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ST. PAUL CHURCH IN FLORENCE, KY

## St. Paul School

*by Joanne Nesmith, Principal*

As we returned to school in January, there was a renewed energy in the building. During the month of December, we had to restructure our instruction after the Governor mandated that all schools be shut down. We were however, able to bring in small groups for targeted instruction for parts of the day. While we were able to get many students in for that small group instruction, it was great to have EVERYONE back for in-person instruction beginning January 4.

Upon return to school, our fifth graders completed their DARE program under the direction of their teacher Mrs. Addington and Florence Police Officer Ki Ransdell. DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It is a ten week program and covers a wide span of topics. These topics include the following:

- Alcohol- its negative health effects and possible consequences
- Tobacco- its negative health effects
- Drugs- including the difference between medicine and drugs
- Resistance Strategies- for drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- Risks- and the positive and negative consequences that come with them
- Consequences- both positive and negative
- The DDMM- Dare Decision Making Model- helps the students to make good decisions and consider the consequences of their decisions
- Pressure and Stress- how they are defined and to relieve stress in a positive manner
- Communication- how to be an effective communicator, to realize how you speak and what impression it gives to others
- Bullying- to recognize when bullying is occurring, how to not be a bystander and why they should not bully others or let others be bullied

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FEBRUARY 2021



### St. Paul School Registration

School Registration for the 2021-22 School Year is going on now! If you are interested in learning what St. Paul School has to offer your children, or if you know of any families looking for a new school, please have them call the school office at (859) 647-4070 or email [stpaul1@stpaulnky.org](mailto:stpaul1@stpaulnky.org). We would be happy to meet with any interested family and take them on a tour of our school.

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In speaking with Mrs. Addington about DARE, she said, "I think it (the program) is very effective in defining things for the kids by showing them possible consequences of their behavior, and helping them to be better communicators with one another. It gives them the tools to better prepare themselves."

The fifth graders celebrated their graduation from DARE on January 20<sup>th</sup> with a ceremony in the gym, inviting all their parents to join remotely. In order to graduate from DARE, a student must complete the ten week program and then write an essay about what they have learned. One student made the focus of her essay the "help network:"

*"A help network is a group of people you trust to help you when you're in a bad situation. They help you when someone is being mean, or selling something bad like drugs or alcohol. You're help network is always there for you no matter what...I just want to thank Officer Ki and Mrs. Addington for setting this up for us. I will always remember that they are a big part of my help network."*

In addition to having everyone back for in-person instruction, we were also able to begin two of our sports programs – basketball and archery. Our archery team began practice on Friday, January 8 with 34 students registered to play – 15 fourth and fifth grade students on the elementary team and 19 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students on the middle school team. The archery teams have two meets in February and are hopeful to qualify for the state tournament in March. Our basketball teams began practice the last week of January as an intramural league, with an emphasis on health, wellness and skill development. We have nine teams for intramural play with eighty-seven students registered. For both of these sports, all COVID guidelines set forth by the Diocese were carefully reviewed and implemented.



## SAVE THE DATE!!!

The annual Blue & Gold Bash fundraiser will be held **VIRTUALLY** on **SATURDAY, APRIL 24!**

We will have an online auction, Panther Raffles, and of course our **GRAND RAFFLE!** Keep your eyes peeled for email blasts and notes in the bulletin with links to buy tickets and **BID FROM HOME!**

We are currently seeking donations that could be used for the online auction and raffles. Examples include: gift cards/certificates, food coupons, sporting equipment, home accessories, and gift baskets. We can also use larger items such as jewelry, vacation packages, group dinner parties, etc.

All of the proceeds from this virtual event go directly to the St. Paul Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Through your donations and the funds raised, our PTO has been able to upgrade student textbooks, purchase SMART Boards for classrooms, fund the Art and Spanish programs, fund the STAR reading and math assessment programs, provide scholarships and many other school needs.

If you are able to donate, please contact Andrea Kramer by text 859-816-9920 or email [andrea.kramer29@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.kramer29@gmail.com). We thank you in advance for your support!



**NEW PARISHIOERS**

Mr. David Menetrey  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Dickman and Family  
 Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Bolen and Family  
 Mr. Justin Bell  
 Mrs. Desiree Moore

**WEDDINGS**

Willadene Burns & Michael Patrick Collins  
 (December 30)

**DEATHS**

Meaghan Ann Wheeler (Dec. 20)  
 Anna Rita Raley (Dec. 30)  
 Anthony J. Carota (Jan. 12)

**YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The year end financial statements have been mailed to all donors. If you didn't receive one and require one, please call the Parish Office at 859-371-8051.



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 15. For an emergency, please call the office at 859-371-8051 and follow the prompts.

**EXPOSITION/BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition/Blessed Sacrament will be open to the public on Friday, February 5 and March 5 from 9:15AM—12PM in the Church. All safety protocols will be followed.



*Education Wrapped in... EXPERIENCE*

“The more that you read, the more you will know.  
 The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”

DR. SUESS



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - JAN 31-FEB 6**

**SUN**  
 CELEBRATING OUR PARISH  
**New Family Open House**  
**1:00 PM**  
*by appointment only*

**MON**  
 CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY  
 The rooth Day of School  
 • A Penny War  
 • Candy Guessing Jar  
 • Principal for a Day Raffle  
*All Raffle proceeds go to Tari McGill Scholarship*

**TUES**  
 CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS  
**“Many Gifts” Giving Day**

**WED**  
 CELEBRATING OUR NATION  
 Out of Uniform - Red, white and blue  
*Catholic Schools Week Diocesan Virtual Mass at 10:00*

**THUR**  
 CELEBRATING OUR VOCATIONS  
 Out of Uniform - What you want to be when you grow up  
*Virtual Talent Show - Time TBD*

**FRIDAY**  
 CELEBRATING OUR FACULTY, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS  
 8th grade/Faculty Volleyball game - 1:45 pm  
 Teachers are “SOUPeR” Potluck lunch  
**SATURDAY**  
 CELEBRATING OUR FAMILIES  
 Family Game Night!!  
*Share photos to hpeulvst@tpwvalky.org*

Visit the “Many Gifts” link on 2/2/21 - [factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/MbyjvPsb](https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/MbyjvPsb)

# St. Paul Families for Life *By Marla Kelly*

*This is not a time for despair, but for fortitude and faith. 40 Days for Life has grown to 63 countries and closed 107 abortion facilities because we trust God and strive to follow Him, first and foremost.*

*When we draw ourselves closer to Him, our hand doesn't shake in uncertain times. He is our focus and He will lead us to victory in ending abortion in America and around the world.*

January 8, 2021 - Shawn Carney, President/CEO, 40 Days for Life

With a new administration we, as a Catholic Community, need to continue our vigil to be the defense of the unborn. It is critical for each of us to continue to pray and fast for our country and for the respect of all lives.

## **NATIONAL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE – SPRING CAMPAIGN**

The spring campaign will start on Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday) and will go through Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday). Information has not been provided by our local team so please check the bulletin for more information.

## **PRAYER FOR LIFE – SECRETARIAT OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES (USCCB)**

On January 1, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. As we approach the manger to adore the infant Son of God, we cannot help but recognize that Mary is indeed *Mother of God*. The holy Nativity calls us to meditate more deeply on the mystery that God used the womb of a woman to bring salvation to the world.

This feast of Mary reminds us of the great miracle of motherhood, and it reveals how God has elevated and sanctified the vocation of mothers. As we embark on a New Year and consider resolutions for the months ahead, may we invite the Blessed Mother to guide us in our hopeful planning. We pray that through her intercession each of our hearts may be renewed with empathy and increased awareness of the challenges that so many mothers face in welcoming and caring for the gift of life. May Our Blessed Mother inspire in us a desire and resolve to increase our compassionate care and support of mothers in need throughout the year ahead.

## **SAINT GIANNA NOVENA**

St. Gianna Beretta Molla is a powerful patron for pregnant and parenting mothers during this pandemic. St. Gianna herself lived through a pandemic, the Spanish Influenza, which took the lives of three of her siblings. And as a physician, wife, and mother, she knew intimately what it was like to struggle with a challenging medical diagnosis during pregnancy. Her last pregnancy had difficulties and, when the time came for her to deliver, she insisted that, if any problems occur, her baby's life was to be saved. On the morning of April 21, 1962, she gave birth to Gianna Emanuela. Despite all efforts and treatment to save both lives, on April 28, the mother, St. Gianna, died. For the novena to St. Gianna, visit the following site: [walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena](http://walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena)

(excerpts from USCCB Walking With Moms in Need)

Live the  
Gospel of *Life*

Vive el  
Evangelio de la *Vida*



St. Paul Parish Fish Fry  
**Drive Thru, Order Online or  
 Call Ahead**  
**New Hours: 4:30 – 7:30PM**

The Diocese approved our Parish for Drive Thru and Carry Out this year. Our Parish Fish Fry team is going full speed ahead to provide the best Take Out experience in Northern Kentucky. We will have 95% of our regular dine-in menu items available.

We will have your favorite Blue Ribbon Specials this year including our famous Sweet Bourbon-glazed Salmon, Cajun Barbecue Shrimp and our Amazing Fish Taco Bar. All the fried and baked fish options will be ready for you as well. Totally kid friendly menu options are always available. Our Drive Thru team is the best there is and we promise to make it an easy and quick experience. Join us every week.

You will have three options for your Take-Out order and you never have to leave your car:

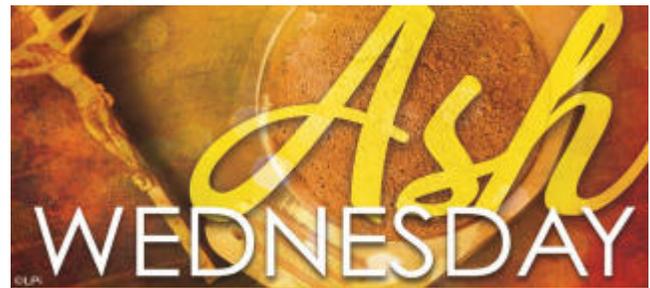
- Order Online and pick up in the online Drive Thru line
- Drive Thru ordering – Order at the Drive Thru stations
- Call ahead your order – Pick up in the Online Drive Thru line

We will be hosting Fat Friday again this year. Get a large pizza and wings to go. Enjoy our smoked pork sandwiches... and new this year - Carnitas Taco Bar to go.

Mark Your calendars:

- February 12<sup>th</sup> - Fat Friday
- February 19<sup>th</sup> – First Lenten Friday

More information, including our menu and ordering details, will be on the Parish website in the weeks to come. If you have any questions or are interested in joining our team, please text or call Brad Arthur at 859.468.9960.



*February 17*

**MASS TIMES**

8:15 a.m.

12:10 p.m.

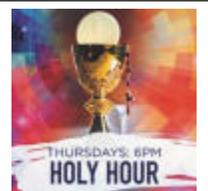
*Stations of the Cross*

Every Friday in Lent starting February 19 at 6 p.m., bring your family to church and renew your understanding of the sacrifice of Jesus.



*Holy Hour*

Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Church, come together for Holy Hour.



**Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



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WEDNESDAY**

*February 17*

**MASS TIMES**  
8:15 a.m.  
12:10 p.m.

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To submit articles to The Link, please email your information to [TheLink@stpaulnky.org](mailto:TheLink@stpaulnky.org).  
If you are unable to send via email, please drop off a copy at the Parish Office.  
**The deadline to submit articles is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.**

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