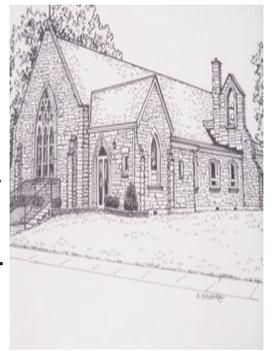




St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451



First Sunday of Advent: December 2, 2013

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 - 11/30 - 12/8

Saturday	11/30	Mass	4:00 p.m. Leo Murphy
Sunday	12/1	Mass	8:00 a.m. Stanford Embrey
Monday	12/2	No Mass	
Tuesday	12/3	No Mass	
Wednesday	12/4	No Mass	
Thursday	12/5	No Mass	
Friday	12/6	No Mass	
Saturday	12/7	Mass	4:00 p.m. Leo Murphy
Sunday	12/8	Mass	8:00 a.m. Stanford Embrey

Ministries for 12/7 and 12/8

<u>Servers:</u> 4:00 p.m.	Mason Jackson
	8:00 a.m. John Boeglin, Gabe McFarland
<u>Lectors:</u>	4:00 p.m. Kristin Miller
	8:00 a.m. Barbara Smith
Eucharistic	4:00 p.m. Dee Anna Booker, Connie Williams
Ministers:	8:00 a.m. Bucky & Vickie Lacer
Gifts:	4:00 p.m. Angela Peerman Family
	8:00 a.m. Larry Schwartz Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	4:00 p.m. Volunteers
	8:00 a.m. Sonny & Linda Evans
Church cleaner	Hershel Smith 12/7 - 12/21

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, December 1, 2013,
Potluck Breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 19, 2013,
6:30 p.m. St. Augustine Penance Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2013,
Christmas Eve Mass at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25, 2013,
Christmas Day Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31, 2013,
Solemnity of the Mary, Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

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

Monday, January 16, 2014,
5:30 Finance Committee Meeting

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: \$1,290.00

Happy Birthday:

Derek Evans 12/3
Barbara Smith 12/4
Emma McFarland 12/5
Tracy Miller 12/6



Happy Anniversary:



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A big thank you to Larry and Sherry Schwartz for the donation of a new vacuum cleaner for the church.

Please bring in non-perishable items for the Christmas baskets.

Sunday, December 22, 2013, we will decorate the church for Christmas after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Bring a potluck breakfast dish to share before decorating.

My Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Today we begin our count down to our greatest feast of all time-Christmas. The Holy Mother Church invites each one of us to begin our count down for Christmas with a different life through the experience and sharing of repentance, love, peace, joy, charity etc. For Christians, the season of Advent is a period of change, a change expected to make from human nature to divine nature, to experience divine in our human life. To experience this divine there is no short cut. We have to change all what is human in our heart and give way for the divine qualities of reconciliation, love, peace, mercy, compassion, understanding etc. Forget not, Christmas is the time where God is kissing the earth through human. It is the time God is waiting to enter into a human body, and we are waiting to receive Him. The meeting point of this 'waiting' is the moment of Divine or Bethlehem or Christmas. Today the call is for you and it is for you alone. Yes, we begin the preparation and waiting to meet the Lord on earth.

Once there was a mother and a son. On a fine morning, the son who was bored with the daily routines of life decided to search for a different experience, a divine experience. In order to obtain this divine experience, he began to search for qualified masters to guide him. He traveled through many places, met so many people and entered into conversation with religious leaders to know the divine. Years have passed. The son has grown into a middle aged man. Though the mother lost her son, she never lost hope in her son's return home one day. Practically, every day and night whenever she heard a little sound, she used to wake up and look through the window for her son. On a fine day, walking through the streets, the son met with an old man, and he asked him about the divine, and the old man said, "You will find your divine, continue to search. On the process of your searching for divine, you will one day knock at the door of a house and you will find a woman with one sandal on her foot, and when you see her, accept her as your teacher and she will guide you to divine." As the old man said, the son continued his journey with hope to find the proper teacher to guide him to divine experience. On a cold night, being tired of walking, the son went to a house and knocked at the door. As soon as he knocked at the door, somebody from the house opened the door, and he asked for some water to drink. As the woman was walking to the kitchen, he noticed that the woman had only one sandal on her foot. The son requested her to be his teacher to divine experience. During their conversation, the son asked the woman about the reason of one sandal on her foot. The woman told him about her lost son and her constant wait for his return. She continued saying that when you knocked at the door I thought it was my son and in my hurry I could not find the other sandal. The son realized that the woman was his mother and the rest of his life he lived with his mother happily.

Yes, my dear friends, every year we celebrate Christmas and every year we go through the preparation of advent, but the question to be asked is did we ever find Christ or Divine in our lives during this season? Do we have the same patience like that of the woman to wait for Jesus' coming? Yes, Jesus can come through anyone. We should have the patience and hospitality to accept Him. So this season of advent calls us for a different life through reconciliation, peace, love, mercy, compassion etc. Let us continue to wait for Him and may you have the true love and patience to meet Him when he comes. Amen

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