



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road, Reed, Kentucky 42451



Second Sunday of Advent: December 9, 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 pick up a form from the back of church, fill it out, and mail it or place it in the collection baskets.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat/Sun, December 15/16 Flower Collection
 Sunday, December 23 Potluck breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass & then decorate church
 Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve Mass at 8:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day Mass at 8:00 a.m.
 Saturday, December 29 Holy Family Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday, December 30 Holy Family Mass at 8:00 a.m.
 Monday, December 31 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, January 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 8:00 a.m.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE - December 9 - December 16

Sunday,	12/9	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Leonard Alvey
			6:00 p.m.	RCIA Classes
Monday,	12/10	No Mass		
Tuesday,	12/11	No Mass		
Wednesday,	12/12	No Mass		
Thursday,	12/13	No Mass		
Friday,	12/14	No Mass		
Saturday,	12/15	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Joseph L. Schwartz
Sunday,	12/16	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Fitzie Fulkerson

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Greetings of love and prayerful wishes to you from Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal. Hope and pray that these few lines of mine will find you in the best health of mind and body. I am sure all of you are waiting eagerly to celebrate the Birth of our Child Jesus. Just as you, I am also waiting eagerly since it is my first Christmas in this wonderful country. In prayer and watchfulness, let us wait eagerly for him and prepare ourselves in a special way with a repented heart to receive Jesus in our hearts.

Today's gospel calls for a life of repentance. When Jesus is asking us to come to repentance, it gives us the message that we are all sinners. So, first and foremost, to grow as a child of God, we need this humility that I am not perfect and that I am a sinner. If I am a sinner, I cannot have the experience of God and I am not eligible to celebrate Christmas because Christmas is the celebration of holiness.

Blessed John Paul II says that the tragedy of today's world is that every one is losing the sense of repentance about sin. Mother Theresa, though she was a holy woman, used to make confession every day in her life. St. Francis Assisi, whenever he passes through a church, used to prostrate in front of the church and say, "Lord I am a sinner, I am not worthy to enter into your church". I am sure none of us have grown to the level of Mother Theresa or St. Francis Assisi, but why is it that we do not feel repentance about our way of life?

My dear friends, all over the catholic church today there is a voice crying out like this; *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God"*. Dear Friends, Jesus is not talking about the roads from Stanley to Owensboro or Stanley to Reed, but Jesus is talking about our own hearts and our own attitude.

If we examine the gospel, we can very well find that the mission of St. John the Baptist and Jesus were the same. Both of them preached about repentance and today every word of the gospel is talking to us about repentance. So it gives us the message that we need to be straightened in our hearts and way of life. St. John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus' first coming, and it was his duty to preach about repentance and many people followed him and repented. Now, we are all waiting for Jesus' second coming, and we as Christians have the role of St. John the Baptist today to cry out to the world about repentance. Can you do that? Is there anyone ready for that?

When St. John the Baptist and Jesus preached about repentance, people repented and followed them. Now look into your own life and see how many people are following your way of life? Through your way of life, how many people could you bring to Christ's love? Most of the time, our life is lived here in this world without any good influence on the life of the other because we preach and teach and but do not live what we preach and teach. Where as St. John the Baptist and Jesus lived and preached their life to the people, it went directly into their heart and made them to repent. They lived and preached the spirit of the Lord, and we live and preach the spirit of the world.

My dear friends, if St. John the Baptist and Jesus could do it with the power of God, why can't you and I do it with the power of the God since we too have that power? If we could introduce the love of Jesus to others, I am sure that would be the most beautiful gift that we could give to Jesus as we are preparing for Christmas celebration. May the Good Lord strengthen you and awaken his power in you. **Amen.**

Ministries for December 8th and 9th

<u>Servers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Mason and Nick Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Davis and Ellie Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dee Ann Booker
	8:00 a.m.	Tracy Miller
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Connie Williams, Larry Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	Linda and Sonny Evans
<u>Gifts:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Angela Peerman Family
	8:00 a.m.	Janet Medley Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Larry and Joseph Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	Jimmy Davis and Kathy Wolfe
Church cleaner:	12/9 - 12/22	Connie Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 provide an email address when you sign up, you will be given a \$10.00 coupon to be used toward the purchase of any photos. Online sign-ups are available via church website, www.staugustinereed.org, beginning Monday, December 3rd. 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, please contact Kristin Miller at kristen.miller@brescia.edu or (270) 764-5538 and leave a message.

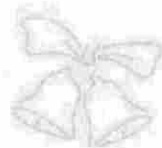
Christmas Flower Collection - December 15 and December 16.

Potluck Breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass on December 23rd and then decorating church.

Happy Anniversary:

Steve and Ruth Raley

12/8



Happy Birthday:

Tonya Evans 12/9

Phyllis Schrecker 12/10



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.

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 or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org. Find us on Facebook: search Retrouvaille of Owensboro

Weekly budget: \$2,219.00

Actual Collection:

\$2,693.00

Please continue to pray for the following:

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

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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