

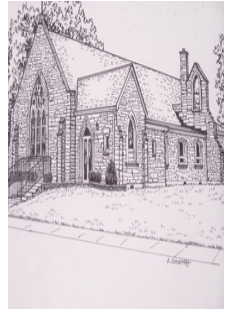


St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451

Second Sunday of Advent: December 7, 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 - 12/6 - 12/14

Saturday	12/6	Mass	5:30 p.m. Donna Fulkerson
Sunday	12/7	Mass	8:00 a.m. Donna Fulkerson
Monday	12/8	Mass	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	12/9	No Mass	
Wednesday	12/10	No Mass	
Thursday	12/11	No Mass	
Friday	12/12	No Mass	
Saturday	12/13	Mass	5:30 p.m. Donna Fulkerson
Sunday	12/14	Mass	8:00 a.m. Donna Fulkerson

Ministries for 12/13 and 12/14

Servers:	5:30 p.m.	Olivia Miller
	8:00 a.m.	John Boeglin, Gabe McFarland
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Smith
Eucharistic	5:30 p.m.	Larry Schwartz, Dee Anna Booker
Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Sonny & Linda Evans
Gifts:	5:30 p.m.	Connie Williams Family
	8:00 a.m.	Larry Schwartz Family
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Larry & Joseph Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	James Davis and Kathy Wolfe

Need volunteers for Mass on Monday, 12/8. Thank you.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

We are in the second week of Advent, and every one is eagerly counting the days to meet Jesus in our midst and celebrate His presence- the Christmas. Normally when a VIP is scheduled to visit a particular place, it is common that someone from his/her office to make a visit to make sure all the arrangements have been made and the security facilities are ready. If the arrangements are not good enough, surely the officer will give needed suggestions to the concerned people.

As we are in preparation to welcome our VIP, Christ, today we have someone from Jesus' office to check the arrangements, and his name is St. John the Baptist. Sorry to say, St. John the Baptist, is not happy with the arrangements we have made, so he makes the suggestion, the Gospel says "John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin". The suggestion of St. John the Baptist gives us the impression that he is happy with all our external arrangements. Certainly some are already ready with Christmas trees, Christmas gifts, Christmas dinner recipe, Christmas gathering etc, but are we ready with our internal preparations?

Yes, external decorations are needed, but if the same preparations are not done internally does it make any sense? The only preparation St. John the Baptist is demanding from each one of us is REPENTANCE. This Repentance is the act of seeking forgiveness from three people, forgiveness from God, forgiveness from our brothers and sisters and forgiveness from oneself. Now why do we need forgiveness or repentance? Through the Gospel, St. John the Baptist gives us the answer for it, "One who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals". The greatness of Jesus is being expressed through this sentence and at the same time the humility of St. John the Baptist also. As we are preparing for Christmas, the role of every one of us is the same as St. John the Baptist, Be Humble and Proclaim Christ's coming. Be sure, only with humble hearts, the act of repentance can be seen, and only in the repented heart will Christ come into and only those who experience Christ will have the power of the Holy Spirit for St. John the Baptist says, "I have baptized you with the water; He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit".

So the task before us this week is to Repent and Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Yes, call to straighten our relationship with God, with others and with oneself. God Bless you.

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.

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 8th at 5:30 pm
- Mass at St. Peter's will be on Monday, December 8th 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 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:

Tracy Miller	12/6
Alexandria Mitchell	12/6
Jordan Booker	12/7
Tonya Evans	12/9
Phyllis Schrecker	12/10

This Week's Anniversaries:

Steve & Ruth Raley	12/8
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Church cleaner:

Linda Evans 12/7 - 12/20

Weekly Budget: \$1,221.15
Collections: \$1,205.00

Thanksgiving for the poor	\$170.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$352.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$20.00

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.