



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

2nd Sunday of Advent: December 6, 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 12/6 Mass 8:00 a.m. Mary Angela Mitchell
Sunday 12/13 Mass 8:00 a.m. Peggy Payne

Ministries for 12/13

Servers: Claire Boeglin, Gabe McFarland
Lectors: Rosemary Murphy
Eucharistic Min: Sonny & Linda Evans
Gifts: Larry Schwartz Family Family
Ushers: Larry & Joseph Schwartz

Church Cleaner:

Philomena Bollinger 12/6 – 12/19

Announcements

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. and Mass at St. Peter at 6:00 p.m. December 8, 2015

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.

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.

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.**

Advent Penance Services

St. Martin Every Wednesday Evening of Dec. 6:00 to 8:00 pm
St. Alphonsus Friday, December 11, 2015, at 6:00 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
St. Augustine

Monday, December 21, 2015, at 6:30 pm
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This Week's Anniversaries:

Steve & Ruth Raley 12/8 37 years

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$1,221.15

Regular Collection: \$878.00
St Vincent DePaul: \$220.00

This Week's Birthdays:

Tracy Miller 12/6

Thanksgiving: \$48.00
Christmas Baskets: \$67.00

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

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The season of advent is the time not only for making external preparations for the feast of Christmas, but also for inner reflection with inner conversion. Today's Gospel gives us an answer to the question, "How can we worthily prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ?"

We all like changes in the structure of the society, changes in the Church, and changes in the world. The Gospel of today is calling each one of us to be a force of change through the thundering voice of St. John the Baptist. The voice of the thunder prophet echoed in the desert proclaiming, "*Prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*" Dear Friends, listen to the Medias, how many people are wandering today through the valley of darkness, valleys of hatred, misunderstandings, war and enmity. How many are being persecuted, exploited and abused? Yes, we all feel their need of change, and we all feel sympathy for these people, but the Gospel of today reminds us that feeling for and having sympathy for them does not do any good without empathy. So let us then ask ourselves, as the Jews once asked John the Baptist, what should we do? John will tell us that there must be a change, you must convert yourself. Dear friends, John does not say go and convert others, he says convert yourselves. Thus, the season of Advent is the season of preparation for a concrete action to establish peace, love, and joy into the lives of everyone in the world and this task can be made possible by turning away from our human nature to divine nature and feel the presence of God and holiness in everything.

Dear friends, the Gospel we read yesterday, the Gospel we read today, and the Gospel we read tomorrow are not only for its reflection but also for its action. During this season, let us make the Gospel be alive through our little actions and become a guiding star for the people who live in the valley of darkness, so that all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Amen.**

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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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