

# SS Peter & Paul Parish School of Religion Newsletter



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**"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."**

**Psalm 119:105**

## **Changes Due to Construction at SPPCS**

Due to the construction that will be beginning at SPPCS, we have had to make several adjustments to our PSR program.

We have moved grade 6 to Gibault for PSR Classes. Classes will meet as follows:

Grades 1-5 will meet at SPPCS from 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Grades 6-8 will meet at Gibault from 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We will also lose access to the lower front entrance (along West 3rd Street). Please use the back entrance to the lower level (between the building and the portable buildings) as our main entrance for PSR.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility during the construction process.

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

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| 07-Sep | PSR Class - Parent/Child Kickoff<br>6:30p-7:30p in church                             |
| 12-Sep | PSR Advisory Board Meeting<br>6:30p @ Pastoral Center                                 |
| 14-Sep | PSR Classes<br>6:30p-7:45p @ SPPCS (Grades 1-5)<br>6:45p-8:00p @ Gibault (Grades 6-8) |
| 18-Sep | Youth Mass and Gathering 5p   |
| 21-Sep | PSR Class<br>6:30p-7:45p @ SPPCS<br>6:45p-8:00p @ Gibault                             |
| 25-Sep | 8th Grade "Call to Confirmation"<br>11a Mass (Candidate & Family)                     |
| 28-Sep | PSR Class<br>6:30p-7:45p @ SPPCS<br>6:45p-8:00p @ Gibault                             |

## **PSR OPENING NIGHT!**

Wednesday, September 7th, is our opening date for the 2011-2012 PSR year. **One parent from each family must attend to sign forms and meet your child's Catechist!** We will be meeting in church at 6:30 p.m. for our opening, after which, the PSR students will be dismissed with their Catechists to SPPCS. While the Catechists begin meeting with their classes, we will be covering the plans and logistics for the PSR program. We will plan on wrapping up as close to 7:00 p.m. as possible so that you can be a part of your child's opening night in the classroom. You will also need to sign some forms and sign-out your child with his/her Catechist at the end of the evening.

Our registration staff will be in the back of church to complete any registration information. **All NEW students will need to bring a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to registration.**

Registration Fees will again remain unchanged from last year:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Student - \$100 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Student - \$ 50 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Student - \$ 25 |
| Four or more - No charge        |

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Late Registration penalty of \$25 per family will be assessed to all returning students that did not register in the spring.

Please check the [PSR Website](http://www.spp.waterloo.il.us/psr.html) frequently throughout the year for the latest classroom & Sacrament information: <http://www.spp.waterloo.il.us/psr.html>

## **2011 Lifewalk for LifeNetwork Pregnancy Care Center**

The 2011 Lifewalk is going to be held on **Saturday, September 17th, 2011**, at 9:10 a.m.. The route begins and ends at the Monroe County Courthouse and is only 1.8 miles. There is also a 5K run that begins at 9:00 a.m. This is a great service opportunity for our 7th and 8th grade students! Students are welcome to participate in the run and/or make signs showing support of life (i.e. Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Supports Life, We Support Life, or Celebrate Life). For more information, please contact Chris Muehlher at 939-2014 or [chrisandallen@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisandallen@hotmail.com).

## "Child Protection Training"

One of the ways the Diocese of Belleville works to ensure the safety of our children is to require each catechist/helper to attend a training class so they can recognize abused children.

Another way is to educate the children directly, by grade level, on what is proper contact with others. This must be offered to every child in the PSR program and this year Catholic Social Services will be doing the training. Due to the sometimes sensitive nature of the discussion, parents have the option to have their child participate or not. This form will be offered at the September 7<sup>th</sup> parent/child kickoff and must be signed by a parent that evening. Please contact Angela Atkinson if you have any questions.

## Are you being called as a PSR Catechist?

There are a few requirements for being a Catechist but the most important ones are to have a willing heart and to be available on Wednesday evenings for class. Training is available. If you are interested or need more information about being a Catechist for the 2011-2012 PSR year, please contact Angela Atkinson at 939-6426 or psrnews@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration!

NOTE: We have an immediate need for additional Catechists in a few remaining grades to keep the class sizes small. Please consider!

## PARISH PICNIC IS SUCCESSFUL THANKS TO YOU!!!

Many thanks to Jennifer Kretchmer (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade PSR Catechist) & Staci Wittenauer (PSR Advisory Board Chair) who volunteered to coordinate the kids games and the chicken dinner stand this year for the parish picnic.

They did a wonderful job but they couldn't have done it without all of the PSR families who volunteered to work! You are all very much appreciated and have made this year's picnic a huge success for the parish! God Bless each of you for your efforts!

## **Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Parent(s)/Guardian(s):**

Please remember that your children need to return to class on September 14<sup>th</sup> with their red- covered Bibles that were given to them from their PSR Catechist in years past. They will be using them along with their religion books throughout the year. New Bibles are available for \$8.00 each if they have been misplaced or damaged. Please email psrnews@gmail.com if you need a replacement.

NOTE: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be receiving their Bibles as a gift this year during class time.

## **What Prayers Should My Child Know and By What Age?**

One of the questions asked by parents is what information will be covered in the classroom and what prayers should their children know and by when?

The PSR Advisory Board has developed a "help section" on the PSR website that lays out the expectations by grade level in regards to religious knowledge and prayers that will be covered. You will find this information on our PSR website at: <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 ensure that our efforts are successful in passing our faith down to the next generation!

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