

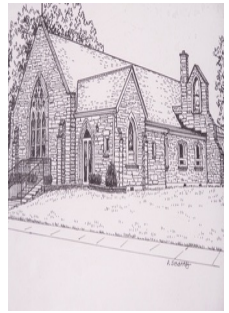


St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Third Sunday of Advent: December 14, 2014
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 baskets.

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Weekly Schedule - 12/13 - 12/21

Saturday	12/13	Mass	5:30 p.m. Stanford Embrey
Sunday	12/14	Mass	8:00 a.m. R. Dunbar Family
Monday	12/15	No Mass	
Tuesday	12/16	No Mass	
Wednesday	12/17	No Mass	
Thursday	12/18	No Mass	
Friday	12/19	No Mass	
Saturday	12/20	Mass	5:30 p.m. James Howard
Sunday	12/21	Mass	8:00 a.m. Joseph L. Schwartz

Ministries for 12/20 and 12/21

Servers:	5:30 p.m.	Olivia Miller
	8:00 a.m.	Davis & Ellie Mitchell
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic	5:30 p.m.	Bucky & Vickie Lacer
Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Rob & April Mitchell
Gifts:	5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Schrecker Family
	8:00 a.m.	Thomas McFarland Family
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Larry & Joseph Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	James Davis and Kathy Wolfe

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

As we are fast approaching the greatest feast of all time, the Gospel of today comes to us with a philosophical question, who are you? The question appears to be simple but the right answer needs deep reflection and meditation and who can give a right answer to the question? I am sure most of us have faced this same question in different occasions of our lives, but did we ever give a definite answer to this question?

In today's Gospel, we see St. John the Baptist is being interviewed by a group of people, especially priests and Levites, sent by Jews from Jerusalem. To their question, who are you, St. John the Baptist says, "I am not Christ, I am not Elijah, and I am not a prophet." In today's world, most of the human problems are caused by our inability to find an answer for this philosophical question, who are you OR who am I? The method to find answer for this philosophical question is being explained in our second reading: "Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing, Give thanks to the Lord all time, do not quench the spirit within you, do not neglect the prophetic words, retain every good and refrain from every kind of evil."

One who finds the answer for the philosophical question in his or her life will realize that he or she is not different from St. John the Baptist. We read in the Gospel that, "...John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." Yes, the role of every one of us is to be a powerful testimony in this world for Christ. To be a testimony and to give testimony for Christ in this world, it is important that we should have a personal experience with Christ rather than knowledge about Christ. Once we experience Christ in our lives, we will find that our role in this world is nothing but "...make straight the way of the Lord". Now the first reading of today very clearly says to us why and how to make the way of the Lord straight, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God." Yes, this ministry is entrusted to each one of us to be administered to our brothers and sisters with the conviction that the other is my Jesus, for St. John the Baptist says, "I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Yes, it is a call to find Jesus among ourselves. Yes, Christmas will be meaningful only when we experience the birth of Jesus in our lives and help others to experience the same in their lives. Jesus needs to be born not in the manger of our church, but in the hearts of every one of us. If that happens in our lives let us sing together again and again - "My soul rejoices in my God my savior". May the Good Lord Bless you.

Announcements

We will decorate the church for Christmas after Sunday morning Mass on December 21st. Donuts, coffee, milk, and orange juice will be provided!

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.

Next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.**
Next Finance Committee Meeting is **Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.**

Final results for the Reverse Raffle Dinner: Total income \$19,395.00 less total expenses associated with the event of \$5,661.18 for a **Net Income of \$13,733.82.**

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:

Advent Penance Services Schedule:

- 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 24th at 8:00 pm
- Christmas Day Mass will be December 25th at 8:00 am

Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Eve)

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

This Week's Birthdays:

This Week's Anniversaries:

Church cleaner:

Linda Evans 12/7 - 12/20
Rita Haire 12/21 - 1/3

Weekly Budget:

Weekly Budget:	\$1,221.15
Collections:	\$932.00
Maintenance:	\$140.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$186.52
Christmas Flowers:	\$127.00

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.