

Sophia Award: Do you know of someone in the parish that lives a life of stewardship (giving of time, talent and



treasure)? The Diocese would love to honor her/him with a Sophia Award! Sophia Award Nominations are now being accepted by the Diocese of Owensboro. The nominees must be 65 years of age or older,

they can be single, divorced, widowed, a priest or religious, married people can be nominated as a couple or singularly. The nominee should be an outstanding example of their Catholic faith whether they are involved in one or all parish ministries. The nominee can be homebound, can be nominated based on past outstanding contributions, or nominated posthumously. Sophia Award nomination forms are included in the bulletin this weekend or you can come by the parish office for a copy. The Sophia Awards Mass will be held on Sunday, September 10th at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro at 2:00 p.m. with a reception following in the Undercroft. The deadline to submit your Sophia Award Nomination is Saturday, July 15th. Past winners were: Helen Brown, Theresa Stites, Ernie Tuggle, Anne Garnett, Margie Nosbusch, Chuck Puckett, Franki Durbin, Beverly Todd, Shirley Prunitsch and Rocky Spader, Maria and Trinidad Soriano and Dr. John Cotthoff, Jerry Brockman and Mary Ann Keel and Jim Creighton.

Operation 'GO MOBILE': In order to remove the mobile units/trailers, conduct dirt work and paving operations in the middle parking area as final steps to open the new School/ Parish Facility, Operation 'GO MOBILE' will initiate on Thursday, May 25, 2017 until completion. The middle parking area, parking lot between the church and the old school building, will not be available for parking during this time. The upper parking lot will also be compromised at intermediate times of this operation due to



debris/ trash containers, equipment trailers and paving material/equipment. The walkway from the upper lot to the church *may* not be usable at times and for everyone's safety we ask that you not go around barriers that are in place. There will still be a drop off area under the portico of the church however you will not be able to drive up to turn around. Every effort will be made to minimize any inconveniences while ensuring safety for our parishioners, staff and the workers.

RCIA – Our RCIA Sessions continue Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. During this time of Mystogogy we spend a great deal of time on Social Justice issues and how we as Catholic Christians are called to live this out on a daily basis.

Youth Ministry

Our Middle School and High School Youth: Our classes continue **this Wednesday, May 17th** beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. This is our last class and we wish to thank our teachers who gave of themselves each week for our young people and so we thank:

10-12th Grades: Tom Folz, Jenny Rush and Fr. Richard

9th Grade: Michelle Bessette-Carew and Heidi Wheeler

7th Grade: Jennifer Hanks, Carolyn Spurr and Fr. Basilio

6th Grade: Dan Gardner and Libbie Rutland

Confirmation Preparation: Libby Downs & Chuck Spurr
Kitchen Crew: Lois Guajardo, Mary Thomison and Anita and Marty Schroeder. Have a great summer!

Confirmation Practice: Confirmation practice will be held in the Church immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on **Wednesday, May 17th**. All Confirmation students need to be present. Sponsors are encouraged to attend if possible. If the sponsor lives out of town, it might be important for a parent to attend in their place. Information about photography, etc. will be discussed.

Appreciation Dinner: If you have served Saints Peter and Paul Parish as a teacher, aide, kitchen helper and volunteer for our PSR Program, Middle School Program, our High School Program or RCIA Team, you are invited to an appreciation dinner on Wednesday, May 24th. We will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m. and continue in the gym. We thank you for your dedication and commitment to sharing your Catholic faith with our children and youth.

School News

8th Grade Graduation Mass: This Monday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. we will celebrate our Saints Peter and Paul School 8th Grade Graduation. We congratulate the following Graduates and their families:



Ben Adcock, son of Kimberly and Marshall Adcock
Molly Bennett, daughter of Therese and Chris Bennett
Ryan Carlton, son of Sandy Carlton and Steve Carlton
Karenna Chaudoin, daughter of Brenda & Bill Chaudoin
Tomás Duncan, son of Teresa and Thomas Duncan
Mikayla Hatfield, daughter of Diana and Allen McGhee
Kylee Spurr, daughter of Carolyn and Chuck Spurr
Katelyn Steger, daughter of Nicole and Thomas Steger
Lupita Vieyra, daughter of Guadalupe Rosas & Chano Vieyra

Raffle: Saints Peter and Paul School is sponsoring a raffle to win FREE TUITION for 2017-18 school year. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased after Masses and in the church and school offices. The raffle is for free tuition for 1 child for the 2017-18 school year. It does not include fees. Grandparents and parishioners are welcome to purchase tickets! What a gift it would be to give tuition to a school family at SPPS! The drawing will be held May 18th at 9 am.

School Summer Office Hours: Due to the removal of furniture and boxed goods from the mobile units and the actual removal of the units themselves, the school office will be closed May 24-June 5. Our summer hours will be Tuesday-Thursday 10:30 AM-1:00 PM. Additional hours will be announced through Twitter and our Facebook page.

May Crowning with our School Children



Quilt of Valor Presented to Thomas Duncan (PE and Spanish teacher) during the Friday, May 12th 8:00 a.m. Mass with the School Children.



May is Military Appreciation Month in Hopkinsville, Christian County: We offer the following prayer.

A PRAYER FOR THE US MILITARY

Almighty Father, eternal God,
we ask the protection of your blessing
upon our nation's Military personnel.
They are called upon to serve in peril,
often far from home.
Whether bringing aid in time of disaster
or bearing lethal force,
their mission is to preserve life,
to secure the peace, to promote justice,
and to repel unjust aggression.
They serve the safety of our homeland
and that of all who seek to live
as neighbors on this good earth.

By your grace,
give them the wisdom, skill, courage, and integrity
to serve honorably and generously.

If and when they must use lethal force,
in your mercy,
protect them and all whom they serve
from injury and from every evil.
By your faithfulness
keep them true to you and to each other
and to all that is noble in their souls.
By the power and the promise of your glory
hold them close in prayer,
resolute in the practice of faith,
ever beside the Good Shepherd
while in the valley of death's shadow.

By your light
shield them from all the darkness met in War,
sustaining them in hope,
preserving them from falling into sin.
By your redemption gained for us in Jesus Christ,
your beloved Son,
deliver them when all is done
from every sinful fault.

Securely guide them through their service
and bring them safely home at last in joy.
Keep their spouses, their children,
and all their families safe in your love.

By your own hand receive the fallen,
bind up the wounded,
and console the grieving.
Grace our Military veterans and their families
with peace for the sacrifices they have borne,
a peace deeper than the violence they have known.

Deliver us and all our world
from the lust for power, arrogance,
and vengeance which are the seeds of war.
By the Cross of Christ
defeat for us that dread spirit
of this present darkness, our ancient foe.
In your Holy Spirit reconcile the human race
to you and to itself through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish Council Election: Parish Council Nomination begin this weekend, May 13th and 14th and May 20th and 21st all parishioners, 18 years of age and older, will have the opportunity to nominate one person to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. As a courtesy, please ask the person you would like to nominate prior to placing their name on the ballot.

Mark Your Calendar: There will be a **"Tamale Sale"** the weekend of **May 27th and 28th**. All proceeds go to assist with the costs associated with Deacon Byron Macias' Ordination Celebration.

