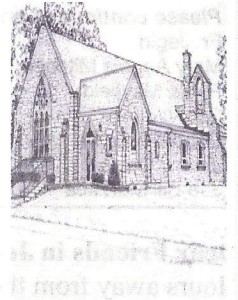




St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451



Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 22, 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.

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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 - 12/21 - 12/29

Saturday	12/21	Mass	4:00 p.m.	Joseph L. Schwartz
Sunday	12/22	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Connie Mills
Monday	12/23	No Mass		
Tuesday	12/24	Mass	8:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	12/25	Mass	8:00 a.m.	
Thursday	12/26	No Mass		
Friday	12/27	No Mass		
Saturday	12/28	Mass	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	12/29	Mass	8:00 a.m.	

Ministries for 12/24 and 12/25

Servers:	8:00 p.m.	Mason & Nick Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	John Boeglin & Claire Boeglin
Lectors:	8:00 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker
	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Smith
Eucharistic Ministers:	8:00 p.m.	Angela Peerman, Theresa Sauer
	8:00 a.m.	Rob & April Mitchell
Gifts:	8:00 p.m.	Paul Miller Family
	8:00 a.m.	Ed Dunivan Family

Ministries for 12/28 and 12/29

Servers:	4:00 p.m.	Olivia Miller
	8:00 a.m.	Davis & Ellie Mitchell
Lectors:	4:00 p.m.	Mason Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Rob Mitchell
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker, Angela Peerman
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts:	4:00 p.m.	Judy Beasley Family
	8:00 a.m.	Larry Schwartz Family
Ushers:	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny & Linda Evans
Church cleaner		April Mitchell 12/22

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

If you know someone in need of a food basket for Christmas, please contact Dee Anna Booker or Linda Evans.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Happy Birthday:

Jacob Raley	12/22
Garrett Peerman	12/22
Christa Hundley	12/24
Jamie Boeglin	12/27

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: \$

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Hours away from the greatest celebration of the world-Christmas. Today we listen to the gospel about how the birth of Jesus came to be.

No doubt the central figure of the Christmas story is none other than Jesus, but this fourth Sunday Gospel encourages every Christian to reflect about the physical, social, mental and psychological feelings of Mary and Joseph. The evangelist Mathew talks about the struggle that Joseph underwent, but Luke speaks about the struggle Mary has gone through in preparation for the birth of Jesus.

As we reflect about the Gospel of today, the important message that we can draw from it is that when the angel appeared to Joseph and Mary and explained about the birth of Jesus, they said "Yes" to the Lord. It is their readiness to say yes to the Lord that brought forth a new history in the life of every Christian and the world. If this poor and uneducated Joseph and Mary could say yes to the Lord and give the world a new meaning and become part of the history, it gives us the message that every one of us can give meaning and become part of the history of this world provided we say yes to the Lord with a total commitment.

As human beings it is good to have dreams and desires but at the same time, it is not necessary that all the dreams and desires be fulfilled in our lifetime. There are people around us who try hard to accomplish their dreams and desires, but on the other hand, we also find people who fail to accomplish their dreams and desires and live in disappointment. Just like any normal human being, Joseph and Mary did have dreams and desires as they were engaged to each other. But, when they were chosen to accomplish the dreams and desires of God here on earth, they said no to their personal dreams and desires and said yes to God's dreams and desires and the rest is history and mystery.

Though every life and every human being is a mystery in this world, why is it that we fail to make history? The answer to this question is the life of Joseph and Mary. Yes, every Christian can become part of history and be called to make history by accepting and living the history of Jesus in our lives. To understand and live the history of Jesus, we need to listen to the voice of God in our daily lives just as Joseph did in today's Gospel. Most of the time as human beings, when we fail to achieve something in our lives, we give up trying and get disappointed. When difficulties and problems arise, we get disappointed, but the life of Joseph teaches us what should be done in times of dilemma and problems. Listen to the voice of God and live accordingly.

Yes, listening and living according to the will of God is the same as allowing God to dwell with in us, and it is then we have the Emmanuel experience. "Yes, if God is for us, who can be against us". Remember we are hours away from Christmas, and Joseph and Mary should be travelling through your streets these days looking for a beautiful house to give birth to Jesus our savior. Joseph and Mary are not looking for big houses, but for big hearts where the word of God can dwell and dwelling already. Because Jesus is the word became flesh and we live the word of God, we allow Christ to dwell in our lives. May you all be filled with the Holy Spirit to listen to the word of God and live accordingly. *Amen.*

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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.