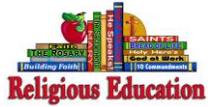


Baptismal Class: Our next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held Sunday, March 11th at 4:00 p.m. This class is for all first-time parents who wish to have their child baptized in the Catholic Church. Registration is required. Simply call the office to register for this class.



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



Grade: Our Religious Education program continues this Sunday, March 4th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the School Building.

March Schedule :

March 4 – Class March 11 – Class
 March 18 – Class March 25 - Class

Youth Ministry

Our Middle School and High School Youth program continues this Wednesday, March 7th with Mass at 5:30 p.m., continue with dinner and class. Our program concludes at 8:00 p.m.

March Schedule:

March 7 – Class March 14 – Class
 March 21 – Class March 28 – No Class Holy Week
 but a service project is offered

Service Project for our Youth: A special service project is being made available to our youth on Wednesday, March 28th. Our religious education classes will not be held on Wednesday, March 28th but youth are invited to come and help prepare our church for Holy Week. There are many tasks that need to happen in preparation for this Holy Season of the Triduum. We will gather immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the church so come and join us.



Christian Leadership Institute - (CLI): Would you like to learn how to be a BETTER LEADER? Young people (who have completed their freshman year of high school or who just graduated), The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office is sponsoring **Christian Leadership Institute, June 10-15, 2018** at the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center. At CLI you will learn and use skills in leadership, communication, planning and decision-making through the lens of missionary discipleship. You will also help plan prayer and liturgical celebrations. For registration information contact Libby. Registration deadline is **May 14th**.

Treasures From The Saints: Be a Saint ----“Let no soul, even the most miserable, fall prey to doubt; for, as long as one is alive, each one can become a great saint, so great is the power of God’s grace. It remains only for us not to oppose God’s action.” (283) “When you unite Yourself with me in Communion, O God, I then feel my unspeakable greatness, A greatness which flows from You, O Lord, I humbly confess, And despite my misery, with Your help, I can become a saint.” (1718) ---St. Faustina

School News

Spring Fundraiser: Don’t forget the Saints Peter and Paul PTO is working with The Bloomery to sponsor a “Flowers and Ferns Spring Fundraiser” now thru March 26th. You can purchase hanging baskets and ferns all the while helping our school at the same time. Hanging Baskets are \$20.00 each and may include (4 different types) as well as 10” Hanging Boston Ferns for \$16.00 or 3 Gallon Kimberly Queen Ferns for \$16.00. Flowers will be delivered on Friday, May 11th from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Meredith Hall. An order sheet is included in this week’s bulletin as well as your child’s Friday folder.



CRS RICE BOWL is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And, it’s an opportunity for us as a parish/school to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need. We hope you will take home a **CRS Rice Bowl**, located in the narthex.

Fast and Abstinence:

ALL FRIDAYS of Lent are **OBLIGATORY** days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting is obligatory for all Catholics from the age of 18 until age 59. Fasting means that a person is permitted to eat one full meal on that day. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal the one full meal of the day.

Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all Catholics from the age of 14 onwards. Meat means any warm blooded animal or their products. Failure to follow the days of fast and abstinence from meat as prescribe by the Church would be a sin. These penitential days are prescribed for us Christian faithful so we can devote ourselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety and charity, and deny ourselves for the good of souls.

Four Reasons to Attend Our Parish Holy Hour During Lent with Eucharistic Adoration: Every Sunday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. we at Saints Peter and Paul offer a Parish Holy Hour with Evening Prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Especially during this Season of Lent, please consider spending an hour (or more) in the Presence of Jesus. Some reasons to attend this Holy Hour may include:

1. Jesus has invited you. Really. On the day of your Baptism, you became part of His Family. He has been asking you to spend time with Him ever since. Think how great it has been when you have said yes.
2. He asked his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane to stay awake “for an hour” with Him. He is asking you to do it now.

3. He also said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt.18:20) Really! Think about it. Of course, Jesus is God; He is everywhere. During Exposition, visibly as the Eucharistic Lord, He is powerfully present.
4. Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit Who dwells among us. Experience the power of the Spirit as you pray with others who are praying quietly, especially at night. Jesus often prayed in the quiet of the night. Prayer changes us. Allow it to change you.

Diocese's Office of Marriage and Family Life

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring a marriage retreat called "Encountering the Gift of Marriage" at Kenlake Resort on April 13th – 14th. Retreat master will be Bob Perron, co-founder of Catholic Marriage and Family, Inc. Registration information can be found on the family Life webpage or on Facebook @ OboroFamilyLife .

Save the Date: The Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring "Family Day at Gasper" on Sunday, August 19th. The theme will be "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist" with activities, reflections by Fr. Mike Williams, and closing Mass with Bishop Medley.

Do You Want To Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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. 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.

Diocesan Counseling Services: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro has contracted with Amend Psychological Services for Joy Navan, a licensed psychological associate, to provide diocesan counseling services in English and Spanish. Working under the supervision of Dr. Edward Amend, Joy has experience working with children, adolescents, and adults. Although not a native speaker, Joy is fluent in Spanish and has a depth of understanding of Hispanic cultural values. Joy is

available to provide face-to-face services in Paducah or online tele-mental health services to parishioners in need of counseling throughout the Diocese. Contact information: call (877) 732-8683 or (859) 269-6465, or email her at jnavan@amendpsych.com to schedule a confidential appointment.

Speaker Series in Owensboro: Blessed Mother Catholic Church's 2018 Speaker Series will feature Frank Runyeon from Princeton University. **The first presentation, Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. will be Signs: The Gospel of John.**



Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. will be the Sermon on the Mount.

Saturday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. will be Hollywood vs Faith.

This event is free. Donations are welcome to help cover expenses. Tickets are not needed. Please contact the office at 270-683-8444 for more information.

Bible Quiz for All Ages

1. To which city was Saul traveling when he encountered Christ? A) Damascus, B) Jerusalem, C) Jericho, D) Antioch
2. Before he was a disciple of Christ, what did Simon Peter (St. Peter) do for a living? A) Tax collector, B) Shepherd, C) Lawyer, D) Fisherman.
3. Which gospel was written by a doctor? A) Matthew, B) Mark, C) Luke, D) John.
4. What is the name of the tax collector who climbed a tree to see Jesus? A) Simon, B) Saul, C) Matthew, D) Zacchaeus.

Note from the Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who came out to the fish dinner last Friday. The baked cod was a big seller and we are sorry to say we ran out. We will make sure we have plenty for the fish dinner on March 9th. Our last fish dinner will be on March 23rd and we are planning on adding another entrée; please watch the bulletin for more details. We will still be offering the school children in Sts. Peter and Paul shirt or uniform \$1.00 for their meal if they attend with a parent.

The Knights in the past several months have sponsored different activities for the school children.

1. "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest winners were: Paulina Jimenez, Tahlon Goodin, and Josh Groves. All three also won the District competition.
2. The Basketball free-throw contest winners were: Anna Allard, Nic Luckey, and Tobias Duncan.
3. We held an Essay contest that was open to grades 6-8, on "Why I like my Catholic School" the winners were Amelia King, Lucy Wilkens, and Eva Blankenburger.

Bible Quiz Answers (see above for questions)

- 1) A - Damascus; 2) D - Fisherman; 3) C - Luke; 4) D - Zacchaeus.