

**Gratitude:** We are grateful to so many parishioners who came to assist us prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. We thank those who came and helped us cover our statues and sacred images and assisted with preparing the palm,



those who stayed on Holy Thursday night and helped us “strip the altar” in preparation for Good Friday, those who took home the towels to launder after the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday and the Baptisms on Holy Saturday, those who came on Saturday

and prepared our church for Easter – putting out new candles, cleaning followers, decorating with our flowers and many more tasks. Thank you for caring so much about your parish home.

**Deaths in the Parish:** We have had several deaths in the parish and we ask for your prayers of support.

We pray for our parish family of Yolanda and Al Perry at the death of Yolanda’s brother-in-law, Domingo Vázquez who passed away on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Dominican Republic.



We pray for Brenda and Bill Chaudoin and family at the death of Brenda’s uncle, George N. Coleman III, of Papillion, Nebraska. George passed away on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at his home. Brenda lived with her Aunt Joyce and Uncle George during college and he was a father figure to her. George had a tremendous influence on Brenda’s life and will be dearly missed.

We pray for our parish family of Frank and Brenda Raber at the loss of their granddaughter, Zoe Raber. Zoe is the daughter of Frank and Brenda’s oldest son, Scotty and his wife Samantha “Sam” who live in Lakeland, Nebraska. Zoe has been ill for some time and was told at St. Jude Hospital in December that there was nothing more they could do. She went to bed on Wednesday evening and did not wake up on Thursday and so she died at home at the age of 8. We pray for this family at the parting of such a small child.

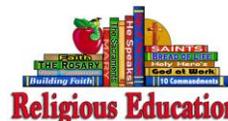
We pray for our parish family of Harriett and Bill Hancock at the loss of Harriett’s brother, Edward Owen Hester who passed away in Florida on Thursday afternoon. At the time of this bulletin insert, obituary information was not available; however, his Funeral Mass will be held here at Saints Peter and Paul on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. with burial to follow at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

As a parish we offer our prayers for these families as we pray “May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.”

**Spiritual Adoption** – It has been one month – March 25<sup>th</sup> – since The Annunciation of our Lord, the day the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she would be the mother of Our Lord. Each of us here at Saints Peter and Paul Parish were given an opportunity to Spiritually Adopt

a child at risk to be born. How is it going? Did you name your baby? Are you praying every day for this child? **April – Month One – Developing Baby** - Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord and nervous system by the 20<sup>th</sup> day. Her heart began to beat on the 21<sup>st</sup> day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother’s. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all – the gift of life.

## Religious Education Classes 2018-2019



**PSR – Pre-School thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** PSR Classes resume this Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> with classes beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the school building and concluding at 10:15 a.m.

### April/May Schedule – Sundays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.:

April 28 – Class  
May 5 - No Class; First Communion Sunday  
May 12 - Last Class

### First Communion Reminders:

1. First Communion Prayer Day begins on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Remember the children will be using glue and paints so wear play clothes. At least one parent or grandparent should accompany each child.
2. Southern Exposure Photography Order Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone who wishes to order First Communion pictures from them. Completed forms are to be returned at the Prayer Day
3. A small reception follows the First Communion Mass in the narthex – cake, cookies and punch
4. The child’s Baptismal candle will be used during the First Communion Mass. For your convenience you may bring the candle to the Prayer Day or to the Mass
5. All children are asked to be in the church by 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> as the group picture will be taken. This picture will then be given to each child as a reminder of this special day.

**First Communion Prayer Day:** On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a “Prayer Day” for our children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fun day filled with prayer, bread making, church search/tour, lunch and many other special opportunities.



**Parents we ask you to come and be with your child** and help them along the way as they make bread, make their First Communion Banner and as they look for items in the church. This is an opportunity you don’t want to miss.

**Parish Holy Hour:** There will be no Parish Holy Hour on First Communion Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. due to the First Communion Celebration.

## Youth Ministry

**Our Middle School and High School Youth** program continues this Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will begin as usual with Mass at 5:30 p.m., continue with dinner and then class. Classes conclude at 8:00 p.m.

### May Schedule

May 1 - Class                      May 15 - Class  
May 8 - Class                      May 22 - Class

### Confirmation Students - Reminders:

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:** All Service Hour Reports are due.

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Finalizing our letters to Bishop Medley in class. All students need to be present.

Also remember April is the time each student has their interview with one of our priests. Students, if you have not made your appointment, please do so.

**Middle School Youth Service Project:** Beautiful Story. Did you know that for several years a parish family



prepares over 100 Bags of candy and takes these goodie bags to area

nursing homes as Easter gifts for the residence? This year, they asked our middle school youth to decorate the bags so as to add some fun and decorations. Pictures are some of these bags that

our youth created at our

Wednesday night program before Easter and what they contain.

After delivering these bags, our parishioners came back to tell us that these

decorated bags were such a hit and many of these residents cried as they were so touched for being remembered and honored in this way. Acts of random kindness!



**High School Graduation Mass:** We will honor our high school graduates here at Saints Peter and Paul on **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> during our 10:30 a.m. Mass.** We ask all graduates to gather **this Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. Mass** in the Bishop's Room to plan for this Mass.

**NCYC:** The National Catholic Youth Conference will take place November 21-23, 2019 in Indianapolis at the Lucas Oil Stadium. The theme is "*Blessed, Broken, Given*". NCYC is for any youth, freshmen in high school to age 17 by November 2019. By June 1, we need to have a \$100.00 deposit from any youth planning on attending NCYC. The total cost is \$490.00 per person and this includes conference registration fee, housing for 3 night, transportation (coaches), breakfast, lunch on Thursday, t-shirt, insurance, and night security at the hotel. **We will be holding an information meeting for youth and parents on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room.** We will be talking about paperwork, logistics, costs, fundraising, etc. Please plan on attending.

**Gasper River Catholic Retreat Summer Camps:** A combination of Catholic faith, thrilling adventures and old and new friends leads to a deeper understanding and appreciation of our life-long relationship with God. Learn more; register online:



[gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org). If you have any questions, please contact the Gasper River Camp office at (270) 781-2466. Brochures are available at the adoration table and parish office.

**RCIA:** RCIA will continue this Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We have reached the 4<sup>th</sup> period of the RCIA process, which is the stage of Mystagogy. All who were baptized and received into full communion are considered to be in this final stage until the anniversary of their initiation next Easter. The final period of regular weekly formation extends through the Easter season, the seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost.



This post-baptismal catechesis is called Mystagogy. It is a time for deepening the Christian experience, especially in appreciation for the sacramental life, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the Catholic community. Our newly initiated members now share with Christ and His Body in the parish community, the intimate communion of the Eucharist. We, as a parish community, pledge our prayerful support and promise to help them grow and mature in the Catholic way of life.

**In Theaters: *Unplanned*** is a movie based on a true story. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, Abby Johnson was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women on their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything.

**Community News:** Kentucky – The Poor People's Campaign will visit Western Kentucky on April 29, making stops in Eddyville, Hopkinsville (3:00 – 4:30 p.m.) and Bowling Green. Participants on the tour will conclude at Freeman Chapel, 137 Virginia Street where Rev. William Barber and Rev. Liz Theoharis will speak.