

**PSR (Parish School of Religion) -**  
Pre-School thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious  
Education Classes are in session

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.** This is the final  
class session for the year. Classes  
will resume in September. Enjoy your summer break. **We**  
**give thanks to their teachers and aides who include:**  
**Rossella Cincotti, Caroline Long, Jessie Blehar, Vicky**  
**Barnes, Morgan Murray, Kelly King and Bebe Long.**



**May Schedule – Sundays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.:**  
May 12 - Last Class

## Youth Ministry

**Our Middle School and High School Youth** program  
continues this Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</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 15 - Class                      May 22 – Youth Trivia Night

**Confirmation Practice: Confirmation practice will be**  
**held in the Church immediately after the 5:30 p.m.**

**Mass on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

All Confirmation students need to be  
present. Sponsors are encouraged to  
attend if possible. If the sponsor  
lives out of town, it might be  
important for a parent to attend in  
their place. Information about  
photography, etc. will be discussed.



Confirmation

**Gasper River Catholic Retreat Summer Camps:** Don't  
forget to register for a Camp this year. Great Opportunities  
are available. To check out the  
schedule, learn more or to 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.

**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. **We will be holding an**  
**information meeting for youth and parents on Sunday,**  
**June 2<sup>nd</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.

**RCIA:** RCIA continues this Thursday,  
May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Family  
Room. Our newly initiated members now  
share with Christ and His Body in the  
parish community. We, as a parish  
community, pledge our prayerful support  
and promise to help them grow and mature in the Catholic  
way of life.



**Summer Time Fun:** Summer is on its way. **Something**  
**to consider!** If you are a teacher by trade or are someone  
that has sometime available this summer, would you



consider serving as an adorer? This  
could be as a substitute to assist  
coverage while families are on  
vacations or it could be adopting an  
hour for the summer months. The  
rewards are unlimited. Also please  
remember that, when going on

vacation, the obligation to be in Church for Mass remains.  
Locating a Catholic Church and becoming familiar with its  
schedule is just as important as all the other preparations  
that go into a trip that takes us out of town. God first!  
Check out the website [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to help you  
locate a church for your vacation destination.)

**Adorers,** remember to alert your Hourly Captain  
and Bill and Jenny Rush of when you will be away for  
vacation and who is covering your Holy Hour. This way,  
if we have weather issues, we know who to contact if we  
need to suspend adoration. You can email them at  
[rush3004@bellsouth.net](mailto:rush3004@bellsouth.net).

**National Police Week:** In 1962, President Kennedy  
proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> as National Peace Officers Memorial



Day and the calendar week in which  
May 15<sup>th</sup> falls, as National Police  
Week. Established by a joint resolution  
of Congress in 1962, National Police  
Week pays special recognition to those  
law enforcement officers who have lost  
their lives in the line of duty for the  
safety and protection of others. So  
beginning Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> thru  
Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> is National Police

Week. Let us honor and keep in prayer all police officers  
who serve our community, state and nation and especially  
all those who have died in the line of duty.

### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations Message of Pope**

**Francis, 2019:** World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
celebrates all vocations to ordained ministry and religious  
life in all its forms. 88 % of all women and men who  
profess final vows served in one or more parish ministries  
and activities *before* entering religious life, so it is  
important to nurture vocations within the family from an  
early age. It is not always easy to discern our vocation and  
steer our life in the right direction. For this reason, there  
needs to be a renewed commitment from the Church -  
priests, religious, pastoral workers educators, ministries,  
parents - to provide young people in particular with  
opportunities for listening and discernment. There is a need  
for a vocational promotion in opening a way to discover  
God's plan, above all through prayer, meditation on God's  
word, within Eucharistic Adoration and Spiritual  
Accompaniment. The Lord's call is the loving initiative  
whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a  
great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of  
a greater sea and an abundant catch."

## Diocesan Activities

**2019 Sophia Award:** Nominations are now being taken for the 2019 Sophia Award, an award given to a person sixty-five or older who lives a life of stewardship (giving of time, talent and treasure). Anyone who has not previously received a Sophia Award is eligible for nomination (lay person – individual or married couple, member of a religious community or an ordained deacon or priest). A person can be nominated on past outstanding contributions (living or deceased) and can be home bound. The deadline to submit a nomination is July 12<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be found in the sacristy or in the parish office.

**Gennesaret Retreat:** Are you or a loved one living with a chronic or serious illness? Have you ever wanted to make a retreat but have been unable because of illness or disability? We invite you to consider the Gennesaret Retreat held at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center at Maple Mount, KY. The retreat is May 24-26, 2019 and there is no cost to you. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis and to focus on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. The retreat staff includes experienced medical professionals to help with your individual needs. To register or receive more information about this wonderful weekend, please contact Amy and Tom Payne, retreat coordinators, at 270-316-0403 or by email, [apayneat2251@hotmail.com](mailto:apayneat2251@hotmail.com).

**Women's Retreat: Friends, Faith & Flip Flops Take 2 | August 23-24, 2019** - Ladies, grab a friend and make plans to join women from all over the diocese at Kentucky Dam Village Resort for a women's retreat! This retreat is being led by Kelly Wahlquist, a dynamic and inspiring author and speaker, who will encourage you to spread the message of Jesus by living the joy of the Gospel. The retreat is \$30 if registered by July 31. Lodging is separate. Find out all the details and register to attend by visiting <https://owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/>.

**Border Missions:** Catholic Charities will be sending 4 people to assist Catholic Charities in Laredo, Texas the week of May 13: Susan Montalvo-Gesser, Charlotte Hedges, Dcn. Chris Gutierrez and Fr. Carmelo Jimenez. Another deployment will depart for either Yuma or Tucson, Arizona on June 9th which will be led by Dcn. Richard Murphy. If you are interested, please contact Susan for more information; [susan.gesser@pastoral.org](mailto:susan.gesser@pastoral.org) or 270-683-1545.

**Are you a Catholic in a medical field?** The Diocese is in the beginning stages of starting a Catholic Medical Association "guild" in the Diocese. Anyone in any medical profession is able to be a member, but it takes three active physicians to start the guild. CMA Guilds provide fellowship, education, opportunities to serve the local Church and public, and a base for physicians, healthcare professionals, medical students and residents to find guidance, education, mutual support, service, and witness. Go to [www.cathmed.org](http://www.cathmed.org). Contact Danny May or Deacon Richard Murphy if you are interested. 270-683-1545.

## At Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph

To register for any below: call 270-229-0206 or [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or online at [ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs](http://ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs).

**Quiet Time with God and Self-June 2-8:** What inspires you? What kind of seeds are you planting in your garden or life? Does your body and soul need nourishment? Sign up for a contemplative week just for you. Let the peaceful and holy surroundings of Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center feed your faith through prayer, reflection and quiet time to be with God. Cost: \$450 for Directed Retreat (includes Spiritual Direction, room and meals) or \$275 for Silent Retreat (includes room and meals) Retreat begins with a social at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, and ends after breakfast on Saturday, June 8. Sister Mary Matthias Ward will meet with each retreatant to see if you would like spiritual direction during your stay. She is the director of the Center and has many years of experience in spiritual direction and retreat work.

**Twilight Retreat June 12: Creation from Seed:** Fr. Richard Powers will be presenting, "June Apples: There was Creation... from the Seed Eventually Comes the Gift of Eucharist." This will take place on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The event time is 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room. These Twilight retreats take place on the second Wednesday of each month. Save these future dates: Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

**"Reasons to Believe" Book Study June 13:** The Focus on Faith class, which meets monthly, has just started reading and discussing the book: "Reasons to Believe: How to Understand, Explain and Defend the Catholic Faith," by Scott Hahn. The next class is Thursday, June 13 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The book study will be led by Ursuline Sister Ann McGrew. The \$20 fee per class includes lunch. Save these future class dates: Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12.

**Awakening the Soul with Creative Arts June 14-16** "Awakening the Soul with Creative Arts" is an opportunity for discovery, joy and deep connection to God. This retreat takes place the weekend of June 14-16. Facilitators Maryann Joyce and Heather Berndt will encourage the awakening of physical and spiritual senses through creative activities and quiet reflection. Maryann is assistant director of the Retreat Center, and Heather is a graphic designer, artist and retreat leader who resides in Spokane, Wash. Both are spiritual directors. The retreat begins on Friday evening and ends after lunch on Sunday. The cost is \$195, or commuters can attend for \$100. Receive 10% off if paid in full by May 14.

**May is Military Appreciation Month in Christian County, please help us let our military men and women know we appreciate them and the service they provide to our country.**