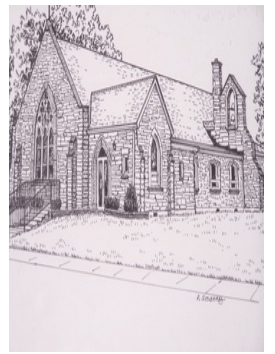




St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451



Second Sunday of Advent: Decemember 8, 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 - 12/7 - 12/15

Saturday	12/7	Mass	4:00 p.m. Leo Murphy
Sunday	12/8	Mass	8:00 a.m. Stanford Embrey
Monday	12/9	No Mass	
Tuesday	12/10	No Mass	
Wednesday	12/11	No Mass	
Thursday	12/12	No Mass	
Friday	12/13	No Mass	
Saturday	12/14	Mass	4:00 p.m. Richard Dunbar Family
Sunday	12/15	Mass	8:00 a.m. James L. Howard

Ministries for 12/14 and 12/15

<u>Servers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Nick Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Davis & Ellie Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Mason Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Schrecker, Larry Schwartz
Gifts:	4:00 p.m.	Connie Williams Family
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny Evans Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny & Linda Evans
Church cleaner		Hershel Smith 12/7 - 12/21

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Choir practice for Christmas on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to join.

Catholics in the Diocese of Owensboro are invited by Bishop Medley to participate in a survey on challenges facing families today. Your response will be used to prepare for the Extraordinary Synod called by Pope Frances to discuss this important issue. The Synod will convene in Rome in October, 2014. These questions have been distributed from the Vatican to dioceses throughout the world. Please complete the survey by December 10, 2013. You can complete the survey using the full text of the Vatican's questionnaire or you may complete a paraphrased version. The following link will take you directly to both surveys: www.rcdok.org/synod

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Happy Birthday:

Tonya Evans 12/9
Phyllis Schrecker 12/10

Happy Anniversary:

Steve & Ruth Raley 12/8 37 years



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:	\$2,100.00

My Dear friends in Jesus Christ,
 As we begin our spiritual journey in the second week of Advent, I request all of you to reflect about the changes that are taking place in our surroundings. I request you to reflect on the four seasons that we enjoy in our nature. Reflect about the changes that are taking place in nature during these four seasons. Finally, reflect about yourself, the changes that we make in our life during four seasons, the way of our life, dressing etc. As we reflect, we can find every creature in this world ready to make changes according to the seasons we have including you and I. Thanks to the Lord for the gift of the four seasons.

Today, as we begin our journey in the second week of Advent, the gospel invites us to make a change through the spirit filled powerful voice of St. John the Baptist, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand". St. John the Baptist started preaching the Kingdom of God, Jesus started His mission, preaching the Kingdom of God. The apostles, who were filled with the power of the Risen Christ, started their mission preaching the Kingdom of God. Today the same power is vested upon you and I to preach that the Kingdom of God is at hand. But today, our preaching becomes a cheating because we don't really experience the kingdom of God in our life just because we don't repent sincerely. Because of this reason, God gives us one more announcement through St. John the Baptist, "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand".

In the gospel, we see St. John the Baptist address the Pharisees and Sadducees as "You brood of vipers". We know a viper is one of the most dangerous snakes, and if St. John the Baptist is addressing them as "brood of vipers", we should understand how dangerous it is to be in sinful nature and be careful. Sin is a poison that kills your soul. If we are not ready to repent, be sure we are deliberately poisoning our life, poisoning our family, our community, society and country. Again, after having heard the repeated announcement of St. John the Baptist to repent, if we are not repenting, St. John the Baptist says, "the axe lies at the root of the trees, therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire". So if things are not going good for you, do not blame God, do not blame others, but rather it is a time to reflect about yourself and repent.

Yes, my dear friends, "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Reform your lives and believe in the gospel!" Yes, we observe this Advent season as a time to support the poor and needy with food and many other things. But before offering goods to others, Jesus invites each one of us to offer our hearts before Him through sincere repentance. This is what the book of Joel 2:3 says, "Rend your hearts, not garments, and return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, rich in kindness." Yes, you should be doing wonderful charity work, but if you are not repenting and turning towards God, be sure your charity will not serve its purpose before God. Yes, the final call is on "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand". May the Good Lord Bless you all with true repentance of Heart.

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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.