

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

- March 18: **5th Sunday of Lent**
- March 19: Religious Education teachers
- March 20: Your community
- March 21: Justice in the world
- March 22: Someone left out
- March 23: Veterans
- March 24: Forgiveness
- March 25: **Palm Sunday**

Do I Know Anyone to Invite to Mass?: Think about it. You probably do: a friend who has had a rough time lately and is feeling alone; a sibling who stopped going to Mass; a neighbor or colleague who says he's just gotten too busy; your spouse or child. Just pass along a bulletin, our web site (www.stspchurch.org), or quietly tell them you have found a great parish – a home and would like them to come with you sometime. This Holy Week may be just the opportunity you and they have been waiting for.

CRS Rice Bowl/Operation Rice Bowl: How is your Rice Bowl collection going? Remember, our Rice Bowls stay in our homes until Holy Thursday, March 29th. On Holy Thursday, our Rice Bowls are returned to the church at Mass (7:00 p.m.) as gifts of alms to the Poor.

When we give to Rice Bowl:

25% of our donations go to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in our own community (diocese);

75% of our donations support Catholic Relief Service's humanitarian relief programs in 100 countries worldwide.

\$10 provides a family with two weeks of food.



Easter Duty: It is a precept (law) of the Catholic Church that all who have been initiated to the sacraments "shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the United States, this extends from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday inclusive. This is a minimum standard and it obliges quite seriously. The annual confession of sins by way of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a precept which obliges those who are conscious of having committed serious sin, and would be required prior to their Easter communion.

Easter Egg Hunt: Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds here at Saints Peter and Paul on Saturday, March 31st (Holy Saturday) beginning at 9:00 a.m. Children up to 12 years of age are invited to come and hunt for eggs!



Blessing of the Easter Basket Foods: The blessing of the Easter foods is a tradition dear to the hearts of every Polish family. Being deeply religious, they are grateful to God for all His gifts of both nature and grace. As a token of this gratitude, they have the food of their table sanctified with the hope that spring, the season of the Resurrection, will also be blessed by God's goodness and mercy. Here at Saints Peter and



Paul, baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are to be brought to the church to be blessed on Holy Saturday, March 31st at 12:00 – Noon.

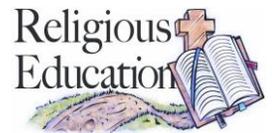
School News

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 while helping our school



at the same time. Hanging Baskets are \$20.00 each and each basket contains three different shades of pink petunias as well as 10" Hanging Boston Ferns for \$16.00 or 3 Gallon Kimberly Queen Ferns for \$15.00. Flowers will be delivered on Friday, May 11th from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Meredith Hall. An order sheet was included in a previous bulletin as well as your child's Friday folder. Forms are also available in the School or Parish office. Don't miss out!

PSR (Parish School of Religion) – Pre-School thru 5th Grade: Our Religious Education program continues this Sunday, March 18th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the School Building.



March/April Schedule :

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| March 18 – Class | March 25 – Class |
| April 1 – No Class-Easter | April 8 – No Class |
| April 15 – Class | April 22 – Class |
| April 29 – Class | |

Youth Ministry

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

March Schedule:

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| March 21 – Class | March 28 – No Class |
| April 4 – No Class | April 11 – Class |
| April 18 – Class | April 25 – Class |

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.

Youth 2000: Last weekend we had 12 youth and 3 adults attend Youth 2000 - a Eucharistic Centered Retreat held at Brescia University in Owensboro. We give thanks to the following youth: Shelby Adams, Maria Bautista, Corilissa Cunningham, Dayanna Hernandez, Jackie Hernandez, Natalie Linares, Caroline Long, Yeffry Macario, Catherine Palarias, Jimena Tecpil, Maritza Uribe, and Lupita Vieyra. We thank our adults: Tom Folz, Jenny Rush and Heidi Wheeler. We also give thanks to Fr. Basilio who was able to be a part of much of the weekend. We are grateful for those parishioners who helped sponsor these youth so they could attend this special weekend.



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. Registrations after May 14th will cost \$10 more.

Bible Quiz for All Ages

1. What made the prodigal son decide to go back home? A. famine, B. an earthquake, C. a tornado? (Luke 15:14-20)
2. The Israelites disobeyed God by making an idol shaped like this animal. (Exodus 32:1-4).
3. What did King Artaxerxes give to Nehemiah to help him with the rebuilding of the walls? (Neh.2:1-8)
4. Did Joshua and the Israelites defeat the army of Ai the first time or the second time in battle? (Joshua 8)

Bible Quiz Answers (see above for questions)

1) A. famine; 2. A golden calf; 3) Letters asking for safe passage through certain places and timber; 4) The second time. Because of Achan's sin, they were defeated the first time.

Men's Cursillo: A Men's Cursillo was held the first weekend of March in our Diocese. We give thanks to the men making the weekend and those serving on the team. These all include: Fr. Basilio Az Cuc, Deacon Roberto Cruz, Sean Harbinson and Dan Wilkinson and those serving on the team were: Ken Buckner, Bill Folz, Marty Schroeder, Tommy Wagner and Roger Westfall. May this experience of the paschal mystery bring them closer to Christ and allow them to recognize Him more fully in their daily lives.



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 – 15th. Retreat master will be Bob Perron, co-founder of Catholic Marriage and Family, Inc. Encountering the Gift of Marriage offers married couples a chance to get away and deepen their relationship in a beautiful, relaxing setting, and includes Saturday evening Mass, social times, and a chance for confession. Registration information can be found on the family Life webpage or on Facebook @ OboroFamilyLife .

Another event the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring is a collaboration with the Diocesan Tribunal Office called "**Stories of Hope and Healing: Rebuilding After Divorce**" featuring an informal panel discussion where panelists will share witness stories from their own experience. These sessions will be held in four locations across the diocese to allow multiple opportunities to attend. The Tribunal Office will conduct a follow-up session in each location a month later to offer information regarding declarations of invalidity. Locations are:

Monday, April 9th - 6:30 p.m. - St. Thomas More, Paducah
 Tuesday, April 17 - 6:30 p.m. - St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
 Tuesday, April 24 - 6:30 p.m. - Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
 Tuesday, May 1 - 6:30 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Save the Date: The Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring "**Family Day at Gasper**" on Sunday, August 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – includes a concluding Mass with Bishop Medley at 4:00 p.m. The theme will be "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist" with reflections by Fr. Mike Williams. There will also be plenty of family time built into the schedule for games, fun activities, and free time to enjoy the grounds.

MAY THE STRENGTH OF GOD
 PILOT US,
 MAY THE WISDOM OF GOD
 INSTRUCT US,
 MAY THE HAND OF GOD
 PROTECT US,
 MAY THE WORD OF GOD
 DIRECT US.

- SAINT PATRICK