

Thank You Cards: We received two thank you cards this week and we want to share them with you.



Dear Saints Peter and Paul Church,

Thank you for your generous donation. Your contribution of diapers, wipes, clothes, blanket, stuffed animals and monetary donations(\$476.14) will enable us to continue helping the individuals who we serve build stronger families in our community. May our Lord bless your kindness!

Alpha Alternative

For 2018, Saints Peter and Paul Parish has pledged \$50.00 a month to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hopkinsville, Christian County. Their card reads:

It is with humble thanks and honor to extend to you this expression of gratitude on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club members. Your gift will help us continue our mission-serving local youth. We greatly appreciate your continued support! May the Lord continue to shower His servants with abundant blessings. Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Trevor Hooks, Boys and Girls Clubs of Hopkinsville Christian County Board Secretary

Congratulations to Angie Phillips: We congratulate Angie Phillips who was presented an Apostolic Blessing from Our Holy Father for her many years of service to Saints Peter and Paul and specifically with our Thrift Store. Her service to the poor of our parish and community is truly an example. Congratulations Angie! The presentation took place at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass by Fr. Richard and Donna Pfeufer, General Manager of our Saints Peter and Paul Thrift Store.



Lenten Prayer Groups: The Season of Lent begins soon, Wednesday, February 14th. How are you going to grow closer to our Heavenly Father during these 40 days? Would you be willing to be a small group leader? Would you be willing to participate in a small faith sharing group? What day or evening would be best for you? The parish has materials available during this Lenten Season. If you wish to be a small group leader, please see Libby for available materials. Sign-ups will begin the weekend of January 27th/28th.

School News

We are currently still looking for a CDL with passenger licensed person to drive our new school bus. If you are interested, please contact the school about this opportunity!

Along with a bus driver, we are still also actively seeking substitute teachers. You do not have to be a certified teacher to do this! We ask that you have 60 hours of college experience and also be Safe Environment certified. If interested, please come by the office to see Mrs. Wyatt.

Thank you for all you do for SPPS!

Catholic Men's Conference: The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will host their 7th annual conference at the RiverPark Center on Saturday, February 17th. 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 and clicking on the "Tickets/Donations" tab. Tickets are \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. Brochures will be available soon. All registration forms must be returned no later than Friday, February 9th.

Silver Streaks: The Silver Streaks will gather here at Saints Peter and Paul on Tuesday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Office Annex for "Board Game Day". This is always a fun time. Afterwards they will head out for lunch together. All are welcome. For more information, please call Julia Borders at 270-886-6061 or Mary Ann Keel at 270-886-9072.

Cursillo Weekend: In this Year of Encounter please consider making a Cursillo Weekend at Mount Saint Joseph. The upcoming dates are:



Men's Weekend
March 1-4 (Thursday thru Sunday)

Women's Weekend
March 8-11 (Thursday thru Sunday)

Cost is \$ 160 (financial assistance available)

For more information please contact Fr. Tom Buckman, Spiritual Director, 270-684-4745, frtom@stpiustenthparish.org; Scott Elliott, Men's Coordinator, 270-302-5660, cursillofe5930@gmail.com; Kim Haire, Women's Coordinator; 270-314-5876, kim.haire@pastoral.org.

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. **RCIA continues this Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m.** May you be awakened to God's presence in your life during this Christmas season. Let us keep our catechumen and candidates in prayer as they participate in the Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcome at our weekend Masses.



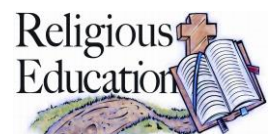
PSR (Parish School of Religion) – Pre-School thru 5th Grade:

Our Religious Education program resumes this **Sunday, January 21st** beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the School Building.

January/February Schedule :

January 21 – Class	January 28 – Class
February 4 – Class	February 11 – Class
February 18 – No Class	February 25 – Class

(President's Day Weekend)



Youth Ministry

Our Middle School and High School Youth program continues this week with classes on Wednesday, January 24th. Remember we begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m., continue with dinner and class. Our program concludes at 8:00 p.m.

January/February Schedule:

January 24 – Class	January 31 – Class
February 7 - Class	February 14 – No Class
February 21 - Class	February 28 - Class

“Souper” Bowl Sunday: Our middle and high school youth are participating in the National “Souper Bowl Sunday” program. This program highlights hunger and poverty in our own local communities. Souper Bowl of Caring equips and mobilizes youth to positively impact their communities by collecting money or food on or near Super Bowl weekend. 100% of the collections are donated directly to the charity of each group’s choice. Last year more than 260,000 young people across the nation collected \$10 million in dollars and food for local hunger-relief charities. They donated 100% of their donation directly to the local charity of their choice, then reported it to Souper Bowl of Caring to be included in the national total. **So, the weekend of Super Bowl Sunday (February 3rd and 4th) our middle and high school youth will be at the doors of church collecting cans of soup or monetary donations that will in turn be given to Aaron McNeil who does so much in our community to help fight hunger.** We ask for your help as we look for ways to help fight hunger here in Hopkinsville/Christian County.



Inclement Weather

Please be advised when the **Hopkinsville/Christian County School System** is closed on a **Wednesday** due to inclement weather, Middle and High School Youth Programs are cancelled at Saints Peter and Paul.



Youth 2000: YOUTH 2000 is responding to the call of Pope John Paul II who continually called upon the youth of the Church to be instruments and leaders of a new effort to bring the Gospel to the world. Pope Francis continues this challenge, “Jesus speaks in silence in the mystery of the Eucharist and each time reminds us that following him means to come out of ourselves and not make our life our possession, but a gift to him and to others.” Youth 2000 continues to respond to these challenges through Eucharistic centered retreats. This is the 21st anniversary of Youth 2000 in the Diocese of Owensboro. If you are a high school youth, you are invited to join us for this YOUTH 2000 Retreat scheduled for March 9th-11th on the Brescia University Campus Center. This retreat is being sponsored by the Diocesan Offices of Youth Ministry and

Faith Formation and the Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee. Youth should register through a Parish, School or other Group. For registration forms, see Libby this Wednesday at youth. The deadline to submit your registration for the parish is Wednesday, February 21st. The cost is \$60.00 per participant and chaperone plus hotel expenses. If you would like to help sponsor a young person, please see Libby. We will need adult chaperones for this event as well.

Upcoming 2016 Marriage Formation Dates:

Pre-Cana

January 27, 2018 at Gasper River Retreat Center; Deadline to register: January 20
March 24, 2018 at St. Thomas Moore, Paducah; Deadline to register: March 18
June 2, 2018 at Gasper River Retreat Center; Deadline to Register: May 28
August 5, 2018 at Gasper River Retreat Center; Deadline to Register: July 30
September 8, 2018 at St. Thomas Moore, Paducah; Deadline to Register: September 1
November 3, 2018 at Gasper River Retreat Center; Deadline to register: October 28

Spanish Pre-Cana

April 28, 2018 at Christ the King, Madisonville; Deadline to register: April 21
October 27, 2018 at Christ the King, Madisonville; Deadline to register: October 20

Engaged Encounter Weekends

February 3-4, 2018 at Mount St. Joseph
April 14-15, 2018 at Mount St. Joseph
October 6-7, 2018 at Mount St. Joseph

Once More With Love:

February 17, 2018 at Mount St. Joseph
August 25, 2018 at Christ the King, Madisonville
To register go to our Diocesan Website www.rcdok.org. Go to “Ministries”, then to Family Life Office.

Cold & Flu Season is here. If you are “coming down” with a runny nose, cough, sore throat, or just do not feel well in general please be considerate of others. We would like to ask that you please reframe from shaking/holding hands at the “sign of peace,” and choose not to receive the Precious Blood from the cup at Communion time.



What It Means to Forgive Someone: It took me a long time to understand what it means to forgive someone. I always wondered how I could forgive someone who chose to hurt me? But after a lot of soul searching, I realized that forgiveness isn’t about accepting or excusing their behavior ... it’s about letting it go and preventing their behavior from destroying my heart. Anonymous.

Forgiveness
The Key to Freedom