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Parish Council Meeting

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

St. Peter Donation Envelopes

Donation envelopes 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. 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.

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.

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,

Laurie Beth Jones was/is the consultant of many multi-national companies, who is also the author of bestselling books like Jesus in blue jeans, Jesus CEO etc. She writes in her famous book Jesus CEO, "as a society, we like the sound of hammering; but we are uncomfortable with the sound of thinking, which is silence." Yes, the author says nobody wants to enjoy the sound of silence in their lives. What is this sound of silence? This is the desert experience that we see in today's Gospel; a time to listen to the voice of the author of the world.

Today, we are living in a world of sound pollution, which is increasing day by day. As we are in the Christmas season, it is all the more increasing everywhere we go, as everyone is preparing for the Christmas celebration; busy looking for and purchasing gifts for their dear and near ones, forgetting the fact that **the magic of Christmas is not in the presents, but in His presence.** In this busy season, how many of us can sincerely say that we are not missing Jesus in His birthday? Don't you think we all need a break from this situation and a new outlook about our Christmas celebration?

In today's world, most of the problems faced by human beings can be solved, if we are ready to enjoy the sound of silence in our own lives. Look at Joseph, when his heart was greatly troubled knowing about Mary's conception, he forced himself to the sound of silence, the Bible says "While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream." Look at Mother Mary, when her heart was troubled when the Word of God came to her to conceive Jesus in her womb, the Bible says, "Mary pondered what sort of greeting this might be." Look at Jesus, in many places in the Bible we can see that Jesus is spending time at mountains alone. Yes, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, they all listened to the voice of God and lived; that is to say they discerned the will of God for them in their time of silence. This is the same kind of self-realization we all need, to create a better world and to celebrate a better Christmas.

As a Christian, our time of enjoying the sound of silence should lead us to the realization that "we are created in the image and likeness of God" that is to say, that the will of God for each one of us in this world is not different than the will of God for St. John the Baptist that we see in today's Gospel; "prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Yes, every one of us is called to be a prophet in this world, by living the whole commandments; **love of God and neighbor.** But how authentic we are in fulfilling our prophetic role?

Yes, before we begin to straighten the lives of others, it is important that we straighten our lives to reach God, and that is the whole purpose of the sound of silence we should be into; an examination of conscious in the presence of the Lord. John the Baptist preached repentance. Repentance signifies not regret for the past or performance of 'penance', but rather a new outlook on life keeping with the will of God. Yes, this season is calling us to have a new direction in life; like Magi, who took a different route after meeting Jesus, like the prodigal son who got back his sense and went back to his father, like Zacchaeus, who expressed his desire to share everything after meeting Jesus, like St. Paul, who became a strong soldier for Christ in this world after his experience of Jesus. So, let our challenge be meeting Christ in this Christmas, not eating more meat in this Christmas. **God Bless.**



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

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.

Job Opportunity

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. Augustine Ministries

Stewards for the weekend of December 16th

Servers:

12/16 - 8am - John & Henry Boeglin

Lectors:

12/16 - 8am - Rosemary Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers:

12/16 - 8am - Larry Schwartz & Dee Anna Booker

Gifts:

12/16 - 8am - Thomas McFarland family

Ushers for December

12/16- 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 9th thru December 16th

Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent

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

Monday - Second Week of Advent

-8am - Mass - *David Cecil*

Tuesday - Second Week of Advent

-8am - Mass - *Jake & Minnie Young*

Wednesday - Our Lady of Guadalupe

-8am - Mass - *Chris Settles*
-6pm - Advent Penance Service at St. Peter

Thursday - Second Week of Advent (St. Lucy)

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

Friday - Second Week of Advent (St. John)

-8am - Mass - *Lee Ann Schrecker*

Saturday - Second Week of Advent

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

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 - X'Mas Carol Practice & Faith Formation

The magic of Christmas is not in the presents, but in His presence.



An Accounting of Your Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Budget	1,403.85
Actual Collection: December 2nd	
Sunday Collection	1,296.00
Maintenance	50.00
Christmas Flowers	80.00
Advent Special Coll.	142.00

Happy Anniversary



Bless All Married Couples in our Parish Family

Happy Birthday



Phyllis Schrecker 12/10

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 35:1-10; Luke 5: 17-26
Tuesday.....	Isaiah 40: 1-11; Matthew 18: 12-14
Wednesday.....	Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab; Luke 1:39-47
Thurs.....	Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11: 11-15
Friday.....	Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Matthew 17:9a,10-13
Sunday.....	Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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

Up Coming Events

Dec. 9th, Parish Council Meeting, SP
December 12th, Advent Penance Service, SP @ 6pm
December 20, Parish Council Meeting, SA @ 6:30pm
December 21, Advent Penance Service, SA @ 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.