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**Parish Council Meeting**

The St. Peter Parish Council will meet **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** (tomorrow / today) at 10:30am.

**Parish Council Meeting**

The St. Augustine Parish Council will meet Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**St. Joseph Peace Mission**

During this Holy Season of Advent, every weekend we will have a special collection to help the kids in the St. Joseph Peace Mission in Owensboro. Other Special Collection envelopes from the Diocese will be collected in the first collection. The second collection money will be completely going to the charity. generosity.



**Check Out the Back of Church**

Please stop in the back of church to pick up your family's copy of *Five Minutes with the Word for Advent*.

**St. Peter Church Christmas Decorating**

We will be decorating our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 17th, 2017 after the 9:30 mass. Your participation is appreciated!

**Christmas (Eve and Day) Mass Times**

St. Peter of Alcantara  
December 24 4.30 pm Children's skit/singing  
5.00 pm Holy Mass  
December 25 9.30 am Holy Mass

St. Augustine  
December 24 8.00 pm Holy Mass  
December 25 8.00 am Holy Mass

**Parish Advent Penance**

December 20th-St. Peter 6.00 pm  
December 21st-St. Augustine 6.00 pm

**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 office. 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,

As we are preparing to celebrate the Historical coming of Jesus into this world, in this second Sunday of Advent, I would like to begin with a personal question-do you really and sincerely feel that Christmas is an important celebration in your spiritual journey? If your answer is 'Yes', what are the preparations you have made or planning to make to experience and welcome Jesus into your hearts? If you think that external preparations like Christmas trees, exchanging of gifts, sending Christmas greetings, decorating the house are important, be sure, that would give only a momentary joy to you. But Jesus is promising eternal happiness to those who welcome Him into their hearts.

The season of advent is the time to welcome Jesus into our own hearts. So, the Gospel of today, reminds us through St. John the Baptist that, the best preparation to welcome Jesus into our hearts is one's own repentance of sins. Through repentance, we are called to be an example of Jesus in this world or to say, we should be a sign to lead others to Jesus, like St. John the Baptist in today's Gospel. So, as we are preparing to celebrate Christmas, it is important that we celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation and get reconciled with oneself, with others and with God.

It is a common sense that, the person who has a Ford car would not follow the manual of a Toyota car, to function his/her Ford car, rather he/she will follow the manual of ford car itself. But when it comes to our own personal life often we lack this simple common sense. As the children of God, created in the image and likeness of God, often we are tempted to use the manual of Satan and his foolish promptings and get into all kinds of troubles, rather than following the manual of God and promptings of the Holy Spirit to enjoy happiness. The season of Advent and St. John the Baptist in today's Gospel are calling us get back or use our common sense to cast out the wrong life manual of Satan, and follow the correct life manual of God for a healthy spiritual life or to say, live according to the will of God. Think about the story of the Prodigal Son, the Gospel says, "when he came to his senses..." he thought about his loving father and happy home and goes back. The same way, Repentance is a moment of regaining our lost senses, and going back to loving God and to His home.

Last week we had seen that, going back to God or to experience God in our present lives is possible only by the worthy celebration of the word of God, sacraments, prayers etc. In today's Gospel we see, by listening and accepting the word of God from St. John the Baptist, people get transformed and enjoy a new life. The same way, are we ready to get transformed through the power of the word of God, sacraments and repentance to welcome Jesus into our own lives?

St. John the Baptist is the forerunner of Jesus' historical coming into this world. Today, as we are waiting for the second coming of Jesus, each and every one of us are appointed to be the forerunner of Jesus' second coming. Yes, we can be the true forerunner to His second coming, only by going through reconciliation or living the will of God in our lives. Yes, repentance of sin is the most

*"Repent and Believe in the Gospel, for the Kingdom of God is at hand."* In order to handle this uncertain to receive the Lord of past, present and future.

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### Coordinator for Religious Education

Sts. Joseph & Paul church has an immediate opening for a Religious Education Coordinator. Candidates should have 3 years of experience in the given area or comparable field or coordination and management. To apply email your resume to Ashley Wilkerson at Ashely-sjpc@gmail.com. Position to be filled by January 3, 2018. Job description available for viewing on the Sts. Joseph and Paul website-www.stjpc.org

### Men's Club Christmas Cookout

The Men's Club will be cooking hams and burgoo on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Hams are \$45 and burgoo is \$18. To pre-order contact Denny Grant (270-929-8479) or Tim Cecil (270-929-8586). Orders need to be in by December 18<sup>th</sup>.



### Advent Penance Services

Blessed Mother	December 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm
Precious Blood	December 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes	December 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm
St. Mary Magdalene	December 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm
St. Stephen Cathedral	December 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm
Immaculate Parish	December 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm
Sts. Joe & Paul	December 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm
<b>St. Peter of Alcantara</b>	<b>December 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>St. Augustine</b>	<b>December 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Mount St. Joseph	December 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm
St. Martin Parish	December 10,17	4:30 pm
St. Alphonsus Parish	Lights are on each Wednesday	6:00 pm

### Collection for the Needy

St. Augustine Parish will also have a second collection each Sunday of Advent, beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup>, for the poor and needy. Please be generous, this will be used to help those who usually receive a Christmas Basket.

### Christmas Eve Children's Mass

This year, we will be doing a Christmas skit (with singing) before Mass instead of the traditional children's choir. We need angels, shepherds, animals, Mary, Joseph, and several narrators. ALL children and youth are encouraged to participate. At the first practice, we will choose/draw names for parts and hand out the script. If your child would like to participate but can't attend the first practice, please contact Monica Rice at 270-302-8675.

#### Practice Schedule

December 10 after Mass until 10:50  
December 17 after Mass until 10:50  
December 21 at 6:00 pm  
December 23 at 9:00 am (if needed)

**St. Augustine Ministries  
Dec 17**

**Servers:**  
Clair Boeglin & Zachary Peerman

**Lector:**  
Rose Mary Murphy

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Ben Blair & Christa Hundley

**Gifts:**  
Connie Williams Family

**Ushers:**  
Herschel Smith & Steve Byrne

**Church Cleaners:**  
Tracy Miller, Dec 3 - 16  
April Mitchell, Dec 17 - 30

**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  
Dec 10 - 17**



**Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent**  
-8am Mass @ St. Augustine - *Waylon Andrew Behnke*  
-9:30am Mass @ St. Peter - *People of the Parishes*  
-10:30am Parish Council Meeting @ St. Peter  
-10:30-10:50 Children's Choir Practice @ St. Peter  
-10:50am Faith Formation Classes

**Monday - Saint Damascus I (optional)**  
-8am No Mass—*Communion Service*

**Tuesday - Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
-8am Mass @ St. Peter - *George Johnson*

**Wednesday - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)**  
-8am Mass @ St. Peter - *Pat Carrico*

**Thursday - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor (Opt)**  
*Office Closed*  
-8am Mass @ St. Peter - *Hugh & Betty Cecil Family*  
6.30 pm Parish Council meeting at St. Augustine

**Friday - Second Friday of Advent**  
-8am Mass @ St. Peter - *Vivian Fischer*

**Saturday - Second Saturday of Advent**  
-8am @ St. Augustine the Patriotic Rosary  
-3pm Confessions @ St. Peter  
-4pm Mass @ St. Peter - *Bernard Payne*

**Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent**  
-8am Mass @ St. Augustine - *Herman Head*  
-9:30am Mass @ St. Peter - *People of the Parishes*  
-10:30-10:50 Children's Choir Practice @ St. Peter  
-10:50am Faith Formation Classes


**December is the month  
of The Immaculate  
Conception**



**Happy Anniversary**



Bless all Married Couples

 **Happy Birthday**

Phyllis Schrecker 12/10


**An Accounting of Your Stewardship of Treasure**

Weekly Budget	\$1,403.85
Actual Collection:	Dec 3
Sunday Collection,	\$1,441.00
Maintenance,	\$75.00
Christmas Flowers,	\$110.00
Christmas Food Baskets,	\$246.00

**Please continue to pray for the following  
Parishioners & Friends:**

Sophia Blair, Dee Anna Booker, Sr. Michael Bridget, Rethia Bumgardner, Shelia Byrne, Betty Cecil, Barbara Connor, Tonya Crabtree, Richard DeMar, Shirley Dunn, Alan Ebelhar, Mark Embrey, Stella Fogle, Delbert Fulkerson, Robin Hardesty, Mason Jackson, Nicholas Jackson, Fr. Jegin, Mack Lacer, Leslie LeClure, Paula Mayfield, David Medley, Margie Merimee, Anita Mitchell, Ralph Mitchell, Angie Park, Kenny Pendleton, Fr. Pike Powell, Steve Raley, Randall Schwartz, Chris Settles, Barbara Smith, Eddie Smith, Juanita Spalding, Betty Wathen, Lori Winstead, Sam Winstead, Bill Young, Lillian Young

**Readings for the Week**



Monday ..... Is. 35:1-10; Lk. 5: 17-26  
 Tuesday ..... Rev. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk. 1: 39-47  
 Wednesday ..... Is. 40:25-31; Mt. 11: 28-30  
 Thursday ..... Is. 41:13-20; Mt. 11:11-15  
 Friday ..... Is. 48:17-19; Mt. 11:16-19  
 Saturday ..... Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt. 17: 9a, 10-13  
 Sunday Is. 61:1-2a, 10-11, 1 Thess. 5:16-24, Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28

**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 week-end 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 [lschrecker@stpeterofalcantara.com](mailto:lschrecker@stpeterofalcantara.com).



### Faith Formation Class Schedule

December 10	10:50am
December 17	10:50am
December 24	no class
December 31	no class

### Let's Pray For Our Country!

A group of people are meeting each Saturday morning at 8:00am at St. Augustine Parish to pray the Patriotic Rosary for the United States of America. You are invited to attend--every Saturday or any Saturday that you can. This is important work!

### Up Coming Events

Dec 20 Men's Club Christmas Cooking - SP  
 \*\*SA - St. Augustine      \*\*SP - St. Peter

### St. Peter's Parish Auxiliary

We will not be having a Parish Auxiliary meeting this month

### Reason for Devotion to Divine Mercy NOW

Jesus said: "If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because that awful day, the day of My justice, is near." (St. Faustina, Diary Page 965)

### Special Collections

Dec 10	Religious Retirement
Dec 10	St. Joseph Peace Mission
Dec 17	St. Joseph Peace Mission
Dec 24	St. Joseph Peace Mission
Dec 25	Parish Christmas
Dec 31	Diocese Christmas

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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.