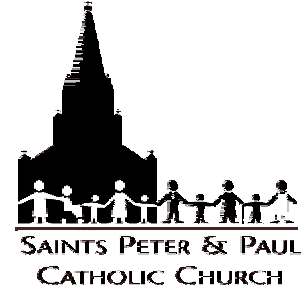


SS Peter & Paul Parish School of Religion Newsletter



PSR Website – www.spp.waterloo.il.us/psr.html
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“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” ~ Mark 12:30

PSR OPENING NIGHT SUCCESS!

Thank you to all catechists, support personnel and parents who helped get this year off to a great start! We had about 90% of our parents attend the Kick Off night to hear Fr. Osang, Fr. Stan and Anita Toth talk about the upcoming PSR year and meet their child’s catechist. There were many excited children in attendance that helped create an atmosphere of enthusiasm which has poured over into our Wednesday evening program. We appreciate everyone who participated and thank you for your continued support of the PSR program.

The Catechists for the 2009-2010 school year are:

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

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELP MAKE THE PSR PROGRAM RUN SMOOTHLY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

PRAY WITH YOUR CHILD!

For a listing of prayers and support please see: www.catholic.org/clife/prayers

Ss. Peter & Paul PSR Program featured in “The Messenger”!

The PSR program was featured on the front page of the September 17th, Belleville Messenger newspaper. If you don’t subscribe to The Messenger, you can find the article online at:

<http://www.bellevillemessenger.org/archive/091709/psr%2009.aspx>

Thanks to all of the Catechists who were interviewed and represented our program in such a positive way! Great job!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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| October 5 | “Living Rosary” in church at 7:00p. All are encouraged to attend! |
| October 7 | PSR Classes - 6 th Grade Church Tour (6:30p in church) |
| October 11 | Kindergarten & First Grade Student Mass - 10:30am in Church (Reception follows) |
| October 12 | PSR Advisory Board Meeting 6:30p in PPC |
| October 14 | PSR Classes |
| October 18 | Youth Mass - 6p in church |
| October 21 | PSR Classes |
| October 28 | PSR Classes - 5 th Grade “ACRE” Testing during class. |

Confirmation News!

The Confirmation planning for the upcoming year is already in progress, with dates and times being finalized. We are looking into new opportunities to bring excitement and enthusiasm to those receiving this important Sacrament.

Tentative dates for Bishop Braxton to bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 8th graders will be mid to late April 2010 at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

Bishop Braxton wanted to encourage the 8th graders to begin researching their patron Saint now so that they can have a good understanding of why their Saint made such a difference in our world. Please see the following trusted website for help with choosing and researching your patron saint. <http://saints.sqpn.com/>

Our Confirmandi should also be working on their 14 service projects needed. This is an important tangible way for them to think outside of their own needs and to consider the needs of family, church, school and community as well.

Lastly, it's also time for the Confirmandi to select a sponsor. Serious consideration should be spent on selecting the appropriate sponsor. A sponsor should be someone that the confirmation candidate sees on a regular basis, someone who visibly demonstrates their Catholic faith, and is available to attend Sacramental preparation activities with the Confirmandi.

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, March 20, 2010, from 9a – 1p at Gibault High School. Please mark your calendars now! (The students will need to make up this retreat in another community if they cannot attend this one.) This retreat is for parents and the confirmation candidate.

6th Grade Church Tour - October 7th @ 6:30p in Church!

The 6th Graders will meet Fr. Osang in church this Wednesday for a tour of Ss. Peter & Paul Church. [The children need to be dropped off at church by 6:30p and will be finished by 7:45p.](#) Parents are welcome to come listen in as the students learn about the many symbols that we see in church!

Confirmation Service Hours Available for 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

The upcoming service projects are available to our youth who participate. (Remember that 8th Graders need 14 service projects, 7th Graders need 3 service projects and 6th Graders need one.) Please bring a copy of the reflection paper for the organizer to sign. You can print a copy of the Reflection Paper which can be found at the bottom of the PSR Website. www.spp.waterloo.il.us/psr.html

- October 5 - Living Rosary participant
Ss. Peter & Paul Church - 7:00p
Contact - anitatoth@htc.net
- October 11 - After 10:30a Mass - Food/drink servers needed. Contact: Cheryl Doerr @ mcdoerr4@htc.net
- October 25 - Trunk or Treat - Helpers needed!
Contact - millerkris06@yahoo.com
- Nov 14 & 21 - Scouting for Food - details coming!

STUDENT MASSES & RECEPTIONS!

Each month we will honor students, by grade level, at the 10:30a Mass. Pews will be reserved for the families in the front of church and the children will have the opportunity to participate in the Mass. A coffee & donut reception for the families will follow in the SPPS Cafeteria. Please mark your calendars!

- October 11 - 1st grade and Kindergarten
- November 8 - 2nd grade
- December 13 - 3rd grade
- January 10 - 4th grade
- February 7 - 5th grade
- March 14 - 6th grade
- April 11 - 8th grade
- May 2 - 7th grade

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need one or two people who would be interested in setting up and cleaning up for four of the receptions listed above. This is not a huge task and you will have someone walk you through the setup/clean up process. Please consider this as it would be a great help to the program! If you are willing or have any questions, please contact: anitatoth@htc.net Thank you!

PSR Curriculum Posted Online!

What information will be covered in the classroom and what prayers should their children know and by when?

This information is now posted on the PSR website

<http://www.spp.waterloo.il.us/psr.html>

Please assist us by praying with your child the appropriate prayers for the year and reviewing with them the doctrines of our faith that are provided. By working together, we can assure that our efforts are successful in passing our faith down to the next generation.

Additional resources for activities & games to reinforce what is learned in the classroom are on the curriculum websites. Please bookmark the following for yourself and your children: www.blestarewe.com, www.faithfirst.com, and www.loyolapress.com.

SCRIP FOR SALE!

Scrip certificates & gift cards will be available to the PSR families on most Wednesday evenings in the SPPS cafeteria. This program will benefit the PSR program with the profits from the participating retailers. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to earn us \$\$\$! For more details, email Staci @ wittens@mac.com.

Ss Peter & Paul - YOUTH MINISTRY

Calendar of Events

October 4th – Monthly gatherings begin – 6:30PM for middle school; 7:30 PM for high school

October 18th – Youth Mass 6:00 PM

October 22nd – Youth Ministry Commission meeting 6:30PM

October 25th – Trunk or Treat

Youth Ministry “*Rooted In Christ*” T-Shirts Available!

The shirts are royal blue and sold in adult sizes for \$7.00. If you are interested in purchasing one, please email ymsspcc@aol.com with your name, phone number, quantity and size.

GIBAULT NEWS!

FALL PLAY –

Gibault Catholic High School is pleased to present “My Son is Crazy, But Promising” for three performances, Oct 9, 10 and 11 at 7:30PM in the auditorium. This play is a hilarious comedy with plenty of slap-stick humor and is appropriate for all ages.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

VISIT US !

Students - If you think that you may be interested in Gibault, we encourage you to shadow a Gibault student for a day! Follow a student through classes, meet teachers and coaches, get to know the kids, and experience all that is Gibault. We even throw in a free lunch! Call (939-3883) or email (pherzing@gibaultonline.com) Pat Herzing to set up a day that works for you.

Parents – You can visit us at any time and tour our beautiful campus. Simply call or email Pat Herzing to set up your appointment time.

OPEN HOUSE –

Watch your mail for an invitation to our annual Open House, November 8, 2009. Visit our campus, tour our school, meet teachers and coaches, find out about clubs/organizations/athletics, as well as financial aid. Open House hours are 11 AM – 2PM and no appointment is needed. Call 939-3883 for more info or visit our website at www.gibaultonline.com.

LIFE NETWORK Thanks You!

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the LifeWalk on Sep 19th and showing that Ss. Peter & Paul Church “**Celebrates Life!**” Your support of this ministry is very much appreciated. See you next year!