



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

3rd Sunday of Advent: December 13, 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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Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. scain42966@att.net

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 12/13 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne
Sunday 12/20 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell

Ministries for 12/20

Servers: Sam McFarland, Davis Mitchell
Lectors: Rob Mitchell
Eucharistic Min: Anna Dee DeMar, Dee Anna Booker
Gifts: Thomas McFarland Family
Ushers: Larry & Joseph Schwartz

Church Cleaner:

Philomena Bollinger 12/6 – 12/19

Announcements

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

Special collections on Sunday during Advent. Please be generous - money collected will be donated to needy families in our community!

Men's Club Christmas Cookout: St. Peter's Men's Club will be cooking hams and burgoo December 19, 2015. To preorder contact Denny Grant (270-929-8479), Nathan Grant (270-929-4533) or Wally Cecil (270-929-8586).

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

St. Peter – Christmas Eve – **Children's Choir at 4:30 p.m. – Mass at 5:00 p.m.**

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

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

St. Peter – Christmas Day - **Mass at 9:30 a.m.**

St. Augustine - Solemnity of Mary Mass - **Thursday, December 31, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.**

St. Peter – Solemnity of Mary Mass on **Friday, January 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.**

Advent Penance Services

St. Martin Every Wednesday Evening of Dec. 6:00 to 8:00 pm
St. Mary Magdalene Sunday, December 13, 2015, at 1:00 pm
Precious Blood Monday, December 14, 2015, at 6:00 pm
The Immaculate Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 6:00 pm
St. Sebastian/St. Charles Thursday, December 17, 2015, at 6:00 pm
St. Stephen Cathedral Sunday, December 20, 2015, at 2:00 pm
St. Peter's Friday, December 18, 2015, at 6:00 pm
Mt. St. Joseph Monday, December 21, 2015, at 6:30 pm
St. Augustine Monday, December 21, 2015, at 6:00 pm

Note to Church Cleaners: Beginning January, 2016, we will start over alphabetically with the names and dates for cleaning our Church. Please keep in mind cleaning the Church is showing our love and gratitude to God for our Church here at St. Augustine. *If you don't clean for your two (2) weeks or make arrangements to have it cleaned for your two (2) weeks, it makes it harder on whoever follows you.* If for some reason you are unable to clean when it is your turn, please contact **Herschel Smith (270) 302-0601**. He will clean for your two (2) weeks for a fee of \$30.00. **Note:** if you are physically unable to clean, please contact Herschel so that he can arrangements to clean. Thanks for your help keeping our Church clean. St. Augustine Altar Society

This Week's Anniversaries:

This Week's Birthdays:

<u>WEEKLY BUDGET:</u>	\$1,221.15
Regular Collection:	\$979.00
Christmas Baskets:	\$201.00
Maintenance	\$95.00
Christmas Flowers	\$68.00

Please Pray for the following: Father Jegin, Paula Mayfield, Donnie Brown

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

"What should we do?" is the important question we often ask ourselves and others when we confront problems and difficulties in our day-to-day lives. This is a very determined question we make in our lives, ready to take any risk to solve the problem we are facing as we get closer to the greatest celebration of the world, Christmas. On this 3rd Sunday of Advent, each one of us are challenged with the same important question, "What should we do?" Yes, this question comes before us in the middle of our preparation period of the feast of Christmas. By taking up this question seriously in our lives, it forces us to ask another question to ourselves; what are the preparations we have already made for the smooth traveling of Joseph and Mary to give birth to Jesus in our hearts?

St. John the Baptist, the spokes-person of Jesus' public ministry, went around and preached the Good News of repentance to prepare the way for the Lord. We see there were all kinds of people gathered around to listen to his preaching. People, those who found problem with their own lives after listening to the repentance preaching of St. John the Baptist, asked the same question, "What should we do?" I think the answer to this question by St. John the Baptist is relevant even today. John told them, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none, and whoever has food should do likewise." Dear friends, by saying this, Jesus does not mean that everyone should share our entire wealth and things with others, but He is concerned about fulfilling the basic needs of every one. So in our knowledge, there should not be a person lacking any basic need of human life in the world. Yes, it is big challenge for all of us to accept the challenge of what should we do. Yes, the tax collectors, soldiers and people, those who are in authority, came to St. John the Baptist and asked the same question, "What should we do?" Yes, John did not ask them to abandon their job, but rather he asks them to be more responsible and sincere in their respective duties and to other citizens. Thus, St. John the Baptist gives us the message that every job has its dignity and so tells us that sincere work is a worship of God.

Thus, the Gospel of today invites us to celebrate Christmas not only as Merry Christmas, but more as Holy Christmas. Yes, Christmas can be made Holy only when the Holy One is with us. As we are preparing to receive the Holy One, we cannot ignore the unavoidable arrangements St. John the Baptist has told us to do through today's Gospel. By doing so, let us get prepared to get baptized with the Holy Spirit and Fire and become a new person in Child Jesus. Let us stop asking the question, "What should we do?" The answers are right before us, so let us work on it and make this Christmas a beautiful one. 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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