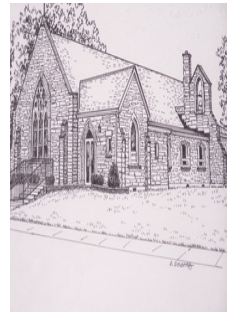




St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road
Reed, Kentucky 42451



The Presentation of the Lord: February 2, 2014

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.

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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 - 2/1 - 2/9

Saturday	2/1	Mass	4:00 p.m. Stanford Embrey
Sunday	2/2	Mass	8:00 a.m. Leo Murphy
Monday	2/3	No Mass	
Tuesday	2/4	No Mass	
Wednesday	2/5	No Mass	
Thursday	2/6	No Mass	
Friday	2/7	No Mass	
Saturday	2/8	Mass	4:00 p.m. Leo Murphy
Sunday	2/9	Mass	8:00 a.m. Stanford Embrey

Ministries for 2/8 and 2/9

<u>Servers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Olivia Miller
	8:00 a.m.	Ellie & Sam Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Mason Jackson
	8:00 a.m.	Kristin Miller
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	DeeAnna Booker, Angela Peerman
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
<u>Gifts:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Phyllis Schrecker Family
	8:00 a.m.	Debbie Merimee Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Hershel Smith, Steve Byrne

Announcements:

First Friday Penance Service on Friday, February 7, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament and go to confession.

The Newman Lady's Club invites all senior citizens to their Valentine's Day Luncheon on Friday, February 14, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Augustine Parish Hall. Any questions please call Martha Miller at 764-1003.

There will be sheets in the pews the next two weekends for nominations for members for the Parish Council. Please make your nominations and place them in the collection basket.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, February 2, 2014,

Potluck Breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Friday, February 7, 2014,

First Friday Penance Service at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19, 2014,

5:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Happy Birthday:

James Eblen 2/4
Zachary Peerman 2/4

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
Virginia Ward (mother of Sonny Evans)

Weekly Budget: \$2,023.00

Actual Collection: \$

Church cleaner Doris Purgeason 2/2 - 2/15

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

As we live in this world, we all know that very often our weekends are busy with birthday parties, weddings, anniversary parties, baby showers, and many other celebrations. Whenever we are invited for a party, we also make sure that we carry a present for the party to show our love and closeness to them. Yes, every present conveys the message that we love you. Thus, it is a moment to renew our love and relationship with others and to a relationship of commitment.

Today, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as the Candle Mass Day, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. The Presentation after forty days of Jesus' birth throws us back to the forty years of wilderness by the people of Israel prior to their entry in Cana. It also throws our memories to the gospel of Matthew where Jesus fasted forty days in the desert before He begins His public ministry. Now we have the Presentation of the Lord forty days after Jesus' birth. So, the day after forty days stands as a new beginning and new life for each one of us. Thus by celebrating the great feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we are reminded that Jesus committed to a new way of life.

Today, we solemnly began our celebration with the blessing of candles, lighting of candles and processing to Church. Did anyone reflect about the reason why we carried this lighted candle? The whole meaning of this beautiful action lies in the burning candle itself. Today, by carrying this burning candle, we are invited to take our memories back to the day of our Baptism where we were all given a lighted candle and where it is proclaimed to us, "Receive the light of Christ", and thus we made a commitment to Christ to become the "light of the world". But did we ever become the light of this world through our life? Yes, as Christians we believe that it is through Baptism, we enter into a new way of life in Jesus. But did our Baptism make any change in our lives and in the lives of the other to dispel the darkness of this world? Yes, it is a time to reflect and renew our baptism and our commitment to Christ.

Today by presenting Jesus to Jerusalem Temple by Joseph and Mary, they make their commitment to God for Child Jesus to offer the rest of Jesus' life for the glory of God or for the kingdom of God. Joseph and Mary were faithful to their commitment, and so we have the salvation through Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, and we proclaim Christ lives forever. Remember, as you present your children for the Baptism in the Church, the parents have got a greater role to play just like Joseph and Mary, to mold the child in the "light of this world." Parents think about the responsibility you have taken up, and if you have failed in this great responsibility, be sincerely sorry for it.

Yes, every one of us has made the same commitment to Jesus by accepting passion, death and resurrection of Jesus through Baptism. But why is it that our candle of faith life is not burning brightly? Why is it that our flame of faith goes off when problems and tensions arise in our lives? Think about the lighted candle we carried at the beginning of the Mass. There were three things we carried along with the candle, the fire, wick, and the wax. The fire was given to the wick and the wick was ready to die and was the wax, so there was light. In the same way, the fire of spirit was with Jesus and Jesus was ready to die Himself, and God the Father, who supported Jesus, was ready to be melted for us with Jesus, and so we have the salvation of the world and light in darkness. This is what in last Sunday's gospel, we read about Jesus, "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light on those dwelling in a land of overshadowed by death light has arisen".

Yes, through baptism, we are all given the fire of spirit and the grace of Jesus. Only when we accept and live Jesus as the center of our life can we bring light in this world. Just like wick stands as the center of a candle, we should hold Jesus as the center of our life, and only then our life can turn light into darkness. But most of the time our life is like wax without a wick, and so often the real purpose of our Christian life is not fulfilled in our lives, and we failed to become a light of this world. Let us seriously ask the Eucharistic Lord to guide our life and take control of our lives. May the Good Lord Bless you.

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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.