

Parishes of
ST. AUGUSTINE
and
ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA

2005 Contribution Statements

The Contribution Statements for St. Peter are in the back of Church in the center vestibule. They are in alphabetical order to make finding yours easier. If there is an error on your statement or you have questions, call Stanette (764-1983).

UK Raffle Drawing

St. Peter will be drawing for a winner on Sunday, January 22, after the 9:30am Mass.

St. Augustine Winner

Lori Chaney won the UK Raffle at St. Augustine. Congratulations, Lori!

Fish Fry and Auction

St. Peter's Ladies Auxiliary Fish Fry/Auction will be held January 27. Serving starts at 6pm. Prices are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under age 5.

Auxiliary members are asked to provide desserts and auction items for the Fish Fry/Auction. Ladies will be peeling potatoes after Mass on the 27th; anyone who would like to help will be welcomed.

Mass Schedule Change

Tuesday evening Mass is canceled this week. Fr. will be helping in Henderson with First Reconciliation.

Next Scripture Study Thursday, January 26, at 6:30pm.

Youth Group News

The Youth Group is planning a FUN DAY of Bowling at Diamond Lanes on Sunday, January 22. All youth interested in going (including St. Augustine youth), meet at St. Peter's at 12:30pm.

The next meeting is Sunday, February 5. Also, all youth are urged and encouraged to attend the Fish Fry and Auction on January 27 at St. Peter's.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass

All are invited to the annual Diocesan Pro-Life Mass with Bishop John McRaith as celebrant. This year the Mass for Life will be celebrated on January 23 at 12:05pm at St. Stephen Cathedral. This is the 33rd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion in our country, and since that time over 40 million children have lost their lives. Please come and express your belief in the sanctity of life at all stages.

Day of Penance and Prayer

The bishops of the United States have designated Monday, January 23, as a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of this right to life.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As you read through the Gospel of Mark you will probably notice that Jesus' disciples are always misunderstanding him. They never seem to get it right. They don't recognize who he is (the only ones who recognize that

Jesus is the Son of God in this Gospel are the demons, and Jesus silences them before they tell anyone). So, we shouldn't get really excited about the disciples who go with Jesus in this weekend's Gospel reading.

Fishing, in Jesus' day, was not an easy way of making a living. It was nearly impossible to make a living on one's own in this profession. It wasn't uncommon for several families to form a coalition, pooling their resources and sharing their catch. Quite likely Peter and Andrew were in a coalition with Zebedee and his sons. Since Mark emphasizes how the disciples always misunderstand Jesus, and since their family business coalition would have to hire day laborers to replace them, they must have been looking for some kind of physical payoff for following Jesus. That kind of tarnishes the romantic idea of these fellows dropping everything to follow Jesus, doesn't it?

I don't think that things are very different today. Most of us truly want to follow Christ, but we don't want to be too impractical about it. We keep our eyes open for some kind of physical gain. How many televangelists have you heard coaxing the donations from their viewers by promising that if they sacrifice to give to the televangelist then God will reward them in some kind of physical (usually monetary) fashion? Pure altruism seems to be extremely rare!

Unlike the Apostles in Mark's version of the Gospel, we claim to know who Jesus is. We don't hesitate to call him God's only begotten Son. But we still hesitate to follow him unreservedly. We tend to hold back—perhaps just in case if we made a mistake. Maybe our faith that Jesus is Lord isn't as strong as we would like to think! We might be bargaining with God—"I'll follow you, Lord, if you do things my way!"

I think that we definitely need to listen for God's call, and to answer that call with all our being. But I also realize that I seldom do respond so completely—and I doubt that I am

alone in that shortcoming. If I chose to dwell on it, I could probably become very depressed because I can see how unworthy and how incompetent a follower I am. But none of us should give up trying to be more unselfishly dedicated to Christ. The Apostles might not have understood who Jesus was as they walked with him, but they eventually came around. They accepted their call to conversion—even giving their lives for Christ. As we live out our lives we live in hope that our eyes and hearts, too, will be opened so that we may proclaim, with the Apostles and all the saints, that Jesus, the Christ, is truly human and divine—the Son of God and our Brother. The more convinced of this we become, the more our lives should reflect Christ's life, and then we will really be fishing for human souls!

Heppler Family Reunion

The Heppler Family is having a reunion on Sunday, January 22, at 12 Noon, at St. Augustine Parish Hall. All are invited to come and visit old friends.

Homemade Sausage

The Knights of Columbus will be making fresh and smoked sausage on February 3rd. Call Gilbert Connor (764-1039) to place your order. Please order by January 28.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert A. Powers who was buried last Wednesday and for consolation for his family and friends. Bob is the brother of Fr. Al, Msgr. Bernard, and Fr. Richard Powers

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Mary Jane Alexander, Nathan Bach, Carla Bellwood, Taylor Bernhard, Sr. Mary Ignatius Byrne, Jim Calhoun, Virginia Clary, Jared Crisp, Bonnie Crabtree, Jimmy Eblen, Fizzie Fulkerson, Bill Gibson, Mary Alice Grant, Donnie Haire, Sandy Hines, Betty Dean Jones, Jan King, Ruth Lanham, Loretta McEwen, Fr. Ben Luther, Carol Medley, Anita Mitchell, Herbert & Ruby Murphy, Aaron Patrick, Bob Payne, Eric Potter, Margaret Purgeason, Dot Quinn, Paul Raley, Boonie Ralph, Tommy Ralph, Viola Sanders, Bill Schartung, Randall Schwartz, Catherine Simon, Anita Skaggs, Keith Sterett, Kevin Ward, Mrs. Vernon Wathen, Jessica Wilkerson, Bill & Connie Williams.

Welcome to Sts. Augustine & Peter of Alcantara Parishes!

We want to welcome our visitors and new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Ray. If you have not registered, we ask that you pick up a form from the back table in church, fill it out, and return it to us. You may bring it to the office, mail it, or place it in the collection baskets. We really are glad that you are here to share the Liturgy with our community.

**Owensboro Catholic Schools
Pre-registration and Financial Aid**

OCS recently mailed out financial aid forms for the 2006-07 school year. Any family interested in enrolling their child is encouraged to fill out the financial aid forms. Pre-registration begins March 17. If you did not receive forms, but would like to, call the Central Office (686-8896).

Freshman Registration

Owensboro Catholic High School's registration for incoming freshmen will be held in the cafeteria and small gym at the school at 7pm the evening of Wednesday, January 25.

Theology Class

Have you always wanted to take a class in Theology? But you don't have the time. Brescia University now offers Theology courses online. Sign up now for Th. 105, Introduction to the New Testament taught by Fr. Larry Hostetter, STD. The course begins March 21 at 7pm online. Go to www.brescia.edu, click on BU Online and follow the links for more information. Or, call or e-mail Fr. Larry directly, 270-686-4328, larry.hostetter@brescia.edu

Beatification

Mother Maria Teresa of St. Joseph, foundress of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus, will be beatified May 13, 2006. The Carmelite Sisters, who operate Carmel Home in Owensboro, invite you to join them in a pilgrimage to France and The Netherlands May 8-15, 2006, which will include participation in the Mass of Beatification at St. Christopher Cathedral in Rovermond, The Netherlands. For information, call Sr. M. Andrea or Sr. M. Bernadette at Carmel Home (683-0227).

Our accounting of your stewardship of treasure (St. Augustine)

Sunday Collection, January 15
Building Fund

Our accounting of your stewardship of treasure (St. Peter of Alcantara)

Sunday Collection, January 15	\$1,823.51
Children	11.00
Wisdom Hall	25.00
Opportunity for Life	309.31

Readings for the Week

MondayIs 32:15-18; Mt 5:1-12a
 Tuesday2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
 WednesdayActs 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18
 Thursday2 Tm 1:1-8; Lk 10:1-9
 Friday2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
 SundayDt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

More Ladies Auxiliary News

The next Auxiliary meeting will be February 13. Topics of discussion will include the Potluck on March 4 and the Fish Fry.

Potluck Supper

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Potluck Supper on March 4. Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for more details!

Parenting Retreat

Being a parent is the most important job in your life, yet many of us have had little training. Come and learn what the Church teaches about being Ambassadors of Christ to your children. Hear Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM, talk about the necessity of parental ambassadorship and the relationship between parents and children. This retreat will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Saturday, January 28. The retreat begins at 8:30am with coffee and donuts and ends at 4:00pm. The cost is \$24 per couple or \$12 per person. Lunch and babysitting will be provided. This event is sponsored by Retrouvaille. Please mail checks payable to Retrouvaille of Owensboro, 3200 Boyce Fairview Rd., Alvaton, KY 42122. Contact Dan and Pam Lipp (270) 793-0003 if you have questions.

Mass Schedule (St. Augustine)

Mon.	8:00am	Mass at Stanley
Tues.	6:30pm	No Mass today
Wed.	8:00am	Mass at Stanley
Thur.	8:00am	Mass at Stanley
Fri.	8:00am	Mass at Stanley
Sat.	5:00pm	Mass at Stanley
Sun.	8:00am	Jimmy Dunn

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00pm at Stanley
or by appointment.

Mass Schedule (St. Peter of Alcantara)

Mon.	8:00am	Lance Cpl. Bryan C. Wimsatt
Tues.	6:30pm	No Mass today
Wed.	8:00am	All Souls Intention of Joe/Jean Coomes
Thu.	8:00am	James & Mary Keller 49th Anniv
Fri.	8:00am	Georgia Henning
Sat.	5:00pm	Charles Hamilton
Sun.	9:30am	People of the Parishes

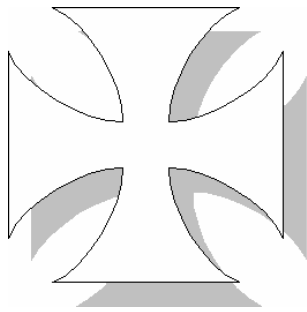
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Friday 7:30 am
or by appointment.

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.

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 Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated upon request, and at least four times a year at all 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. If you notify us before surgery, we can celebrate this sacrament before you are admitted to the hospital. If your doctor is willing we can also have a blessing for him/her at the time of your anointing.

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 if there is any question.

St. Peter of Alcantara Ministries

Servers: 5:00pm Hannah Millay & Gavin Cecil
9:30am Jessica Fogle & Alex Mitchell

Lectors: 5:00pm Vicki Stogsdill
9:30am Rosie Clary

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00pm Marie Murphy, Cathy Mitchell, Dolores Wathen
9:30am Hugh Cecil, George Schrecker, Tina Gerteisen

Gifts: 5:00pm Johnny Westerfield Family
9:30am Michael Smith Family

Ushers: 5:00pm Sammy Hall & Joe Bill McKay
9:30am Bobby Alvey & Eddie Smith

Tellers: Denny Grant & Marty Mitchell

Church Cleaner: Cathy Connor

St. Augustine Ministries

Servers: 5:00pm Mass at Stanley
8:00am Nolan Miller, Joseph Schwartz

Lectors: 5:00pm Mass at Stanley
8:00am Dee Anna Booker

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00pm Mass at Stanley
8:00am Linda Evans, Phyllis Canary

Gifts: 5:00pm Mass at Stanley
8:00am Barry Eblen Family

Church Cleaners: Betty Davis (Jan 23-Feb 4)

