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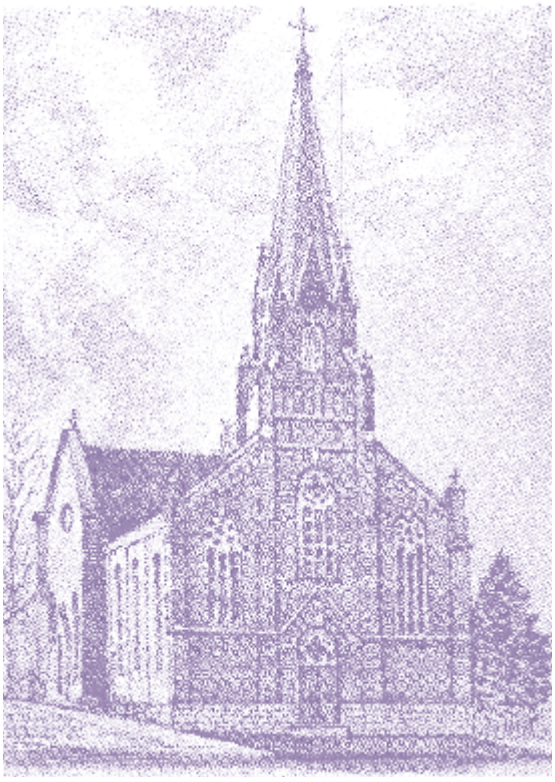
Catholic Church, Waterloo, *IL*



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Monday - Friday:
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Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Holy Days: To be announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

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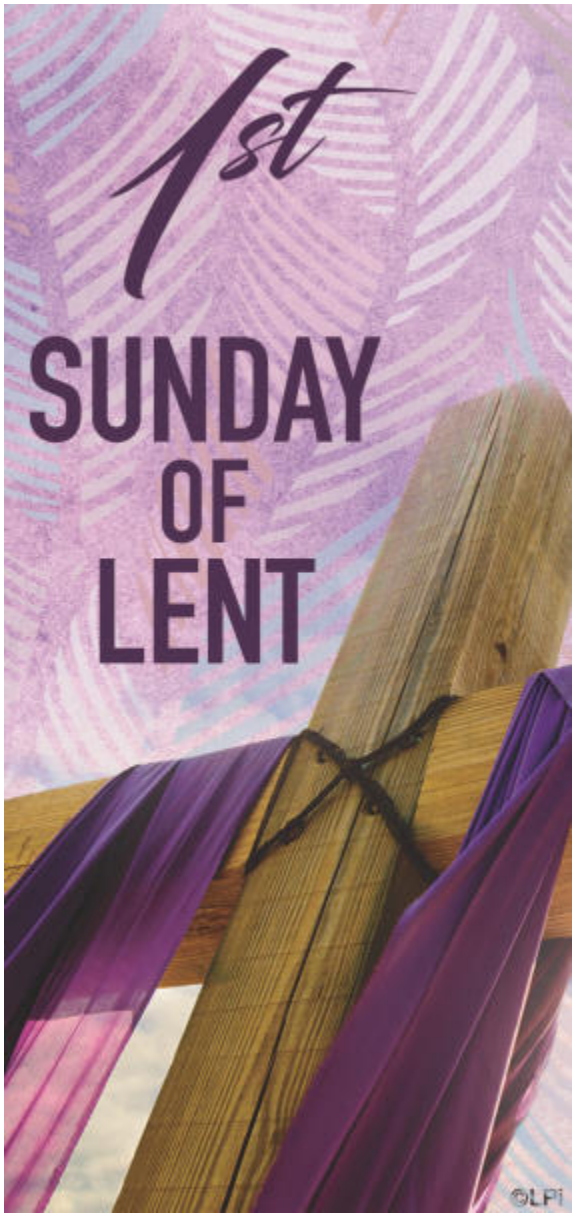
If you are new to the parish, have a change of address or phone number, please call the Parish Office.



Intro to the Liturgy of the Day

Lent is an opportunity to refocus our attention on things that are truly important. After all, we are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return and that we are called to repent and believe in the gospel. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to do the three things that our faith should inspire us to do regularly, but especially during this sacred season: pray, fast, and give alms. As we celebrate this holy day, let us commit to making these practices habits in our daily lives.

February 21, 2021

Directory and Ministries and Opportunities

Sacrament of Baptism
Parents seeking baptism for their child at Ss. Peter and Paul Church should be registered members of the parish. The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is normally offered on the last Sunday of the month (except during Lent) after 10:00 a.m. Mass To schedule a baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. or by appointment with Father.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Couples wishing to be married at Ss. Peter and Paul Church should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick
Anyone who is seriously ill and wishes to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office during business hours.

Communion for the Homebound
Anyone who is homebound and would like to weekly receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

Hospital Visits
Due to the medical confidentiality laws and hospital policies, the names of individual patients are not available upon request. If anyone wants a hospital visit from the pastor, please call the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Adoration
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is normally held on the first Monday of each month from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Becoming a Catholic
Anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith is invited to participate in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). For more information, please call Joyce Springer at the Parish Office.

Prayer Chain
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish is a community of faith and prayer. Anyone with a prayer request (illness, special intention, etc.) is asked to call Michelle Miskell at 618-407 -2415 to have the prayer request included in the parish prayer chain.

Parish Registration
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish wants to serve the Catholics of the community. It is essential that all Catholics be registered with the parish. All adults (including high school graduates) and those new to the community are requested to contact the Parish Office to register.

"We have received baptism, entrance into the Church, and the honor of being called Christians. Yet what good will this do us if we are Christians in name only and not in fact?"
– St. Andrew Kim Taegon

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From the Pastor -
Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for
First Sunday of Lent - Year B

A man took his young son to a baseball game. While they were sitting there, he asked the boy what he was going to give up for Lent. The boy replied, "I don't know, Dad. What are you going to give up?" His father said, "I've thought about this a lot and decided to give up liquor." Later in the game, the beer man came by, and the man ordered a beer. His son objected, "Hey, I thought you were giving up liquor!" His dad answered, "Hard liquor, son. I'm giving up hard liquor. This is just a beer." To which the boy replied, "Well then, I'm giving up hard candy."

On Ash Wednesday, most of us received ashes on our forehead marking the beginning of Lent and the forty-six days of preparation for the celebration of Easter. The Ash Wednesday practice of having one's forehead signed with ashes is a tradition that is rooted in the scripture. Wearing ashes on one's head was a common biblical expression of mourning and repentance (cf 1 Sam 13:19, Is 61:3; Jer 6:26, Ezekiel 27:30, Daniel 9:3, Matt 11:21, Lk 10:13).

The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us; whereas the marking of the forehead with ashes reminds Christians that death comes to everyone— all are sinners and are saved by grace, and grace seeks repentance in return. It is important to remember that without God, human beings are nothing more than dust and ashes. The Christians who observed Lent in the early church used it as a time for prayer, abstinence, and almsgiving. Although some Christians maintain the practice of abstinence during Lent, it is more common to see people resolving to give up specific behavior or addictions, such as foods or smoking, or drinking. Whatever the sacrifice anyone makes, it reflects Jesus' fast and participation in his struggles in the wilderness.

Purple or violet is the symbolic color used in the Catholic Church throughout Lent. The priests wear purple vestments, and the altar is decorated with a purple hue. The purple color in this context is associated with mourning. It anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion. Friends, let us remember that we are dust, and unto dust, we shall return.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL?

Some of the parish information can be distributed via email. Is your email address up to date in the parish records? If your email address has changed and needs to be updated, please contact us at **parishoffice@ssppcc.org** with your updated information. If you currently receive information via US mail that will not change.

Time - Talent - Treasure

Your Stewardship for February 13/14 Offerings

Registered Families - 1205

Sunday Envelopes (90)	$8,731.00
Children (1)	10.00
Loose collection	41.00
Wurstmarkt (9)	390.00
Improvement (4)	65.00
Total	**$9,237.00**

Receive Communion during live stream Sunday Mass during Lent

Are you hesitant or unable to return to Mass in person and instead participate in our live stream Masses but long to physically receive the Eucharist? We have great news for you. At the 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday during Lent you can receive communion in the comfort of your vehicle as you participate in the live stream Mass. Here's how it works:

1. Before 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, park your vehicle in the alley between church and school, forming a line of vehicles facing east, without blocking the gated entrances on the east and west (form 2 single file lines if necessary).
2. Stay in your vehicle and tune into the live stream of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass from your vehicle using your smart phone, computer, or other device with internet access.
3. At communion time, stay in your vehicle with your window down and face covering on, a Ministers of Holy Communion will bring the Eucharist to you in your vehicle.
4. Stay in your vehicle tuned into Mass for the prayer after Communion, announcements, final blessing and dismissal.

If you have any questions call Deacon Tom at the parish office.

Liturgical Roles - February 27/28

5:00 p.m. - Extraordinary Minister: Adam Calloway
Lector: Sevgi Kovarik
Greeters: John Caupert, Nathan Essner, Dave & Patti Kennedy

8:00 a.m. - Extraordinary Minister: Nancy Koesterer
Lector: Brady Rose
Greeters: Kathy Butler, Mike Kruse, Theresa Kruse, Lauren Poettker

10:00 a.m. - Extraordinary Minister: Barb Reinholz
Lector: Becky Krueger
Greeters: Suzan, Mark, Joey and Katie Knese

Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Please remember in your prayers…

Allan J. McCarthy, who died on February 10, 2021. A funeral service was held February 13. Interment at Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Delbert Scheibe, who died on February 12, 2021. A funeral Mass was held Saturday, February 20. Interment at Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Congratulations to **Liam James Lutker**, son of Nickolas Lutker and Jessica (Augustine) Lutker, who was baptized at Ss. Peter and Paul on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

** WURSTMARKT **

One more week until a delicious pork sausage dinner will be served to you when you pull into the alley between the church and school - Join us

Sunday, February 28, between 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.! Dinners will be $10 each and will include pork sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, and bread. There will not be Bingo this year due to COVID. If you would like to pre-order and pay for your meal(s), you can do that here - https://Wurstmarkt.givesmart.com. This is not required; just another option. If you cannot make it, but would like to donate to the day, you can send a check to Emily at the parish office or you can use the link above and indicate 0 meals and add the donation to the page. Either option is available to all. Feel free to share the link with family and friends as well.

If you would like to volunteer to help set up on Saturday, February 27, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the school gym, please show up and we will put you to work. The more people we have, the faster it will go! On Sunday, we will need workers from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to fill dinner plates and run bags to the cars. We also need help cleaning up starting at 2:30 p.m. in the gym.

Please contact Staci Wittenauer if you are interested in volunteering this year - 618.791.7131 or wittens@mac.com. To help in the kitchen on Sunday, please contact Mark Knese - 314.780.5029.

Thank you -
Mark Knese & Staci Wittenauer
Co-Chairs

As we begin Lent, I thought I would share some insight on the cycle of weekday readings used during Lent. Reading the weekday readings and following along with reflections at daily Mass, or some other reflection on the daily readings can be a great form of Lenten prayer for all of us. Daily readings can be found at https://bible.usccb.org/ and Bishop Barron's Daily Gospel Reflections are located https://dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-daily-gospel.

In the cycle of weekday readings, Lent falls into two parts: The first part runs from Ash Wednesday through Saturday of Week 3. In these three and a half weeks, the Gospel texts are taken from the Synoptic and the Old Testament readings are chosen accordingly. The message running throughout these readings is a call to a life of Gospel conversion. The pericopes speak of beginning anew, of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving; of conversion; of mutual forgiveness; of hardness of heart; of love of enemies; of absolute claims of justice and love over ritual and cult; of the call to holiness, and so forth.

The weekday readings of the second half of Lent are taken from the Gospel of John. This begins on the Monday of the fourth week of Lent at John 4:43 and going through to chapter 13. It does omit passages read on Sundays and during Easter. It is clear that these readings from John do not constitute a kind of 'crash course' in the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, of whom John says that all who believe in him will have eternal life. Christ is presented as the healer and life-giver, as the one who gives life through his confrontation with death and gathers into one the scattered children of God. (ORDO 2021, Lent) My column includes the active links that will take you directly to the resources noted above and can also be found on our parish website here https://www.ssppcc.org/from-the-deacon-s-desk

SPPCS Spotlight

SPPCS Spring Gala & Gator/Vacation Raffle Tickets

Please join us for our 17th Annual SPPCS Spring Gala & Dinner Auction on Saturday March 13th. This year our event will be 100% online. A donation for a carry-out dinner can be purchased at the event website: https://sppcsgala2021.givesmart.com

SPPCS is also raffling off your choice of a 2021 John Deere XUV835M or a vacation package up to $12,000 to anywhere Disney Vacations travels or $10,000 cash. Tickets are $50 each and can be purchased in the school office, contacting a school family or online at https://sppcsgala2021.givesmart.com

"Invest in Kids" Scholarship

Donations to SPPCS via Empower IL - SPPCS has again received a challenge from an anonymous donor for 2021. From February 1, 2021 thru April 1, 2021, this donor will match every $1 our school raises in tax credit scholarships up to $15,000. So we need your help! Please consider donating to this program. Learn how you or someone you know can donate and receive 75% IL Tax Credit in 2021 by calling the office or visiting https://empowerillinois.org/donate/ for more information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20 - Vigil
5:00 p.m. † George Ziebold, Kathy and Kadin Baxmeyer

Sunday, February 21 - First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. † Harold and Mary Crook, Elvera Crook
10:00 a.m. † Gerry Schilling, Dale LaBrier

Monday, February 22 - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
8:00 a.m. † Cletus and Miriam Jung, Evelyn Brogan

Tuesday, February 23 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. † Intentions of Diane Guttmann

Wednesday, February 24 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. † Tom and Roberta Jerome

Thursday, February 25 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. † Edgar & Marie Netemeyer

Friday, February 26 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. † Pat Smith

Saturday, February 27 - Vigil
5:00 p.m. † Toni Blandford, Bob Mehring

Sunday, February 28 - Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. † Leo Eschmann, Barbara Crook
10:00 a.m. † Greg Hamilton, Kaye Eschmann

This Week

Saturday, February 20
7:30 a.m. "Just" Men
4-4:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
2:30 p.m. Grief Support Group

Sunday, February 21 - First Sunday of Lent
11:00 a.m. Baptisms

Monday, February 22
Heavenly Dusters Team 4
6:30-7 p.m. Prayer Service-
Benediction, Music, Prayer and Reflection
7:00p.m. Finance Council

Tuesday, February 23
8:45 a.m. Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

Wednesday, February 24
7:00 p.m. PSR Class Grades 1-8 / Zoom Meeting

Thursday, February 25
7:30 p.m. Holy Name Society Meeting

Friday, February 26
6:30 p.m. **Way of the Cross / Via Crucis**

Saturday, February 27
7:30 a.m. "Just" Men
4-4:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, February 28 - First Sunday of Lent
2:30 p.m. Grief Support Group

Prayer List

Those Who Are Asking For Our Prayers:
Steve Candler, Reese Wild, Kevin Kessler, Rosemary Remiger, Donna Little, Laverne Whelan, Eleanor Krebel, Marcella Boehne, Larry Doiron, Dylane Doerr, Dorothy Fennewald, Donna Timpe, John Descher, James Kassing, Diane Guttmann, Brian Fennewald, Sheryl Sanders, Sr. Jeannette Fennewald, Margie Beelman, Brenda Schmitz, Ellen Dietz, Betty Wightman, Stacy Banker, Ed Easley, Sr. Janice Fennewald, Norma Butler, Sue Schultheis, Margaret Reitz, Kevin Volner, Haleigh Hahs, Gary Brinkmann, Lois Papenberg, Jean Frame, Ray Frame, Jessica Lutker, Steve Coleman, Dennis Hitzemann, Lowell Powell, Bill Brucker, Kathy Neal, Edward Horn, Jan Thompson, Bob Springer, Madalyn Kilebew, Brody Cobb, Mike Kirsky, Mathew Notter, Jess Giesler, Dennis Scheid, Jim Wills, Gary Krause, Ron Laub, Dan Krebel, Patti Rottler, Barbara Clifton, Frank Steinberger, Pat Floerke, Abby Schrage, Robert Klube, Ann Kingery, Jeanette Scheibe, Sarah Rekosh, Rachel Warden, Chuck Green, Karen Altes, Tim Branson, Cathy Hodge, Steven Wagner, Betty Frierdich, Lydia Boyer, Michelle Bixler, Karla Halloran, Pat Stamm, Dolores Fernandez, John Jungers, Barbara Michels, Amanda Ebeler, Kelly Hoefft, Donald Marion, Wyatt Dugan, Michelle Voegtle, Peter Schrader, Fr. Juan Garca, Andrew Brandt, Dennis Asselmeier, Shirley Gregoire, Norman Knight, Angela Wellen, Kacey McFarland, Rhonda Whelan, Dennis Kuper, Kathy Karius, Laura Bisile, Marisue Kueper, Brittany Wolfangel, Justin Juelfs, Mary Lorraine Steinmann, Jackie Luchtefeld, Susan Halt, Rayni Lashley, Bryan West, Vernon DeBourge, Buddy Allscheid, Julie Blackelk, Michael Hergenroeder, Laura Juelfs, Rick Diemert, TJ West, Jerry Aubuschon, Sue Davis, Grant Hastings, Eileen Weile

Military Personnel:
Air Force - Steven Poettker, Lance Guyton, Randy Ivall, Christopher Mueller, Dan Kreher
Army - Dylan Michael Coleman, Dillon Scheibe, Alex Naumann, Jodie Steibel, Austin Scheibe, Adam Carrico, Corey Sanders, John Dell, Matt Pruitt, Phillip Kirk, Matthew Greb, Charles Lombardo, Paul J. Doty
Coast Guard - Erich F. Klein
Marines - Brandon Foerg, Blake Pete, Tom Aucutt, Gregory Connoyer, Julie Vogt, Ryan A. Kohrig, Rob Pfeil, Erik Bartelt, Edward Dugan
Navy - Jack Range, Haley Lewis, Matt Kopp, Michelle M. DeBourge, Aaron A. Zimmer

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS LIST UP TO DATE!

Scripture Readings

Scripture Readings for Week of February 21

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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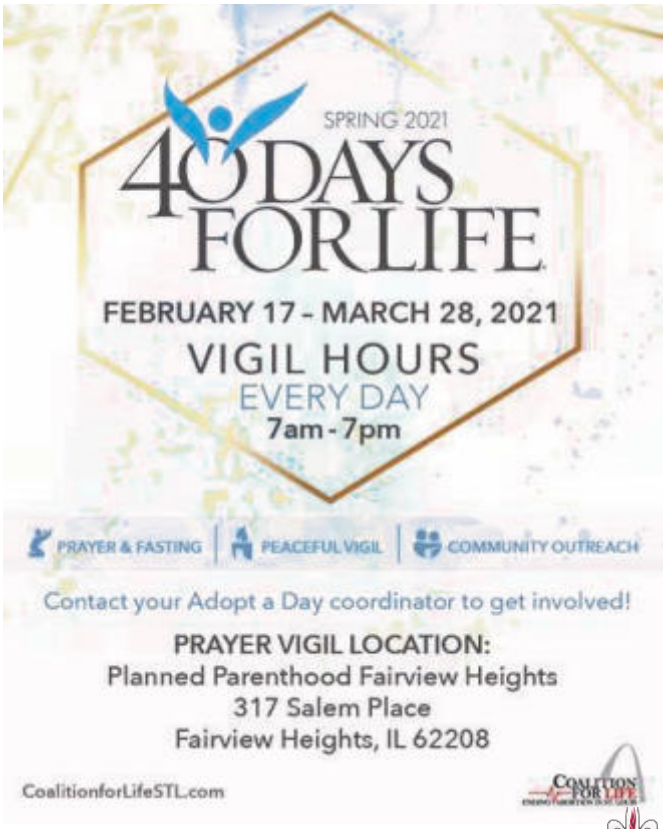

Gibault News

Host Families Needed
Gibault Catholic High School is seeking families with big hearts who are willing to share their homes with an international student for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact Desiree Frasure at dfrasure.educatius@gmail.com or Becky Ramlose at bramlose@gibaulthawks.com or call us at 936-3883 to learn more about this exciting opportunity. Gibault families can receive $1,000 off of tuition for becoming a host family.

Live-Streamed Sports
Be part of the Hawks' sports action with our live-streamed home games. Visit http://bit.ly/GCHSYouTube for live game feed and videos of past live-streams. Keep checking our website for updated schedules: https://gibaulthawks.com/events/category/sports/. We are #gibaultproud to have our virtual fans cheering us on!

You're Invited to Visit Gibault!
We invite you to learn more about life as a Hawk! Shadow Visits are a great way for 7th - 8th graders and students from other high schools to spend a day on our campus. Attend classes, eat lunch in our cafeteria, enjoy off mods, and meet teachers and coaches, all alongside a Student Ambassador!
We also offer Private Tours for the entire family. Tours allow the whole family to see our campus and ask our Director of Enrollment any questions you may have.
To schedule a Shadow Visit or Private Tour, contact our Director of Enrollment, Kelly Day, at kday@gibaulthawks.com or 939-3883.

Applications
Applications for our Class of 2025 and transfer students are still being accepted. Visit https://gibaulthawks.com/apply/.

If you were involved in our Prayer Service for a Broken Nation January 18, you know well the peace and healing grace that covered us all as we prayed together as a family in need. It was a POWERFUL experience! Our needs remain many.

Let us together continue to lift our heavy hearts and the needs of our community in prayer to our God of abundant Mercy and Compassion.

Monday, February 22 at 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Benediction, Music, Prayer and Reflection
At Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
All are welcome!

This will be a prayer service focusing on the well-being of health-care workers and anyone who has been impacted this year with COVID, cancer, and serious illness. We will remember in a special way those who lost their lives to these illnesses. We will pray together for these intentions and for yours.
Look for the Sign Up Genius at ssppcc.org. Prayer Service will be available online at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo5_Q36B_WmVF_f3Sx1cQgg/videos.
For questions, please contact Joyce Springer, Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith Formation at jspringer@ssppcc.org, or 618-567-5694.

Don't miss this unique presentation!
Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Comparison and Contrasts of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam

This session will focus on the many similarities and differences among the Abrahamic religions that began in the Middle East and the Asian religions from India, China, and Japan. Dr. Oughton will explain in a simple way details about these religions that will help us to understand what other people believe and how they live. He will also explain how people can become involved in interreligious dialogue in the St. Louis metropolitan area.
Bio: Dr. David Oughton has taught many courses in the religions of the world at Saint Louis University and at other schools in the St. Louis area. He is the president of Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis, an organization that brings together over thirty different religious groups for dialogue and cooperation. He has participated in all six of the modern Parliaments of the World's Religions in different parts of the world.

This meeting will be held by ZOOM.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/92502320767?pwd=Tk5CS2R3ZGNCMkUzVTlqZTdYTUZaQT09
Meeting ID: 925 0232 0767 Passcode: 923807

Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Catholic Relief Service
RICE BOWL Lenten Program

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish will again be participating in the very meaningful and worthwhile Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl Lenten Program. The country's of focus this year are Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste. CRS Rice Bowls will be distributed the weekend of February 20 and 21. If you have not been able to attend Mass it would still be a wonderful, rewarding experience to participate in CRS Rice Bowl. Please call, text or email Marge Francois at 618-531-4483 or francois@accessus.net and she will be happy to do a no contact delivery or they can be picked up on the Parish Office porch. Please remember that 25% of the funds collected stay in our parish to help those in need. For more information please go to crsricebowl.org where there is an online giving option as well. THANKS!

Father Augustus Tolton:
Augustus Tolton's parents were slaves in Missouri, their Catholic owner baptized them into the Catholic Faith. Throughout his life Augustus faced challenge after challenge yet continued to set his eyes on the priesthood. After no seminary in the US would enroll him, Augustus traveled to Rome where he studied to be a missionary priest. Eventually Augustus would return to Illinois to serve the people. In 2019 Pope Francis announced that Augustus would move one step closer to becoming a Saint and is now Venerable Augustus Tolton. A video the life of Tolton from the viewpoint of Cardinal Wilton Gregory (our former bishop and the first African- American Cardinal). Archbishop Gregory blesses the icon of Fr. Augustus Tolton - YouTube

As we celebrate Black History Month we acknowledge the courageous men and women who defined our faith. This week we celebrate Venerable Augustus Tolton.

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