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REED, KY**



**ST. PETER OF  
ALCANTARA  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH  
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**Check Out the Back of Church**

Please stop in the back of church to pick up your family's 2018 Donor Envelopes and the 2018 Church Calendar.



**New Year Day Mass Times**

January 1	8:00 am	St. Peter of Alcantara
January 1	6:00 pm	St. Augustine

**Opportunities for Life**

**January 13-14** is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to support **Opportunities for Life**. Opportunities for Life is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. The OFL ministry is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to offer confidential, non-judgmental emotional support, and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy. Please be generous in your support of this ministry. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for the OFL volunteers and for those the ministry serves. To learn more about **Opportunities for Life**, and volunteer opportunities with the ministry, please call (888) 496-3638.

**Parish Council Meeting**

The St. Peter Parish Council will meet Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

**Breakfast Pot Luck**

St. Augustine Parish will have their monthly breakfast pot luck after Mass Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**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,

An old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and a four-year old grandson. He was so old that, it was really hard for him to do anything by himself. The family ate together at the table, but the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating much difficult. The food and drink given to him were scattered all around his seat that, the son and daughter-in-law became irritated and said to each other, "*We must do something about Grandfather,*" we are already tired of him. So, the husband and wife set a small table in the corner and the grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner at the family table. Since grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was given in a wooden bowl. Occasionally the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, and sometimes he had tears rolling down from his eyes. The four-year-old son watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "*What are you making?*" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "*Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.*" The four-year-old smiled and went back to his work. The words of their son struck so hard that they were speechless. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table and from then on, the grandfather ate every meal with the family. Even though, the grandfather continued to make a mess, the son and daughter in law, never complained.

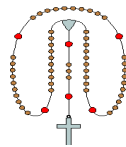
Dear friends, today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. As we celebrate this beautiful feast, we are all called to share the example of the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in our own family life and make our family a holy family. The most important point about the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is that they gave primary importance to the will of God than any other selfish interests. Yes, fear of God and love of God united them always even in the midst of problems and difficulties of their family life. The Gospel proclaims their devotion to God, by saying "*the child grew and became strong and filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon him.*"

As we reflect about the Holy Family, do you think, they did not have any problems or issues in their lives? Yes, they had their own problems and difficulties, but instead of adjusting each other, they accepted each other and that is the success of their life.

Accepting the other person as he is or she is the grace of God. Joseph had issues in accepting Mary, but when he accepted the will of God, He could accept Mary and become part of the Holy Family. Mary had her own difficulties at the beginning to accept the command of God, but she too accepted for the greater glory of God. Jesus being born as a human being in this world, there is no doubt that, He has gone through all the difficulties of his growing age, just like any one of us. But, He too accepted the will of God in His life.

Thus, we have the Holy Family, who accepted each other, than adjusted each other.

Yes, dear friends, learning to accept the will of God in our lives, will help us to accept the other person in our lives, as he is or as she is. When God lays foundation to each family through the sacrament of Marriage, His dream is nothing less than a Holy Family. But... how many couples can sincerely say, my family is living up to the dream of God? We can fulfill the dream of God only if we can accept the will of God in our lives. So, let us write it down deep within our hearts- "**Family that prays together lives together**". Because, our responsibility is not only to an individual person in the family but to a society and to the country at large, for it is the strong family that builds up strong community and country. So let us pray together and live together to build a healthy country with love, peace, joy and justice. **God Bless you.**



### Diocese of Owensboro Announcement

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Catholic. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270-685-8444) or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380.

The Diocese of Owensboro Sexual Abuse Policy is available in the back of Church on the parish library shelves and also on the diocesan web site ([www.rcdok.org/safe](http://www.rcdok.org/safe)).

### 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 on January 12, 2018, call the Family Life office at 270-852-8346, or 270-929-1524 or email: [felliott3232@yahoo.com](mailto:felliott3232@yahoo.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

### Catholic Men's Conference

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Conference will be held Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Riverpark Center in Owensboro. The conference includes the following well known Catholic speakers: Christopher West and Doug Berry. For more information go to [www.kycatholic.com](http://www.kycatholic.com)

**St. Augustine Ministries  
Jan 6-7**

**Servers:**

01/01 6pm Volunteers  
01/07 8am John & Henry Boeglin

**Lector:**

1/1 6pm Volunteer  
01/07 Barbara Smith

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

01/01 6pm Volunteers  
01/07 Angela Peerman, Connie Williams

**Gifts:**

01/01 6pm Volunteers  
01/07 Gary Sinnett Family

**Ushers:**

Jimmy Davis & Kathy Wolfe

**Church Cleaners:**

Rosemary Murphy, Dec 31 - Jan 13

**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.



**January is the month  
to Pray for  
Unborn Children**

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Dec 31 - Jan 7**

**Sunday - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

-8am Mass @ St. Augustine - Loney & Mary Etta Evans  
-9:30am Mass @ St. Peter - People of the Parishes  
-No Faith Formation Classes

**Monday - Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God  
Office Closed**

-8.am Mass @ St. Peter - Vivian Fischer  
-6.pm Mass @ St. Augustine - Stan & Alice Embry

**Tuesday - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Hugh & Betty Cecil Family

**Wednesday - Christmas Weekday**

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Helen & Wayne Tipton

**Thursday - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Memorial)**

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Gene Igleheart Family

**Friday - St. John Neumann, Bishop (Memorial)**

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Robert Millay

**Saturday -**

-8am @ St. Augustine the Patriotic Rosary  
-3pm Confessions @ St. Peter  
-4pm Mass @ St. Peter - Good Health of

Lee Ann Schrecker

**Sunday - The Epiphany of the Lord**

-8am Mass @ St. Augustine - Jack & Martha Crabtree  
-9:30am Mass @ St. Peter - People of the Parishes  
-10:30 am Faith Formation Classes

**Happy Anniversary**



Bless all Married Couples



**Happy Birthday**

Robert Purgeason 01/02

**An Accounting of Your  
Stewardship of Treasure**

Weekly Budget	\$1,403.85
Actual Collection:	Dec 24 & 25
Sunday Collection,	\$1,215.00
Christmas For Needy,	\$442.00
Christmas Collection,	1,048.00
Christmas Diocese Col,	25.00

**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, 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, Juanita Spalding, Betty Wathen, Lori Winstead, Sam Winstead, Bill Young, Lillian Young

**Readings for the Week**



Monday ..... Num:6:22-27, Gal:4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
Tuesday ..... 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn1:19-28  
Wednesday ..... 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34  
Thursday ..... 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42:  
Friday ..... 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51  
Saturday ..... 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 (Lk 3:23-38)  
Sunday ..... Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**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 31	no class
January 7	10:30am
January 14	10:30am
January 21	10:30am
January 28	10:30am
February 5	10:30am
February 12	10:30am
February 19	10:30am
February 26	10:30am
March 5	10:30am
March 12	10:30am
March 19	10:30am
March 26	10:30am

### 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!

### Daycare Custodian

St. Pius X Daycare is seeking a part-time custodian, 6-8 hours per week, early morning or late afternoon. High School diploma or equivalent required, experience a plus. Apply at the St. Pius Church Office.

### Up Coming Events

Jan 7 Breakfast Pot Luck - SA  
 \*\*SA - St. Augustine      \*\*SP - St. Peter

### Special Collections

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.