



# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road, Reed, Kentucky 42451



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: December 30, 2012

### **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 fill out a form from the back of church and mail or place it in the collection baskets.

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### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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*Please send your bulletin announcements to Stacy Cain as early in the week as possible.*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Saturday, December 29 Feast of the Holy Family  
 Sunday, December 30 Feast of the Holy Family .  
 Monday, December 31 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.  
 Friday, January 11 Church Directory Pictures 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, January 12 Church Directory Pictures 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE - December 30 - January 6**

Sunday	12/30	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Rose Mills
Monday	12/31	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Rita Schwartz
Tuesday	1/1	No Mass		
Wednesday	1/02	No Mass		
Thursday	1/3	No Mass		
Friday	1/4	No Mass		
Saturday	1/5	Mass	5:30 p.m.	John Murphy
Sunday	1/6	Mass	8:00 a.m.	James Lee Howard

NO RCIA December 23<sup>rd</sup> or December 30<sup>th</sup>

## **My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

Greetings of Child Jesus' love, peace & joy to you from your loving pastor friend Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal. I hope and pray that you all had a wonderful celebration of the birthday of our Savior Jesus Christ. I hope you have not lost the spirit and joy that Christmas brought to your lives and family, and I pray that the same spirit and joy be with you always thus you may have a beautiful life in Jesus Christ. Yes, life is a celebration and it is the sign of life and spirit and Jesus is the true life and spirit. So remember to enjoy your life without missing Christ in your lives. I wish you all the best for the New Year. May the Christ be your light and guide in your new year, and may you enjoy peace and harmony in your lives and in our country.

A week after the birth of Jesus and feast of the salvation of the world, we celebrate the feast of our lives and of our little world- family. Yes, feast of Holy Family. When we think of holy family the picture that comes to our mind is that of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. It is the presence of Jesus that makes the lives of Mary & Joseph holy. It is not the presence of children in a family that makes it holy but rather it is the presence of Jesus that makes it a holy family. Now, can you and I call our family a holy family? Today, in this post modern world, marriage has become a tension, divorce has become a fashion, life has become a complication and outcome is nothing but compensation. In this situation, celebration of the feast of Holy Family gives us strength and asks each one of us to invite Jesus to be the center of our lives. In the picture, we see Mary and Joseph with Jesus in the center. Jesus was the glue that united Joseph and Mary. Transferring Jesus from the center of our lives and family is the beginning of tension and confusion in our lives, married lives, and family lives.

There is a story called Passbook, which I have on my face book and wish to share with you. She married him today. At the end of the wedding party, her mother gave her a newly opened bank savings passbook with \$1000 deposited in it. She told her, "My dear daughter, take this passbook, keep it as a record of your married life. Whenever something happy and memorable happens in your new life, put some money in and write down what it's about next to the amount. The more memorable the event is, the more money you can put in. I've done the first one for you today. Do the others with your husband. When you look back after years, you will know how much happiness you have both shared".

She shared this with him after getting home. Both of them thought it was a great idea and could not wait to make the next deposit! This is what the passbook looked like after a while: February 7<sup>th</sup> - \$100 - his first birthday celebration after marriage; March 1<sup>st</sup> - \$300 - she gets a salary raise; March 20<sup>th</sup> - \$200 - vacation to Bali; April 15<sup>th</sup> - \$200 - she is pregnant; June 1<sup>st</sup> - \$1000 - he gets the big promotion and so on...

However, as the years went by, they began fighting and arguing over trivial things. They did not talk much. They regretted that they had married the most nasty person in the world....there was no more love. One day he said to her mother "Mom, we cannot stand it anymore. We have decided to divorce. I cannot imagine how I decided to marry this guy! Her mother replied, "Sure that is no big deal. Just do whatever you want if you really cannot stand it. But before that do one thing, remember the savings passbook I gave you on your wedding day, take out all the money and spend it first. You should not keep any record of such a poor marriage. She agreed with her. So she went to the bank and was waiting in the queue to cancel the account. While she was waiting, she took a look at the passbook record. She looked, and looked and looked. Then the memory of all the previous joyful moments came back to her. Her eyes were filled with tears. She left and went home.

When she got home, she handed the passbook to him and asked him to spend the money before getting divorced. So the next day, he went to the bank and was waiting in the queue to cancel the account. While he was waiting, he took a look at the passbook record. He looked and looked and looked. Then the memory of all the previous joyful moments came back to him. His eyes were filled with tears. He left and went home. He gave the passbook back to her. She found a new deposit of \$5000 and a line next to the record - this is the day I realized how much I have loved you throughout all these years and how much happiness you have brought me. They hugged and cried and put the passbook into the safe.

Yes, my dear friends look and look into the depth of gospel and see the feelings of Joseph and Mary when they lost their son. Look and look into the depth of the gospel, and see the feelings of Joseph and Mary when they found Jesus in the temple. Yes, my dear friends, it is at that moment of losing Jesus from your life that you lose your life, lose your relations and family. So this great feast gives us the message that hold on to Jesus always as the center of your beautiful life. May the Good Lord Bless you and your family.

### Ministries for January 5 and 6

<u>Servers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Brendan Haire, Olivia Miller
	8:00 a.m.	John Boeglin, Gabe McFarland
<u>Lectors:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dee Ann Booker
	8:00 a.m.	Jamie Boeglin
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Angela Peerman, Gaylan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Rob and April Mitchell
<u>Gifts:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Herman Miller Family
	8:00 a.m.	Steve Byrne Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker and Gaylan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny and Linda Evans
First Friday Leader (4th)	6:30 p.m.	Barbara Smith
Church cleaner:	12/23 - 1/5	Kathy Wolfe

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Need photos of recent church events (chili suppers, potluck dinners, homecomings) for church directory. If you have any snapshots of parish events, please contact Connie Mills at 764-1015.

Church envelopes for 2013 are available in the side aisle of church. Please pick these up as you leave. If you did not receive a set and would like one, please contact Tracy Miller.

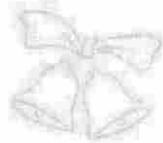
Please pick up 2013 church calendar located on the table near both entrances of church.

All Catholics in the Owensboro region and surrounding area are invited to participate in an upcoming opportunity to learn about critical issues that are likely to be considered in the next legislative session Kentucky, reflect on them in light of Catholic Social Teaching and engage with your own legislators close to home. **Catholics @ the Capital: Owensboro Regional Gathering** will be held at Lourdes Church (parish hall) on Saturday, January 5, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for Catholics to meet their state legislators and discuss upcoming legislation related to life, economic justice, immigration, criminal justice and education. Light refreshments will be served. The legislators representing the following counties have been invited to attend this Owensboro Regional Gathering: Breckinridge, Caldwell, Crittenden, Daviess, Grayson, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Livingston, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Union and Webster. If you live in one of these counties, please make an effort to attend. For more information please contact Karen Jarboe at (270) 852-8359 or [Karen.jarboe@pastoral.org](mailto:Karen.jarboe@pastoral.org).

### **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 on 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 weekends. If you have any problems or questions, please contact Kristin Miller at [kristin.miller@bresciana.edu](mailto:kristin.miller@bresciana.edu) or (270) 764-5538 and leave a message.

### **Happy Anniversary:**



### **Happy Birthday:**

Barry Eblen	January 2
Robert Purgeason	January 2
Chase Payne	January 6

**MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille** -(Pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend January 18-20, call (270) 683-1545 ext 346 or email [sherryvincent@insightbb.com](mailto:sherryvincent@insightbb.com) or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). Find us on Facebook: search Retrouvaille of Owensboro

December Youth Group - December 30 @ 6:00 p.m.  
 January CCD - January 6<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

Weekly budget: \$2,219.00

Actual Collection: \$2,095.00

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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