

Saints Peter & Paul CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

902 East 9th Street • Hopkinsville, KY 42240



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic Community of Christians called to be a priestly people, a household of faith, a temple of the Holy Spirit, a beacon of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church shining for Jesus Christ in the heart of Christian County.

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*Store Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday-
10:00 am-2:00 pm.*

MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARISH

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



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening	.....	5:00 PM
Sunday	.....	8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
	Misa en Español	..... 2:00 PM, 10:30 PM
Monday - Saturday	.....	8:00 AM
Wednesday	.....	5:30 PM
Thursday (en Español)	.....	5:30 PM

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 infirm may request anointing in an emergency by calling the Parish Office, 270-885-8522.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This is a devotion whereby members of the parish unite in adopting certain hours of Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week. (Code required.) 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. Please contact **Bill & Jenny Rush at 270-885-2888**, if you are interested in adopting an hour or if you can be a substitute or prayer partner **Available hours: Monday 3pm and Thursday 5 pm**
Please help!!

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† **SACRAMENTS** †

† **Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard Saturday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Wednesday at 4:30 PM. Confessions will be heard by appointment as well.

† **Baptism:** Baptismal Preparation Class - Our next class will be announced. Please call the Parish Office to register.

† **Marriage:** Contact the Office six months prior to the desired date.

SCHOOL NEWS

Still celebrating the Love even if it's a week later!



How to Live Lent This Year

Here are three tips to deepen your relationship with God during the 40 days of Lent.

- 1) Participate in the sacraments.
- 2) Help those in need around you.
- 3) Sacrifice something that's hard for you.

Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving

Prayer

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." -St. Therese of Lisieux (CCC 2558)

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Dive into God's word in Scripture this Lent or pray the rosary with your family.

Fasting

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Almsgiving

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

Lent FAQs

Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays

of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products? Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

I've noticed that restaurants and grocery stores advertise specials on expensive types of fish and seafood on Fridays during Lent. Some of my Catholic friends take advantage of these deals, but somehow I don't feel right treating myself to this

While fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer.

I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Al-

so excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

The Wisdom of Pope Francis: Unless we give up something for Lent that helps another person more than ourself, then it is pointless. No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for another. So, no matter how much time we spend fasting, no matter how much we sleep on a hard floor, eat ashes and sigh continually ... If we do not do good for others, we have done nothing great.



The St. Joseph Chaplet: Pope Francis has declared this the Year of St. Joseph and asked parishes incorporate devotions honoring the life St. Joseph. Consider praying a devotion to St. Joseph known as the St. Joseph Chaplet. The St. Joseph Chaplet contains fifteen groups of four beads. Each group consists of one white bead and three blue or purple beads. A Mystery of the Rosary is contemplated while each group of beads is prayed. If you would like to order a Rosary as shown in the picture, please let Libby know as she is placing an order.



Here is how to pray the St. Joseph Chaplet:

- * Make the Sign of the Cross.
- * Offer any intentions you may have.
- * On the white bead, announce the Mystery, and say two Hail Marys.

On each of the three blue/purple beads, say: "Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!"

End the chaplet with the following prayer:

V. Pray for us, O holy St. Joseph!

R. That we may be made worthy of the promise of Christ!

V. Let us pray.

O God, Who has predestined St. Joseph from all eternity for the service of Thine Eternal Son and His Blessed Mother, and made him worthy to be the spouse of this Blessed Virgin and the foster father of Thy Son: we beseech Thee, through all the services he has rendered to Jesus and Mary on earth, that Thou wouldest make us worthy of his intercession and grant us to enjoy the happiness of his company in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Brief Examination of Conscience Based on the Ten Commandments

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?



You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quicktempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8). Copyright © 2013, USCCB, Washington, DC.

Calendar March 1-7

Mon	Women's Bible Study 7 pm Off Campus
Wed	Rosary Makers- 8:45 am, HFR MS/HS Religious Ed-6:30pm Choirs-5:30 pm Spanish, 6:30 pm English
Thu	Knights 4th Degree-5:30 pm, OA Knights Business Mtg. 6:30 pm, OA Spanish Stations of The Cross-6:15 pm RCIA Session-6:30pm, HFR
Fri	Education Council-11:30 am, OA English Stations Of The Cross-6 pm
Sun	PSR-Pre-K thru 5th Grade Class, 9am Parent Mtg. 1st Holy Communion, 11:30 am-Church Parish Holy Hour-4 pm

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13/ Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16- 17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/1 Cor 1:22- 25/Jn 2:13-25 LPI ©

Upcoming Lenten Penance Services

Sunday, March 14 - Saint Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove; 5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 15 - Resurrection, Dawson Springs; 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 21 - Christ the King, Madisonville; 4:00 p.m.

Monday, March 22 - Saint Joseph, Central City; 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 28 - Saints Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville; 6:00 p.m.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed twice each week, Thursday evenings at 6:15 p.m. in Spanish and on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm in English. This traditional devotion involves walking with Jesus the last hours of his life here on earth, a journey which every one of us must take, and

will be made easier if we allow Jesus to walk with us. Each time the



Mass Intentions

Mon, March 1

8:00 am † JOAN BROCKMAN

Tue, March 2

8:00 am † CAROL MORGAN

Wed, March 3

8:00 am † EMMANUEL BATTAH

5:30 pm † RICK KRANZ

Thu, March 4

8:00 am † SANDY MUELLER

5:30 pm † ROSE ANN TOBIN

Fri, March 5

8:00 am † MONICA KIESEL

Sat, March 6

8:00 am † MARY GUINN HANEY

5:00 pm GARNETT CAYCE

Sun, March 7

8:00 am † DOLORES LOPEZ

10:30 am † JIM LEAMY

2:00 pm Spanish FOR THE PEOPLE

10:30 pm Spanish JAKE MEANS

† Indicates Requiem Mass

SANCTUARY LAMP

IN HONOR OF KASEY LANSFORD

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES

IN MEMORY OF CAROLYN BROWN

Budget News

February 21, 2021

Contributing Households

Envelopes	67	\$6,703
Online Donations/EFT	45	\$9,622
Loose collection Cash		\$603
Loose collection Checks	18	\$3,000
Weekly Total	130	\$19,928
Weekly Parish Budget Needs		\$18,614
2019/20 Diocesan Assessment Past Due		\$28,319
2020/21 Diocesan Assessment due 6/2021		\$67,352

Stations of the Cross is offered, the theme or focus will vary. Because it is our plan to Facebook live our weekly English Stations of the Cross, we will be using The Scriptural Stations of the Cross offered by USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) since the church allows their copyrighted use. Copies of these prayers have been printed in a booklet form for those who come in person. If you take a copy, please take it home and bring it back to use again each Friday of Lent. Thank you.

Thank you Tom Folz and Bart Cayce for cleaning our parking lots!



In Need of Prayers... *Carriage Way Assisted Living-* Albert Weekly.. *Western State Nursing Facility-* Debbie Dickerson, Ellen Jones.. *Christian Health Center-* Lillian Cotthoff, Norma Downs *Morningside of Hopkinsville-* Thelma Budias.. **Others..** Helen Al-lard, Dick & Jackie Arnold, Dennis & Sabrina Baker, Sherry Beck, Sue Boguskie, Ruth Britt, Helen Brown, Judy Brummett, Bart Brunson, Teresa Burnside, Sherry Calhoun, Sam Chesnut, Ken Cunningham, Jackie Custer, Lynn Delaney, Norma Folz, Martha Fowler, Nancy Freeman, Denise Garcia, Barbara Gardner, Ron & Janice Godot, Scott Godot, Bill Hancock, William Hancock, Jan Hinkle, Joy Moseley Housley, Judy Jackson, Heather Jeffries, Carol Johnson, Rod Johnson, Greg Jones, Olivia Jones, Tony Jones, Charlie Keel, Suzanne Knappe, Joe Kukral, Matthew Lin, Jane Lucas, June Mahoney, John & Cheryl Mezzoni, Joe Mezzoni Sr., Jim Milazzo, Andy & Carol Moran, Barbara Morrissey, Sha-ron Moseley, Jason Oldham, Pam Oliver, Cecelia Omundson, Teresa Pazin, Maddox Pepper, Beth Pictor, Rachel Pictor, Brenda & Dennis Poteet, Emily Pyle, Evelyn Raney, Martha Reed, Tara & Dylan Rush, Jerry Russell, Al Rutland, Janet Rutland, Carol Schowe, Mary Jean Schowe, Ryan Semrau, Simning Family, Mary Catherine Smith, Rocky Spader, Mike & Marilyn Stocker, Georgiann Svestka, Mary Swicicki, Ron Todd, Charles Watzek, Nancy Webb, Dan Weinzapfel, Carolyn Wilson, Helen Win-stead, Pamela Mezzoni Wofford, Sandy Wood, Rose Yurkovic, Arthur Zaragozo & Family.

Please Pray for our Deployed
Military & Families
Ryan Harrison



Thank You Cards: We received several "Thank You" cards that we wanted to share with you:



Dear Parishioners and Youth at SPP:

Thank you so very much for the delicious fruit basket at Christmas. Dean and I really enjoyed it. It was a much needed break from all the sweets!

Love you all.

Edith and Dean Koch

Dear Libby:

Just a note to thank all of you for all the goodies sent to me at Christmas. Thanks for thinking of me. Maybe it won't be long until I can get back to church. I have had one shot. My problem is my walking. Take care and be safe.

Winnie Wilson

Thank you for the delicious fruit you delivered for Christmas! Truly appreciate the thoughtful remembrance. God bless you.

Joe and Jennifer Chaudoin

Dear Church Family:

I don't know why I was so blessed to have Sts Peter and Paul as much church family but I love and appreciate you so much. Today, I feel so blessed to have been allowed another chance to be of service to all of you.

Terri Burnside

Special thanks to Fr. Richard and Libby

LAY MINISTERS

MARCH 7/8 — 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Altar Servers.....Sherry Viall
Cross Bearer.....
Commentator.....Robert Hill
LectorsRobert Hill, Patrice Winters
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:Tony Esposito
Choir Loft.....
Ushers.....Ken Tiell, Julie Tiell
.....Pat Puckett, Bobbi Goulet

Sunday, 8:00 am

Altar Servers.....Elizabeth Stevens, Aaron Stevens
Cross Bearer.....
Commentator.....Jim Creighton
LectorsJim Creighton, Heidi Wheeler
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:Carolyn Spurr
Choir Loft.....Kylene Spurr
Ushers.....Chuck Spurr, Dirk Downs
.....Gary Harden, Bill Rush

Sunday, 10:30 am

Altar Servers.....Mason Malone, Taylor Malone
Cross Bearer.....
Commentator.....Russell Malone
LectorsRussell Malone, Leigh Malone
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:Kelly King
Choir Loft.....
Ushers.....Pat Covington, Chris Thomas
.....Steve Greenwell, Noah Thomas

Domingo 2:00 pm

Comentrista:.....Lupita Rosas
1-2 Lectura:Lupita Rosas, Catalina Macias
Ministro E:.....Yolanda Perry
Hospitalidad:.....Chano Vieyra, Victor Hernández
Monaguillos:.....

Congratulations

We congratulate **Ross Woodward II and Tracy Kieskowski** whose names were enrolled in the Book of Elect as they participated in the Rite of Election this past Saturday night here at Saints Peter and Paul. During this season of Lent, let us pray for them by name as they continue on their journey of faith and entrance into the Catholic Church. Consider joining us at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3rd as they are in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. May we be worthy examples to them. We also congratulate Richard and Susan Hoffman who are returning to the church and seek full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Food Donations to the Aaron McNeil

Center: The food item this week is canned beef stew or chicken & dumplings. All items can be placed in the bin in the coat closet near the restrooms. Thank you so much for your generosity.





PASTOR'S GREETING

COHERENCE OF FAITH, SACRAMENT, AND CHRISTIAN LIFE

Our Catholic bishops in this country are divided over their public stance in face of public officials who claim membership and sacramental communion in the Catholic Church while at the same time promoting public policies and laws which support what the Church teaches to be intrinsic and grave evils, e.g., abortion, euthanasia, sexual promiscuity, same sex marriage, and various non-binary gender ideologies. These same self-identified Catholics are pressing national legislation to codify the right to abortion, to effect a limitation of religious liberty and the limitation of the freedoms of conscience and of speech while threatening the freedom of assembly. It appears that these same people are allied with those who are pressing "critical" racial ideologies which aim to divide and accuse, to foment divisions and conflict in the pursuit of power. Taking advantage of the disruptions of the pandemic, they are employing various schemes developed by Marxists as corridors to power. It seems crazy that all of these trends converge and connect with the challenge for our bishops to stand up in leadership with the truth of faith, with moral clarity, and with pastoral courage.

I ask myself what I might do as a pastor should a parishioner in public office take a public position and promote legislation clearly contrary in grave and sinful ways to Catholic faith and morals. My response is simple. Since salvation is concerned, I would speak to that parishioner directly and privately to point out the conflict. If that failed to persuade conversion to coherence with the Church, then I would declare publicly in the Church that he or she may not receive the sacraments in the Church until fruits of conversion were demonstrated. This is pastoral not calculated political behavior. The political consequences, given the grave spiritual dangers, are of no concern to me. We will not preserve our religious freedoms if we fear to exercise them.

It is reported that the USCCB is considering preparing a document to address what is termed "Eucharistic coherence." Easily based in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the document would point out the personal and corporate faith and moral preparedness for receiving the Most Blessed Sacrament worthily. Given that a recent poll indicates that an awful lot of Catholic adults do not believe what the Church teaches about the Blessed Sacrament, it is well that the bishops take this action. The Sacrament is, under the appearances of simple food, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Crucified and Risen Lord himself—body, blood, soul, and divinity—in Person. To receive Him worthily, in the state of grace, under no burden of mortal sin or irregularity with the Church, is to welcome the best of friends, God, and Lord of Mercy. To partake casually, with no regard for a sinful conscience, is to partake unworthily and to invoke a mortal condemnation upon oneself as guilty of the body and blood of Christ.

The bishops would see this document as a means of

speaking to Catholic, public officials within the context of speaking to all the faithful. It is well that the bishops and the pastors whom they lead should loudly speak this truth of faith in face of increasing unbelief and immoral practices among those still identifying as Catholic. I personally hope that they will also articulate what they expect of each other as brother bishops. Since their divisions in these areas have become so public, there is a real danger that they may not be able to achieve fraternal correction and achieve their own conversion to unity in these vital areas. The divisions manifested among the bishops in this country are being manifested simultaneously in the Catholic Church in many countries. The German speaking Catholic bishops may well already be in actual schism in their bid to conform Catholic doctrine to current cultural trends.

The scriptures of the Second Sunday of Lent bid us keep our attention fixed on Christ transfigured as an anchor of light as we pass through the storms that rage in our times. The threats of our time are dire. Christ our hope and light is secure. Fr. Richard

Hopkinsville Community College:

Hopkinsville Community College is a "diamond in the rough" as they say right here in Hopkinsville, Christian County. As in the past, the Pastors Luncheon hosted by the Hopkinsville community College cannot take place due to Covid 19; however, they have supplied information to us they are asking us to share with you. For example, the HCC scholarship deadline is fast approaching – Monday, March 15th. It is important that those interested in post-secondary education have the opportunity to obtain the financial assistance they may need to pursue their dreams. Potential students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) financial aid form as soon as possible. The link to the form is <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. Some deadlines have already passed, and HCC must have this as well as an application for admission and the scholarship application to consider enrollment and scholarships. Students who need assistance with the FAFSA are invited to call the Financial Aid office at HCC at 270-707-383.



Prior to his death, our parishioner, Dr. Lyndon Goode and his family made generous gifts to the HCC Foundation to provide for a one-of-a-kind student emergency fund. The HCC Foundation has committed to providing these funds to students, in earnest, 'sowing a seed of faith', and asking students to consider that we are 'paying it forward' to them in terms of support during a crisis, with the understanding that they will return that investment in due time and give as was given to them. We ask you, our parish families, to consider Hopkinsville Community College and let us support the good work they do in our community now and in the investment they have for our future.

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