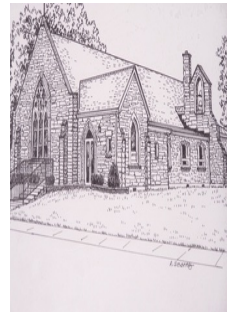




# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
Reed, Kentucky 42451



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: December 29, 2013

## Welcome to St. Augustine!!!

Parish Website: [www.staugustinereed.org](http://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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### Weekly Schedule - 12/28 - 1/5

Saturday	12/28	Mass	4:00 p.m. Leo Murphy
Sunday	12/29	Mass	8:00 a.m. Stanford Embrey
Monday	12/30	No Mass	
Tuesday	12/31	Mass	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	1/1	No Mass	
Thursday	1/02	No Mass	
Friday	1/3	No Mass	
Saturday	1/4	Mass	4:00 p.m. Rita Schwartz
Sunday	1/5	Mass	8:00 a.m. Leo Murphy

### Ministries for 1/4 and 1/5

<u>Servers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Nick Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Sam Mitchell, Gabe McFarland
<u>Lectors:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Branda Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin
Eucharistic	4:00 p.m.	Connie Williams, Angela Peerman
Ministers:	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Schrecker, Larry Schwartz
Gifts:	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteers
<u>Ushers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny & Linda Evans
<b>Church cleaner</b>		Lois Payne 1/5 - 1/18

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

**Sunday, January 5, 2014,**  
Bible Study at 6:00 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:**

Jonathan Sauer	12/29
Barry Eblen	1/02
Robert Purgeason	1/02

### **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:	\$3,336.00	12/14 - 12/15
Actual Collection:	\$1,896.00	12/21 - 12/22

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

This weekend, the Holy Mother Church invites us to reflect about the Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a model for our families. We call them "The Holy Family" but that does not mean that they did not have problems in their lives. Just as every family has to face problems, the Holy Family had their own problems to face. Their many problems we can find as we read through the gospel.

We can easily imagine how both Mary and Joseph must have been misunderstood when Mary conceived Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Even Mary herself had a very rough time due to her early pregnancy when Joseph was planning to divorce her before the angel intervened in a dream.

The long and tiring journey Joseph and Mary had to make in order to give birth to Jesus in Bethlehem.

The family had to flee to Egypt as refugees because Jesus' life was in danger due to Herod.

Mary and Joseph suffered the awful experience of losing Jesus in the temple for three days when He was twelve years old.

We do not hear about Joseph any more so we presume that before Jesus began His public ministry in Galilee Joseph had died. The Holy Family suffering the greatest pain of all families, the pain of separation through death.

Simeon predicted in the Temple that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul, and we can imagine the pain that Mary has gone through.

When Jesus returned to Nazareth one day His relatives came to take Him by force convinced that He was out of his mind. Not a very pleasant experience for any family (Mk.3:21).

There was also the pain caused by the accusation made up about Jesus: "as glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners" etc. (Luke 7:34).

And there was the growing hostility to Jesus by the Jewish authorities and that must have caused a huge pain to both Mary and Jesus.

The saddest moment of all came when Mary watched her Son die on the cross.

So we can find there were so many difficult moments in the life of Holy the Family, but what kept The Holy Family together and sane throughout all of these trials and crosses? The answer is 'Love for each other and God'. Jesus' love for Mary and Mary's love for Jesus, and both of their love for God the Father. What holds our families together also in times of difficulty is love and forgiveness. It is love which triumphs in the end, even if for a while love may have to take the form of some honest talking. When discipline needs to be given, if not given in love it is reduced to abuse. If our families fail in any way, it is because of a lack of love on someone's part. Whenever our families are successful, it is because they are places of love.

I believe that the greatest threat families face today is simply that we don't spend enough time together. We are so busy working, socializing, or watching TV that we have less and less time for each other. Spending time together with the family is a way of showing our family that we love them. When we love our family, we want to sacrifice ourselves by spending time with them, and at the same time, we should realize that by not spending time with them, we are depriving them of our love and actually hurting them.

Just as the Holy Family survived all its crises through love for each other and faith in God, let us pray during this Mass that our families will conquer all difficulties through love for each other and faith in God.

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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.