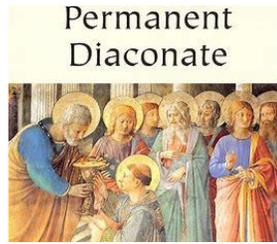


**Permanent Deacons:** Following the direction of the Second Vatican Council, the Diocese of Owensboro began the process of re-establishing the diaconate in 2006 under the direction of Bishop John J. McRaith, third Bishop of Owensboro. The process was continued under the fourth Bishop of Owensboro, Bishop William F. Medley and the re-establishment was finalized with the ordination of its first permanent deacons on September 15, 2012.



Of those ordained in 2012, Bishop Medley assigned to us here at Saints Peter and Paul two of our own parishioners, Dr. Bill Sweet and Tim Barnes, to serve as permanent deacons. On September 16, 2017, Roberto Cruz was ordained as a permanent deacon and he began to serve Saints Peter and Paul as a Deacon serving our Hispanic Community. On October 2, 2017 Deacon Tim Schlueter, who was ordained for the Archdiocese of Louisville, moved to Hopkinsville and Bishop Medley granted him the faculties to serve here at Saints Peter and Paul as a permanent deacon. Unfortunately, Tim and his wife Connie are moving to the Cincinnati area and will be departing from our parish. Their last weekend with us will be September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Now, beginning this weekend, we welcome Deacon Trinidad Soriano who was ordained as a permanent Deacon Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and assigned to us here at Saints Peter and Paul.

As a parish we are grateful the Holy Spirit who is alive and working in our parish to encourage these men to serve as the Sacramental presence of Christ in our world. This weekend let us give thanks to our permanent deacons and their service to us.

**Sympathy:** As a parish we offer our prayers to Jackie and Natalie Allison at the loss of their son and our parishioner, Jamie Lynn Allison. Jamie passed away on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at his home at the age of 40. He was born March 20, 1979 and he loved his family, restoring cars and animals. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Rusty Bean and Michael Kushner and two sisters, Ashley Ann Grace and Beth Armstrong. Visitation with the Allison family will be on Saturday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Todd County Funeral Home with Funeral services on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Johnson's Chapel United Methodist Church. Let us lift up in prayer the Allison family as we pray "May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."



**Raffle:** The Guadalupe Committee is selling raffle tickets for a SEIKI 50-inch Smart TV. The cost of the ticket is \$5.00 each and can be purchased in the parish office building. The drawing will take place on Sunday, September 22, 2019 during our Parish Picnic. All proceeds will go toward



the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe this December. We would appreciate your support.

**Pastoral Care Dealing with Pornography:** The Diocese of Owensboro is making efforts to help confront the problem of pornography in our society. It has launched a website— [www.cleanheartinitiative.org](http://www.cleanheartinitiative.org) —to provide helpful, if modest, resources for adults, parents, families,



etc., to protect against and to find deliverance from the current scourge. A small working group in our

parish is cooperating with the Diocese to help implement the resources available at this site and to prepare to have materials here to assist. At some point in the future we hope to have information presentations for parishioners at large as well as for parents. This is a careful first step to confront a very difficult and sensitive predicament afflicting our families and our society. We invite you to check out and to explore the website. Spanish language components are included but still being built. Suggestions for the site's further development are welcome. Fr. Richard

**Attention Crafters:** Applications are now available for our Sts Peter & Paul 2019 Christmas Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 8:30 am to 2 pm in Meredith Hall.



Our bazaar last year was a great success with over 40 vendors. All proceeds go to help with Sts Peter & Paul Parish Assistance Program. Call or text Kathy Buehrle at 270-484-1504 or Carol Gillingham at 270-305-1594.

**2019 Christmas Bazaar November 2, 2019:** We are currently looking for 2 people that could assist with the Christmas Bazaar. This would entail helping with Vendors, Advertising and helping the day of the bazaar.



Please call Kathy Buehrle at 270-484-1504 or Carol Gillingham at 270-305-1594.

Electronic giving offers anyone a convenient, safe and simple way to make regular church offerings without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes. Donations can be set up from your checking, savings or credit card accounts. A recurring option is available as well.

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## Message from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

We live in an increasingly secularized society, which powerfully influences our young people, often compelling them to leave the Church altogether. The 2018 Saint



Mary's Press study, *The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics*, includes extensive research on young Catholics who have left the church. One of their most alarming findings was that youth stop identifying as Catholics at a median age of 13 for reasons ranging from disbelief to dissatisfaction with Church teaching.

Sociologist Christian Smith, renowned for his investigation of the phenomenon of disaffiliation, notes that many of the young people who have stopped identifying as Catholics tended to have "weak signs of attachment to the church" in the first place. In other words, they were not formed very well in the faith.

At the same time, we have signs of hope. I was blessed to participate in the Vatican's October 2018 Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith, and vocational discernment", which found that young people who end religious practice do not necessarily end their spiritual desire. The church must walk with young people and their families, listen to them with attention and love, and then be ready intelligently to give a reason for the hope that is within us.

Our resources this year are aimed on assisting the many dedicated faithful in their outreach to as missionary disciples particularly to the disaffiliated. Under our theme, Stay with Us, we have produced a variety of articles, videos and podcasts focusing on the encounter, and accompaniment which builds a community that then sends forth as missionary disciples. In his recent Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Christus Vivit! Pope Francis reminds us that in addition to doctrine and morality "*It is likewise important that it have two main goals. One is the development of the kerygma, the foundational experience of encounter with God through Christ's death and resurrection. The other is growth in fraternal love, community life and service... All Christian formation consists of entering more deeply into the kerygma and incarnating it ever more fully in our lives. (213-214)*

May our lives be an imitation of Jesus' encounter with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) and accompany those entrusted to us into full community and discipleship.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Bishop Robert Barron, Chairman  
Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

## Don't Forget

**Zaxby's Night** is Tuesday, September 17 from 5-8pm. Our school receives a percentage of all proceeds that night. Grab supper and support our school at the same time.

Today's readings focus on the personal and merciful love of God and we are filled with unending gratitude to God. This gratitude is the fuel that keeps "the stewardship way of life" rolling along.

In our 2nd reading from Timothy, St. Paul says of himself: "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated." Paul knows the sins he has committed, but this doesn't hold him back from ministry; he is all the more grateful to be God's steward! How encouraging to know this is true for us, as well. Even with our past/present sins/struggles we can still be God's grateful stewards.

Jesus illustrates His merciful love in the story of the lost sheep in today's Gospel from Luke: "Who among you with one hundred sheep and losing just one, would not leave the ninety-nine to look for the lost one until he finds it?" The logical response is no one!

It doesn't make sense to spend time and energy in



search of one sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's mercy defies human logic. Who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray from God through sin, great or small. What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think, even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as

we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** We congratulate Zulma Patricia Perez Cota y Marco Antonio Rodriguez Romero who were united in Holy Matrimony this past Saturday, September 7 here at Saints Peter and Paul. We give thanks for their witness of love and commitment.



Goodie Bag Preparation for our Blue Mass. We are grateful to the many hands who helped make this possible.