

**Paintsville Project: Donations are being accepted  
NOW thru Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 – Noon.**

Items may include:

- Clothing - used and new; especially sweaters and coats
- Baby items are always needed: Diapers, Receiving and crib blankets, Feeding bottles, formula
- Bed linens, comforters, blankets
- Toiletries – for men and women
- Toys – new and used; Books
- Bicycles
- Shoes, socks, hats, gloves, slippers
- Underwear – new

No big appliances please

All donations need to be brought to the gym before December 6<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, our youth will gather in the gym at **4:00 p.m.** for the final sorting of these items and loading them in a trailer. We are in need of many helping hands to complete this awesome endeavor to St. Michael's parish in Paintsville. Thank you for your continued support of St. Michael's.



St. Padre Pio Stained Glass Window –  
Installed at Saints Peter and Paul, Monday,  
November 20, 2017

*“Who can assure us that we will be alive tomorrow? Let us listen to the voice of our conscience, to the voice of the royal prophet: “Today, if you hear God’s voice, harden not your heart.” Let us not put off from one moment to another what we should do because the next moment is not yet ours. “*

**Two Upcoming Activities from Bishop Medley:**

**December 3 – First Sunday of Advent:** Our Bishop is requesting that all parishes hold a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, December 3. Since we already have a Holy Hour at 4:00 p.m. with Adoration and Benediction every Sunday, we will continue to offer this hour of prayer on Sunday, December 3. Our Diocesan Office of Worship will be providing materials for all parishes to utilize on this day. Please consider setting time aside for you and your family to join us.



**December 6:** All parish staffs from across the Diocese of Owensboro are to gather with Bishop Medley on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> for a day of prayer and witness from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Owensboro Convention Center. Therefore, there will be **no 8:00 a.m. Mass** on this day as we need to travel to this event. Mass will be offered at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Also **Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

**Best Advent Ever:** Advent happens every year, but have you ever had a really memorable Advent? More importantly, have you ever had a life-changing Advent?

**Best Advent Ever** is a free email program from Dynamic Catholic featuring Matthew Kelly that will lead to a lifechanging Advent. It's simple yet powerful messages will help people encounter God's incredible mercy so they can be instruments of that mercy to others. To sign up go to [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com).

**Hearts on the Angel Tree:** Many of us have a lot of traditions in our own homes as we gather as family to celebrate birthdays, Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas. This time of year is not so easy for some of our parish families. We have a number of families whose traditions will be different this year because of a loss of a loved one, whether it be a spouse, son, brother, sister or friend. In order to be an “Angel” to a family who is struggling we are adding white hearts to our Angel Tree. By taking a heart off the tree, you are making a promise, a commitment to pray for the person listed on the reverse side every day during the Holiday season. We ask that you especially pray for them during your main family meal on Christmas Day. This is an effort for each of us to reach out to a parish family who needs us, who needs to know they are being remembered during this time of year. Can you be an “Angel” for a person?

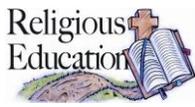
**Are you and your Bible Study Group looking for something for Advent? We have something PERFECT FOR SMALL GROUPS - Who am I to Judge?** What is “right” and “wrong”? Is what's right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality - that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don't know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we're afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world? If you would like to look over this material, stop by the parish office.

**RCIA – Rite of Cristian Initiation of Adults**

Is God calling you to become Catholic? The RCIA process offers an opportunity for you to learn and ask questions about the Catholic faith. It is primarily for the un-baptized, but also involves those baptized in another faith tradition. We also invite inquiring Catholics to come and join us for a refresher on what they learned as children. **Our next session is this Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.** For more information on the process, please call Libby Downs at the parish office at (270) 885-8522.



**PSR (Parish School of Religion) – Pre-School thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** PSR will not be held this Sunday as we are on our Thanksgiving Break. Classes will resume next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember classes begin at 9:00 a.m. in the school building and concludes at 10:15a.m.



**November/December Schedule – 9:00-10:15 a.m.**

November 26: No Class    December 3: Class  
 December 10: Class    December 17: Class  
 December 24: No Class    December 31: No Class

## Youth Ministry

**Middle and High School Youth Ministry** – Our Middle and High School Youth programs resume this Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

**November/December - Wednesday Class Schedule:**

November 29: Class    December 6: Class  
 December 13: Class    December 20: Class

**College Student Care Packages:**

We are so grateful for your support of our College Care Packages. We received many donations of goodies and our college students will be very appreciative of your thoughts for them. Packages will be mailed on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> in time for their final exams.

## School News

**What an exciting couple of weeks we have had at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School!**

As many of you know, our middle school students participated in the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA). While in Louisville, student delegates presented and debated bills. SPPS won many accolades, including the Outstanding Statesmanship Award. This award is nominated by KYA advisors throughout Kentucky. It goes to the delegation having the highest overall quality of contribution to debate. Piper Davis was selected as a Committee Chair for Capitol Chambers. Delegate Commonwealth Bills were both signed into law, and their Bluegrass Bill was named Outstanding Bluegrass Bill. Elizabeth Langhi received the Outstanding Delegate Award for SPPS. Livie Jorgensen and Lucy Wilkins received Outstanding Speaker Awards. On the last day of the assembly, our own Josh Groves was elected Governor of the Kentucky Youth Assembly! What an exciting time for SPPS!



Several of our middle school students also competed in the “Patriot’s Pen” essay contest which is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign War. The theme of this year’s essay was "America's Gift to My Generation". Carly Chaudoin won first-place, while Josh Groves placed second. Representing our local VFW, Post 1913, Carly's essay will now advance to the next level of competition.

Basketball season is well underway! Dillion Folz, our new coach, is doing a great job. Our students are learning techniques and plays that will help them become better players. Thanks also to our cheerleaders who are always ready to show their support.

Cross-country has come to an end for the season. Our student runners were great representatives of SPPS at every meet as they ran with both physical and mental determination. Nic Luckey, Ryan Luckey, Tobias Duncan, Josiah Braboy, Elias Braboy and Matt Baker competed at Nationals in New Chester, Ohio. Tobias placed 17th out of 282 runners in this competition!

God’s blessings have been raining down upon us! As we continue to spread our message, please continue to keep our parish school in your thoughts and prayers. It is our goal to reach as many families as possible and to continue our Legacy of Faith. In order to accomplish this, we have added another bus. We are currently looking for a volunteer with a CDL license who would be willing to help us with this adventure. If interested, please contact the school at 270-886-0172 for more information.

As we enter the season of Advent, let us all prepare for the coming of the greatest gift of all! Mrs. Wyatt

**Bible Quiz for All Ages**

1. When Pharaoh saw that the Israelites had left Egypt, what did he tell his soldiers to do? (Exodus 14:5-9)
2. When Peter was in prison, who was he chained to? (Acts 12:6)
3. Who amazed Jesus by his faith before Jesus healed his servant? (Luke 7:1-10)
4. Where did David pass on a chance to kill Saul? (1Samuel 24:1-15)

*(see answers below)*

**Catholic Men’s Conference:** The Catholic Men’s Conference of Western Kentucky will host their 7<sup>th</sup> annual conference at the RiverPark Center on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The speakers this year include Christopher West, Doug Barry and Bishop William Medley. Men across the diocese may purchase a ticket by visiting [www.kycatholic.com](http://www.kycatholic.com) and clicking on the “Tickets/Donations” tab. Tickets are \$30.00 for adults and \$15.000 for students. Brochures will be available soon. All registration forms must be returned no later than Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Bible Quiz Answers** (see above for questions)

- 1) Chase after them and bring them back as slaves; 2) The guards; 3) A Roman centurion; 4) A cave in the Desert of En Gedi.