



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Feast of the Holy Family: **December 27, 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 12/27 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne
Sunday 1/3 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell

Ministries for 12/31

Servers: 6:00 p.m. Volunteers
Lectors: 6:00 p.m. Dee Anna Booker
Eucharistic Min: 6:00 p.m. Larry Schwartz, Anna Dee DeMar
Gifts: 6:00 p.m. Volunteers

Ministries for 1/3

Servers: Sam McFarland, Davis Mitchell
Lectors: Rosemary Murphy
Eucharistic Min: Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts: Kathy Wolfe Family
Ushers: Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Church Cleaner:

Shelley Payne 12/20 – 01/02

Please Pray for the following:

Father Jegin, Paula Mayfield, Donnie Brown, Carolyn Ralph

This Week's Anniversaries:

This Week's Birthdays:

Jamie Boeglin 12/27
Jonathan Sauer 12/29
Robert Purgeason 1/2
Barry Eblen 1/2

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15
Regular Collection: \$5,932.00
Christmas Baskets: \$171.00
Maintenance: \$680.00
Christmas Flowers: \$10.00

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

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.**

Year of Divine Mercy: Pope Francis announced a Year of Divine Mercy beginning on 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 opened the Door of Mercy at St. Stephen Cathedral on December 13, 2015. 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.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING FOR PARENTS: January 10th after the 9:30am Mass, there will be a meeting with Sister C.J. and the parents of children who will be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion this year, including parents of those who attend Catholic School. This is an important meeting to share and discuss dates and times for classes as well as the dates for the two Sacraments. If you cannot be present that day, please let Sister C.J. know - 270-880-8121.

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

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

We all love our family and a good family is very essential for building a community, society, country and a beautiful world. Today, as we are celebrating the feast of the Holy Family, the Holy Mother Church invites each one of us to reflect on our own families, and to make a good evaluation of our families, the Holy Mother Church presents to us the image of the Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary.

As we celebrate this beautiful feast of Holy Family and thank God for the gift of our beautiful family, let us think about an important question about family. What makes a family beautiful in this world? Is it the money or size of the house or facilities one uses? Is it the beautiful physic of the people or any other material things? When God made a covenant with His people, He taught them His way of love: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength - And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart - and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise"* (Deuteronomy 6:5-7). Yes, dear friends it is the Love of God that family members share among themselves that makes a family very beautiful in this world. Do we have that sharing of love in our family?

On this beautiful Feast day, we have the Gospel where we see Jesus is found missing after the feast in Jerusalem Temple. Yes, all the festive memories of Joseph and Mary are vanished in quick time. Joseph and Mary were very religious people that they followed God's commandments and customs and traditions of their Jewish religion and so they are in Jerusalem Temple for the feast, but the absence of Jesus makes their life miserable. It is the same miserable situation we will be facing in our lives when we miss Jesus in our lives. So before we blame others for the misery that we are facing, the first thing to search for is - do I have a space for Jesus in my life? We have so many incidents which speak about the importance of Jesus in the Bible. In the Gospel of John 11, we see Martha and Mary are making a comment "if you were to be here, our brother Lazarus would not have died". In Mathew 14, we see in the absence of Jesus the sea is becoming violent and the lives of the disciples are in danger. Again in John 20, we see after Jesus' death the disciples were scared and worried that they were in the room shut for three days. Yes my dear friends, the problem of today's world is also the same that Jesus is missing.

Yes, I see so many posts in the face book-**"America Needs God"**. Dear friends, Jesus does not have a face book account, His face book is each one of us, so share Jesus through our lives. Do we have Jesus' presence in our lives? If not search for Him, where did we miss Him? Just like Mary and Joseph, we need to search for Him and walk back through the roads we travelled so far looking for Him. Yes, searching for the missing one is a painful situation and so getting back Jesus in our lives also demands lots of courage and sacrifice. Mother Theresa says, "Finding God during our life time is the biggest challenge in our lives". Do we feel this challenge in our lives? Yes, finding Jesus in this life is like finding a treasure in our lives for it is a hidden treasure.

Yes, Mary and Joseph succeeded in finding Jesus. He is found in the Jerusalem Temple and so they are happy, their worries became a great Joy. This is what Mathew 7: 7 says *"search you will find"*. Yes, this feast of Holy Family is the feast of experiencing the presence of Jesus in our families. The Gospel of today ends by saying *"They came to Nazareth and Jesus was obedient them."* Yes, every family is the fulfillment of God's greatest covenant with each one of us which begins with the Sacrament of Marriage. So to create a better world, we need to create a better family, and so *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength - And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart - and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise"*. **May the Good Lord Bless you all with a wonderful Family Life.**