



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road, Reed, Kentucky 42451



The Epiphany of the Lord: January 5, 2013

Welcome to St. Augustine!!!

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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Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain as early in the week as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, January 11 Church Directory Pictures 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday, January 12 Church Directory Pictures 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE - January 5 - January 13

Saturday	1/5	Mass	5:30 p.m.	John Murphy
Sunday	1/6	Mass	8:00 a.m.	James Lee Howard
Monday	1/7	No Mass		
Tuesday	1/8	No Mass		
Wednesday	1/9	No Mass		
Thursday	1/10	No Mass		
Friday	1/11	No Mass		
Saturday	1/12	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Posey Newman
Sunday	1/13	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Joseph L. Schwartz

January CCD - January 6th and January 20th 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.
 January Youth Group - January 13th and January 27th 6:00 p.m.

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Greetings of love and prayerful wishes to you from your loving friend Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal. I hope and pray that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations. Let us ask the Lord to be with us always and enable us to experience His wonderful presence in every moment of our lives so that we may fulfill the good resolutions that we have made in the New Year. Let God be your light and guide in every step that you take in this New Year.

Today we are celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany means manifestation. This feast is all about Jesus' revelation to Gentiles. "Epiphany" refers to God's self-revelation as well as the revelation of Jesus as His Son. Today's gospel tells us the story of the magi's encounter with the evil King Herod, and the encounter symbolizes three reactions to Jesus' birth: hatred, indifference, and adoration. The Gospel narrates three different groups of people and their reaction when they came to know about the birth of Jesus. **First** group, headed by King Herod, who makes plans to destroy Jesus. **The second** group, composed of priests and scribes, who ignores Jesus. **The third** group, the magi, who came to offer homage to Child Jesus.

Today, as we are celebrating the manifestation of Jesus, how does this manifestation make an impact in our lives in relation to three groups of people? As we go through the whole Bible we understand that God is manifested to each one of us in different ways, and His manifestation is very actively present in our day-to-day lives. In the Old Testament, we see God makes his manifestation through **WORD**, the second manifestation we see **WORD** become **FLESH** (Jesus) and the third manifestation, we see the flesh became the **BREAD**, the Eucharist. Now what is our approach to these three divine mysteries in relation to the three groups of people we find in the gospel?

A close journey with these three groups of people will enable us to understand to which group we each belong. The first group is called **IRRITATION**, the group of Herod. Do I make enough time to taste and see the word of God in my life? Or instead, do I get irritated like Herod when I read the Bible? Do I get irritated and troubled when I see the face of the other in my life? Do I give more importance to my body/flesh and its inclinations? What is my attitude towards food? What is our attitude towards the Holy Eucharist? Do I get the feelings of Herod when I interact with Word of God, the other person and the Holy Eucharist?

The second group of people could be called a group of **HESITATION**. Although the chief priests and Scribes knew about the birth of Jesus, they do not make any move to go and see and experience Him. Coming into our own life as Christians, we know that the word of God has power, and we have this source of power with us, the Bible, but do we hesitate to read and enjoy the Bible? Do I hesitate to go out and help the needy in my life and share their happiness and sorrow? Do I hesitate to go for Holy Mass, other sacraments and sacramentals, thus purposely ignoring the opportunity for glorifying God?

The third group of people could be named as group of **VISITATION**. Here we have wise men coming from the East looking for Jesus to experience and pay homage. God wishes every one of us to be a part of this group and it is the call of every individual Christian, but do I make it to this group? This group of people willingly read the Bible everyday and share the spirit of the good news with others just like the wise men, who proclaimed the birth of Jesus to King Herod, who was unaware of it, and to the chief priests who pretended to be unaware. Secondly, this group of people will be able to see Jesus in others and give needed attention and care to other wives, husbands, children, friends etc. They are the peace makers of this world. Thirdly, this group firmly believes that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, and they pay utmost importance and attention to the Holy Eucharist, other sacraments and sacramentals. They believe and proclaim along with Acts of the Apostles that "It is in Him we live and move, and have our being".

My dear friends, we have the freedom to choose to be part of any group. But it is a challenge to be part of the third group of Visitation. Are you ready for a challenge? Remember, we Christians are not just ordinary people counted among other ordinary people, but rather we are consecrated and extraordinary people in Jesus Christ. We need to take up the challenge to glorify God otherwise all our celebration of Christmas will be meaningless. So, as we are celebrating this great feast of the Manifestation of Jesus, let us not ignore the different manifestations that make in our lives for our well being. May the Good Lord Bless you all.

Ministries for January 12 and 13

<u>Servers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Mason and Nick Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Davis and Ellie Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Brandy Haire r
	8:00 a.m.	Michaela Boeglin
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Schrecker, Theresa Sauer
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair and Christa Hundley
<u>Gifts:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Angela Peerman Family
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker and Gaylan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny and Linda Evans
Church cleaner:	1/6 - 1/19	Kathy Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the last weekend to sign up for church directory pictures!!! Submitted photos must be turned in by Sunday, January 13, 2013. If you have any problems or questions, please contact Kristin Miller at kristin.miller@brescia.edu or (270) 764-5538 and leave a message.

Need photos of recent church events (chili suppers, potluck dinners, homecomings) for church directory. If you have any snapshots of parish events, please contact Connie Mills at 764-1015.

Anyone who pre-ordered History of the Diocese of Owensboro books may pick those up in the back of church after Mass. Make checks payable to St. Augustine Church - \$30.00. A few extras are available on the first come first serve basis.

Church envelopes for 2013 are available in the side aisle of church. Please pick these up as you leave. If you did not receive a set and would like one, please contact Tracy Miller.

Please pick up 2013 church calendar located on the table near both entrances of church.

Happy Anniversary:

Neil & Vicky Rudy 1/7



Happy Birthday:

Chase Payne 1/6
Olivia Miller 1/12



MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille -(Pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend January 18-20, call (270) 683-1545 ext 346 or email sherryvincent@insightbb.com or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org. Find us on Facebook: search Retrouvaille of Owensboro

Weekly budget: \$2,219.00

Actual Collection:

\$4,367.00

Please continue to pray for the following:

Stan Embrey, Fr. Jegin, Dr. David Medley, Leo Murphy, Boonie Ralph, Sherry Schwartz, and Mary Angela Mitchell

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.

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.

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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