

Middle and High School Youth: On Wednesday, September 30th at 6:30 p.m. we will have our Opening Session for our youth program outside with games and activities (if it rains, we will move into the church). This program is for youth from 6th grade to 12th grade, and on this first night, at least one parent **MUST** be present throughout this first night. Part of this night we will discuss procedures – pick-up/drop off; how and when volunteers will be taking temperatures, weekly forms that will be completed; process for dinner each week; materials to be used; meet your youths’ teachers for this year and we will discuss upcoming activities being planned for our youth. Registration forms will be available in the narthex beginning next weekend. Please return these to Libby as soon as possible. It would be helpful if they are returned **BEFORE**, Wednesday, September 30th. Please mark your calendar now. Each family, who has participated in the past, will be receiving a letter in the mail this week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, September 30th at 6:30 p.m.
Opening Kick-Off for
our Middle and High School Programs
Outside Activities – so dress appropriately

College Student Care Packages

We will be conducting our College Care Packages a little differently this year. So, we are beginning preparations now to provide “goodie boxes” to brighten up our college students lives. What better way than a gift from their home parish. We will be mailing these packages at the beginning



of October so we need your support and assistance. Below is a list of items we would like to include in their packages. If you are able to help provide these items, please drop them off in the parish office building or see Libby in the sacristy. If you

would like to help pay for the postage of these packages (approximately \$400.00), please place your donation in an envelope marked “College Care Packages” and drop it in the collection basket. If you need more information, or need to submit your young adult’s college address, please email Libby at ljdowns@stspchurch.org. Again, these packages will be mailed in early October.

Items Needed:

Hot cocoa packets	Snack crackers
Gum	Small chip packages
Breakfast bars	Popcorn packs
Little Debbie snacks	Chapstick
Trail mix	Cough drops
Mints	Tissues – small packs
Lotion – travel size	Individual hand sanitizers

Paintsville Project: For almost 20 years we have supported St. Michael’s Parish in Paintsville, Kentucky with a trailer full of clothing, coats, shoes, household items, toys, and many other items. This year we want to continue to serve them and assist those in great need in our own state. In speaking with Sister Nancy, they are

accepting donations and are counting on us for assistance. At this point, know we are in the planning process. Our Middle and High School religious education teachers have discussed how this will look different because we cannot use the gym for storage of donations since it is being used by our school for Extended Care. So begin gathering your items and we will let you know the drop off dates and times and when delivery will be to Paintsville. If you and or your family would like to help deliver these items, please let Libby know. Thank you for your continue support and sharing of our excess to those in need.

Get Well Cards: We need your HELP!

Could you please help us by sending cards to the following people to help cheer them and wishing them to get well soon? All address are Hopkinsville unless otherwise noted.



1. Mike Groves– 1160 S Tanyard Rd, Cadiz, KY 42211
2. Mike Stocker – 633 Hunters Lane
3. Millie Selensky – 105 Linda Drive
4. Carol Johnson, 3306 Southgate Drive

Mums Reminder: - Right to Life of Christian County representatives will be in the church parking lot the weekend of September 19/20 to deliver your mums.



Parish Council Election: The Parish Pastoral Council nominations will take place again this weekend September 5th - 6th. Parishioners 18 years of age and older will have the opportunity to nominate one person to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. As a courtesy, please ask the person you would like to nominate prior to placing their name on the ballot. The names of those who accept their nominations will be published in the bulletin. During the weekend of September 12th - 13th, the names of those who accept their nominations will be placed in two baskets -- one for men and one for women. Through prayer and the Holy Spirit, a name from each basket will be pulled. If you have any questions, please contact Morgan Murray, Chair or any council member.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Natural Family Planning – Creighton Method Intro Class: Southwest Fertility Care Center is offering a FREE intro training for the Creighton Method of Natural Family Planning on September 10th at 7:00 pm via Zoom video conference for anyone in the Diocese of Owensboro. (Marquette instruction is also now available if anyone is interested.) Please RSVP at <https://owensborodiocese.org/creighton-method> if interested.

Prayer for our Diocese of Owensboro Seminarians
 In this season of COVID 19 and uncertainty we continue to pray for our Seminarians and Religious. Many plans and dreams were put on hold, but only for awhile. Remember and celebrate these for whom we have promised to pray. Let them know of your support at the addresses below.



*Deacon Corey Bruns
 St. Meinrad Seminary*



*Christopher Grief
 St. Meinrad Seminary*



*Conrad Jaconette
 St. Meinrad Seminary*



*Christopher Kight
 Pastoral Year
 St. Joseph Parish,
 Bowling Green*



*Martin Ma Na Ling
 St. Meinrad Seminary*



*Devin Dettman
 Holy Cross/Notre Dame
 Sequestered Year*

*(Seminarian Name)
 St. Meinrad Seminary
 200 Hill Dr.
 St. Meinrad, IN 47577*

*Holy Cross Novitiate
 P.O. Box 749
 Cascade, CO 80809*

Prayer for those who Recently said Yes!

With prayers of joy and thanksgiving we honor two youth from our Diocese who recently accepted the call of service to the Lord by entering into religious life. Our prayers are with Veronica and Chris on this one step closer to God. Please let them know of your support with a card.

Veronica Johnson, daughter of Trish Beresford of Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green. Veronica Johnson, Novitiate House of Formation 1714 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774



Chris French, son of Jack & Ginny French of Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green. Chris French Borromeo 202 Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary 2500 Cold Spring Road Indianapolis, IN 46222



**Office of Vocations
 DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO**

Meet Our New Seminarians!



Joseph McGinnis
 Sacred Heart Parish, Russellville

Joseph will be entering 1st Philosophy at St. Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology in August.



Flynn Mudd
 St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah

Returning to seminary after a time of discernment, Flynn will be a junior at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in August.

Prayer for Vocation

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Gracious God,

You have called us to life and blessed us in many ways.

Through Baptism You have sent us to continue the mission of Jesus by sharing our love with others.

Strengthen us to respond to Your call each day.

Help us to become all You desire of us.

Inspire us to make a difference in others' lives.

Lead us to choose the way of life

You have planned for us.

Open the hearts of all to listen to Your call.

Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that we may have listening hearts and the courage to respond to You.

Enkindle in our heart and the hearts of others the desire to make the world a better place by serving as Spouse, Family, Lay Minister, Sister, Priest, Brother or Deacon.

Amen.