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**ST. PETER OF
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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.



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

New Year Day Mass Times

January 1 8:00 am St. Peter of Alcantara

January 1 6:00 pm St. Augustine



Parish Council Meeting

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

Breakfast Pot Luck

St. Augustine Parish will have their monthly breakfast pot luck after Mass Sunday, January 7th 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,

God speaks to us in many ways. To Mary He spoke through the angel Gabriel, to David He spoke through the prophet Nathan. Often He speaks to us through our brothers, sisters and friends. Often He manifests Himself to us through sick, poor and lowly, and in everyone we meet. But does anyone realize the truth that God is speaking to us through others and events?

Being the last weekend before the beautiful celebration of the World-Christmas, God is speaking to us through the life and attitude of Mary, to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Today, we have a Gospel passage about the annunciation of Jesus' birth. The angel Gabriel comes to Mary and says that she is chosen to be the mother of Jesus; "*Hail full of grace! The Lord is with you.*" The Gospel says that, by hearing the greeting, Mary is greatly troubled and at the same time pondered about the greeting that came to her. Dear friends, the first step to welcome Jesus into our hearts is to reflect on the word of God that came to us in the last 4 weeks. It is not enough that we reflect about it, but it is important that we plant those words in our hearts. Accepting the word of God in our hearts is the same as conceiving Jesus in our hearts. Because the Word of God is God Himself.

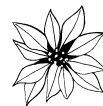
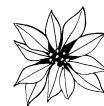
Just like anyone of us, Mary was also so much worried to accept and live the words that came from God through the angel. She was so much worried about the future problems waiting in her life, because she is already betrothed. However, the angel is not ready to step back, so the angel increases her confidence to take up this great challenge by saying; "*Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*" Yes, this is the same message, our guardian angel also is always telling us. But because of our busy schedule, we pay no attention to that. If you really want to be the favored one of God, there is only one way, just blindly accept and live the word of God, and there is no other bypass. Often what pulls us back from obeying the will of God is our fear of others-what others will think about me instead of what will God think about me? If you are ready to make an attempt, God says to us today, do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.

Yes, God's ways are mysterious. Without realizing the mysterious nature of God, Mary asks- How can this be? Yes, we too ask the same question to ourselves and to others when we are confronted with unexpected situations. In those situations, just like Mary, let us also place our trust and confidence in the power of God, because "*nothing is impossible for God.*" Yes, placing trust and confidence in the power of God, Mary says "*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.*" Can we repeat from our hearts, what Mary said?

Dear friends, if you think that, you are in a perplexed situation, not knowing what to do and how to do it, if you

are worried and tensed, please remember these words of Mary and repeat them in your heart "*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.*" When we are ready to live this word, be sure, we are ready to conceive Jesus in our hearts too.

God Bless.



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).



Recognize My Mercy NOW while there is still time

Jesus said; "**Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire life and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Saviour**".

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 or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

Catholic Men's Conference

The 7th Annual Men's Conference will be held Saturday, February 17th 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

**St. Augustine Ministries
Dec 31 - Jan 1**

Servers:

12/31 8am Taylor & Lily Stinnett
1/1 6pm Volunteers

Lector:

12/31 8am Rob Mitchell
1/1 6pm Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers:

12/31 8am Dee Anna Booker & Anna Dee DeMar
1/1 6pm Volunteers

Gifts:

12/31 8am Andrew Boeglin
1/1 6pm Volunteers

Ushers:

Herschel Smith & Steve Byrne

Church Cleaners:

April Mitchell, Dec 17 - 30
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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Dec 24 - 31

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

Monday - The Nativity of the Lord

Office Closed

-8am Mass @ St. Augustine - Hubert Evans
-9:30am Mass @ St. Peter - People of the Parishes

Tuesday - St. Stephen

Office Closed

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Nannie Mae Aull

Wednesday - St. John

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Living & Deceased Members of the Bernard Henning Family

Thursday - The Holy Innocents

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Bill & Anna Lee Smith

Friday - St. Thomas Becket

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - McCabe Family

Saturday -

-8am @ St. Augustine the Patriotic Rosary
-3pm Confessions @ St. Peter
-4pm Mass @ St. Peter - Vivian Fischer

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

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



Happy Anniversary



Bless all Married Couples



Happy Birthday

Christa Hundley 12/24
Jamie Boeglin 12/27

**An Accounting of Your
Stewardship of Treasure**

Weekly Budget	\$1,403.85
Actual Collection:	Dec 17
Sunday Collection,	\$1,026.00
Christmas For Needy,	\$205.00

**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



MondayIs 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday..... Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday..... 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Friday..... 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
..... Lk 2:22-40

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 Ischrecker@stpeterofalcantara.com.



Faith Formation Class Schedule

December 24	no class
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

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 24	St. Joseph Peace Mission
Dec 24	For the Needy - SA
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.