

Parishes of  
**ST. AUGUSTINE**  
and  
**ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA**

**UK Raffle Winner**

Neil Mattingly won the UK Raffle at St. Peter.

**Youth Group Meeting**

Sunday, February 5, at 6pm.

**Blessing of Throats**

Friday, February 3, is the feast of St. Blaise, patron of diseases and illnesses of the throat. Mass will be at 6:30pm that day and all are invited to come get their throats blessed.

**St. Peter Parish Council Meeting**

Sunday, February 5, after the 9:30am Mass.

**Ladies Auxiliary**

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet February 13. Topics of discussion will include the Potluck on March 4 and the Fish Fry.

**2005 Contribution Statements**

There are still a few contribution statements left in the center vestibule at St. Peter and on the window sill at St. Augustine. Be sure to get yours picked up.

**Potluck Supper**

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

**CCD Parent Meeting—St. Augustine**

Members of the staff at Owensboro Catholic Schools would like to meet with St. Augustine CCD parents on February 8 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. All CCD parents are invited to attend.

**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 30.

**Nominations for Parish Council  
St. Augustine**

Please return your nomination forms this weekend. If you forgot to bring yours back or if you weren't here last weekend, nomination forms can be found at both entrances to the church. You must return them today. We are voting next weekend.

**Picnic Raffle Collection**

Next Sunday we will have a special collection to help fund the Picnic Raffle at St. Augustine.

Current members of the Parish Council are: Christa Hundley, Anna Dee DeMar, Rob Mitchell, Glenn Miller, and Ronnie Purgeason. Garry Eblen is leaving the Council as his term has expired. Thanks, Garry, for your hard work.

**Next Scripture Study** Thursday, February 2, at 6:30pm.

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### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the 1977 movie, "Oh, God!", God (George Burns) appears to an assistant grocery store manager (John Denver), and tells him that he has been chosen to be his prophet. The poor store manager, Jerry Landers, at first can't believe that it is really God, and upon his conversion,

is very fearful of the tremendous burden placed upon him. He would have to find a way to convince the world that God a) chose to reveal his plan through a simple store manager, b) was displeased with the way things were going, and c) loved us all and wanted us to turn back to him. Most challenging, Jerry would have to convince the world that God IS! When Jerry went to the people, they were too involved in their "real world" to listen. Even his family was, understandably, skeptical. God had become a Sunday morning diversion who had no place or standing in the everyday lives of the people.

If the Israelites had experienced a God like George Burns, they probably wouldn't have needed a prophet. Their experience of God was so powerful that no one could see God's face and live. They were terrified of the fiery column. As they neared the Promised Land, and as it became more evident that Moses was not going to be with them much longer, they begged for another person like Moses to be an intermediary between God and them. They must have felt relieved to hear Moses promise that God would raise up another.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Law that had been given to those first Israelites in Moses' day was being abused and ignored. Many of the teachers and experts used the Law to keep the people down. Others twisted the Law so that they could cheat the people. It was a situation where the simple people tried to be religious, but didn't always know what the genuine Tradition and Law was.

Jesus came into this scene as a genuine revolutionary. We don't know of Jesus receiving any special education in the Faith, as the Pharisees would have had. But he did have a very special relationship with his Father. John's Gospel gives us a glimpse of that unique relationship by reminding us of how the Son and the Father are One. Mark gives us a glimpse of it when the people recognize that Jesus is teaching with a genuine authority! The people found real LIFE in the Word, and they marveled.

Jesus worked many wonders for the people, but the people (including the Apostles) couldn't really grasp the meaning of the miracles. The only ones who actually caught on to who Jesus really is, in Mark's Gospel, were the demons—and Jesus would not let them speak! The religious leaders refused to

consider that Jesus could be anything but a rebellious threat. Some of them might have been abusing the Law for so long that they thought that they were in the right. But as they heard Jesus teach, they began to feel threatened. If the genuine Word of God was allowed to be taught, then their days as manipulators of the Law would be numbered. They must have sensed their own peril.

We live in a very secular world today. Miracles don't carry much credibility in our busy society. We have figured so many things out that, even if we don't admit it out loud, we feel like we don't really need God any more! That might sound harsh and presumptuous, but if we take the time out of our busy schedules and examine our lives, we might be forced to agree. Jesus cured those who needed it, and if they believed in him, he even healed them (a cure is physical, genuine healing touches the soul!). He fed the hungry and ate with the lowly. He led by being the greatest of servants.

Today we leave the curing to the doctors—and they are very good at it. But we often forget the healing. We pray for miracles when it is someone close to us, but often what we pray for is that the person be restored to physical health only. The recipients of such miracles are truly blessed when their deepest values are touched by such wonders. If they merely return to the exact same life as before, then they have eluded the healing. We let government agencies or churches deal with the poor. Jesus was able to inspire someone to give whatever he had, and when Jesus thanked the Father, it was enough to feed thousands. We often throw away more food in a day than some people see in a month!

Are there no prophets after Jesus? Jesus once said that no one was greater than John the Baptist, but the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he. We are all reborn in Baptism. We are empowered through our Confirmation. We are offered the luxury of Mass, not just on weekends, but nearly every day. We have more gifts than we can appreciate—and Jesus tells us that we are the new prophets: "Whatever you do for the least of these. . . you do for me."

### 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.

**Catholic Schools Week:  
Character. Compassion. Values.**

Owensboro Catholic Schools will join other Catholic Schools across the nation to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, January 30-February 3. Our schools will host several activities throughout the week. All students from OCS will gather on Wednesday, February 1, at the Sportscenter at 10am for a special Mass. All are invited to join us. We thank the parishioners and pastors for their support of Owensboro Catholic Schools—Faith in Education.

**Elementary Open Houses**

Owensboro Catholic Elementary K-3 Campus and 4-6 Campus will have an Open House on Tuesday, February 7, from 6-8pm. All families are invited to visit our schools and see, first hand, what we have to offer.

**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).

**Track Coach Needed**

Owensboro Catholic Middle School is looking for a Track Coach. This person must be a responsible adult over 21 years of age, have completed the Safe Environment program or be willing to complete it, and have a background check. If you are interested, please contact Mark Woodward at Owensboro Catholic Middle School (683-0408) or email mark.woodward@owensborocatholic.org

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

Sunday Collection, January 22	\$880.25
Building Fund	215.00
Chili Supper	737.01

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

Sunday Collection, January 22	\$2,208.85
Children	18.10
Opportunity for Life	10.00
UK Raffle	\$2,563.00

**Readings for the Week**

Monday ..... 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday 2 Sm 18:9-10; 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday ..... 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday ..... Mal 3:1-4 & Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40  
 Friday ..... Rom 5:1-5; Mk 16:15-20  
 Saturday ..... 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**Dance Camp**

Brescia University Dance Team presents a two day dance camp for K-6 grade students. Begins Saturday, February 4, 8:30am—12:00pm at Brescia's Gym in the Campus Center. \$20 participation fee includes t-shirt, instruction and performance at Men's Basketball game on Thursday, February 9. Contact Belinda Thomson (686-4296) or applications are at front desk of Brescia Campus Center.

**School Board Member Recognition Month**

January is School Board Member recognition month. We thank our Owensboro Catholic Schools School Board members for their work and dedication to our students and families.

The Owensboro Catholic Schools School Board members are Mr. Bob Wimsatt (Precious Blood), Mr. Jeff Fenwick (Blessed Mother), Mr. Mel Windle (St. Stephen), Mr. Chris Settles (St. Peter of Alcantara), Mrs. Jane Kamuf (St. Mary Magdalene), Dr. Karen Bickett (St. Martin), Mrs. Janice Taul (St. Anthony), Mrs. Karen Danhauer (Sts. Joe and Paul), Mr. Rick Jones (St. Elizabeth), Mrs. April Mitchell (St. Augustine), Mr. David McNulty (Immaculate), Mr. Harold Murphy (St. Alphonsus), Mrs. Laura Nauviaux (St. Pius X), Mr. Brent Hamilton (Our Lady of Lourdes), Fr. Brian Roby and Fr. John Vaughan.

### Mass Schedule (St. Augustine)

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Mass at Stanley
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Mass at Stanley
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Mass at Stanley
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Mass at Stanley
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Mass & Blessing of Throats at Stanley
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Thelma Murphy
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Roberts Family

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

### Mass Schedule (St. Peter of Alcantara)

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Bennett E. Mitchell
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Pat Jackson
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	All Souls Int of John/Bea Westerfield
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Bill Settles
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	William E. & Mary E. Calhoun
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Mass at Reed
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	People of the Parishes

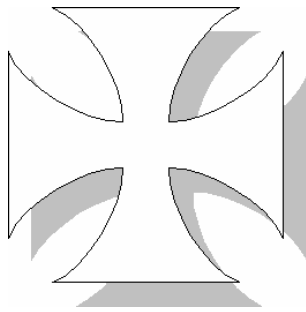
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday 4:00pm at Reed  
Friday 7:30 am  
or by appointment.

#### 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 Mass at Reed  
9:30am Stephanie & Alexander Schwartz  
**Lectors:** 5:00pm Mass at Reed  
9:30am Becky Mitchell  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
5:00pm Mass at Reed  
9:30am Pat Coomes, George Schrecker, Sarona Grant  
**Gifts:** 5:00pm Mass at Reed  
9:30am Tim Cecil Family  
**Ushers:** 5:00pm Mass at Reed  
9:30am Jim Edelen & Sonny Clary  
**Tellers:** Charles Mullican & Mike Wimsatt  
**Church Cleaner:** Cathy Connor

#### St. Augustine Ministries

**Servers:** 5:00pm J.T. & Mitchell DeMar  
8:00am Anna Marie & Margaret Blair  
**Lectors:** 5:00pm Anna Dee DeMar  
8:00am Dee Anna Booker  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
5:00pm Connie Williams, Silas Simon  
8:00am Ben Blair, Betty Davis  
**Gifts:** 5:00pm Gwen Morris Family  
8:00am Garry Eblen Family  
**Church Cleaners:** Betty Davis (Jan 23-Feb 4)

