

Sister Maria Theresia Dunn: Recently some of our parishioners attended a day of prayer at the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville. While there they got to see our parishioner (Sandra Dunn) who took the name Sister Maria Theresia Dunn. She wanted us to know that she is very grateful every Christmas when we remember her as parishioners send her Christmas cards. She feels very blessed. If you would like to write Sister and let her know of your continued prayer, her address is: Sr. Maria Theresia Dunn, Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, 801 Dominican Drive, Nashville, TN 37228-1909.



Fat Monday Celebration: Our “Fat Monday” celebration at “DaVinci’s Restaurant” was a great time. We had 42 people sign up for this wonder dinner.



**40 Days to Pray
Prayer Intentions for each day of Lent**

February 18	1 st Sunday of Lent
February 19	a friend
February 20	police officers
February 21	a stranger
February 22	teachers
February 23	someone who hurt you
February 24	the homeless
February 25	2 nd Sunday of Lent

St. Max Catholic Bookstore will be here at Saints Peter and Paul the weekend of March 18th and 19th after all Masses in the narthex. This would be a great time to get a spiritual book for Lent to read or items for Easter, First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA gifts. If you can be here at the church on Saturday afternoon around 3:00 p.m. to help Kelly unload her vehicle, please let Libby know.

Dynamic Catholic “Best Lent Ever” It’s not too late: Lent is a powerful opportunity to live out your faith on a deeper level. One of the simplest and most effective ways to do that is through Best Lent Ever. It’s a free daily email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself making this the best Lent of your life. To sign up for this program, go to www.DynamicCatholic.com. This year these emails are based on Matthew Kelly’s book, *Perfectly Yourself*. We have copies of this book available in the sacristy.

Silver Streaks: The Silver Streaks will gather here at Saints Peter and Paul on Tuesday, February 27th 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.

Anointing of the Sick: We will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at all Masses the **weekend of**



February 24th and 25th. The prayers, antiphons, and texts focus on the mercy and forgiveness of God. So, pray with these prayers and scripture readings and ask God to bring you healing – both, mind and spirit. Consider inviting an elderly person to Mass with you on this weekend so they can receive this Sacrament of healing as well!

Beginning New Patterns During Lent: During Lent we can all commit to being aware of our “automatic” behaviors. Reflect on our habits, which ones we may need to let go and what great ideas we have, but haven’t acted on. Recognizing these behaviors can guide the choices we make to establish new patterns during Lent.

Lent is a time to start new practices of **Prayer:** When we get out of bed, take a deep breath, reflect on what needs to be done that day and ask for the grace to do it as a child of God. Perhaps get up a half hour early for time alone to read the readings of the day or devotions from the “*Little Black Book*”. This is a perfect time to check out “**BEST LENT EVER**”. Get to Sunday Mass 15 minutes early for your own quiet **prayer**.

Lent is a time to change **Eating** patterns: Good Friday and Ash Wednesday are days all Catholics choose to fast together (*one full meal, two small meals*). On Fridays we fast more intentionally: we give up meat and eat very little. This places us in solidarity with the poor, who often have so little to eat every day. In fasting, we discover how easy it is to pray when we feel more open, alert, and energized, just by changing our **eating** patterns.

Lent is a time of almsgiving and **Generosity:** This means more than taking extra clothes to our Saints Peter and Paul Thrift Store or writing a check for the poor or bringing food items for Aaron McNeil. These are great habits, but true generosity is an attitude, a sense that all we have is a gift; given to us to be shared. A spirit of self-less giving means one of our most basic needs is to share what we have with others. This is very different from assessing our own needs first, then giving away whatever’s left over. This kind of self-sacrifice places us in solidarity with the poor who have no excess, but still choose to share with one another. Making new patterns of **generosity** gives real joy to Lent.

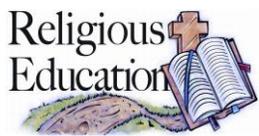
Lent is a time to practice **Penance:** To name what sinful, unhealthy, self-centered patterns we need to change and then come up with a plan to change them. For example, we can choose to stop a bad behavior, but we also need to look for the circumstances and attitudes that

contribute to the pattern. If we don't ask, "*What is missing for me, that I need to fill it with these self-destructive habits?*" then simply choosing to stop won't last long. God always forgives, without condition, but complete healing takes time, and practice. Give yourself the gift of **penance**, again and again, healing that lasts with a true "change of heart".

God draws us home in Lent, as individuals and as a community. In the end, the prayer of St. Augustine places us in the right spirit for Lent:

*O Lord, our Lord, you have created
us for yourself and our hearts are
restless until they rest in you.*

Let us pray for one another on this Lenten journey, especially those preparing to join our Catholic faith and the Saints Peter and Paul faith community at the Easter Vigil on March 31st.



Religious Education Classes 2017-2018

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

Grade: Our Religious Education program **will not be held** this Sunday, February 18th as we celebrate President's Day Weekend. Classes will resume next Sunday, February 25th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the School Building.

February/March Schedule :

February 18 – No Class	February 25 – Class
March 4 - Class	March 11 – Class
March 18 – Class	March 25 - Class

Youth Ministry

Our Middle School and High School Youth program resumes this Wednesday, February 21st with Mass at 5:30 p.m., continue with dinner and class. Our program concludes at 8:00 p.m.

February Schedule:

February 21 – Class	February 28 – Class
March 7 - Class	March 14 – Class
March 21 – Class	March 28 – No Class Holy Week

Ski Trip - Change: With the weather forecast for this Monday, February 19th to be 65 degrees with a 70% change of rain at Paoli Peaks, we have changed the date of the ski trip to Saturday, February 24th. So the middle and high school youth and chaperones

will **depart from Saints Peter and Paul on Saturday, February 24th at 7:00 a.m.**, stop for brunch and then head to the ski lodge. We will ski from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and return to Saints Peter and Paul Parish at 8:30 p.m. This is a great day planned filled with fun. Permission forms and more information are available from Libby. If you would like to sponsor or help sponsor a youth to attend this annual event, please see Libby.



Youth 2000: Youth 2000 is a Eucharistic Centered Retreat held at Brescia University in Owensboro for Youth and Young Adults. If you are a high school youth, you are invited to join us for this YOUTH 2000 Retreat scheduled for Friday, March 9th thru Sunday afternoon, March 11th on the Brescia University Campus Center. For registration forms, see Libby. **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.

Bible Quiz for All Ages

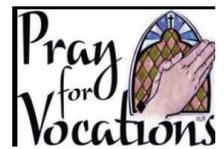
1. Who did Judas go to when he wanted to betray Jesus? (Luke 22:3-6)
2. Who was rescued from prison by an angel? (Acts 12:1-17)
3. Where was Daniel caught praying by the jealous satraps? (Daniel 6:6-13)
4. God performed this event in six days. (Genesis 1 – 2:2)

Bible Quiz Answers: 1) The chief priests; 2) Peter; 3) In an upper room of his home; 4) Creation.

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). 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. The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$130. To register, contact Kathy McCarty, 270-229-0206 or e-mail kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. A brochure can be found at ursulinesmsj.org.

The kingdom of God is at hand. In today's Gospel Jesus goes into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights to consider what God was asking Him to do. What is God asking of you? May it be the Vocation of Priesthood? The Diocesan Vocations office can help in your decision with resources and support: 270-683-1545; jason.mcclure@pastoral.org; owensborovocations.com.



Petition: *For young men of our parish making lifetime choices, that they will answer the call to serve all God's people as a Diocesan priest ... We pray to the Lord.*