Confession Schedules**

St. Stephen Saturday 9:30am-11:30am  
St. Mary Magdalene Saturday 2:30pm  
Precious Blood Saturday 3:30pm

### **Please Keep in Your Prayers:**

Father Jegin  
Mack Lacer  
Paula Mayfield  
Michele Alexander Johnson

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

Regular: \$837.00  
Campaign for Human Development \$10.00  
St. Vincent DePaul \$50.00

### **BIRTHDAY'S FOR THIS WEEK:**

Ronnie Purgeason 11/29

### **Church Cleaners:**

Lisa Raley 11/20 – 12/3  
Gail Raley 12/4 – 12/17

### **ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

**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.

## Announcements

**Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)** Mass at St. Augustine on December 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. and Mass at St. Peter on December 8, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

**Carmel Home Adorers and Subs** are needed for perpetual adoration. Hours include: Mondays 3-4 a.m.; Fridays 1-2am; Saturdays 2-3am and 3-4am. Please call Marti Castlen at 270-929-5839.

**Patriotic Rosary:** All are invited to attend the recitation of the Patriotic Rosary on Saturday mornings at **St. Augustine Parish at 10:00 a.m.** This is a very important time in our country's history. It is imperative that we beseech Our Lady for her help. Please come.

**St. Peter's Reverse Raffle** will be on Friday, December 2, 2016. Tickets are \$70 each. GRAND PRIZE is \$5,000 with other cash and numerous prizes given away throughout the night. Dinner will be provided, catered by Tres Bien. Drinks are also included. Tickets are limited. To purchase a ticket contact: Monica Rice (270) 302-8675; Nick Settles (270) 316-6761; Angie Morris (270) 316-6761; John Mitchell (812) 319-7767; Jason McPherson (270) 485-6011. You may text or leave a voicemail.

**Confirmation Classes 2016-2017 at St. Peters:** December 7, 2016. Retreat on January 14, 2017, from 12:00–4:30 p.m. w/Bishop Medley at St. Stephen's Cathedral.

### **Complete schedule of Advent Penance Services for Owensboro East Deanery:**

December 4, 2016	2:00 pm	Blessed Mother (meal after)
December 6, 2016	6:30 pm	St. William Parish Mission
December 6, 2016	7:00 pm	St. Mary Magdalene – Fr. Mark, Fr. Pat, Fr. Jegin
December 7, 2016	6:00 pm	St. Sebastian Parish – Fr. John, Fr. Jerry, Fr. Jamie, Fr. Tony
December 11, 2016	2:00 pm	St. Pius Tenth (meal after)
December 12, 2016	6:00 pm	Mount St. Joseph – All Priests if possible
December 13, 2016	6:30 pm	St. Lawrence
December 14, 2016	6:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
December 15, 2016	6:00 pm	St. Alphonsus Parish - Fr. Jegin, Fr. Ray, Fr. Fid, Fr. Mark, Fr. John
December 15, 2016	6:30 pm	St. Mary of the Woods (meal after)
December 18, 2016	2:00 pm	St. Stephen Cathedral – All Priests
December 19, 2016	6:30 pm	Sts. Joseph and Paul (meal after)
December 19, 2016	6:30 pm	Precious Blood Parish–Fr. Suneesh, Fr. Pat, Fr. Jegin, Fr. Mark, Fr. Jerry, Fr. Jamie
December 20, 2016	6:00 pm	Immaculate Parish – All Priests
December 21, 2016	6:00 pm	St. Anthony
December 21, 2016	6:00 pm	St. Peter of Alcantra Parish – Fr. Mark, Fr. Jegin, Fr. Fid, Fr. Suneesh
December 22, 2016	6:00 pm	St. Augustine Parish – Fr. Jegin, Fr. Fid

St. Augustine Parish	<b>December</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	- Fr. Fid, Fr. Jegin
St. Elizabeth Parish	<b>December</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	
St. Martin Parish	<b>Hearing confessions each week of December</b>		

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 13, 2017, call 270- 852-8346 or email: fl Elliot@audubon-area.com or visit the web site [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

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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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Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Today, on this first Sunday of Advent, we begin our count down to the greatest feast of all times, Christmas. The Holy Mother Church invites us to begin our count down for Christmas with a different attitude. For Christians, the season of Advent is a period of change. A change we are expected to make from human nature to divine nature, to experience divine in our human life. Yes, to experience this divine in our lives, I would like to bring to your attention a typical word that Jesus used in today's Gospel, "STAY AWAKE". Yes, dear friends, being "Stay Awake", is the attitude we are called to keep especially during this season of Advent to meet and experience Jesus on Christmas day.

I am sure I do not need to give a detailed explanation of the term "Stay Awake" since most of you, as parents, experienced this when you were pregnant with your baby or when your children or dear ones were sick or in a difficult situation. Yes, most of us have gone through this experience of being "Stay Awake" for our dear ones, but how many of us have followed this attitude of being awake regarding our spiritual life? Very often, we know we have a big temptation to procrastinate our spiritual duties or obligations, and that has ruined our world in a big way. Are you part of that?

Once three devils were sent to earth to tempt and ruin the people. The first one said, "I will tell them that there is no God." But the chief devil said, "That won't work out for people know that there is God." The second devil said, "I will go and tell the people that there is no hell." The chief devil said, "That is not good enough either because people know that there is hell as a punishment for their sin." Then the third one said, "I will go and convince the people that there is plenty of time, so don't hurry, don't worry." The chief devil said, "That is an excellent strategy, go and ruin the people."

Yes, the strategy of the third devil is working very well in this world and in most of our lives, but the Gospel says, "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Yes, the Gospel asks us to be always prepared to meet the Lord. Our preparation to meet the Lord can be made possible only by keeping ourselves free from sin and Christ Himself has given us that opportunity through the sacrament of confession. So, how often we do make use of this great sacrament? Think for yourself.... As a pastor, I can only give you direction, I cannot force you....

In the sacristies of the Sister of the Missionaries of Charity all over the world, one can see a little board hanging to remind each priest how much preparation he should make to celebrate the Holy Mass. The board says: "*Priest of God, celebrate this Mass as if it is your first Mass, Your last Mass and your only Mass*".

Yes, my dear friends, this is the same kind of holiness each one of us is called to maintain, to receive and experience Jesus in our lives. So during this Mass, let us ask for a special grace from the Lord to live our lives meaningfully, to celebrate Christmas worthily. God Bless you all!