

SS Peter & Paul Parish School of Religion Newsletter



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“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” ~ John 6:35

PSR OPENING NIGHT!

Wednesday, September 9th @ 6:30p in church is our opening date for the 2009-2010 PSR year. **One parent from each family must attend this meeting with your child to sign forms & meet their catechist!** We will be meeting together for the opening and then the children will be dismissed with their catechists to SPPS for a brief discussion on the upcoming year. While they are meeting with their classes, we will be covering the plans and logistics for the PSR program. The kids will be brought back to church for dismissal with you at 7:30p.

Please help! The local food pantries are having a hard time keeping up with the nutritional needs of the community during these hard economic times. To assist with the shortage, we will be having a **FOOD DRIVE** on our opening night. **Please bring groceries - preferably complete dinner kits or personal care items to the front of church before we begin.**

Note: We will also have our registration staff in the back of church to update or complete any registration information. **Please make sure we have accurate phone numbers in case you've made changes over the summer.**

Registration Fees will remain unchanged from last year:

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

PLEASE NOTE: The Late Registration penalty of \$25.00 per family will be assessed to all returning students that did not register in the Spring. (May 13th, 2009 was the deadline.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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| Sep 2 | Catechist Certification Training - 6:00p in Church |
| Sep 8 | PSR Advisory Board – 6:30p in the SPPS cafeteria |
| Sep 9 | PSR Parent/Child Kickoff – 6:30p
<u>All grades in church. Please bring a bag of groceries for the food drive!</u> |
| Sep 16 | PSR Classes
6:30p – 7:45p SPPS (Grades 1-4)
6:45p – 8:00p Gibault (Grades 5-8) |
| Sep 20 | Youth Mass – 6p in church |
| Sep 23 | PSR Classes
6:30p – 7:45p SPPS (Grades 1-4)
6:45p – 8:00p Gibault (Grades 5-8) |
| Sep 30 | PSR Classes
6:30p – 7:45p SPPS (Grades 1-4)
6:45p – 8:00p Gibault (Grades 5-8) |

Are you being called as a PSR Catechist?

The requirements for being a Catechist are to have a willing heart and to be available on Wednesday evenings for class. If you are interested or need more information about being a Catechist for the 2009-10 PSR year, please contact Anita Toth at 939-3533 or anitatoth@htc.net. Thank you for your consideration! Our goal is to keep class sizes small for the most optimal learning!

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.

LIFE NETWORK WALK/RUN – September 19th

Thank you for walking in past LifeWalks and showing that Ss. Peter & Paul Church celebrates life! Your support of this ministry is very much appreciated. Our church is getting another team together for this year's Life Network Walk and needs participants. The walk is going to be held on

Saturday, September 19th, 2009, at 9:02am. There have been a few changes to the walk this year. The route is only 1.8 miles instead of 3.1 miles, and it will start immediately after the run which begins promptly at 9:00am.

If you would like to participate this year, please contact Chris Muehlher at: chrisandallen@hotmail.com so she can get you the materials that you need to sign up. If you have any questions, please feel free to call her at 939-2014.

CONFIRMATION PROJECT OPPORTUNITY!

Participation in the LifeWalk/Run would qualify as either a community or church project. Please get your forms asap from Mrs. Muehlher if you plan to participate! Signs & banners are also needed!

St. Vincent de Paul Conference @ SPP

It's official – we are now a St. Vincent de Paul Conference! The necessary arrangements have been made to establish our Conference with the Diocese; however, there is still much to do. **There will be a meeting this Thursday, September 3, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office (PPC).** If you have a heart to minister to those less fortunate, please plan to attend and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide our parish in its efforts to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Call the office for details: 939-6426.

Dear 8th Grade Parents: Please remember that your children need to return to class on September 16th with their **Confirmation books** "*Confirmed in the Spirit*". They will again be using these books to finish preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. Also, the **Confirmation Retreat date has been set for Saturday, March 20, 2010, from 9a – 1p at Gibault High School.** Please mark your calendars now! (They 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.

Please bookmark the PSR website and check it for updates at least once a week!
<http://www.spp.waterloo.il.us/psr.html>

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.

YOUTH MASS ~ SEPTEMBER 20 @ 6PM!!!

Fr. Osang & Fr. Stan will be celebrating the Eucharist specifically for the youth in our parish on Sunday, September 20th @ 6p in church. The Mass will be geared towards students in the 6th-12th Grades. **Please plan to bring your kids to this Mass if you want to show your support for Youth Masses in the future!** Thanks to Fr. Osang & Fr. Stan for adding another celebration to the weekend Masses and supporting our youth!