

Baptismal Preparation Class: Our next scheduled Baptismal Preparation Class will be held this Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. This is for all first time parents who wish to have their child baptized here at Saints Peter and Paul.

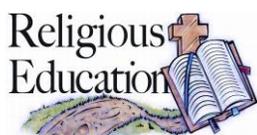


RCIA – Rite of Cristian Initiation of Adults
Is God calling you to become Catholic? The RCIA process offers an opportunity for you to learn and ask questions about the Catholic faith. **RCIA continues this Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m.** May you be awoken to God's presence in your life during this Christmas season.



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.

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers by what you say and do, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.”
1Timothy 4:12



Religious Education Classes 2017-2018

PSR (Parish School of Religion) – Pre-School thru 5th Grade: Our Religious Education program is back and classes resume this Sunday, January 7th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the School Building.

PSR-January Schedule – Sundays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.:
January 7 – Class January 21 - Class
January 14 - No Class January 28 - Class
(Martin Luther King Jr Weekend)

Youth Ministry

Our Middle School and High School Youth program continues this week with classes on Wednesday, January 10th. Remember we begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m., continue with dinner and class. Our program concludes at 8:00 p.m.

January Schedule – Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
January 10 – Class January 17 – Class
January 24 – Class January 31 – Class

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

Used Postage Stamps: Remember to save your used stamps from your Christmas cards for Sister Miriam, better known as the “Stamp Sister” at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse at Nazareth. For those new to our parish, we collect the used stamps from mail we receive at home (when you cut them off your envelope, make sure not to cut to close) and send them to Sister Miriam. If you want to also help by saving and sending her your used stamps, you can just put them in an envelope and place them in the collection basket or bring to the office. Then we send them to Sister Mariam with the Sisters of Charity. These in turn are used for their missions in Belize.



2018 Church Calendars: It is our hope that our 2018 Calendars will be delivered this week and be made available to you this weekend at all Masses. Calendars are provided to us through the Extension Society.



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 are available. All registration forms must be returned no later than Friday, February 9th.

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.

Bible Quiz for All Ages

1. This big bully scared all the Israelites except David. (1 Samuel 17:20-32)
2. When Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane, His sweat was like this. (Luke 22:44)
3. Which disciple lied and said he didn't know Jesus? (Matthew 26:69-75)
4. Where were the Israelites when God gave them manna? (Exodus 16)

(see answers on the next column)

"They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

The Magi offered Jesus all the best they had. The best we can give to our Lord is to love him with our whole heart, mind, soul, and to follow him faithfully, glorifying him with our lives. If you feel God calling you to the Priesthood, contact the Vocations Office for resources to help in your discernment:

jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, 270.683.1545, owensborovocations.com.

Prayer: For an increased understanding among our young people, that they are uniquely chosen by God to be holy through their specific vocation to their state in life in Christ ... We pray to the Lord.



A Contemplative Weekend: Slow down...Catch your breath...Find your calm. This weekend on **February 9-11** allows personal time to journey with God and with self. Spiritual direction is available for those who wish it. Relax and spend time at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Take 10% off if paid in full by January 9. Contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.

9 Days for Life – January 18 – January 26: 9 Days for Life is the U.S. Bishops' annual period of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. While the overarching intention of the centerpiece novena is the end to abortion, each day focuses on a different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity. Download or sign up to receive the novena any of four ways: free mobile app, text message, email or social media. Quick, easy-to-use tools can help you share 9 Days for Life, whatever your available time or budget! See More at www.9daysforlife.com. Do you have 99 seconds? Watch on You Tube!



Spring Women's Retreat: Martha and Mary:

"Essential Questions: What Martha and Mary Can Teach Us" is the theme of a **March 16-18** spring women's retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Most discussions of these two Gospel women focus on the frazzled worker Martha compared to her quiet, prayerful sister Mary. We will consider these stories from a different approach. During presentations that peel back the layers of the Gospel stories, quiet reflection, group sharing and celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, retreatants will explore the links between Mary and Martha and their own lives.

The retreat leader is Ursuline Sister Cheryl Clemons, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Dean for Brescia University. The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$130. Take 10 percent off if paid in full by February 16. To register, contact Kathy McCarty, 270-229-0206 or e-mail kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. A brochure can be found at ursulinesmsj.org.

Bible Quiz Answers (see previous column)

1) Goliath; 2) Great drops of blood; 3) Peter; 4) The wilderness.

Epiphany of the Lord

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?