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ST. PETER OF
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Men's Club Christmas Cookout

The Men's Club will be cooking hams and burgoo on December 20th. 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 18th. **IF 100 gallons of burgoo are not preordered by December 18th, the burgoo will not be cooked.**



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* and the 2018 Church Calendar.

Church Christmas Decorating

St. Augustine is asking All parishioners who can, to please stay after Mass today to help decorate the Church for Christmas. We can't put up the Nativity Scene today, but will do everything else. Also, donuts and coffee after Mass, too.
St. Peter will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 17th, after the 9:30am Mass. Please stay to help.

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 7:30 pm Adult Choir
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,

The existential question raised by religious authorities from Jerusalem to St. John the Baptist is a question to each one of us, to be answered by each one of us on this Rejoicing Sunday—who are you? Have you ever asked and reflected on this question—who am I? People who took this question seriously into their lives, today live as saints in our Church.

As the Holy Mother Church invites us “Rejoice”, what do we have to rejoice? There is no one on earth who has completed his/her life without going through any problems or difficulties. Everyone has their own problems in their own way. In this context, how can the Church invites us to celebrate Rejoicing Sunday? The Gospel reminds us that, even in the midst of all sufferings and problems we should be able to rejoice. Is this possible to rejoice every time? Pope Francis says that “*A joyful Christian is a true Christian.*” One religious minded person Abbot Marmion says that “*joy is the echo of God’s life within us.*” Yes, rejoicing is possible all the time if we are able to find a right answer to the Question—Who are you? Or Who am I?

In the second reading of today, St. Paul tells us that “*Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ. Do not quench the spirit.*” Dear friends, how can we materialize the words of St. Paul in our lives? Is it possible in our lives? Yes, it is possible, if we can find the right answer to the fundamental question raised in today’s Gospel—who are you or who am I?

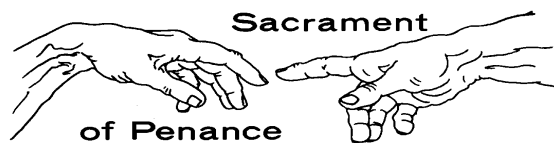
The first reading taken from the book of prophet Isaiah says about each one of us and our duty as followers of Jesus Christ. The prophet says “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.*” Yes, this is the truth about each one of us, and by living these words from the prophet in our lives, we are promised an everlasting rejoicing. To live these words, it is important that we take the child to be born in Bethlehem seriously in our lives. Look at the life of Paul and Silas in the Acts of the Apostles (16: 16-40). In the midst of sufferings and difficulties, they rejoiced in the Lord and sang glory and praise to God, and thereby we see great miracles happening in their lives.

Yes, an unending rejoicing is possible when miracle happens in our lives. The greatest miracle that one can experience in his/her life is to welcome Jesus into one’s own life. Yes, when Jesus dwells within us, we will see miracles in anything and in everything and thereby rejoicing in our lives. So, let us Rejoice in the Lord always by accepting the miracle child in our hearts.

God Bless You.

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



Advent Penance Services

St. Stephen Cathedral	December 17 th	2:00 pm
St. Martin Parish	December 17	4:30 pm
Immaculate Parish	December 19 th	6:00 pm
Sts. Joe & Paul	December 19 th	6:30 pm
St. Peter of Alcantara	December 20th	6:00 pm
St. Augustine	December 21st	6:00 pm
Mount St. Joseph	December 21 st	6:00 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 3rd, for the poor and needy. Please be generous, this will be used to help those who usually receive a Christmas Basket.

St. Augustine Collection for the Needy

If you know of someone in the St. Augustine community area who needs our help this Christmas season, please contact Dee Anna Booker (270-302-2439).

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.

Practice Schedule

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

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.

**St. Augustine Ministries
Dec 24-25**

Servers:

12/24 8am Gabe & Sam McFarland
12/24 8pm Volunteers
12/25 8am Sam & Ellie Mitchell

Lector:

12/24 8am Anna Dee DeMar
12/24 8pm Dee Anna Booker
12/25 8am Barbara Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

12/24 8am Sonny & Linda Evans
12/24 8pm Ben Blair \$ Volunteer
12/25 8am Rob & April Mitchell

Gifts:

12/24 8am Gary Stinnett Family
12/24 8pm Volunteers
12/25 8am Ben Blair Family

Ushers:

Herschel Smith & Steve Byrne

Church Cleaners:

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.



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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Dec 17 - 24

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

Monday -

Office Closed

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - *Ura & Grace Fogle*

Tuesday -

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - *Kenny Clary*

Wednesday -

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - *Pat Carrico*

-6pm Penance Service @ St. Peter

Thursday - St. Peter Canisius

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - *Living & Deceased Members of the John Keller Family*

-6pm Penance Service @ St. Augustine

Friday -

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - *Vivian Fischer*

Saturday - St. John Kanty

-8am @ St. Augustine the Patriotic Rosary

-3pm Confessions @ St. Peter

-4pm Mass @ St. Peter - *Bobby Edelen*

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent

-8am Mass @ St. Augustine - *Vivian Fischer*

-9:30am Mass @ St. Peter - *People of the Parishes*

-4:30pm Children's Choir Performance @ St. Peter

-5:00pm Mass @ St. Peter - *Johnathan Coomes*

-7:30pm Adult Choir Performance @ St. Augustine

-8:00pm Mass @ St. Augustine - *Frances & Sherrel Ralph*

Happy Anniversary



Bless all Married Couples



Happy Birthday

Garrett Peerman 12/22

**An Accounting of Your
Stewardship of Treasure**

Weekly Budget	\$1,403.85
Actual Collection:	Dec 10
Sunday Collection,	\$4,187.00
Maintenance,	\$1,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul,	\$400.00
Christmas Flowers,	\$22.00
Christmas For Needy,	\$77.00
Retired Religious,	\$60.00

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 Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
Friday 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27;
..... Lk 1:26-3
Christmas Eve · Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

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.



Faith Formation Class Schedule

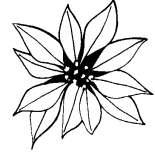
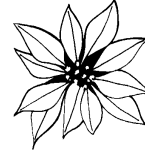
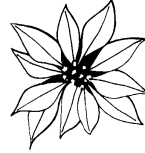
December 17	10:50am
December 24	no class
December 31	no class
January 7	10:30am

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!

Disciples Response Fund

As of December 12, 2017, St. Augustine Parish's target amount was \$2,049.54. Parish families have pledged \$3,110.00 for the DRF, of which \$3,010.00 has been paid. As of December 12, 2017, St. Peter of Alcantara Parish's target amount was \$3,964.07, parish families have pledged \$6,536.00 for the DRF, of which \$3,393.50 has been paid. The remaining difference is \$570.57.



Up Coming Events

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

Special Collections

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.