

St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Rd, Reed, KY 42451

1st Sunday in Advent: December 2, 2012



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Advent Booklets—Take One Home

Advent Booklets are available at both entrances to church. Please use the daily reflections to enhance your spiritual life during this time of preparation for Christ's coming.

First Sunday Potluck Breakfast

Come join the potluck breakfast after the 8 a.m. Sunday mass Dec. 2. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Food Baskets

Baskets have been placed at the entrances to church for donations for the needy. If you know of a family in our community in need of a basket for Christmas, please call an Altar Society member. Any monetary donations need to be turned in early enough to be able to purchase perishable items before delivery.

Family Pictures for Parish Directory

We will be taking family pictures for the St. Augustine Church directory on Friday, January 11, 2013 (from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) and Saturday, January 12, 2013 (from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Please sign-up for a time slot in the back of church the next few week-ends. If you provide an e-mail address when you sign-up, you will be given a \$10 coupon to be used toward the purchase of any photos. Online sign-ups are also available via our church website, www.staugustinereed.org, beginning Monday, 12/3. On the parish website, click the blue box that says "Portrait Sign-up." You will be directed to the online sign-up form. Each family that has their picture made will be given a FREE directory and a FREE 8x10 photo. You will have the option to purchase additional portraits, but you are not obligated to do so. Submitted photos will also be accepted if you are homebound or unable to attend either of these dates. Submitted photos must be 4 inches wide x 6 inches tall (vertical). If you have any problems or questions about this process, please email kristin.miller@brescia.edu or call Kristin Miller at (270) 764-5538 and leave a message.

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 pick up a form from the back of church, fill it out, and mail it or place it in the collection baskets.

REFLECTION FROM THE PASTOR:

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Greetings of love and prayerful wishes to you from Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal. I hope and pray that these few lines of mine will find you in the best health of mind and body. Most of you have already decorated your houses, in and out for the celebration of Christmas, but it is good to remember that, the Child Jesus comes to our home only through us. So it is time for each one of us to prepare personally, to welcome Child Jesus into our hearts. To prepare ourselves in a better way to receive Jesus into our lives, and into our home, the Holy Mother Church gives us four weeks. So let us take this precious and only time in a sincere manner, and make our hearts a Bethlehem.

The four weeks before Happy Christmas could be called weeks of hope & vigilance. It is the time to bear witness to Christ in patience and love. The four weeks measure the depth of our faith and love in Jesus. I am sure, in certain situations of your life, you all have gone through a time of hope and vigilance, if not for the celebrations of Christmas, perhaps when your dear and near ones are in the ICU in a coma or when your sweet wife is giving birth to your child. I am sure it is at this time most of us think about God, church and prayer and it is our love for our dear ones that makes us so nervous.

Yes, to meet Child Jesus, a true faithful person needs almost the same attitude that you and I experience in front of the ICU for our dear one. Now how many of us really feel that excitement and nervousness that we have in front of the ICU? Today's gospel very clearly invites us to be vigilant to meet Christ in our lives. It says it is not that easy to meet Jesus because the way to Jesus is very narrow, full of persecutions and problems. Now how many of us want to meet Jesus personally facing problems and difficulties in life? Yes, difficulties and problems are the measure of our love for Jesus. The Gospel and Jesus are good, because they speak not only about problems and difficulties, but they give us a solution to face problems and difficulties and come to Jesus and his love through prayer. Because Jesus says, through prayer you can make your hearts vigilant and active, and thus create more strength to face tribulations and meet the Son of Man in his glory. One thing is clear: prayer has got power in itself and so the church invites us to spend this week in prayer.

Now what is prayer? The simple answer is that it is a personal relationship that we maintain with God. It is through prayer that we can lighten our lives to receive Jesus in our lives. Years ago someone from Reed got a job offer in Washington, DC. This man with great joy went to Washington and when he reached there at night, he was surprised to see the whole city was full of light. While on vacation a few months later, he decided to come to his beautiful Reed. He wanted to bring home a light bulb to show to everyone, because at that time back in Reed there was no electricity. He went to a shop and bought the light bulb, and the shopkeeper told him to be very careful with it and take extra care. So he wrapped the light bulb carefully and brought it to Reed. As soon as he reached home, he called all his neighbors and friends and told them he had brought a special item from Washington. So, many people gathered around him, and, as a great hero, he opened his bag and took out the parcel. All people were eagerly looking at the package to see what was in it. Slowly one after another he removed all the paper wrappings and took out the light bulb, but people were not impressed; but the man was surprised because he thought that the light bulb would work by itself. People gathered around him, scolded him and went away. Returning to Washington, the man took the light bulb back to the shopkeeper shouting that he had been badly cheated. The shopkeeper took the light bulb and connected it with the socket holder. The man could see that the light bulb was working.

Yes, my dear friends, prayer is a process through which we connect ourselves with the holder called Jesus. Only when we are connected to the holder will our life be lightened and meaningful too. So by asking us to spend time in prayer, Jesus promises His power and light so that we may not wither away in times of tribulations and persecutions, and thus we may be able to receive Jesus in our lives. Amen.

Ministries for Dec. 8 & 9

Servers: 5:30pm Mason & Nick Jackson
8:00am Davis & Ellie Mitchell

Lectors: 5:30pm Dee Anna Booker
8:00am Tracy Miller

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Connie Williams & Larry Schwartz
8:00am Linda & Sonny Evans

Gifts: 5:30pm Angela Peerman Family
8:00am Janet Medley Family

Ushers: 5:30pm Larry & Joseph Schwartz
8:00am Jimmy Davis & Kathy Wolfe

Church Cleaner: Barbara Smith (Nov. 25—Dec. 8)



**Please continue to pray
for the following:**

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

Upcoming December Events:

Thurs, Dec. 6 Penance service 6:00 pm
(Penance service at St. Peter's 6pm Dec. 5)

Fri., Dec. 7 Feast of Immaculate Conception
Vigil Mass 6:00 pm

Sun., Dec. 15/16 Christmas Flower Collection

Sun., Dec. 23 Decorate church after 8 am Mass

Mon., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Mass at 8 pm

Tues., Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass at 8 am

Sat., Dec. 29 Holy Family Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 30 Holy Family Mass 8 am

Mon., Dec. 31 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Tues., Jan. 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass at 8 am

Happy Anniversary

Steve & Ruth Raley 12/8

Happy Birthday

Derek Evans 12/3

Barbara Smith 12/4

Emma McFarland 12/5

Jordan Booker 12/7

Weekly Schedule December 2—9

Sunday (12/2)

First Sunday of Advent

8am Mass—Catherine Booker
6pm—RCIA Classes

Monday (12/3)

No Mass

Tuesday (12/4)

No Mass

Wednesday (12/5)

No Mass

Thursday (12/6)

Confessions at St. Augustine 6pm

Friday (12/7)

Feast of Immaculate Conception

6pm Vigil Mass—John Murphy
followed by First Friday Prayer Service

Saturday (12/8)

5:30pm Mass—Posey Newman

Sunday (12/9)

Second Sunday of Advent

8am Mass—Fr. Leonard Alvey
6pm—RCIA Classes

Weekly Budget \$2,219.00

Actual Collection \$2,826.00

Bulletin Announcements

Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain at scain42966@att.net as early in the week as possible.

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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 Marriage

A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six months before 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 pastor. 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 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.

Sacraments to the Home-Bound

Please inform the pastor if you know of anyone who is home-bound, 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.