

SS Peter & Paul Parish School of Religion Newsletter



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APRIL/MAY 2010

“It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name Most High.”
~ Psalm 92:2

MANY THANKS TO OUR 2009-2010 PSR WEDNESDAY NIGHT STAFF!

We are so grateful to the men & women who dedicate their time on Wednesday evenings to make our program run so smoothly. Please thank them when you see them for their commitment and devotion to educating our kids in the Catholic faith! It couldn't be done without them!

The Catechists for the 2009-2010 school year:

- 1st Grade - *Amy Ingram, Brittany Huelsman & Crystal Schultz*
2nd Grade *Becky Simshauser, Jennifer Kretchmer & Cathy Pfeil*
3rd Grade *Deb Thompson & Lara Pope*
4th Grade *Dottie Heimos & Vicki Truman*
5th Grade *Beth Arenas & Michelle Knefelkamp*
6th Grade *Andrew Kohnz, Denise Foerg & Mark Baer*
7th Grade *Linette Hermanns & Craig Laskowski*
8th Grade *Jennifer Mechler & Krista Miller*

SPPS Administrative Staff -
Debbie Schneider & Staci Wittenauer

Gibault Administrative Staff -
Craig Crosson, Mary Mercer, Colleen Goessling

PSR REGISTRATION **FOR THE UPCOMING 2010-2011** **SCHOOL YEAR !**

In order to have adequate staff and keep our class sizes small for next year, we ask that you please help us plan accordingly by taking advantage of one of the registration dates listed below. All NEW students will need to bring a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to registration.

Wed., Apr.21 - SPPS (6:30p-7:45p)
Wed., Apr.28 - Gibault (6:45p-8p)
Wed., May 5 - Gibault (6:45p - 8p)
Wed., May 12 - After Closing Mass (8:00p)

Fees will remain unchanged from last year:

1st Student - \$100
2nd Student - \$ 50
3rd Student - \$ 25
Four or more - No charge

PLEASE NOTE: Late Registration Penalty (after May 12th) is \$25 per family.

TRIVIA & SILENT AUCTION **Benefit for Lindsey Springer** (A fellow Ss Peter & Paul PSR mom of five children who's battling cancer.)

When: May 8th @ 7p

**Where: Concord Presbyterian Church
338 Covington Dr. Waterloo**

Cost: \$10/person for teams up to eight

Contact: 939-5731 to reserve a table

Snacks & Non-Alcoholic Drinks

Welcome!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Apr 25	8th Grade Family Mass @ 10:30a - Confirmation practice immediately following in SPPS Cafeteria
Apr 27	CONFIRMATION Confirmandi & Sponsor @ 5:30p Mass at 7pm
Apr 28	PSR Classes No Class for 8 th Grade Students PSR Registration – Gibault
May 2	7th Grade Family Mass 10:30a – Reception to follow in Cafeteria
May 5	PSR Classes PSR Registration – Gibault
May 10	PSR Advisory Board Meeting – 6:30p
May 12	PSR Closing Mass – 6:30p @ church
May 19	PSR Catechists & Admin Staff “End-Of-Year Wrap-Up” 6:30p in SPPS Cafeteria

PLAN AHEAD!!!

SEPTEMBER 8 – PSR BEGINS w/Parent Meeting at 6:30p in Church. One parent from each family must attend to sign forms & meet your child’s catechist!

SEPTEMBER 15 – PSR Classes Begin for students
6:30p – 7:45p SPPS (Grades 1-4)
6:45p – 8:00p Gibault (Grades 5-8)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!

On Tuesday, April 27th our 8th Grade class of 30 students will have the Sacrament of Confirmation bestowed on them by Bishop Edward Braxton.

We thank the parents and especially the 8th Grade Catechists: Jennifer Mechler & Krista Miller for keeping them on track and encouraged during their preparation time.

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders for receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time!

A big “Thank You” to the parents and the 2nd Grade PSR Catechists: Jennifer Kretchmer, Becky Simshauser & Cathy Pfeil for your time and efforts in preparing our children’s hearts to receive Jesus in this special way!

Are you being called as a PSR Catechist?

There are no requirements for being a Catechist but to have a willing heart and to be available on Wednesday evenings for class. Training will be provided before classes begin. If you are interested or need more information about being a Catechist for the 2010-2011 PSR year, please contact Anita Toth at 939-3533 or anitatoth@htc.net. Thank you for your consideration! We really need your help to keep our class sizes small for our children!

Dear Parents: Thank you for supporting the PSR program this year! Our catechists have worked really hard to help your children learn their prayers & to better understand the Mass. Please continue to pray with them over the summer and attend Mass regularly so that they can retain the progress that was made this year. We appreciate your support and dedication! Don’t forget to check the PSR website over the summer for updates!!! Have a blessed summer! **PSR Website –**
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Check it Out!

<http://www.livefearlessandfree.org>

Our 7th Grade PSR Catechist, Craig Laskowski has teamed up with Arlen Harris, our NFL guest speaker this past Fall, to advertise his outreach program called “Football For L.I.F.E.” (Living to Inspire Faith and Excellence)

Look under the “Outreach” tab. May God bless your ministry efforts, Craig!



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saints Peter & Paul Youth Ministry
 2010 cast of the Living Stations of
 the Cross under the direction of
 Alison Essner. Thanks to all of the
 PSR families who were represented!

Front row: Ethan Kipping, Roman
 Foster, Amber Beasley, Rachel Brown, _
 Taylor Krekorian, Alexia Begis and
 Cassie Kaiping

Middle row: Eric Wright, Zach Short,
 Jeremy Kovarik, Julia Yates, Ashley
 Wiegand, Lexi Purcell and Tara
 Kennedy.

Back: Ben Constantine, Mitchell Brown,
 Matt Reinholz, Brian Reinholz,
 Emily Morris, Mallory Wetzler, Adam
 Briesacher and Nick Row.

Holy Hero

St. Mark the Evangelist - feast day
April 25

Hello friends!

My name is Mark. My writings became the second Gospel of the New Testament. I was born in North Africa and later moved to Jerusalem with my family. My mother's house was often a meeting place for early Christians. From the time I was young, my family and I shared the exciting and intimate life of the first Christians of Jerusalem, close to the Blessed Virgin and the twelve apostles. I traveled with my cousin, St. Barnabas, and St. Paul on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus. I also accompanied St.

Peter to Rome, acting as his interpreter. Although I did not witness *all* the events of the life of Jesus, as I was not one of the 12 apostles, I learned much about Him from my close friend, Peter, who was like a father to me. While in Rome, I was asked to record the life of Jesus, as told by St. Peter, which I wrote in Greek to the Gentile (not Jewish) converts to Christianity. Mine was the first to be written, around the year 60 A.D., and also the shortest of the four Gospels.

My Gospel gives you a direct picture of Jesus, told in a straight-forward way. I want to show my readers the human side of Jesus too. I tell of the times when our Lord was happy, sad, angry and hopeful. But I also want you to imagine the wonders of heaven by telling of the many miracles of Jesus: the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, our Lord walking on the water, calming the stormy sea, and curing the man with many demons. The vivid and detailed descriptions I give about the life of Christ fill out the picture given by the other Gospels.

The word "Gospel" means good news, and my good news is about Jesus Christ, THE SON OF GOD. Pay close attention to Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God breaking into human life, (Mark 1, vs. 14-15) and Jesus HIMSELF as the Gospel of God! (Chp 1,vs1. Chp 8,vs35. Chp 10,vs29) Jesus is the Son whom God has sent into the world to save humanity by serving and by sacrificing His very life. (Chp 10, vs45)

Tradition tells us that Mark left Rome after the death of Peter, and went to preach in Alexandria, Egypt, where he founded the first Christian church and school there, and where he was eventually martyred. St. Mark is represented by the symbol of a winged lion. This comes from the beginning of his Gospel describing John the Baptist's voice "crying out in the wilderness". (Mark 1,vs3) His voice sounding like that of a roaring lion!