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Holy Day Mass Times

Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation
St. Augustine 6:00pm December 7
St. Peter 6:00pm December 8

Happenings Tomorrow/Today December 3rd

Adoration

Every family in the Diocese is requested by Bishop Medley to gather in their respective parish for an hour of Adoration, praying for Evangelization from 2pm to 3pm.

Breakfast with Santa – PJs and Pancakes

After 9:30am Mass we will have a pancake and sausage breakfast with Santa Claus. We hope to see ALL parishioners there for the fellowship.

St. Augustine Christmas Lunch

On December 3rd, at 1:00pm, St. Augustine will be serving their Annual Christmas Lunch. It is potluck all food to be provided by Parishioners.

Stanley Christmas Tree Lighting

The 2nd annual lighting of the Community Christmas Tree at the Stanley Fire Department will be Sunday, December 3rd at 5pm.

Chili, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Finger desserts would be appreciated. More table space will be available. Feel free to bring a lawn chair.

Check Out the Back of Church

Please stop in the back of church today to pick up your family's copy of *Five Minutes with the Word for Advent*.

Parish Finance Meeting

There will be a St. Peter Parish Finance Committee meeting Tuesday, December 5th at 5:30pm.

Parish Offices Closed December 6th

The Parishes offices will be closed Wednesday, December 6th. Father Jegin, Rosemary & Lee Ann will be attending a Diocesan Retreat.

Parish Council Meeting

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



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,

Not too far, we will be entering into the New Year of 2018, and in view of the New Year, we normally wish our dear and near ones Happy New Year, and expect good things to happen in their lives and in our lives. The same way, in our faith journey, we begin a new Journey from today, by entering into a new liturgical year. So, may I wish you all the best things to happen in your life, through the special blessings and personal experience of Jesus.

A new liturgical year begins today in our faith journey, and surprisingly, there are no parties, no Champagne being opened, no singing and dancing, and no one is staying up until midnight. Since there are no much external celebrations, we shall concentrate more on internal celebrations, by being open to the preparations to welcome Jesus into our lives by loving God and our neighbor.

We have been hearing from the Gospel of Matthew until last weekend, which ended with the final coming of Jesus and the judgement. Today, we begin the new liturgical year, and we will be hearing from the Gospel of Mark, which encourages us to wait for the Lord, by doing our duties responsibly in the present. As we reflect upon the period of waiting for Jesus' first coming at Bethlehem; the Christmas, we also await His final coming into our lives. In other words, we celebrate His coming in History, His coming in Mystery, and His coming in Majesty.

Yes, Jesus came in the past (History). The Son of God came to us, by taking the form of a man. We did nothing to earn this great blessing from the Father in Heaven. It was absolutely, God's choice and love for us; *"God so loved the world, that He sent His One and Only Son Jesus, so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life."* We celebrate this Historical coming of Jesus in a few weeks. Dear friends, as we focus more on Christmas trees and gifts and cards and parties, we must also continue to be aware of God's infinite love for us. And so, the Gospel of today reminds us to, *"Be watchful and Be alert"*, so that we do not lose our focus from Jesus and His love for us in this Christmas.

The second way Jesus comes to us is in the present (Mystery). Presently, Jesus comes to us through His Word, in the Sacraments, in prayers and in the poor. We must be aware of these ways of God's coming to us, so that we can recognize Him and respond to Him faithfully. It is about this present preparation and responsibility Jesus talks to us in today's small parable.

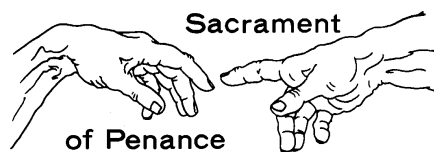
The third way Jesus comes to us is in the future, the second coming of Jesus. (Majesty) We do not know when that moment will arrive or in what manner it will arrive in each ones' life. Absolutely, no one has control over this situation, and so the only thing one can do is to be ready always with Hope in Christ, by living the present meaningfully. In order to face this uncertain situation in our lives St. John the Baptist and Jesus made the call to each of us, at the very beginning of their public ministry;

"Repent and Believe in the Gospel, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." In order to handle this uncertain situation meaningfully, the Gospel comes to us with a challenge through the little parable and says *"be alert and watchful."* An attitude of alert and watchfulness can be maintained only by those who are faithful. So through this Holy Mass, let us ask the Lord to give us Grace to be faithful always to receive the Lord of past, present and future.

God Bless!

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.



Advent Penance Services

St. Anthony	December 6 th	6:00 pm
St. Sebastian Parish	December 6 th	6:00 pm
Blessed Mother	December 10 th	2:00 pm
Precious Blood	December 13 th	6:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes	December 13 th	6:30 pm
St. Mary Magdalene	December 14 th	6:00 pm
St. Stephen Cathedral	December 17 th	2:00 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. Martin Parish	December 3, 10, 17	4:30 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.

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. If your child would like to participate but can't attend the first practice, please contact Monica Rice at 270-302-8675.

Practice Schedule

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

**St. Augustine Ministries
Dec 7 & 10**

Servers:

12/7 Volunteers
12/10 John & Henry Boeglin

Lector:

12/7 Volunteers
12/10 Dee Anna Booker

Eucharistic Ministers:

12/7 Volunteers
12/10 Larry Schwartz & Ben Blair

Gifts:

12/7 Volunteers
12/10 Angela Peerman Family

Ushers:

Herschel Smith & Steve Byrne

Church Cleaners:

Tracy Miller, Dec 3 - 16
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 3 - 10



Sunday - First Sunday of Advent

-8am Mass @ St. Augustine - Elizabeth Ann Connor
-9:30am Mass @ St. Peter - People of the Parishes
-No Faith Formation Classes
-10:30am Breakfast with Santa @ St. Peter
-1pm Christmas Potluck Lunch @ St. Augustine
-2-3pm Adoration @ both Parishes

Monday - St. John Damascene

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Jean Settles

Tuesday -

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Nannie Mae Aull
-5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting @ St. Peter

Wednesday - St. Nicholas

Office Closed

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Pat Carrico

Thursday - St. Ambrose

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Phil Keller
-6pm Mass @ St Augustine - Joe Canary

**Friday - The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Office Closed

-6pm Mass @ St. Peter - Vivian Fischer

Saturday - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

-8am @ St. Augustine the Patriotic Rosary
-3pm Confessions @ St. Peter
-4pm Mass @ St. Peter - Elizabeth Ann Connor

Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent

-8am Mass @ St. Augustine - Waylon Andrew Behnke
-9:30am Mass @ St. Peter - People of the Parishes
-10:30am Parish Council Meeting @ St. Peter
-10:30-10:50 Children's Choir Practice @ St. Peter
-10:50am Faith Formation Classes

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:	Nov 26
Sunday Collection,	\$697.00
Thanksgiving Local Charity,	\$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

Parish Council Meeting

The St. Augustine Parish Council will meet Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm.

Readings for the Week



Monday Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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 3	no class
December 10	10:50am
December 17	10:50am
December 24	no class

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!

Up Coming Events

Dec 3	10:30pm	Breakfast with Santa - SP
Dec 3	1pm	Christmas Potluck Luncheon - SA
Dec 3	2-3pm	Adoration
Dec 20		Men's Club Christmas Cooking - SP
**SA - St. Augustine		**SP - St. Peter

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. Thanks for your generosity.

Special Collections

Dec 3-24	For The Needy - SA
Dec 3	Christmas Flowers - SP
Dec 3	St. Joseph Peace Mission
Dec 10	Religious Retirement
Dec 10	St. Joseph Peace Mission
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.