

Saints Peter & Paul CATHOLIC CHURCH

902 East Ninth Street • Hopkinsville, KY 42240



Established 1872

"From this day ALL generations will call me BLESSED: the Almighty has done GREAT things for me and HOLY is his Name. He has cast down the MIGHTY from their thrones, and has lifted up the LOWLY."

LUKE 1:48B-49: 52



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
Misa en Español.....	1:30 PM, 10:30 AM
Monday - Saturday	8:00 AM
Wednesday	5:30 PM
Holy Day Eve.....	7:00 PM
Day ...	8 AM & 5:30 PM (7:30 PM in Spanish)

To promote reverent worship, we encourage parents of young children to take advantage of the nursery services provided in the Parish Center during weekend Masses.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic Community of Christians who have come together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to give witness to Jesus Christ. Our call is to celebrate the Eucharist, to proclaim the Good News, and to grow in faith, justice, love and service to others in accordance with the Catholic tradition. Our mission is to follow Christ's example, by living the gospel and witnessing Jesus' saving presence in the world.

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PARISH OFFICE PHONE: (270) 885-8522

PARISH FAX: (270) 885-5296

Parish Website: www.stspchurch.org

OFFICE HOURS: 8 AM - 5 PM Monday – Friday

SCHOOL TELEPHONE: (270) 886-0172

SCHOOL FAX: (270) 887-9924

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.stspschool.org

Truth Radio WSPP 93.5FM

Locate a church for your Vacation destination:
www.masstimes.org

MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARISH

We give a sincere welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Families who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE.

Bulletin material deadline: Monday at noon in writing or email.

August 15, 2010 • The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into any hospital or nursing home. Any parishioner who is ill or infirmed may request anointing by calling the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This is a devotion whereby members of the parish unite in taking hours of Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament during the day and throughout the night seven days a week. (Code required for evenings.) There is a regular schedule of adorers but all are welcome to stop in for a visit. Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for a scheduled weekly adoration time. The following hours are available: **SUN. 2 AM & 6 AM; TUES. 4 AM, SAT 12 AM, 3 AM & 9 PM** - Please contact Lana Bastin, 839-4995, if you are interested in adopting an hour or if you could be a substitute or prayer partner.

PARISH STAFF

- Wilson Augsburg**Organist
- Pam Carlton**Dir. of Extended Care
- Libby Downs**..... Pastoral Associate
- Judy Folz** Office Manager
- Vicki Kinnard** School Secretary
- Sarah Kranz** School Principal
- Angie Phillips**St. Vincent de Paul Store Manager
- Carl Schmidt**.....Hispanic Ministry
- Ed Shemwell** Maintenance Foreman
- Sue Wassmer** Parish Secretary

The Catholic Church teaches that the sexual abuse of any person is a grave moral evil. To report any instance of sexual abuse by any employee of the Catholic Church please call the Office of the Bishop in Owensboro at (270) 683-1545. The Safe Environment Program is now available at the Diocesan website www.owensborodio.org.

Parish Pastoral Council

- Greg & Diana Burch** 885-9959
- Bart Cayce** 886- 8495
- Pat Covington** 885-3055
- Dawn Ligibel** 886-9943
- Carl Schmidt** 886-1824
- Joe Schippers** 886-8328
- Rocky Spader** 886-2425
- Chris Thomas** 886-5004
- Shannon Trogden**..... 889-9489

† SACRAMENTS †

- † Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard Saturday at 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 PM and Wednesday at 5:00 PM. If no priest is present, please wait until the next scheduled time. Confessions will be heard any time by appointment. Confessions for Spanish speaking are 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays at 3 PM.
- †Baptism:** Baptismal Preparation Class is usually held the first Sunday of each month. Please call the Parish Office. Registration for the class is required. **The next baptismal class is September 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**
- † Marriage:** Contact the office six months prior to the desired date.

To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, join with us in the recitation of the rosary 40 minutes before each scheduled Mass.

**Supporting your parish has never been easier.
Sign up for EFT from Checking or Savings to fulfill your offertory commitment.**

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL FROM CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT

I authorize Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church to process entries from my checking or savings as noted below. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Type of Account: (Circle One)

Checking Account – attach a **voided** check

Savings Account – attach savings deposit slip

Starting Month: _____

Enter the amount to be deducted from your Checking or Savings account:

\$ _____ Semimonthly (Transferred on the 1st and 15th) \$ _____ Monthly (The 1st or 15th)

(Circle One)

Signature _____

Date _____

PARISH NEWS

Knights of Columbus: PEEEEWWWW! Did you notice how scratched and faded the pews in the Church were becoming? The sun and accessories on clothing were taking their toll on the condition of our pew benches. Knights to the rescue . . . We give thanks to our Knights of Columbus for their hard work on our pews in the church. They cleaned, restored and waxed every pew and we are very grateful for their example of Stewardship in Action.

St. Vincent de Paul Bake Sale: The Sts. Peter & Paul Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is overwhelmed by the generosity that enriched our coffers by \$1,392.45 this past weekend. Once again, our parishioners have come to the aid of the party! So many donations of baked goods, and so many monetary donations *for* those goodies. Since store sales have suffered a bit because of the heat this Summer, we are now more than ready to face the applicants who need assistance in the next few months. Just for the record, we have helped 353 clients, either financially or with clothing vouchers since our last bake sale in February. Thank you for making this possible. Imelda Gorman, Treasurer

International Fair: Plans are being made for Saints Peter and Paul to have a booth at the International Fair this year. It is being held on Saturday, September 25th at the James E. Bruce Convention Center. Exhibitors, models and booth workers are needed. Many activities and entertainment will take place outside as well as inside, so it's turning out to be quite a large event. Let's please have a great booth showing all the great cultures and nationalities that Saints Peter and Paul represent. Exhibits can include food, crafts, costumes, or photos of the country represented. Please call Pat Puckett at (270) 840-8284 or 881-7285 to help or exhibit.

Parish Picnic: SAVE THE DATE - Our parish picnic will be held on Sunday, September 19th at Tie Breaker Park beginning at 3:00 p.m. More information and details will be upcoming.



Pictorial Directory: If you need to make an appointment or reschedule your appointment with Olan Mills for our pictorial directory, please call Olan Mills at **1-800-866-2263**. Please give them the name of the church and city. Family members who cannot make these setting dates, may submit pictures – specifically our military personnel or our sick and homebound folks. Our last setting date is August 17th, please have your submitted pictures in by this date.

Silver Streaks: The Silver Streaks will have an “Event Planning Meeting” for the coming year on Tuesday, August 24th at 10:30 a.m. in the Holy Family Room. After the meeting all are invited to join them for lunch at De Vinci's Little Italian Restaurant on North Drive. If you are 50 years old or over, please plan to join us for this meeting and for our monthly outings. **WE NEED YOU!** For more information, call Julia Borders at 886-6061.

PARISH NEWS CONT.

Welcome: Bishop José Luis Mendoza Corzo of Tuxtla Gutiérrez, México will be at Saints Peter and Paul from August 21st through the 27th. Bishop Mendoza is the Auxillary Bishop of Fr. Carmelo's Diocese – Tuxtla Gutiérrez, and we are very honored to have him visit us. Bishop Mendoza will be with us at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 22nd, preside at the 1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass and after Mass provide a Mini-Retreat for our Hispanic Community. Please help us welcome Bishop Mendoza to Saints Peter and Paul and to thank him for Fr. Carmelo's presence and service here in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Cursillo: The next Cursillo weekends have been scheduled. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please contact Mary Lee (886-5504) for an application. The Men's Weekend will be March 10-13th. The Women's Weekend will be March 17-20th. A Sponsor workshop is being planned for September and a retreat for this October.

Catechists – Teachers and Aides Needed: As we look ahead and prepare for this year's Faith Formation – Religious Education program for our Middle and High School youth we seek those in our parish who are gifted and desire to share their faith with our youth. Our youth are our future and we at Saints Peter and Paul are truly blessed with some wonderful, insightful and prayerful youth. So I ask you, “Is God calling you to share your faith and make a lasting impression upon the lives of our youth?” If God is nudging you to help, please call Libby and see how you can become involved. Don't wait for someone else to do it – Step up!

RCIA – Our RCIA Program this year will be held on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** in our gym. Our first session will be on **Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.** If you have people you would like us to invite, know that we will have information cards in the pew the weekend of August 28th & 29th.



RCIA Team: There is always room for one more on the RCIA team. We need everything from greeters to those who help with refreshments. I promise you will learn more and receive more graces from these few months than you could ever image. Our first team meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.**

Lectors: We are now taking orders for the Lector's Workbook which costs \$10.00. These workbooks are great assets as they assist you with pronunciation, background information and prayer opportunities as you prepare to proclaim God's word at Mass. Call or stop by to see Libby this week if you want her to order one for you and then just place your \$10.00 check payable to Sts. Peter and Paul in the collection basket – please indicate Lector's workbook on your check. All orders must be in by Tuesday, August 31st.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers by what you say and do, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity." 1Timothy 4:12

Middle School/High School Youth Reminder: All registration packets for religious education are due back next weekend, August 21st/22nd. For your convenience, baskets will be in the narthex for you to return these completed packets. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Middle School Youth (5th – 8th grades) return to class on Wednesday, September 8th and High School Youth return on Sunday, September 12th.

Middle School Planning Meeting: Our next planning meeting for our **Middle School Religious Education Program** will be on Wednesday, August 25th at 6:15 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. This meeting is for teachers, aides, kitchen workers and any adult who wants to help with this year's program.

Christian Health Center: Once again the youth of Saints Peter and Paul will lead Bingo for the residents of Christian Health Center. We do this the third Saturday of each month; therefore, on Saturday, August 21st, we will gather at the Center at 2:15p.m. Remember the most wanted Bingo prize is "fresh" fruit. So bring some bananas or apples to share.

Altar Server Training: Any child who will be in the 5th grade or older who would like to serve Saints Peter and Paul Parish as an Altar Server is invited to join us for Altar Server Training on Saturday, August 28th at 9:00 a.m. If you are a student of Saints Peter and Paul School, we will have our Altar Server Training during school hours.

Lector Training: If you feel God calling you to proclaim his word at Mass here at Saints Peter and Paul, then come for a Lector Training on Saturday, August 28th at 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the sacristy of the Church.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: If you would like to share your love for the Eucharist by serving as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister at Mass, then join us for a training session on Saturday, August 28th at 11:00 a.m. We will meet in the sacristy of the Church.

Byron Macias' address: Several of you have asked for Byron's address. Byron has completed his pastoral year intern at St. Pius X in Owensboro. Right now, Byron is visiting his family in Chicago and in a few weeks will return to Saint Meinrad. God willing, Byron will be ordained in two years. If you would like to send a card, his address is:

Byron Macias (Paco)
200 Hill Drive
Saint Meinrad, IN 47577
pmacias@saintmeinrad.edu

PARISH NEWS

Religious Education/Faith Formation Classes for 2010-2011

5th Grade to 12th Grade

Are you ready for a Great Adventure in faith? **Registration packets for our 2010-2011 programs were available last weekend. If you did not pick up a packet for your young person, you may stop by the parish office and see Libby Downs (5th Grade thru 12th Grade).**

Our **Middle School Religious Education Programs** will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. with classes concluding at 8:00 p.m. First class session will be on **Wednesday, September 8th**.

Our **High School Religious Education Programs** will be held on Sunday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. First class session will be on **Sunday, September 12th**.

Confirmation Meeting for Parents and Youth: On Wednesday, September 8th at 6:15 p.m. in the gym, we will hold a Sacramental preparation meeting for parents and youth who are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Traditionally Confirmation is extended to those youth who are in the 7th and 8th grades or older and who feel mature in their faith to make a commitment to what the Catholic Church offers. This is a very important meeting and we request that at least one parent be present with the Confirmation student. No make-up session will be offered. So, if have a young person is in the 7th or 8th grade or older and wishes to be confirmed this year, then you need to be present at this meeting. For more information, call Libby.

Cost for our religious education program is \$20.00 per student.

Parish Picnic Schedule for our Diocese

Aug 21 – 3:00 pm – Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Aug 21 - 4:30 pm - St. Columbia, Lewisport

Aug 29 – 1:00 pm – St. Thomas More, Paducah

Help Wanted!

The Sts. Peter and Paul Stewardship Committee would like to invite you to get involved with the committee that can change the future of our parish.

Your parish needs you!

Won't you join us in developing ways to strengthen our parish?

If you are interested in joining the Stewardship Committee, please call Committee Chairman Tony Esposito at 885-4324

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH AUGUST 16-22

- Mon:** Gym Olan Mills, 1:30pm-9:30 pm
- Tues:** CR-Finance Comm., Noon
Gym Olan Mills, 1:30pm-9:30 pm
- Wed:** HFR-Rosary Makers-8:45 am
Choir, 6:30 pm
- Thur:** HFR-Stewardship, 6:30 pm
Bishops Rm.-Hispanic Bible Study, 7 pm
- Sun:** Gym-Mini Retreat with Bishop José Mendoza,
2:30 pm

Readings for the Week of August 15, 2010

- Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1
Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1
Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
Lk 13:22-30

Retrouvaille of Owensboro – The word *Retrouvaille* is a French word meaning rediscover. This program will give you and your spouse the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. The next weekend will be August 20th at Mount St. Joseph, just outside of Owensboro. For more information, please contact Steve and Sherry Vincent at (270) 2020-1174 or e-mail 3013@retrouvaille.org.

You are encouraged to fast and abstain from meat on Friday's as an expression of faith and penance.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.... "AFTER JESUS, IT IS THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY WHO BY HER EXAMPLE MOST PERFECTLY TEACHES THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP AND STEWARDSHIP...SHE WAS CALLED AND GIFTED BY GOD; SHE RESPONDED GENEROUSLY, CREATIVELY AND PRUDENTLY; SHE UNDERSTOOD HER DIVINELY ASSIGNED ROLE AS 'HANDMAID' IN TERMS OF SERVICE AND FIDELITY.

BUDGET NEWS

Weekly Parish Collection	\$16,400.00
Weekly Parish Budget Needs	\$14,162.00
Second Collection	\$711.00
Special Collection <i>Brescia College</i>	\$365.00
Overdue Accounts Payable	\$32,872.00
Weekly <i>Remembrance of Me</i> Donations.....	\$1,716.00
Weekly <i>Remembrance of Me</i> Memorial Gifts	\$0
Weekly <i>Remembrance of Me</i> Checking	\$2,315.88
New Property Loan	\$300,000.00
Total Principal Payments	\$105,325.00
Remaining Principal Balance	\$194,675.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 16

8:00 AM † EDITH HAMBY

Tuesday, August 17

8:00 AM † DANIEL THOMAS, SR.

Wednesday, August 18

8:00 AM † GAIL PUCKETT

5:30 PM † JOE WHITFILL

Thursday, August 19

8:00 AM † DANIEL THOMAS SR.

8:00 AM MARK & MARY ATKINS & FAMILY

Friday, August 20

8:00 AM † BOB BROWN

8:00 AM HANNELORE VANDERKLOK

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Saturday, August 21

8:00 AM SAMANTHA PFEUFER

5:00 PM † SKYLAR ETHRIDGE

Sunday, August 22

8:00 AM † EDITH HAMBY

10:30 AM JESSICA MONDAY

1:30 PM *Spanish Mass* DIOCESE OF TUXTLA, CHIAPAS

1:30 PM *Spanish Mass* CONNIE HULSMEYER & FAMILY

10:30 PM *Spanish Mass* FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

† Indicates Requiem Mass

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Edith Hamby

By Judy Folz

Congratulations Elijah Hale! Elijah will appear in lights on Broadway on Saturday, September 25th, as part of the National Down Syndrome Society's video production to demonstrate that people with Down Syndrome can be successfully included in community activities, education and employment. The photo of Elijah, who has Down Syndrome, was selected from over 1,000 entries in the NDSS worldwide call for photos. Approximately 225 photographs will appear in a video production to be shown on the larger-than-life MTV plasma screen, located in the heart of Times Square. Elijah is pictured with his sister, Grace-E, giving "monkey sugars" to everyone. The Times Square video production kicks off National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, which includes the 2010 Buddy Walk. This year, walks will be held in more than 275 cities across the country, as well as many international walks. For more information about National Down Syndrome Awareness Month or the NDSS Buddy Walk, visit www.ndss.org or call 1-800-221-4602.



Mary offered herself to suffering and her beloved Son to death for the redemption of mankind; it was fitting that she should be united with Him in glory.

In Need of Prayers... Elizabeth Jones, Theresa Stites-Covington Convalescent, Clarence & Jeanette Elliott, Frances Utley-Christian Health Ctr., Hilda Hopper, Julia O'Brien-Littrell—Chapel House. **PARISHIONERS:** Missy Adams; George Barnes, Debbie Bauer, Corey Bingham, Serena Blane, Nancy Bush, Carlton Families, Garnett Cayce, Cadience Davis, Kenneth Dean, Norma Downs, Harold Edmonds, Tom Folz, Connie Fowler, Martha Fowler, Inga Gruver, Lela Hale Family, Jacob & Ellen Jones, Kay Kane, Hilda Linares Family, Kathy Mitchem, George McCouch, Peter Milbauer, Sandy Mueller, Jamie Morgan, Ben Pace, Frank Rogers, Kristian Shouse, Jean Soyars, Mike Stocker Family, Rose Ann Tobin, Hannelore Vanderklok **RELATIVES:** Gwen Bellew; Frank Blondin; Bobby Brockman, Myron Carter, Breck Cayce; Gloria Cherry; Michael Chesnut; Cathy Devito; Buddy Downs; Julie Downs, Daniel Easley; Geraldine Hatfield, Sheila Graves; Joshua Ford; Drew Keane & Tara Moran; Andrea Esposito; Billy Eckert; Kathryn Gough & Michael Johnson; Carol Happe; Mary Jean Hester; Margaret Henderson; Mary Hilton; Caroline Lilly & Billy Mitchell; Raymond Martin; A.B. McCowan; Tom Monteverde; Frank Naas; Edna Nipper; Faye Nunn; Ana V. & Manuel Perez; Esther Sewell, John & Rosemary Carsone; Mitsko Angela Reung & Keiko Bedor; Irene Rindos & Margie Rindos; Jo Sinclair; Rebecca Smith; Connie Thomas & Lew Martin; Merrick Thurman; Cliff Simpson; Jean Weisz, Mary Willett; Gloria Zuni-ga. **FRIENDS:** Fr. Ed Bradley; Angie Brooks, Vickie Drake, & Martha Poe; Jim Catlett; Grace Cline & Janice Cole; Rhonda Cook; Dick Eager; Dorothy Edson, Ellen Daily; Jenna Dossett; Terry Gee; Dennise Harrison; Opal Holland; Teresa Holtsclaw, Jennie Maddux; Billy & MaryAnn Jefferson & Hugh McIlroy, Jr.; Jeffery Kelleher; Jan Lacy, & Ellen & Dale Zimmerman; Jennifer Trowbridge McDaniels; Jean Poor; Adriana de Prospero & Polverini; Martha Rager; Mary Robertson; Renae Simpson & Robin Tuttle; Geraldine Simpson; Sherry Spencer; Mike Temple; Christy Thomas; James Wittschack, Lois Corduana, Jason Gilbert & Peyton Taylor; Mary Yoshida; Rose Yurkovic; Marian Ziegler.
Names will remain on the list for one month.

SAVE THE DATE: The Weekend of January 8 and 9th we will have the "Vatican International Exhibit – Eucharistic Miracles of the World". This exhibit includes photos, art and stories of 126 Vatican authenticated miracles associated with faith in and worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The exhibit will be located in the gym on Saturday, January 8th from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, January 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information on the exhibit check out the following web site:

www.bodyofchristoutreach.org/exhibit2.htm.

Pray for our Deployed Families:

William Bercier, Bryan Beville, Gary Bridges, Winston Clough, Forrest Cooper, Tony Coppellotti, Mathew DeGroot, Sean Dunham, Richard Edwards, Eddie Feliciano, Jeffrey Goulet, Patrick Greenwood, Stephen Irving, Eric James, Chris Knox, Mark Krammer, James Long, John McDaniel, Stephen Moseley II, Pedro Mulero, Hun Park, Hang Yong Park, Bryan Peacock, Adrian Rushton, Daniel Sestina, Erik Smiley.

LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

August 21/22

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5:00 PM

Altar Servers:.....Emily Pape, Rebecca Lee
Cross Bearer:.....Christopher Pape
Commentator:..... Libby Downs
Lectors:..... Tim Barnes, Vicky Barnes
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers (cup):..... Pam Carlton
.....Franki Durbin, Tommy Winters, Abby Winters
Ushers:..... Todd Hall, Steve Carlton, Sr.
..... Jake Plank, Hunter Plank
Vocational Cross..... David Dobbins Family

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Altar Servers:..... Paul Rush, Branson White
Cross Bearer:.....Zack Nosbusch
Commentator:.....Mary Dean
Lectors:..... Jim Creighton, Abby Pace
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers (cup):.... Debbie Harden
.....Marilyn White, Maria Creighton, Margaret Nosbusch
Ushers:.....Gary Harden, Alvin Schmitt
..... Bill Rush, Kenneth Dean
Vocational Cross..... Ron Todd Family

Sunday, 10:30 AM

Altar Servers:..... Theresa Garnett, Anna Garnett
Cross Bearer:..... Olivia Harris
Commentator:.....Sierra Hall
Lectors:..... Lynn Reeves, Libby Downs
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers (cup):.....Karen Hall
.....Veronica Nosbusch, Elizabeth Garnett, Cathy Smith
Ushers:.....Billy Garnett, Bill Harkins
.....Edythe Reeves, Mitchell Reeves
Vocational Cross..... Donna Sanchez Family

Sunday, 1:30 AM Spanish Mass

Rosario:.....Tomas Montiel
Comentarista:..... Rosa Cruz
1 & 2 Lectura:..... Ellis Salas, Lily Schmidt
Ministro E..... Juanita Montejos, Alma Valdéz
Ujeres:.....Celeste Schmidt, Raúl Contreras
Monaguillos:..... Emmanuel Schmidt, Mayelin Juárez
Guadalupana:..... Juanita Montejos

SCHOOL NEWS

New school hours for the 2010-2011 school year:

Pre-school: 7:30-11:00

Grades K-8: 7:40-2:35

Parents can begin dropping-off students at 7:25 a.m. All students in K-8 must be in their seats and ready to begin class at 7:40.

Cookie Dough: Saints Peter and Paul PTO will be taking orders for **cookie dough and magazine voucher subscriptions** the weekend of August 14th and 15th after all Masses. Costs range from \$12 to \$20. We ask for your help as we support our school.



Confessing the Truth in Love

I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in

the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. . . . And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; so that we may no longer be children, tossed back and forth and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love [Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-16 (RSV)].

From prison, Saint Paul, Apostle and Evangelist, articulates a Christian standard of behavior, which if followed, would heal every division among Christians. **"Speak the truth in love."** I doubt that in all of history any religion has matched this demand. I know of none which has surpassed it. It is an exact outcome of Jesus' command, surpassing the *golden rule*, that we should love one another as he loves us. It distills the practical teaching of Jesus on how we should behave toward each other. The Greek of St. Paul here can even be translated "speak, do, practice, live, proclaim, confess ... the truth in love." He said it almost in passing, for his focus was on our oneness in the mystery of Christ. Given our failures to love and the sad divisions of Christian history, however, we are compelled to give greater consideration to the practical necessity of this little verse [Ephesians 4.15].

It just so happens that Saint Peter, Apostle and Evangelist, distills very similar, practical advice as to how a Christian should answer a challenge to the faith by a non-believer. He says, **"Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence, and keep your conscience clear, so that when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame [1 Peter 3.15-16 (RSV)]."** I believe both apostles articulate the very same Gospel demand. I know personally how difficult it is to 'hold my tongue' when I feel as if I am being disrespected or even verbally attacked. I try, of course imperfectly, to always speak the message of Jesus. Although this is my desire, I am also aware of my many shortcomings and realize especially in the area of speech that I have far to go in order to more perfectly align my life to that of Christ.

Both (St. Peter and Saint Paul) also understand that this expectation can only be fulfilled by the power of God in us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But since these gifts are quite real, they fully expect Christians, conformed to Christ and empowered by the Spirit, to practice this toward one another and facing the non-Christian world.

Back in 1992 when I was ordained a deacon, I resolved for the rest of my life "to hold fast to the mystery of faith with a clear conscience, as the Apostle urges, and to proclaim this faith in word and deed according to the Gospel and the Church's tradition." It was understood, of course, that this should be done "in love." To me, this resolution is the form which "to speak or confess the truth in love" takes for one in Holy Orders. As a principle, it has become more significant to me with each passing year. With this in mind I propose to consider and address a series of Catholic doctrines and faith practices which are either (1) controversial within the Church— i.e., magisterial, Roman Catholic teachings or sanctioned practices which self-identified Catholics deliberately ignore, refuse privately to assent to, are angered by, or publically dissent to; or (2) divisive among Christians— i.e., Catholic doctrines rejected by non-Catholic Christians and used as grounds for speaking ill of the Catholic Church. Confessing the truth in love, that is, accurately, faithfully, reverently, and in a reasoned, charitable manner, can rightly, with a view to 1 Peter 3.15 be called apologetics. With Ephesians 4.15 in mind it is no less to be understood as ecumenical, for just as there is **"one body,...one Spirit,... one hope,... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all"** there is one "way, truth, and life" to which every Christian, finally, aspires. Fr. John

It is Back to School Time, time to get into our usual school routine! School began two weeks ago at Saints Peter and Paul and this past week at Christian County schools. Our principal, Sarah Kranz, is enthusiastically anticipating a great school year with our great faculty and happy students. Each Friday at 8:00 a.m. we have an "All School Mass" and parents and friends are welcomed and encouraged to join us.

As your pastor, I am thoroughly convinced of our Catholic school's value, not only in giving a great education as a liberal arts school, but most importantly, the Catholic school helps greatly in the formation of young people with proper moral values and an appreciation of their Catholic faith. I have seen this played out over and over in our Catholic families and others who choose the Catholic school because they want a strong Christian environment for their children.

I strongly urge all our Catholic families to take advantage of our Catholic school. If it is financially impossible for a Catholic family to send their children to Saints Peter and Paul, please talk to our principal or myself personally. We will arrange in some way for the child (ren) to attend. Our school is important to our parish. Fr. John