

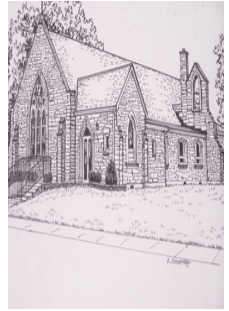


# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451

**First Sunday of Advent: November 30, 2014**  
**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 baskets.

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## Weekly Schedule - 11/29 - 12/7

Saturday	11/29	Mass	5:30 p.m. Mary Mullen
Sunday	11/30	Mass	8:00 a.m. Shari Murphy
Monday	12/1	No Mass	
Tuesday	12/2	No Mass	
Wednesday	12/3	No Mass	
Thursday	12/4	No Mass	
Friday	12/5	No Mass	
Saturday	12/6	Mass	5:30 p.m. Donna Fulkerson
Sunday	12/7	Mass	8:00 a.m. Donna Fulkerson

## Ministries for 12/6 and 12/7

Servers:	5:30 p.m.	Olivia Miller
	8:00 a.m.	Claire & Henry Boeglin
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Rob Mitchell
Eucharistic Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Schrecker, Connie Williams
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts:	5:30 p.m.	Angela Peerman Family
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny Evans Family
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Larry & Joseph Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	James Davis and Kathy Wolfe

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Once again God has given us the opportunity to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of preparation to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. A time to think and meditate on the infinite love of God, and thus to prepare ourselves for His second coming.

**Advent is a Waiting Time:** Waiting is always a time full of tension, anxiety and concern etc., but also a time of joy, hope, patience and preparation. Our whole life is marked by waiting with expectations that fill our thoughts and our hopes. We wait always. There are small daily waiting times, such as waiting for a phone call, parents waiting for the school bus, waiting at the check-in at airports, waiting at the counter at Wal-Mart, waiting for the end of the work day, waiting for the meals that you order at the restaurant, and the list goes on and on. Then there is the waiting for the important and crucial moments in our life such as the birth of a child, wedding day, work, graduation. Finally there is the great wait for the Lord. Our waiting for Jesus should be like that of a mother who awaits her new baby with joy, anticipation, paying attention to every detail that could be used to welcome the child with love, generosity, tenderness and inner strength to face any sacrifice. Any sacrifice for a greater good that is to come and that will transform their life and that of their entire family! The same way our preparations for Christmas should be like that of a woman waiting for her new born baby, paying attention to every detail of our lives and ready to encounter any sacrifice in our lives with watchful care.

**Advent: Time to Be Vigilant:** The shepherds keeping watch over their flock received the visit of the angel who announced the birth of Jesus! There were so many other people that night in Bethlehem, and in all Israel, good people, God-fearing people, but only the shepherds are given the announcement of the birth of the Savior awaited for centuries, why? The answer, He chose the shepherds because they were poor, simple, humble, but also alert and vigilant in the night! For the shepherds, the flock was all they had and to protect and defend them instead of sleeping, they guarded and watched them! Let the example of the shepherds become ours. Let our thoughts and our lives be attracted by their example. As the sheep were their only wealth, they had to keep watch. Let us make our Lord as the only wealth and the only good that attracts our lives.

**Advent is a Time to Wait With Mary and Like Mary:** Jesus wanted a mother in order to come into the world, like all of us. He chose Mary, humble servant and faithful disciple. Waiting for Christmas with the feelings and dispositions of Mary is to have a watchful and praying heart like she did, ready to serve others as she did with her visit to her cousin Elizabeth. As it was for Mary, it is also for us Christians having faith should be considered as a great gift to live with gratitude and generosity, as taught daily by Pope Francis. Believing in Jesus means giving Him our flesh with the humility and courage of Mary so that He can continue to dwell in our midst. It means giving Him our hands to care for the little ones and the poor; our feet to go forth and meet our brothers and sisters; our arms to hold up the weak and to work in the Lord's vineyard; our minds to think and act in the light of the Gospel; and especially our hearts to love and to make choices in accordance with God's will. All this happens thanks to the working of the Holy Spirit.... and for the faith of Mary. That is why she goes before us on this pilgrimage, accompanies and sustains us. Like Mary and with Mary, let us listen attentively to the word of Jesus and let us wait in watchful expectation of His coming, because Christmas is the appropriate time for the actual meeting that changes our life and makes us happy! I Wish you all a fruitful Advent season. God Bless you all.

## **Announcements**

In instead of food baskets for the needy this year, we ask that you donate to the St. Vincent de Paul collection. For the four weekends of Advent, we will have a second collection to help those in need of our prayers and support.

**Parish Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. No meat provided, everyone is invited to bring a potluck dish.

There will **not** be a first Sunday breakfast in December.

Parish Council Meeting on December 10, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

**It was requested by the Liturgical Committee at the November Parish Council Meeting that we consider eliminating our Saturday night Mass due to lack of servers, readers, and ministers. Father, therefore, suggested that from January through March that we eliminate the Saturday night Mass and only have the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning. This matter will be re-evaluated at the March Parish Council Meeting.**

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

#### **Feast of Immaculate Conception:**

- Mass at St. Augustine will be on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm
- Mass at St. Peter's will be on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

#### **Advent Penance Services Schedule:**

- Precious Blood 12/9 at 6:00 pm
- St. Mary Magdalene 12/14 at 1:00 pm
- Mt. St. Joseph 12/16 at 6:00 pm
- Immaculate 12/17 at 6:00 pm
- St. Peter 12/18 at 6:00 pm
- St. Augustine 12/19 at 6:00 pm
- St. Stephen 12/21 at 3:00 pm
- St. Alphonsus 12/22 at 6:00 pm

#### **Christmas Mass - St. Augustine:**

- Christmas Eve Mass will be December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm
- Christmas Day Mass will be December 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am

#### **Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Eve)**

- Mass at St. Augustine will be December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Mass at St. Peter's will be January 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### **This Week's Birthdays:**

Ronnie Purgeason	11/29
Derek Evans	12/3
Barbara Smith	12/4
Emma McFarland	12/5

### **This Week's Anniversaries:**

#### **Church cleaner:**

Branda Haire	11/23 - 12/6
Linda Evans	127 - 12/20

**Weekly Budget: \$1,221.15**  
**Collections: \$2,506.00**

Campaign for Human Dev. \$5.00

### **Please pray for the following:**

Fr. Jegin  
Mary Angela Mitchell  
Paula Mayfield  
Debbie Ralph  
Joe Bill Merimee

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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.