


December 18th, 2011



SPPS is committed to making Catholic Education available and affordable to all families. At this Christmas season there is a great opportunity to increase our scholarship fund. A "Sponsor a Child" Scholarship Fund envelope was attached to last week's bulletin for your convenience. *Your continued generosity and support of Sts. Peter & Paul and Catholic Education is greatly appreciated!*

The Parish office will be open half days, 9 AM until 12 noon, December 19th to 23rd and December 26th to 30th. *Warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!*

FYI - Items that need to be in the December 25th - January 1st bulletin, please have it to the parish office by Wednesday, December 21st, because we will print them on Thursday, December 22nd.

The two evening Masses on Christmas Eve will begin at 5 PM, in the church, and 5:15 PM, in the parish hall. A Mass will also be celebrated at 10 PM in the church. Masses on Christmas Day will be 7 & 9 AM.

Welcome to the Christian Community Evan Michael Spring, son of Jeff & Michele Spring. Godparents Daniel Gudenkauf and Melissa Gudenkauf. Evan is being baptized after the 11 AM this Sunday.



4th Sunday of Advent

Reminder - Area Penance Services this Sunday at 3 PM, at Sts. Peter & Paul and at 7 PM, at Sabetha.



Share an evening of Faith with Friends at the Epic Youth Night, this Sunday, from 5 - 8 PM, at the St. Gregory's Church, Marysville. All area youth, 7th thru 12th grades, are invited to hang out with friends and meet other youth who share their faith. There is a meal at 5 PM, entertainment will follow, including Performance Art by Mike Debus and The Mikey Needleman Band, and will include worship with Adoration.



Children and HS Choirs will practice on Wednesday, December 21st. Children's choir practice begins at 6:30 PM. HS choir practice is at 7 PM. Both choirs will sing on Christmas Eve, at the 5 PM Mass, in the church.



The Adult Choir will practice Tuesday, December 20th, at 7:30 PM, in church. They will not practice on Tuesday, December 27th. They will sing at the 10 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. *All Choir members are asked to arrive by 9:30 PM. * They will also sing at the 5 PM Mass on New Year's Eve.



The SPPS PTO will again sponsor the Memory Tree in our church this Christmas Season. This provides a way to remember a loved one, *living or deceased*, that's

unable to be with you during the holidays. The cost is \$2 per name, with the money to be given to the SPPS to purchase needed items. Please call Gloria, 336-3691 (H), or 336-2128, (W), by Wednesday, December 21st, to include a loved one.

There are NO CCD classes on Wednesday, December 20th or 27th. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 5th. *Have a safe and happy holiday!*

NO bus service for SPPS Thursday, December 22nd.

SPPS Christmas Break is Friday, December 23rd thru Monday, January 2nd. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 3rd. Have a great holiday!

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th, for the holidays.

Contributions for 12-11-11: Weekly Budget \$15,000

12-11-2011 (Electronic Fund Transfer)	Envelopes	\$ 8,743.81
	EFT's	\$ 0.00
	Plate	\$ 637.00
School (Electronic Fund Transfer)	EFT's	\$ 1,389.00
		\$ 0.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 750.00
Thanksgiving		\$ 32.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 41.00
Flowers		\$ 51.00
Christmas		\$ 26.00
Total		\$ 11,669.81

The Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program has begun! Anyone that enrolls in the program will receive a letter confirming their enrollment and start date. This is a free service for our parishioners. New enrollments are still being taken so if you would like to enroll, or have questions about this program please call the parish office, 336-2128.

The yearly payment of \$18 for the Leaven is due: Total amount due - \$10,224.00 Collected to date - \$ 5,403.00 (Still Needed) - \$ 4,821.00. If you have not paid for your subscription please do so as soon as possible. The parish must cover the expense for those that do not pay.

Spiritual Direction : Fr. Arul is available for spiritual direction. Please make an appointment for anyone needing spiritual direction.



Is the Lord calling you to one hour of prayer weekly? Adorers needed for Monday, 3-4 AM. Please call Sue, 336-2297, to take an hour.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FYI - On December 31st, the special tax-code provision that allows donors to make a tax-free gift their IRA account to not-for-profit organizations will expire. This special tax break allows donors to make a direct distribution from their IRA account to a qualified charity - tax free. You must be 70½ years of age or older and you may give up to \$100,000 (married couples can give \$200,000). Sts. Peter & Paul Church and School will qualify for your tax breaks. Please contact Fr. Arul, 336-2128, for info.

Year End Contributions: Sts. Peter and Paul Parish is in the initial preparations for a possible renovation of the Church. We are exploring different possibilities to repair and decorate the church. There will be a presentation to the parishioners as the plans come to a final stage. Please consider making your year-end contributions for the church renovation project.

The Sts. Peter & Paul School Council Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, January 1st, from 7 AM to 1 PM, in the parish hall.

Do you desire more out of your faith? Are you interested in becoming a Catholic and looking for a way to learn? If so please join us for the Catholicism Adult Faith Formation Series beginning Sunday, January 8th, at Annunciation Church, Frankfort. Join other Catholics seeking to deepen their faith and grow in holiness. Fr. Pat Sullivan will lead the study sessions which will revolve around the Catholicism DVD series. For information, or to register, go to www.annunciationfrankfort.org, or call Fr. Pat Sullivan, 785-562-6055,

Plans are being made for the MARCH FOR LIFE. This is the 39th year we have traveled to D.C. to demand action on behalf of the unborn. Buses will depart from Kansas City on Friday, January 20th and arrive home Wednesday, January 25th. Cost is \$390 per person. If you are interested in attending, please call Donna Elder, 336-2523 or the parish office, 336-2128.

I am taking a trip to India Dec. 28th - Jan. 25th to visit family, Bishop, and the mission. There will be other priests helping the parish during my absence.

Fr. Arul

