



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road, Reed, Kentucky 42451



Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 23, 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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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 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.
 Tuesday, January 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 8:00 a.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 23 - December 29

Sunday,	12/23	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Raymond Fulkerson Sr.
			6:00 p.m.	RCIA Classes
Monday,	12/24	Mass	8:00 p.m.	Posey Newman
Tuesday,	12/25	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Leonard Alvey
Wednesday,	12/26	No Mass		
Thursday,	12/27	No Mass		
Friday,	12/28	No Mass		
Saturday,	12/29	Mass	5:30 p.m.	John Murphy
Sunday,	12/30	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Rose Mills

My 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, since the time is running short, every heart is beating fast to begin the greatest celebration of the world-Christmas. But before we prepare ourselves for a big celebration, the church, through the gospel, invites us to share our joy and blessings with one another. It is also time to look into our own life to see whether we are keeping anyone from receiving the blessings that we receive from God - Peace, Joy, Happiness and Forgiveness?

As time is running short for the celebration of Christmas for each of us, the Church, through the word of God, invites us to speed up in sharing our love and blessings with one another, and that is what we see in today's gospel through the activity of Mary our Mother. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Mary goes out in haste to help her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant in her old age, through the intervention of God. Yes, Mary is a friend indeed. This miracle in Elizabeth's life gives the message that nothing is impossible for God, and our God is the God of possibilities. Another message we need to draw from Mary is that we should be like her-quick in serving others and sharing love and concern.

Once, a group of college youth decided to visit a orphanage and have their Christmas celebration for the children there by performing some activities and sharing some food with them. As the programs were going on, one of the boys in the orphanage started asking the youth volunteer for a packet of biscuit for him. Since the little boy kept on disturbing the volunteers for a long time without anyone noticing, he gave the little boy a packet of biscuit. So happily the boy opened the packet and began to distribute to his friends around him, and at the end, there was no biscuit left for him. He did not cry but rather he was enjoying the moments of his friends eating the biscuit pieces so happily. The oldest friend in his group, who knows about his character, did not eat the biscuit that was given to him. At the end, his oldest friend called the little boy and offered him the biscuit, the little boy took the biscuit and broke into two pieces and gave one piece to his friend. Yes, my dear friends, this is the meaning of Christmas - sharing, enjoying happiness with others, and enjoying happiness of others and being satisfied. This is what we see in the life of Jesus too. To share joy and happiness in our daily life. He took human form and died for us, and Jesus found satisfaction in that and that is why towards the last minute on the cross Jesus says "It is finished".

My dear friends, where Jesus has finished through his earthly life, as Christians and children of God we must continue His mission of love, and only then will Christmas will be fruitful and beautiful. This is the same tradition we see in the Bible, where prophets, kings, and judges have stopped their mission, it is from there the last prophet of the OT, St. John the Baptist, took up the mission and where St. John the Baptist stopped, it is from there Jesus began his mission. So as Christians, our life in this world is with a mission to be fulfilled. Are you ready for that?

When Mary greeted Elizabeth, the child in her womb leaped with Joy. So Christmas is a time of sharing good news. If sharing of good news could bring so much reaction to the child in the womb of the mother, just think if we are to speak of only good things how much joy and good spirit could be created in the lives of others in the world? Yes, we need to fill the world with good news and good spirit of the Lord. For that, first and most, just like Mary, we should be filled with the Holy Spirit. So during this Holy Eucharistic Celebration, let us ask the Lord to send His spirit upon each one of us, and that by receiving it, we will share the spirit with one another in this world. Amen.

Ministries for December 29 and 30

<u>Servers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Nick Jackson and Brendan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Ellie and Sam Mitchell
<u>Lectors:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Penny Payne
	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Smith
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Connie Mills, Larry Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
<u>Gifts:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Stacy Cain Family
	8:00 a.m.	Patricia Byrne Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Larry and Joseph Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	Jimmy Davis and Kathy Wolfe
Church cleaner:	12/23 - 1/5	Kathy Wolfe

Need volunteers for Mass on December 31st

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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. Each family that has their picture made will be given a FREE directory and a FREE 8x10 photo. Submitted photos will also be accepted if you are homebound or unable to attend either of these dates. If you have any problems or questions, please contact Kristin Miller at kristin.miller@brescia.edu or (270) 764-5538 and leave a message.

Happy Anniversary:



Happy Birthday:

Jacob Raley	12/22
Christa Hundley	12/24
Jamie Boeglin	12/27
Jonathon Sauer	12/29



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

December Youth Group - December 30 @ 6:00 p.m.

Weekly budget: \$2,219.00

Actual Collection:

\$1,329.00

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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