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**ST. PETER OF
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Parish Council Meeting

St. Peter - January 6th at 10:30am
St. Augustine - January 17th at 6:30pm.
All are welcome !

Donation Envelopes & 2019 Calendars

Donation envelopes & calendars for 2019 have been placed in the back of both churches. Please do not forget to pick up yours as well as your children's. Thank you.

No Mass: There will be no morning Mass at St. Peter on December 24th and office will be closed on 24th & 25th.

Special Collection in Advent Season

This weekend will be the last weekend we will be collecting money for the poor and needy in our community. Please be generous. Thank you.

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

Christmas is Already Here!

Children who would like to participate in the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Peter's, please attend the following practice: 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.

Christmas (Eve & Day) Mass Times

St. Peter of Alcantara

December 24th 4:30pm Children's Choir
5:00pm Holy Mass

December 25th 9:30am Holy Mass

St. Augustine

December 24th 7:30pm Carol Singing
8:00pm Holy Mass

December 25th 8:00am Holy Mass

Holy Day of Obligation - Solemnity of Mary

December 31st 6:00pm at St. Augustine
January 1st 6:00pm at St. Peter

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,

In 1976, St. Theresa of Calcutta was giving a talk on the topic: women and Eucharist in the Eucharistic congress. She said; *“Mother Mary is the first one who received the Holy Eucharist and shared the spirit of Eucharist to the other.”* The Gospel of today, talks to us about the first sharing of the Eucharistic spirit with Elizabeth.

Since, the first Sunday of Advent, we were listening to St. John the Baptist and reflecting about the preparation each of us need to make to welcome baby Jesus into our own lives. But today, we have a gospel passage about two women, Mother Mary and Elizabeth, who played a major role in the salvation history. Elizabeth conceives and gives birth to St. John the Baptist who is the greatest and last prophet of the old testament and marks the end of an era of law and prophets. Mother Mary conceives and gives birth to Jesus, who begins a new era of love and grace to all those who believe in Him whole heartedly.

Last weekend we celebrated rejoicing Sunday, and St. Paul reminded us to rejoice always in the Lord; in good times and bad, in sickness and health and in richness and poor. Today, we have two beautiful women who rejoice in their lives, in the midst of all the problems of their own. Mother Mary had social problems, because of the fact that she conceived even before her wedding, still she rejoices. Elizabeth had age related, physical problems but she rejoices too. If they could rejoice in the midst of all the problems, worse than many of our problems, why can't we is the question we need to reflect about? Mary and Elizabeth were able to rejoice in the midst of their problems because their problems were related with saying YES to the will of God; so the grace of the Lord was with them. Most of our problems, in our lives, are related with saying NO to the will of God, so we find it difficult to accept them in our lives. So, it is not God who has to change, but we need to change our attitude.

As we are hours away from the celebration of Christmas, I am sure, everyone sitting here has their own problems, difficulties, tensions, worries etc. Let us stop, for a moment, worrying about them. Let us spend some time enjoying the sound of silence and reflect about the life of Mother Mary and Elizabeth. Let us not forget, just like Jesus visited Elizabeth and John through Mother Mary, today Jesus is visiting us through this sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Let us try to experience the Eucharistic Lord, and become a mediator of Christ in this world, just like Mary to Elizabeth and that is the whole purpose of Christmas too; to carry Jesus around this world. **God Bless.**

Disciples Response Fund Update

Parish: St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Parish Target: \$4,360.45

Amount Pledged: \$7,665

Amount Paid: \$5,170

Parish: St. Augustine, Reed

Parish Target: \$2,049.99

Amount Pledged: \$3,136

Amount Paid: \$3,111



Sr. Audrey Mary Gold Award.

The Disabilities Awareness Committee is taking nominations for the Sr. Audrey Mary Gold Award. This award recognizes achievement for a person who works to ensure that ALL are included in parish life regardless of disability. If you know someone who fits the criteria, email to nominate the person or group before 2/14/19 to Richard Murphy at richard.murphy@pastoral.org. Award will be given out on 3/1/19. Thank you.

Acettes Alumni Performance

Rehearsal Saturday, Dec. 29th 8:30-11:30am at OCHS large gym. Performance Friday, Jan. 4th @ 7pm boys basketball game @ Sportscenter. Cost is \$20.00 (Includes t-shirt & admission to game). If interested go to <https://owensborocatholic.org/camps/>

Job Opportunities

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. Mary of the Woods School & Trinity High School has an opening for an assistant principal. The applicant should have a Master's Degree & at least 5 years teaching experience. Applicants should email a cover letter, updated resume & three references to Emily Hernandez at emily.hernandez@stmarywoods.com or St. Mary of the Woods School, 10521 Franklin St., Whitesville, KY 42378.

Director of Music & School Music Teacher, full time St. William Parish in Knottsville, KY, St. Lawrence Parish in St. Lawrence, KY, & Mary Carrico School in Knottsville, KY are seeking a musician to direct the liturgical music at all weekend Masses & other occasions, as well as to teach classroom music two half days per week & direct the liturgical music for a weekly school Mass. Bachelor's degree in music or equivalent experience. Send email or mail a cover letter & resume to: Fr. Augusty Valomchalil 9515 State Route 144, Philpot, KY 42366. augusty.valomchalil@pastoral.org.

St. Augustine Ministries

Stewards for the 24th, 25th & 30th

Servers:

12/24 - 8pm - Henry & John Boeglin

12/25 - 8am - Sam Mitchell & Sam McFarland

12/30 - 8am - Claire Boeglin & Zachary Peerman

Lectors:

12/24 - 8pm - Jamie Boeglin

12/25 - 8am - Rosemary Murphy

12/30 - 8am - Anna Dee DeMar

Eucharistic Ministers:

12/24 - 8pm - Ben Blair & Larry Schwartz

12/25 - 8am - Rob & April Mitchell

12/30 - 8am - Angela Peerman & Connie Williams

Gifts:

12/24 - 8pm - Ben Blair family

12/25 - 8am - James Davis family

12/30 - 8am - Andrew Boeglin family

Ushers for December

12/30 - 8am - Sonny & Linda Evans

Church Cleaner

Connie McFarland (Dec.23)

Holy Day of Obligation

12/31 - 6pm - Need Volunteers

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.

Merry Christmas from Florida to our St. Augustine Church family. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas!

Sonny & Linda,
Jerry & Sheila
Bucky & Vicky

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

December 23rd thru December 30th

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am - Mass at St. Augustine - *Ralph Mitchell*
- 9:30am - Mass at St. Peter - *People of the Parish*
- 10:30am - Practice for Christmas Eve

Monday - Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Vigil)

- 4:30pm - Children's Choir at St. Peter
- 5:00pm - Mass at St. Peter - *Chris Settles*
- 7:30pm - Choir at St. Augustine
- 8:00pm - Mass at St. Augustine - *Ralph Mitchell*

Tuesday - Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00am - Mass at St. Augustine - *Ralph Mitchell*
- 9:30am - Mass at St. Peter - *Lee Ann Schrecker*

Wednesday - Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr

- 8:00am - Mass - *James C. Edelen Jr.*

Thursday - Feast of St. John, Apostle & Martyr

- 8:00am - Mass - *Bernard Henning family*

Friday - Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 8:00am - Mass - *Pat Jackson*

Saturday - Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 3:00pm - Confession
- 4:00pm - Mass at St. Peter - *Carol Gibbson*

Sunday - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- 8:00am - Mass at St. Augustine - *Ralph Mitchell*
- 9:30am - Mass at St. Peter - *People of the Parish*

An Accounting of Your Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Budget	1,403.85
Actual Collection: December 16th	
Sunday Collection	4975.00
Maintenance	250.00
Advent Special Coll.	129.91

Happy Anniversary



Bless All Married Couples in our Parish Family

Happy Birthday



Christa Hundley 12/24
Jamie Boeglin 12/27

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK †

Barbara Connor, Jennifer Ebelhar, Stella Fogle, 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 Jack-son, 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 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
 Tuesday.....Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
 Wednesday.....Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
 Thurs.....1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a,2-8
 Friday.....1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
 Saturday1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
 Sunday...1Sm. 1:20-22,24-28; 1Jn. 3:1-2,21-24;Lk. 2:41-52

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. 23rd, 10:30am, No FFC, Practice for Christmas Eve
Dec.30th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class
January 6th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class
January 13th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class
January 20th, 10:30am, Faith Formation Class



Special Collection

Dec. 30th - Diocesan Christmas Collection
Dec. 30th - St. Vincent de Paul Society
January 13th - Opportunities for Life

Up Coming Events

December 31st, Mass at St. Augustine @ 6pm
January 1st, Mass at St. Peter @ 6pm

****SA - St. Augustine **SP - St. Peter**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

St. Stephen Cathedral - Dec. 23rd @ 2pm

Confirmation Classes

Our next Confirmation Classes will be on 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.