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Parish Council Meeting

St. Peter - January 6th at 10:30am
St. Augustine - January 17th at 6:30pm
All are welcome !

Calling All Faithful Citizens

All Catholics in the Diocese of Owensboro are invited to participate in an upcoming opportunity to learn about critical issues that are likely to be considered in the next legislative session in Kentucky, reflect on them in light of Catholic Social Teaching and engage with your own legislators close to home. **Catholics @ the Capitol: Western Kentucky Gathering** will be held at Immaculate Parish (in the parish hall) on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 9:30am-11:30am. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Thanks.

We Need Your Help

Both parishes will be taking down Christmas decorations after the Mass on January 20th. Please plan to stay and help. All help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Young Adult Holy Hour January 7

Young adults ages 18-39 from all over the diocese are invited to attend a Young Adult Holy Hour on January 7, 2019 at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro. The holy hour will go from approximately 6-7pm and will include adoration, a scriptural reflection and confessions. Please join us for dinner at a local restaurant afterwards! For more information, email robin.tomes@pastoral.org or visit Facebook.com/OwensboroYoungAdults.

Confirmation Day at the Cathedral

Confirmation day at the Cathedral will be Jan.12th beginning at 1:30pm. A schedule of the day's events went home with students Wed. night after class. Please keep our confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare for this important sacrament. Those making their confirmation this year are Kolton Grant, Shelby Jones, Gatlyn Jones, Henry Boeglin, Will Fogle, Lilly Grant, Kaleb Barnard, Paige Daugherty & Oakley Pollard. Thank you.

St. Peter Parish Auxiliary

The parish auxiliary will meet January 9th @ 6pm. All are invited to attend.

Welcome to St. Augustine / St. Peter of Alcantara Parish!

We want to welcome our visitors and new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Jegin. If you have not registered, we ask that you complete a form found by the bulletins in the back of church and return it to the Parish office or you may fill out the form online at our website. We are glad that you are here to share the Liturgy with our community. Those who plan to move from our parish are requested to inform the office.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

On a cold morning three palm fruit farmers were warming themselves by the fireside; soon, two of them got into a heated debate comparing their religions to decide which one is the true religion. Joseph, the oldest among them, sat quietly listening to their debate. Suddenly, the two turned to him and asked, “*Joseph, according to you, which religion is the right one?*” Joseph rubbed his white beard and said thoughtfully, “*Well, you know there are three ways to get from here to the oil mill; you can go right over the hill or you can go around the hill on the right side or you can go around the hill on the left side.*” He paused and then added, “*You know, when you get there, the mill man doesn’t ask you how you came; all he asks is, ‘Man, how good is your fruit?’*”

In the stories of Jesus’ birth, two special groups of people came to visit him: the shepherds and the magi. The church has no special feast to commemorate the visit of the shepherds, but we have this special feast of Epiphany today to celebrate the visit of the magi. Why is that? It is because the visit of the magi is an eye-opener. The shepherds learned about the birth of Jesus through angels. This is direct and supernatural revelation. The magi, on the other hand, learned about the birth of Jesus by observing a star. The star did not say anything to them; but, they had to interpret this natural sign of the star to know what it meant and where it was leading them.

Like the palm fruit farmers, all religious people tend to think that their religious tradition is the only way to God. But the feast of Epiphany opens our eyes to the fact that God is not limited to any one religious tradition. Notice how people of different religious traditions came to know about the birth of Jesus. The shepherds who were regarded as unclean and could not take part in temple worship without undergoing purification came to know through a direct vision of angels. The magi knew about the birth of Jesus through a reading of the stars. And King Herod’s scribes came to know through searching the scriptures. Visions, stars, scriptures - different ways of arriving at the same truth.

Yet the crucial question in the story remains: Who actually got to find Jesus? Herod and his scribes, who had the scriptures, failed to find Jesus but the magi who followed the natural light of the stars were able to find him. Why? Because the Jewish authorities, even though they possessed the shining truth of revealed scriptures, did not follow it. The magi, on the other hand, who enjoyed only a star light, followed its guidance. It is not the possession of the truth that matters, it is how prepared we are to walk in

the light of the truth that we possess. It is better to have the dim light of the stars and follow it than to have the bright light of the holy scriptures and neglect it.

As Christians, we believe that our religion possesses the fullness of truth. But what does that benefit us if we do not walk in the truth? Nature worshippers or non-believers who are sincerely committed to following the dim light of natural reason may arrive at Jesus before Christians who have the revealed truths through the Bible, but do not walk the walk of faith. This is the challenging truth we celebrate today through the celebration of the feast of Epiphany. So what is important is not knowing about Jesus, but knowing Jesus by our heart. **May God Bless.**

Sr. Audrey Mary Gold Award.

The Disabilities Awareness Committee is taking nominations for the Sr. Audrey Mary Gold Award. This award recognizes achievement for a person who works to ensure that ALL are included in parish life regardless of disability. If you know someone who fits the criteria, email to nominate the person or group before 2/14/19 to Richard Murphy at richard.murphy@pastoral.org. Award will be given out on 3/1/19. Thank you.

Job Opportunities

Owensboro Catholic Schools has an opening for a maintenance worker at Owensboro Catholic High School. This position is 8 hours a day, Monday - Friday, 12 months a year. Job duties include cleaning all areas of the buildings, stripping & waxing floors, trash removal, painting, & landscaping as needed. Successful candidate must be able to lift 50 lbs.

Interested applicants may submit a resume & cover letter to Karen.taber@owensborocatholic.org or mail to Karen Taber, Owensboro Catholic Schools Human Resources, 1524 W Parrish Ave, Owensboro, KY 42301

St. Mary of the Woods School & Trinity High School has an opening for an assistant principal. The applicant should have a Master’s Degree & at least 5 years teaching experience. Applicants should email a cover letter, updated resume & three references to Emily Hernandez at emily.hernandez@stmarywoods.com or St. Mary of the Woods School, 10521 Franklin St., Whitesville, KY 42378.

Director of Music & School Music Teacher, full time St. William Parish in Knottsville, KY, St. Lawrence Parish in St. Lawrence, KY, & Mary Carrico School in Knottsville, KY are seeking a musician to direct the liturgical music at all weekend Masses & other occasions, as well as to teach classroom music two half days per week & direct the liturgical music for a weekly school Mass. Bachelor’s degree in music or equivalent experience. Send email or mail a cover letter & resume to: Fr. Augusty Valomchalil 9515 State Route 144, Philpot, KY 42366. augusty.valomchalil@pastoral.org.

St. Augustine Ministries

Stewards for January 13th

Servers:

1/13 - 8am - Zachary Peerman & Claire Boeglin

Lectors:

1/13 - 8am - Jamie Boeglin

Eucharistic Ministers:

1/13 - 8am - Larry Schwartz & Ben Blair

Gifts:

1/13 - 8am - Tony Hundley family

Ushers for January

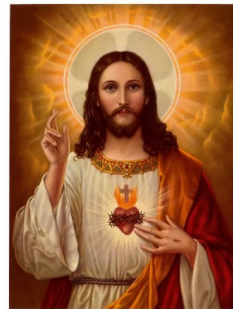
Larry Schwartz & Ben Blair

Church Cleaners

Rosemary Murphy (Jan. 12)
Shelley Payne (Jan. 13 - 26)

Church Cleaners:

Cleaning the Church is an act of your love and gratitude to God for our Church. If for some reason you are unable to clean when it is your turn, please contact: Herschel Smith 270-302-0601 and for a fee of \$30.00 he will clean for your two weeks. If you are physically unable to clean, please contact Herschel so other arrangements can be made.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6TH THRU JANUARY 13TH

Sunday - The Epiphany of the Lord

-8:00am - Mass at St. Augustine - *Ralph Mitchell*
-9:30am - Mass at St. Peter - *People of the Parish*
-10:30am - Parish Council Meeting at St. Peter

Monday - Christmas Weekday

-8:00am - Mass at St. Peter - *Chris Settles*

Tuesday - Christmas Weekday

-8:00am - Mass at St. Peter - *James C. Edelen Jr.*

Wednesday - Christmas Weekday

-8:00am - Mass at St. Peter - *Pat Jackson*
-6:00pm - St. Peter Parish Auxiliary Meeting

Thursday - Christmas Weekday

-8:00am - Mass at St. Peter - *Maurice Thompson*

Friday - Christmas Weekday

-8:00am - Mass at St. Peter - *Delbert Fulkerson*

Saturday - Christmas Weekday

-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Peter - *Chris Settles*

Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord

-8:00am - Mass at St. Augustine - *Ralph Mitchell*
-9:30am - Mass at St. Peter - *People of the Parish*

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."
St. Dominic Savio

An Accounting of Your Stewardship of Treasure	
Weekly Budget	1,403.85
Actual Collection: Dec 24,25 & 30	
Sunday Collection	3180.00
Parish Christmas	1297.50
Christmas Flowers	10.00
Diocesan Christmas	5.00
Maintenance	20.00
Retired Religious	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	30.00

Happy Anniversary

Bless All Married Couples in our Parish Family

Happy Birthday

Olivia Miller 1/12

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK †
Barbara Connor, Jennifer Ebelhar, Stella Fogle, Robin Hardesty, Fr. Jegin, John Patrick Martin, Kenny Pendleton, Neil Rudy, Baron Vanover, Betty Wathen, Bill Young, Lillian Young, Michael (Pup) Young. Dee Anna Booker, Sr. Michael Bridget, Shelia Byrne, Tonya Crabtree, Alan Ebelhar, Carol Sue Gibson, Kevin Hardesty, Mason Jackson, Nicholas Jackson, Mack Lacer, Leslie LeClure, Paula Mayfield, David Medley, Margie Merimee, Grant Oller, Steve Raley, Randall Schwartz, Barbara Smith, Karen Strode, Brad Whitledge.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday.....	1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday.....	1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday.....	1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
Thursday.....	1John4:19-5:4; Luke4:14-22a
Friday.....	1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
Saturday	1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
Sun...Is	40:1-5,9-11(21c);Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7; Lk3:15-16,21-22

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated upon request, and at least four times a year during 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 or someone in the parish office if you or any of your family is in the hospital or going into the hospital. If your doctor is willing we can also have a blessing for him/her at the time of your anointing.

Bulletin Information
Information for the Bulletin needs to be submitted to St. Peter's office by **Wednesday**. 270-764-1983 or office@stpeterofalcantara.com.

Faith Formation Class Schedule

January 6th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class
January 13th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class
January 20th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class
January 27th, No FFC, Confirmation



Special Collection

January 13th - Opportunities for Life
March 6th - Campaign for Mandeville, Jamaica
March 17th - St. Peter Cemetery Fund

Up Coming Events

January 6th, Parish Council Meeting @10:30am - SP
January 9th, Parish Auxiliary Meeting @ 6pm - SP
January 12th, Confirmation Day at the Cathedral @ 12:30
January 17th, Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30pm - SA

****SA - St. Augustine **SP - St. Peter**

Confirmation Classes

Our next Confirmation Classes will be on January 9, 16, 23. **Confirmation is on January 27th.** Let us pray for all our kids preparing for this great sacrament.

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Sacrament of Marriage

A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six months before 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 pastor. 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.

Sacraments to the Home-Bound

Please inform the pastor or the parish office if you know of anyone who is home-bound, 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.