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Parish Council Meeting

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

St. Peter Donation Envelopes & 2019 Calendars

Donation envelopes & calendars for 2019 have been placed in the back of the church. Please do not forget to pick up yours as well as your children's. Thank you.

Men's Club Christmas Hams

The men's club will be cooking hams for Christmas on 12/21/2018 at St. Peter's church. They will be available for pick up after 1:00pm. Cost is \$45.00 and will need to be ordered in advance. To order contact Denny Grant 270-929-8479 or Tim (Wally) Cecil 270-929-8589. Thank You.

Special Collection in Advent Season

Both Churches will have a special second collection during the season of Advent to help the needy and the poor in our community. Please be generous. Thank you.

Christmas is Coming!

Children who would like to participate in the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Peter's, please attend the following practices: Dec.16 (10:30am to 10:50am) and Dec. 23 (10:30am to 11:10am).

Both Churches will decorate for Christmas after the Mass on December 23rd. We are asking for volunteers to stay and help. Confirmation candidates are requested to be present to help, for this will be your community service.

Christmas (Eve & Day) Mass Times

St. Peter of Alcantara

December 24 4:30pm Children's Choir
5:00pm Holy Mass
December 25 9:30am Holy Mass

St. Augustine

December 24 7:30pm Choir
8:00pm Holy Mass
December 25 8:00am Holy Mass

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,

Today, we lit the third candle of our Advent Wreath, and you will see a special color candle is lit other than the purple one. The rose color signifies "rejoicing." And so we celebrate rejoicing Sunday.

In the second reading of today, St. Paul tells us to "rejoice in the Lord always." He doesn't say, "rejoice when things are going good for you." But, he simply says, "rejoice always." Before saying how this is possible, I would like to first address why it is necessary for a Christian to rejoice always. St. Paul himself gives us the reason in the second sentence: "Your kindness should be known to all." Yes, it is through our kindness, the joy of Christ dwells in us. A person who goes around angry and bitter has a hard time treating others with kindness. St. Paul presents, being joyful is our identity as Christian and this is what Pope Francis tells us too, "A Joyful Christian is a true Christian".

Today's Gospel outlines the steps to be joyful. After listening to the mission preaching of St. John the Baptist about repentance last weekend, in today's Gospel we see the effect of his preaching through the important question raised by various categories of people-**what should we do?** When they asked this important question, he gives them a surprising answer, different from the normal practice of that time, that is to put on a sack cloth and join him in the desert and lamenting. But he gives very ordinary advice to the people. When the crowd asked the question, he said: Be mindful of sharing your resource with the less fortunate. To the tax collectors he said; avoid all kinds of dishonesty, greed etc. To the soldiers and other law enforcement people he said: do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone and be satisfied with the salary you get. Here, St. John the Baptist is not inventing any new moral precepts. But, he speaks from the universal moral law - a law "written in the human heart.", that is sincerely following the "conscience." This is the same method we reflected last weekend too, to listen to the sound of silence or to listen to the voice of God from within.

The first step to be joyful is to obey one's own conscience in the true sense - the law God has written on our hearts. Even non-believers know the connection between conscience and happiness. The Roman philosopher, Seneca, said, "The foundation of true joy is in the conscience. A troubled conscience destroys peace. Obedience to conscience, to the moral law, brings tranquility - and joy." So, a peaceful conscience is the first and fundamental step to joy. In the second step, St. John tells us to find one's own place in the order of things. God has a specific plan for each person. We are here not by a chance, but for a purpose. So, each must discover his/her place in God's order. This is what John does when he says "one mightier than I is coming." Yes, joy involves accepting the greatness of God, which is called an attitude of humility. The third step

is the most difficult for many of us: patience. St. John is the great teacher of patience. His entire ministry was one of patient waiting. He waited, preached and taught us to wait patiently for the Messiah. He knew that he couldn't build the kingdom of God here on earth. Lasting happiness can only come from God. You and I spend so much time trying to create our own happiness. John teaches that joy comes from patient waiting on the Lord. This is the same message the whole Gospel is preaching to us; "Repent and believe in the Gospel, for the Kingdom of God is at hand."

So praying for the qualities of good conscious, humility and patience, let us rejoice always and wait for the Lord whole heartedly. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice. Your kindness should be known to all."



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

- St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho - Dec. 16th @ 6pm
- Blessed Mother - Dec. 16th @ 2pm
- St. Mary of the Woods - Dec. 17th @ 6pm
- Immaculate - Dec. 18th @ 6pm
- St. Lawrence - Dec. 18th @ 6pm
- Sts. Joseph & Paul - Dec. 19th @ 6:30pm
- St. Sebastian, Calhoun - Dec. 19th @ 6pm
- Precious Blood - Dec. 20th @ 6pm
- St. Pius X - Dec. 20th @ 6pm
- St. Augustine, Reed - Dec. 21st @ 6pm**
- St. Stephen Cathedral - Dec. 23rd @ 2pm

Acettes Alumni Performance

Rehearsal Saturdays, Dec. 22nd & Dec. 29th 8:30-11:30am at OCHS large gym. Performance Friday, Jan. 4th @ 7pm boys basketball game @ Sportscenter. Cost is \$20.00 (Includes t-shirt & admission to game). If interested go to <https://owensborocatholic.org/camps/>

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.

St. Augustine Ministries

Stewards for the weekend of December 23rd

Servers:

12/23 - 8am - Zachary Peerman & Claire Boeglin
 12/24 - 8pm - Henry & John Boeglin
 12/25 - 8am - Sam Mitchell & Sam McFarland

Lectors:

12/23 - 8am - Rob Mitchell
 12/24 - 8pm - Jamie Boeglin
 12/25 - 8am - Rosemary Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers:

12/23 - 8am - Ben Blair & Christa Hundley
 12/24 - 8pm - Ben Blair & Larry Schwartz
 12/25 - 8am - Rob & April Mitchell

Gifts:

12/23 - 8am - Tony Hundley family
 12/24 - 8pm - Ben Blair family
 12/25 - 8am - James Davis family

Ushers for December

12/23- 8am - Sonny & Linda Evans

Church Cleaner

Connie McFarland (Dec.16-23)

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.



***Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
 I give you my heart and my soul.***

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

December 16th thru December 23rd

Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent

-8:00am - Mass at St. Augustine - *Lee Ann Schrecker*
 -9:30am - Mass at St. Peter - *People of the Parish*
 -10:30am - Practice & Faith Formation Class

Monday - Third Week of Advent

-8am - Mass - *Carol Gibbson*

Tuesday - Third Week of Advent

-8am - Mass - *James C. Edelen Jr.*

Wednesday - Third Week of Advent

-8am - Mass - *Chris Settles*

Thursday - Third Week of Advent

-8am - Mass - *Lee Ann Schrecker*

Friday - Third Week of Advent

-8am - Mass - *John Keller family*
 -6pm - St. Augustine Advent Penance Service

Saturday - Third Week of Advent

-3pm - Confession
 -4pm - Mass at St. Peter - *Roscoe & Mary Ruth Young*

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent

-8:00am - Mass at St. Augustine - *Ralph Mitchell*
 -9:30am - Mass at St. Peter - *People of the Parish*
 -10:30am - Children's Christmas Carol Practice

An Accounting of Your Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Budget	1,403.85
Actual Collection:	December 9th
Sunday Collection	1370.00
Retired Religious	25.00
Christmas Flowers	5.00
Advent Special Coll.	282.21

Happy Anniversary



Bless All Married Couples in our Parish Family

Happy Birthday



Garrett Peerman 12/22

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, Rethia Bumgard-ner, Shelia Byrne, Tonya Crabtree, Alan Ebelhar, Carol Sue Gibson, Kevin Hardesty, Mason Jackson, Nicholas Jack-son, 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.....	Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Tuesday.....	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25
Wednesday.....	Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Thurs.....	Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
Friday...Song of Songs 2:8-14/ Zep 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45	
Saturday	1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
Sunday.....	Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

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

Dec. 16th, 10:30am, Practice & Faith Formation Class
Dec. 23rd, 10:30am, No FFC, Practice for Christmas Eve
Dec. 30th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class
January 6th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class
January 13th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class



Special Collection

Dec. 16th - Hispanic Ministry
Dec. 30th - Diocesan Christmas Collection
Dec. 30th - St. Vincent de Paul Society

Up Coming Events

December 21, Advent Penance Service, SA @ 6pm
December 31, Mass at St. Augustine @ 6pm
January 1, Mass at St. Peter @ 6pm
****SA - St. Augustine **SP - St. Peter**

Confirmation Classes

Our next Confirmation Classes will be on December 19, January 2, 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.