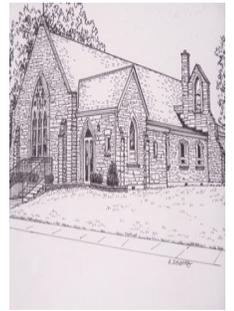




St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451



The Epiphany of the Lord: January 5, 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday if possible. scain42966@att.net

Weekly Schedule - 1/4 - 1/12

Saturday	1/4	Mass	4:00 p.m. Rita Schwartz
Sunday	1/5	Mass	8:00 a.m. Leo Murphy
Monday	1/6	No Mass	
Tuesday	1/7	No Mass	
Wednesday	1/8	No Mass	
Thursday	1/9	No Mass	
Friday	1/10	No Mass	
Saturday	1/11	Mass	4:00 p.m. Stanford Embrey
Sunday	1/12	Mass	8:00 a.m. Rita Schwartz

Ministries for 1/11 and 1/12

<u>Servers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Nick Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Davis Mitchell, Gabe McFarland
<u>Lectors:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Mason Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic	4:00 p.m.	Theresa Sauer, Angela Peerman
Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts:	4:00 p.m.	Michael Jackson Family
	8:00 a.m.	Steve Byrne Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Larry & Joseph Schwartz
Church cleaner		Lois Payne 1/5 - 1/18

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, January 5, 2014,
Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 12, 2014,
Potluck Breakfast after 8:00 a.m. and then take down Christmas Decorations.

Thursday, January 16, 2014,
5:30 Finance Committee Meeting
6:30 Parish Council Meeting

Happy Birthday:

Chase Payne 1/6

Happy Anniversary:

Please continue to pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin
Mary Angela Mitchell
Paula Mayfield
Sue Wolfe
Debbie Ralph
Jimmy Davis
Joe Bill Merimee

Weekly Budget:	\$2,023.00	
Actual Collection:	\$1,224.00	12/24 - 12/25
Actual Collection:	\$3,889.00	12/28 - 12/29

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

A journey with sincere love will never end up in failure but in fulfillment. Every human life in this world is a journey, but every Christian life is a journey along with the journey of wise men in today's Gospel to meet our savior Jesus Christ. Today by celebrating this great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord or the Manifestation of the Lord, the Holy Mother Church challenges us to meet Christ our Savior in our journey of life in this world.

As we reflect upon today's Gospel, we can narrow down three groups of people and their reaction as they come to know about the birth of Jesus. The first group is headed by King Herod, who wanted to kill Jesus. The second group is composed of Chief Priests and Scribes, who deliberately ignored Jesus, and thirdly, we have people the three wise men who make every effort to go and meet Jesus in Bethlehem.

If we seriously reflect about these three groups of people, we can very well understand that we belong to one of these groups, and no one can be independent of these groups. The gospel of John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly". Here we can find that King Herod is waiting for a chance to kill and destroy Jesus because he himself knows that he is not truthful and sincere but Jesus is truthful and sincere. So the presence and acceptance of Jesus is a big threat to his kingdom and his desires to be fulfilled. Today we have very many people, groups and organizations, who try to destroy and tarnish the image and holiness of the Holy Catholic Church by making false accusations against the system, authorities, customs, traditions etc. At the same time, it is good to remember that every sin that we fall into is also a fired bullet directed towards destruction and killing of Jesus in today's world.

Secondly, we have Chief Priests and Scribes who deliberately ignored the good news about Jesus' birth and failed to inform others about it. Here, the Chief Priests and Scribes commit a sin of negligence. If we look sincerely into our own life situations, we can find that we have had many occasions to help others in different ways, and thus we could have proclaimed our faith generously. But because of our selfishness we did not. Yes, on many occasions we failed to be honest with our faith- thinking about what others will think about me instead of what God wants me to do. Thus we fall into a nature of compromise, and this tendency of compromise we use it very often for our selfish motives. Thus we try to justify everything as "It is Okay", and today, most of us have the tendency to be part of this "It is Okay" culture after having neglected to do our own Christian duties and obligations. Dear friends, it is good to remember that this "It is Okay" culture is a dangerous poison that kills every one of us in all levels of our lives gradually and finally. So it is better that we pay attention to our lives and thus avoid tensions in lives.

Finally, we have the real seekers of the Savior, the three wise men from the East. From the Gospel, we understand that these three wise men were guided by a star in their journey to meet the Savior. Though, our life is a journey to meet our Savior during our life in this world, due to various human reasons, we miss our way even before we meet our Savior. Though stars appear in our lives in different ways, we do not pay attention to that because the route of the star is different from our route. In some people's lives, we can find the star to Savior in different ways like serious sickness, accidents, problems, difficulties etc, and through these situations they come to know the Savior to certain extent and take a different route than earlier. At the same time, we can also find some people continue to travel through the same route.

Today we are celebrating the Epiphany of our Lord, and we are meeting our Savior with the three wise men from the East. During our journey, let us not leave the company of the wise men by falling into worldly attractions but rather let us walk with them to meet our Savior and travel through a different route which is more pleasing to God.

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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.

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.