



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: December 20, 2015

**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 send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. [scain42966@att.net](mailto:scain42966@att.net)

### Please Pray for the following:

Father Jegin, Paula Mayfield, Donnie Brown, Carolyn Ralph

### Mass Intentions:

Sunday 12/20 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell  
Sunday 12/27 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne

### Ministries for 12/24 and 12/25

**Servers:** 8:00 p.m. (Eve) John & Henry Boeglin  
8:00 a.m. (Day) Ellie & Sam Mitchell  
**Lectors:** 8:00 p.m. (Eve) Shelley Payne  
8:00 a.m. (Day) Barbara Smith  
**Eucharistic Min:** 8:00 p.m. (Eve) Ben Blair, Christa Hundley  
8:00 a.m. (Day) Rob & April Mitchell  
**Gifts:** 8:00 p.m. (Eve) Angela Peerman Family  
8:00 a.m. (Day) Kathy Wolfe Family

### Ministries for 12/27

**Servers:** Claire Boeglin, Gabe McFarland  
**Lectors:** Anna Dee DeMar  
**Eucharistic Min:** Angela Peerman, Connie Williams  
**Gifts:** Ed Dunivan Family  
**Ushers:** Larry & Joseph Schwartz

### Church Cleaner:

Shelley Payne 12/20 – 01/02

### This Week's Anniversaries:

### This Week's Birthdays:

Jacob Raley 12/22  
Garrett Peerman 12/22  
Christa Hundley 12/24

### WEEKLY BUDGET:

Regular Collection: \$1,221.15  
Christmas Baskets: \$1,059.00  
Maintenance: \$150.00  
Christmas Flowers: \$10.00  
Retired Religious: \$245.00

**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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## Announcements

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

St. Augustine - Christmas Eve Mass - **December 24, 2015, at 8:00 p.m.** - Christmas Day Mass - **December 25, 2015, at 8:00 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. Stephen Cathedral	Sunday, December 20, 2015, at 2:00 pm
Mt. St. Joseph	Monday, December 21, 2015, at 6:30 pm
St. Augustine	Monday, December 21, 2015, at 6:00 pm

**Year of Divine Mercy:** Pope Francis announced a Year of Divine Mercy beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015, and ending on November 20, 2016, the Sunday dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - and living face of the Father's mercy. *Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the Hour of Mercy - 3:00 p.m.* Bishop Medley will open the Door of Mercy at St. Stephen Cathedral on Sunday, December 13, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. The door will remain open until November 13, 2016. All are invited and encouraged to make a pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy during the Jubilee Year. In addition to the Cathedral, on November 1, 2015, the Solemnity of All Saints, Bishop William Medley released a decree designating the six pilgrimage sites for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. These sites are:

St. Stephen Cathedral; Mt. St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel; St. Thomas More Works of Mercy Chapel, Paducah; Fathers of Mercy Chapel of Divine Mercy, Auburn; Marian Shrine at St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green; St. Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady.

**Stacy Ralph (wife of Monty Ralph) has volunteered to make an UK t-shirt quilt for the St. Augustine Reverse Raffle dinner. We are in need of UK t-shirts for this project, so if you would like to donate a UK t-shirt for this project, please place it in the box at the back of church.**

**Church Cleaners:** Beginning January, 2016, we will start over alphabetically with the names and dates for cleaning our Church. Keep in mind cleaning the Church is an act of your love and gratitude to God for our Church. *If you do not clean for your two weeks or make arrangements to have it cleaned, it makes it harder on the next person.* 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. **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

After 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 27, 2015, help is needed moving desk, file cabinets, etc. from the old office in the Parish Hall to the new office. Strong men are needed but any help will be greatly appreciated.

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

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Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

As we are getting closer to the celebration of Christmas, every weekend the Gospel comes to us with new challenges in our lives. Starting with the first Sunday of Advent, we are all invited to walk through many challenges. In the first weekend, the Gospel challenged us to be more vigilant and get stronger through the power of prayer to face the difficulties and problems prior to the coming of Jesus. When we came to the second weekend, the Gospel reminded us that every one of us have the same role as St. John the Baptist to prepare the way for the Lord. When we came to the third weekend, the Gospel was giving us a clear picture about how one should prepare the way of the Lord by being sensitive to the basic needs of others and fulfilling our duties faithfully and responsibly.

Today as we are in the fourth weekend, the Gospel comes to us with another challenge, to meet with others to share the good news of Joy. All these challenges give us one message, that it demands lots of courage and sacrifice to meet Christ. The Gospel of today presents to us the encountering of two grace filled women namely, Mary and Elizabeth, who shared their great joy of salvation and blessing with each other. Mary and Elizabeth hold an unchangeable position in the history of salvation because they both gave birth to two history makers in the salvation history. St. John the Baptist is the finisher of the prophetic history or Old Testament, and Jesus is the beginning of the New Testament and New Life. The last three weekends, we were walking along with St. John the Baptist and following his prophetic preaching, and this weekend is the time to say bye to St. John the Baptist and start our new journey with Jesus. Yes, to start the new journey with Jesus we have to put Christ in our lives, so are you ready for it?

Dear friends, I would like to call this week an encountering week. Yes, Mary the Mother of God is encountering Elizabeth the mother of St. John the Baptist. If we rank them, there is no doubt that Mary and Jesus are much greater than Elizabeth and St. John the Baptist, but we see without any type of ego in the heart of Mary, she walks out to meet Elizabeth and the humility of Mary is being appreciated in the words of Elizabeth “Blessed are you among women, and blessed the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”

Dear friends, there is no doubt the problems in our lives, society, country and world are created by an evil called ego. I am sure there are ego problems in most of our lives and that it has damaged our relationship with others and God. Today, as we are honoring this week as an encountering week, the Gospel invites us to shed our ego and reconcile with those we have not so far. Yes, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”. Christmas is the time to meet God, face to face. During this Mass, let us ask the Lord to fill our hearts with Grace to see the face of God in our lives. Amen.