



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

1st Sunday of Advent: November 29, 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 11/29 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne
Sunday 12/6 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell

Ministries for 12/6

Servers: John & Henry Boeglin
Lectors: Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic Min: Connie Williams, Angela Peerman
Gifts: Sonny Evans Family
Ushers: Larry & Joseph Schwartz

Ministries for 6:00 p.m. on 12/7

Servers: Volunteers
Lectors: Dee Anna Booker
Communion: Larry Schwartz, Ben Blair
Gifts: Volunteers

Announcements

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 **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.**

Please pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
Paula Mayfield
Donnie Brown

This Week's Anniversaries:

This Week's Birthdays:

Ron Purgeason 11/29
Derek Evans 12/3
Barbara Smith 12/4
Emma McFarland 12/5

Weekly Budget:	\$1,221.15
Regular Collection	\$1,318.00
Cemetery	\$100.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 45.00
Heralds of Good News	\$ 100.00

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Often we say, "Forget the past, live in the present and hope for the future", but when it comes to the reality of human life, there is no doubt that we often worry about the past, present and future. At the same time, a true believer in Jesus is called to "Forget the past, live in the present and hope for the future" because this is what the whole Gospel is teaching us through the life of Jesus. Look at the story of a woman caught in adultery, Prodigal son, Zacchaeus etc., Jesus never asks about their past life but grants them a new life. Again Jesus never did any background check on any of his disciples, but called them "follow me, and I will make you fishers of men". It is the same thing the sacrament of Penance is doing for each one of us, giving us an opportunity to renew our lives.

When it come to the present, we see Jesus never gives option to anyone for tomorrow, but rather by reminding about the things that are going to happen in the future. Jesus warns everyone to make changes at the present time and so we can say the Gospel is the book which commands how one should live the present. When it comes to the future, "I am really afraid, I do not know what is going to happen" is an expression we use when we are in the midst of problems and difficulties. It expresses our worry and uncertainty about the future; however, today's reading exhorts us to await the Lord's coming in glory with hope and confidence.

It is natural to think about the future, but why is it that we worry about it so much? The Lord has said to us many times, "Do not be worried, I am with you always". In Mathew 6:27, Jesus asks each one of us, "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" Yes, we hear and read all these things often but still we are worried, and the Gospel of today enhances our worry by presenting its descriptions of signs in heaven and other terrifying events prior to the second coming of Jesus. Yes, with the arrival of the second coming of Jesus, He is going to do two things in this world; **condemn the world and save the world**. If today, we are worried about the future and the second coming of Jesus, it is a clear sign that we are not living the present life faithfully and so we are worried about the condemnation. Yes, the same way, if we are living faithfully, there is no room for worry in our lives. So it is a time for us to review our lives and renew our lives in Jesus Christ.

To review and renew our lives, Jesus himself states, "Stay awake and pray". It does not mean that we should be awake during the night and pray, but rather, we should live our life faithfully and meaningfully according to the will of God. Yes, only those who are able to live faithfully can experience the saving power of God and so Jesus is giving us one more chance to be saved. Making use of this day and time, let us try hard to live our life without worries and so be with Jesus. **God Bless you.**

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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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