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Parish Council Meeting

St. Peter - December 9th, 2018 at 10:30am. (*Rescheduled*)
St. Augustine - December 20th at 6.30pm.
All are welcome !

St. Augustine-Christmas Dinner

St. Augustine Church will have Christmas dinner on December 2, 2018 (Today) at 12:30 pm. It is potluck--all food to be provided by Parishioners. Come Let us Celebrate this Family Christmas.

New Appointment

Mrs. Gretchen Young is appointed as the new parish Bookkeeper and Secretary of the St. Peter of Alcantara Church. Let us welcome and wish her all the best wishes for her new job. She will be available in the morning hours during the weekdays from 8:30am. Best Wishes.

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.

Men's Discernment Retreat

The Diocese of Owensboro Vocations Office invites you to participate in the Men's Discernment Retreat for men ages 18-30 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to courageously give their lives to Christ. This will be a time for prayer, reflection, silence to listen to the voice of God, and rest. The retreat will be held on Dec. 14-16 at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. There are no fees or costs but registration is necessary. Register online at www.owensborovocations.com or <https://owensborovocations.com/vocationsevents/mensdiscernment-retreat>. Registration deadline is December 10, 2018.

"The devil fears hearts on fire with the love of God"

St. Peter's Auxiliary Meeting

Next Meeting will be on December 5th at 5.30pm. All are most welcomed to attend.

Immaculate Conception-- Holy day of Obligation

St. Augustine--December 7th, 2018 @ 6pm
St. Peter-- December 8th, 2018 @ 8am

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,

We have many problems and unfortunate things happen in and around the world, they are happening not because we don't have rules and regulations, rather it is our failure to follow them. As Christians, we have so many guidelines and warnings through the word of God from our Lord, to lead a happy life, but still some continue to be unhappy in their life, because they don't want to follow Jesus and His will in their lives. Through the Gospel of today, Jesus comes to us with some warnings for our lives, so that we can be prepared, well in hand, without any kind of fear in His second coming.

Once a boy was trying to get up in a big tree in their backyard and the father who saw his son climbing on the big tree did not stop him, but was watching him. The tree did not have limbs in the bottom part, so it was very difficult for the boy to climb up. However, he tried his level best and got on to the stage where the tree has more limbs close by, to get on to the top of the tree very easily. Since from the time, the son got on to the limbs, the father began to remind his son very often; "my son, be careful." As the son was coming down from the tree also the father continued the same warning until he finished the area where the tree has limbs. After coming down from the tree, the son went to the father and asked, "Dear father, it was difficult for me to climb and come down from the tree where there were no limbs, at that time you never warned me to be careful. But when there were more limbs to hold and get support, you constantly warned me to be careful." The father replied, "Dear son, when things are easy it is common that we don't take care of things and we won't be careful and it is then we make mistakes. But when things are not easy at all, we will automatically be careful without anybody's warning." I think the message of the father to the son is very much applicable to us too.

When things are going well with us, we have a tendency to take everything for granted and don't care much about our life in conformity with the will of God. Yes, when we are well off in our lives, we make all kinds of excuses for not making time for God, and more possibility for spoiling our lives. But as Christians, we are called to give priority to God and to His will through our lives in this world, if we don't do our part, how can we blame God in our lives, when things are going wrong in our lives? This is the message Jesus tells us through the Gospel of Luke 16:13 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." There is no doubt; materialism in this world diminished the spirituality in the lives of the people. The problem is we use and have things not according to our need, but according to our desire. As long as one lives, there will be desire in his or her life.

Even though, we fall away from God, still God is merciful and He blessed us with one more day. This day and this moment is a God given chance to enjoy our life in Him through our true repentance. The problem of many people in today's world is that many don't want to get up from their fall. The prodigal son was able to enjoy the love of his father, because he was ready to get up from his fall. The same way, the Gospel of today is a wakeup call for all of us to change our attitude and life and turn toward God. Because the Gospel reminds us that, "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." **God Bless.**



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

- St. Anthony - Dec. 05th @ 6pm
- Our Lady of Lourdes - Dec. 10th @ 6pm
- Mount St. Joseph - Dec. 10th @ 6pm
- St. Williams - Dec. 11th @ 6pm
- St. Peter of Alcantara - Dec. 12th @ 6pm**
- St. Alphonsus - Dec. 13th @ 6:30pm
- 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

First Reconciliation

December 12 @ 6pm will be the Advent Penance Service at St. Peter Church. It will also be the First Reconciliation for the following children: *James Barnard, John Patrick Martin, Garrett Peerman, Nathan Pollard, Josi Rice and Tanner Schwartz.* Please pray for them, as they are preparing for this Holy Sacrament.

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 9 & 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.

Stanley Celebrates the Season (Fire Dept.)

3rd Annual Christmas Tree lighting. Music, food and fellowship. Sunday, Dec.2nd, 5-8pm. Come and join the fun.

St. Augustine Ministries

Stewards for the weekend of December 9th

Servers:

12/09 - 8am - Sam Mitchell & Zachary Peerman

Lectors:

12/09 - 8am - Dee Anna Booker

Eucharistic Ministers:

12/09 - 8am - Angela Peerman & Connie Williams

Gifts:

12/09 - 8am - Larry Schwartz family

Ushers for December

12/09- 8am - Sonny & Linda Evans

Church Cleaner

Vicky Lacer (Dec. 2-9)
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.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

December 2nd thru December 9th

Sunday - First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am - Mass at St. Augustine - *Anita Mitchell*
- 9:30am - Mass at St. Peter - *People of the Parish*
- 10:30am - No FFC. Breakfast with Santa-SP
- 12:30pm - Christmas Dinner-SA
- 5:00pm- Christmas Tree Lighting-Stanley

Monday - First Week of Advent (St. Francis Xavier)

- 8am - Mass - LeeAnn Schrecker

Tuesday - First Week of Advent

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

Wednesday - First Week of Advent

- 8am - Mass - *Chris Settles*

Thursday - First Week of Advent

- 8am - Mass - *Joseph A. McKay family*

Friday - First Week of Advent (First Friday) (St. Ambrose)

- 8am - Mass - *Carol Gibbson*
- 6pm - Mass - *Chester & Frances Murphy - SA*

Saturday - Immaculate Conception of the BVM

- 8am - Mass - *Amy Young - SP*
- 3pm - Confession
- 4pm - Mass at St. Peter - *Bobby Toon*

Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am - Mass at St. Augustine - *Anita Mitchell*
- 9:30am - Mass at St. Peter - *People of the Parish*
- 10:30am - X'Mas Carol Practice & Faith Formation

"NEVER BE AFRAID OF LOVING THE BLESSED VIRGIN TOO MUCH. YOU CAN NEVER LOVE HER MORE THAN JESUS DID." ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Happy Anniversary



Steve & Ruth Raley 12/08

Happy Birthday



Barbara Smith 12/04
Emma McFarland 12/05
Tracy Miller 12/06

An Accounting of Your Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Budget	1,403.85
Actual Collection: November 25th	
Sunday Collection	1,052.00
St. Vincent De Paul	50.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK †

Barbara Connor, Jennifer Ebelhar, Stella Fogle, Delbert Fulkerson, 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 Bumgardner, 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.....	Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 8: 5-11
Tuesday.....	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Luke 10: 21-24
Wednesday.....	Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Matthew 15: 29-37
Thurs.....	Isaiah 26: 1-6; Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
Friday.....	Isaiah 29: 17-24; Matthew 9: 27-31
Saturday	Gen. 3: 9-15,20; Eph 1: 3-6,11-12
.....	Lk 1: 26-38
Sunday.....	Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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.9th, 10:30am, Practice & Faith Formation Class
Dec.16th, 10.:0am, Practice & Faith Formation Class
Dec.30th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class
January 6th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class
January 13th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class



Special Collection

Dec. 2 - Christmas Flowers
Dec. 9 - Retirement fund for Religious
Dec. 16 - Hispanic Ministry
Dec. 30th - Diocesan Christmas Collection

Up Coming Events

Dec.2nd, Breakfast with Santa SP
Dec. 2nd, Christmas Dinner @ 12.30pm SA
Dec. 2nd, Christmas Tree Lighting, 5pm @ Stanley
Dec. 9th, Parish Council Meeting, SP
December 20, Parish Council Meeting, SA @ 6:30pm
****SA - St. Augustine **SP - St. Peter**

Confirmation Classes

Our next Confirmation Classes will be on December - 5, 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.