

Sympathy: The Diocese of Owensboro and the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph lost a truly inspiring Sister this past week. Sister Dianna Ortiz passed away last Friday, February 19th after battling cancer while under hospice care in Washington, DC. She was 62 years old and an Ursuline Sister for 43 years. Sister Dianna called on God to help her



survive a traumatic event in her life to become an advocate for torture victims worldwide. She taught at Immaculate Conception School, Hawesville (1983-85) and Blessed Mother School, Owensboro (1985-87) before doing mission work with Mayan children in Guatemala. While there in 1989 she was abducted by government forces and tortured.

After much prayer and counseling, she became a grassroots organizer for the Guatemalan Human Rights Commission in Washington, D.C. (1994-2000). In 1998, she founded the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition (TASSC) International in Washington, to advocate for the abolition of torture and to support its victims. Her book, "The Blindfold's Eyes: My Journey from Torture to Truth," was published in 2002. She testified before Congress concerning human rights and torture and received numerous honors for her work from peace and victims advocate organizations. She served as deputy director of Pax Christi USA in Washington from 2010-2012. She served with the Center of Concern on its Education for Justice Project in Washington from 2012-18. In 2020, she returned to Pax Christi USA as deputy director, where she was serving at the time of her death.

Survivors include the members of her religious community; her mother Amby Ortiz of Grants; sisters Barbara Murrietta of Grants and Michelle Salazar of San Mateo, N.M.; brothers Ronald Ortiz, Pilar Ortiz Jr., John Ortiz and Joshua Ortiz, all of Grants; nieces and nephews. Due to health and safety concerns, the wake service at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, February 28, and the funeral at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 1, will be private. They will both be live streamed on the Ursuline Facebook page www.facebook.com/ursulinesmsj/live.

As a parish we offer our prayers for her family and the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph as we pray to God "May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

Wednesday, March 3, Optional Memorial of Katharine Drexel: Wealthy and Worldly Heiress Gives to the Poor:

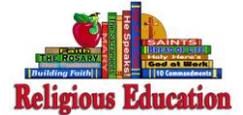


due to her financial means, Katharine Drexel (1858-1955), had the privilege of traveling to various parts of the country where she became keenly aware of the oppression of Native Americans and African-Americans. She dedicated her entire life, including the founding of a religious community known as the Sisters of the Blessed

Sacrament, to the empowerment of these groups through education (that is, launching the first Catholic college for

African-Americans, and starting 145 Catholic missions and 12 schools for Native Americans). Katharine did not spend her fortune on herself, but on others establishing institutions and missions dedicated to the marginalized. Katharine Drexel shocked the social circles of Philadelphia when she joined the convent, to fight vicious racial prejudice and minister to the poor. She died in 1955 at the age of 97 and was officially canonized a saint in 2000. I invite you to Mass on Wednesday, March 3, the day we honor her.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish Religious Education



PSR– Pre-School thru 5th Grade: Classes will be held this **Sunday, February 28th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Building** and in the Office Annex Building.

Parents Remember:

- Drop off is between 8:45 a.m. and 8:55 a.m.
- Enter the parish parking lot off 9th Street and proceed forward between the parish office building and the Annex building and then parents are to exit the parking lot onto 7th Street.
- Pick up is at 10:15 again using directions as Drop off.

UPDATED SCHEDULE – 9:00-10:15 a.m.:

February 28: Class March 7: Class
 March 14: Class March 28: Class

First Communion Parents: There is a First Communion Parent Meeting scheduled for **Sunday, March 7th at 11:30**



a.m. (immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass) in the Church. At least one parent from each family is expected to be present. No make-up session will be

offered. We will be discussing when First Communion will be celebrated and what this will look like this year. It is very important that each family is represented so discussion can take place.

Middle and High School Youth Ministry

CLASSES continue this Wednesday, March 3rd beginning at 6:30 p.m.



Parents/Youth Driving Remember:

- Drop off is between 6:10 p.m. and 6:25 p.m.
- Enter the parish parking lot off 9th Street and proceed to the portico behind the Church (between the Church and Office Building) and then parents are to exit the parking lot between Meredith Hall and the Maintenance Building onto 7th Street.
- Pick up is at 8:00 p.m. again using directions as Drop off.

February Class Schedule:

March 3: Class March 10: Class
 March 17: Class March 24: Class

“Thinking of You” Cards: We need your HELP! Please help us bring joys to some of our homebound folks and those who are experiencing difficult times. All are Hopkinsville addresses unless otherwise stated.



1. June Mahoney, 411 Evangeline Court
2. Joan McGillivray, 1902 Riverbend Road
3. Cindy McCouch, 3422 Greenwood Drive
4. Sharon Moseley, 500 Pineridge Drive

February is National Cancer Prevention Month and we will have more information available to you next week.



But did you know that you can send an online card to St. Jude patients to bring them support and encouragement to kids battling the toughest cancers? It is easy. Follow the link below and help bring joy and

Christian kindness to others.

<https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/other-ways/valentines-day.html>

Black Books: Black Books for the Season of Lent are still available in the narthex. If you are able, please help us defray the cost by donating \$1.00 per book. If you have not returned to Mass and would like a copy, please call or email us and we will mail you a book.



CRS Rice Bowl is the Lent program of Catholic Relief Services for faith communities who want to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Donations through the Rice Bowl project help support the work of Catholic Relief Services in over 100 countries each year. 75% of your donations will go to help CRS in its work around the world, while 25% will stay in our own Diocese, supporting hunger & poverty alleviation efforts. Rice bowl collection boxes are in the narthex.



Sunday Parish Holy Hour: For several years here at Saints Peter and Paul, each Sunday we have a special Parish Holy Hour from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This prayerful time offers an opportunity to pray communally the Liturgy of the Hours, for anyone to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a time for silence, solitude, personal prayer and concluding the hour with praying the Rosary. Would you consider joining us as part of your Lenten Journey? If not the entire hour, perhaps you could spare 20 or 30 minutes!”



Knights of Columbus “Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest:

Our Knights of Columbus Council #7847 is sponsoring an Essay Contest for Middle (6th - 8th grades) and High School youth. This essay contest is entitled “What does St. Joseph mean to me? With our Holy Father declaring this as a “Year of Saint Joseph”, let us join in on the fun. **There will be information packets on the table**



in the narthex with the rules and guidelines for this contest. Additional copies are available in the parish office and in the school office. Deadline to submit your essay is Friday, March 26th.

Palm Cross Sale: The Knights of Columbus are selling palm crosses for Palm Sunday. These crosses are made from real palm and are approximately 24 inches tall. The cost of the cross is \$15.00. You can give the order form to any member of the Knights, or place in the collection basket marked to the attention: Joe Mezzoni or by square at: <https://knights-of-columbus-council-7847-hopkinsville-ky.square.site/>



The crosses need to be preordered and paid for by THURSDAY March 18th. We will contact you by phone or email when they arrive. We will have them blessed and ready for pickup at all Palm Sunday Masses. Free delivery can be arranged in Hopkinsville.

NAME: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Crosses: _____

Total Cost: _____

Home address (only if you want delivery): _____

Easter Ham Sale - Holy Saturday April 3rd 2021: K of C Council #7847 will provide your Easter Ham or Chicken Dinner. All orders must be placed by Sunday, March 28th and will be available for pick up on Saturday, April 3rd between 12:00-Noon and 3:00 p.m.



Pick-up outside Meredith Hall or can be delivered directly to you. **PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME ORDER IS PLACED. Order forms are available on the table in the narthex, email from Saints Peter and Paul or text Tom O’Hagan** with questions or to place an order – 270-348-2322. You can also email order info to kofchopkinsville@gmail.com. Also see our order form on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/KofC7847>.



Picnic Ham – 5 to 7 lbs average = \$30.00 or Whole Chicken – 5 lbs average = \$10.00

St. Joseph Feast Day Special Offering: The Knights of Columbus are offering a special meal to honor St. Joseph on his feast Day – Friday, March 19th – The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Following the Stations of the Cross that begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 19, the Knights will be handing out boxed meals of Pasta with Marinara sauce, Fresh salad and a special home-made bread that has been blessed honoring St. Joseph. This meal is free for those who participate in the Stations of the Cross. All you have to do is complete a reservation form (available on the table in the narthex or attached to this weekend’s bulletin email). This form indicates you name and how many adult meals and children’s meals you will need. Don’t miss out on this upcoming delicious meal.