



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: December 11, 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.

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

Father Jegin  
Mack Lacer  
Paula Mayfield  
Michele Alexander Johnson

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

### **ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

### **Ministries for 12/18**

Servers: Claire Boeglin, Sam McFarland  
Lectors: Rob Mitchell  
Eucharistic Min: Larry Schwartz, Ben Blair  
Gifts: Paul Miller Family  
Ushers: Ben Blair, Hershel Smith

### **Mass Intention 12/11**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Donnie Brown

### **Local Confession Schedules**

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

### **WEEKLY BUDGET:**

**\$1,221.15**

Regular Collection	\$860.40
Maintenance	\$157.00
Christmas Flowers	\$51.00
Christmas Food Baskets	\$144.00

### **Church Cleaners:**

Gail Raley 12/4 – 12/17  
Ruth Raley 12/18 – 12/31

**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

**Christmas Baskets:** There will be second collection for Christmas Baskets on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a family who could use a basket for Christmas, please see Linda Evans or Dee Anna Booker. Containers are at each door for donations.

**December 20th at 6:00 PM we will clean and decorate church for Christmas.**

**Patriotic Rosary:** All are invited to attend the recitation of the Patriotic Rosary on Saturday mornings at **St. Augustine Parish at 9:00 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.

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

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

December 11, 2016	2:00 pm	St. Pius Tenth
December 12, 2016	6:00 pm	Mount St. Joseph
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
December 15, 2016	6:30 pm	St. Mary of the Woods
December 18, 2016	2:00 pm	St. Stephen Cathedral
December 19, 2016	6:30 pm	Sts. Joseph and Paul
December 19, 2016	6:30 pm	Precious Blood Parish
December 20, 2016	6:00 pm	Immaculate Parish
December 21, 2016	6:00 pm	St. Anthony
December 21, 2016	6:00 pm	St. Peter of Alcantra Parish
December 22, 2016	6:00 pm	St. Augustine Parish
December	6:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Parish
December (each week)	6:00 p.m.	St. Martin Parish

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## Third Sunday of Advent:

Now, today is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. In the tradition of the Liturgical calendar, the third Sunday in Advent is often called "Gaudete Sunday". 'Gaudete' means 'rejoice' in Latin, and it comes from the first words of today's Entrance antiphon. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of St. Paul, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice! The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is 'rose colored,' and the 'rose colored' vestments are often used at the Eucharist, because they represent a lightening of the dark violet of the rest of the penitential season of Advent. They remind us of the color of the sky at the brink of morning, when the sun is just beginning to come up. The horizon takes on a pale rose color that gradually get redder and brighter as the sun rises. For faithful Christians, life is like a "long sunrise," and death is the entrance into the bright, "everlasting day" of eternal life. This is the reason why this Sunday is also called "Rose Sunday."



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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,**

As we are in the third Sunday of Advent, having passed the midpoint of this beautiful season, our joy to celebrate Christmas gets more and more intense. All three readings of today talk about the coming of the Messiah. The prophet Isaiah announces that He will come, the evangelist Matthew tells us He has come, and the apostle, James tells us that He will come again. Thus, all three readings give us the message of hope that fills us with joy. Yes, Joy is the theme of today and so joyfully let us sing on this beautiful Rejoicing Sunday or Rose Sunday, *“Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!”* Yes, let us rejoice because the coming of the Lord is near.

Yes, the coming of the Lord is near. How much preparations have you made to receive Him into your midst? The last two weekends, we had the proclamations of St. John the Baptist inviting us to prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Mighty One through repentance and by being vigilant. In today’s Gospel, we see a slow disappearance of St. John the Baptist who is already in prison for denouncing King Herod for divorcing his wife and marrying his brother’s wife. Though he was in the jail, his zeal for the mission to prepare the way of the Lord was not dimmed at all. This is the reason, by hearing about the things Jesus has been doing, having no clue about how the Messiah would be, St. John the Baptist sends out some of his disciples with a question to Jesus, *“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”*

Yes, dear friends, evangelization is a continuous process happening without any break. As St. John the Baptist is in the process of disappearing from the scene, we see the mighty entrance of Jesus into the scene to begin His mighty works such as the blind regaining their sight, the lame walking, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. Surely, St. John the Baptist must have expected a direct answer to his question from Jesus, but in the Gospel, Jesus does not give a direct answer. He does not say either yes or no, but sends back John’s disciples by saying, *“Go and tell what you hear and see.”* Yes, they were asked to identify the Messiah through His word and deeds.

Yes, dear friends, just like the disciples of St. John the Baptist were asked to identify Jesus through His words and deeds, we are also asked to identify the Messiah in our lives and introduce Jesus to this world through our words and deeds. Yes, a prophet needs to be introduced through his/her words and actions. So at this time, let us not forget that we have a prophetic mission to play in this world through our words and actions. A role Jesus entrusted with each one of us before He left us physically. Yes, there is the spirit of a prophet dwelling in our lives, and we need to discern that spirit. We can discern the prophetic spirit in our lives and assume the role of a prophet in this world only by assuming the power of Mighty prophet Jesus in our lives. To assume Him into our lives, we need to conceive Him in our hearts and in our lives. We also need to continue to keep up the evangelization and prepare the way for the Lord as He is ready to come again into our midst. That is the second coming. ***May the Good Lord Bless you!***