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2015 MARCH



Just as Moses lifted up
the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man
be lifted up, so that
everyone who believes
in him may have eternal life.

John 3:14-15

FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF

Lent

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." – John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in making some sacrifices for Him.

St. Peter Church

216 Broadway * Jefferson City MO 65101

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish community of St. Peter Catholic Church, profess our belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ through word, worship, education and action.

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WELCOME TO ST. PETER CHURCH

To help us plan for the future, please register as soon as you move into the parish. Fill out this form and return it, or better yet, stop by the parish office.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:15 & 7:00pm

SUNDAY: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

1:00pm Mass in Spanish/La Misa en Español

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 7:00am & 12:05pm (Chapel)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

SATURDAY-4:00 & 6:30pm

FIRST FRIDAY-7:30am & 12:30pm

Or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pre-Baptism Sessions: For first time parents, session will be the First Tuesday; For second and additional child, session will be the third Tuesday, in **FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER & DECEMBER**. Baptisms will be scheduled after they have attended the required session.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Follow statewide policy by calling the Parish Office six months before you schedule or plan your wedding.

PARISH PRAYER LINE

To volunteer to pray for the needs of others, or if you need prayers, call Delores Caples, 659-2371 or Mary Ann Gilbert, 635-6576.

RESURRECTION AND ST. PETER CEMETERIES

3015 West Truman Blvd.

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NOTICE

St. Peter Parish and St. Peter Interparish School maintains **smoke and tobacco free buildings**. No tobacco products are to be used in these buildings.

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- Serves the needs of the people of the parish and of the community.
- Annually completes a stewardship commitment card and fulfills that commitment.

In order to keep the children of our parish safe, we ask that a parent or adult accompany any child in his / her care to the restrooms in church.

Mass Intentions

for the Week

MONDAY 03/16

7:00am A Special Intention
 12:05pm L/D members of Fred & Regina Wagner family

TUESDAY 03/17

7:00am † Ted Radmacher
 12:05pm † Albert B. Brandt

WEDNESDAY 03/18

7:00am † Bob Sachse
 12:05pm † Cletus & Betty Kramer
 1:45pm † Arnold Rehagen

THURSDAY 03/19, Solemnity of St. Joseph

7:00am † Anita Woods
 12:05pm † Amelia Bonett
 7:00pm **Sacrament of Confirmation**

FRIDAY 03/20

7:00am † Bobby, Felix & Bernard Sandbothe
 12:05pm † Joe Holterman

SATURDAY 03/21

5:15pm † Bernard & Lavern Grothoff
 7:00pm † Judy Schmitz

SUNDAY 03/22, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00am † Linus Hohm
 8:30am † Ernest Herslebs
 10:00am L/D members of the George Castrop family
 11:30am **People of the Parish**
 1:00pm S.M.

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of March 21 - 22**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

5:15pm: Deacon, Clara Hillen, Karen Jaegers, Michael Jaegers, Robin Payne, Connie Seabaugh, Mark Struempf, Melissa Wilding
7:00pm: Deacon, Colleen Cederburg, Helen Cox, Mark Rehagen, Susan Rehagen, Daniel Worthen
7:00am: Deacon, Bob Bock, James Eynard, Betty Schrimpf, Marcus Schumer, Pat Seifert
8:30am: Deacon, Gerald Dunn, Mary Fischer, Annette Henley, Keverne McCollum, Julie Morff, Phil Pitts, Greg Rackers
10:00am: Deacon, Viola Gibson, Gloria Johnson, Daniel Livers, John Schneider, Jane Stratman, Ric Telthorst, Julie Zerr
11:30am: Deacon, Pat Dudenhoeffer, Greg Loehr, Fidelia Okocha, Linda Phillips, Pauline Seabaugh, Debbie Snyder, Stephen Stark

Mass Coordinators

5:15pm: Jon Imhoff
7:00pm: Donnell Rehagen
7:00am: Judith Lewis
8:30am: Tim Forck
10:00am: Greg Mihalevich
11:30am: Cecilia Whalen

Lectors

5:15pm: Dianne Brandes
7:00pm: Lorena Mercer
7:00am: Pamela Kelsey-Boicort
8:30am: Daniel Worthen
10:00am: Maggie Olson
11:30am: Jerri Szumigala

Ushers

5:15pm: Dennis Bochat, Jim Neuner, Kenny Payne, Jeremiah Winegar
7:00pm: Ken Altheuser, Joseph Cox, Ed Rackers, Susan Rehagen
7:00am: Susan Bock, Carolyn Ousley, Harold Ousley, Rosalie Wadley
8:30am: Deric Heislen, Brian Hoelscher, David Purdy, Karen Purdy
10:00am: Corey Backues, Rick Dowd, Glen Stratman, Brian Zerr
11:30am: Tracy Farris, Dale Lueckenhoff, Richard Mosha, Tyler Nesheim

Altar Servers

5:15pm: Grace Wilding, Grace Winegar, Maggie Winegar
7:00pm: Elizabeth Fick, Sam Fick, Benjamin Rehagen
7:00am: Jonathan Campbell, Taylor Gerlach, Emilia Godwin
8:30am: Andrew Granich, Aubrie Morff, Veronica Worthen
10:00am: Aaron Scheppers, Emily Zerr, Jacob Zerr
11:30am: Hailey Schrimpf, Jeffrey Szumigala, Jennifer Szumigala

Cantors & Musicians

5:15pm: Regan Freeman, Tina Fick
7:00pm: Andy Fender, Lisa Fender
7:00am: Michael Muenks, Lisa Fender
8:30am: Stephen Gladbach, Lisa Fender
10:00am: **SPIRIT ALIVE**
11:30am: Karen Kramer

STRAIGHTEN BOOKS: Dana Corcoran, March 16 - 19
 (before/after Confirmation) Robert Cotter, March 20

Adoration:**Come away to a quiet place and pray.**

Prolong and intensify your reception of Jesus in the Eucharist by spending an hour with Him each week in Adoration. Share with Jesus your joys, your sorrows, your needs, your gratitude; experience eternal love and peace.

**Adoration Vacancies**

Sunday, 5:00am, call Mary Rehagen, 635-8547
 Monday, 12:00am, call Mary Rehagen, 635-8547
 Thursday, 1:00am, call Mary Rehagen, 635-8547
 Thursday, 2:00am, call Mary Rehagen, 635-8547
 Friday, 12:00am, call Mary Rehagen, 635-8547
 Friday, 7:00pm, call Deacon David Thompson, 635-2406
 Saturday, 12:00am, call Mary Rehagen, 635-8547
 Saturday, 2:00am, call Mary Rehagen, 635-8547
 Saturday, 4:00am, call Mary Rehagen, 635-8547
 Saturday, 2:00pm, call Yvonne Wittman, 893-6161
 Saturday, 4:00pm, call Yvonne Wittman, 893-6161
 Saturday, 7:00pm, call Deacon David Thompson, 635-2406

The Chapel is open to anyone who wishes to pray and meditate.

Parish Announcements

- This weekend we will take up the **Catholic Relief & Development** collection. Please be generous.
- Coffee & Doughnuts will be held TODAY in Fr. Ahrens Room after the 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00am Masses. Come enjoy breakfast and fellowship!

Weekly Collections

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March 1, 2015	\$	32,259.46
March 8, 2015	\$	31,344.64
March 15, 2015	\$	
March 22, 2015	\$	
March 29, 2015	\$	
Budget for March	\$	172,258.33
Total for March	\$	63,604.10
Difference	\$	- 108,654.23
Budget Goal FYTD - End of February	\$	1,378,066.64
Total Collected FYTD - End of February	\$	1,340,710.43
Difference		- 37,356.21
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN to date for March	\$	12,953.25
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FYTD	\$	184,370.33
TOTAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$	680,853.68
First Friday	\$	290.60
CHILDREN'S March:	\$	44.76

As of Tuesday, March 10

Lent



Ways to Evangelize During Lent: During Lent, when your friends or co-workers express curiosity about Catholic customs and symbolism, use those moments as opportunities to evangelize!

Palm Sunday and Symbolism:

Why are you carrying around tree branches?

Sometimes, one of the hardest things to explain as a Catholic is our attachment to symbolism. Palm Sunday is a great example of that. We come home from Mass holding palm branches, and we tuck them behind a crucifix or next to the picture of the Last Supper. To anyone who does not know our faith, it looks as though we stuck a few weeds on the wall... imagine their questions! The truth behind this tradition, however, goes to the story of Palm Sunday, when the people heard that Christ was coming and "they took out palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel.'" (John 12:13). It was a tradition to spread palms before a king as he processed into his city. It was a way to welcome him, to show him glory and homage. Thus, Christ, the true King, was welcomed into Jerusalem. This fulfilled the prophecy in the Old Testament, which declared, "Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble and riding on a donkey." (Zech. 9:9) It revealed that Christ was a great king, but also a humble king. The people greeted him with wild joy and cheers of Hosanna. But one short week later, they crucified him. We celebrate this feast and carry palm branches home with us to commemorate the great humility of Our Lord, who loved us so much that he chose the cross for our salvation.

Source: www.usccb.org, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 15

Coffee & Doughnuts, after 7:00, 8:30 & 10:00am Masses, Fr. Ahrens Room.
 ADULT Confirmation, 8:30am, Christian Brothers Room
 RCIA Scrutinies, during 10:00am Mass, Church
 Children's Liturgy of the Word and Preschool Sunday School, during 10:00am Mass
 Meet & Greet new Helias Catholic High School principal Kenya Fuemmeler after 10:00am Mass, Fr. Ahrens Room
 Musician & Cantor practice for Vespers, 4:00pm, Church
 Lenten Vespers, 6:00pm, Church

Monday, March 16

No school, St. Peter Interparish School
 Spirit Alive rehearsal, 5:00pm, Church
 Apologetics, 7:00pm, Christian Brothers Room
 Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm, Church

Tuesday, March 17

Lector Training for those proclaiming the Word **March 21 - 22**, 5:30pm, Church
 Chorale rehearsal, 7:00pm, Church
 Perpetual Help Devotions, 7:00pm, Chapel

Wednesday, March 18

Latin Class, 5:00pm, SSND Room
 Confirmation practice, 5:30pm, Church
 PSR, 7:00pm, School building
 Live Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm, Church

Thursday, March 19

Confirmation, 7:00pm, Church; reception to follow in Selinger Gym

Friday, March 20

Confessions, 6:30pm, Church
 Live Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm, Church
 Middle School dance, 7:00pm, Selinger Gym

Saturday, March 21

Women's Day of R & R, 10:00am, Fr. Ahrens Room

Sunday, March 22

RCIA Scrutinies, during 10:00am Mass, Church
 Children's Liturgy of the Word and Preschool Sunday School, during 10:00am Mass
 Musician & Cantor practice for Vespers, 4:00pm, Church
 Lenten Vespers, 6:00pm, Church
 JCYA Potluck dinner, 6:00pm, Haven

Upcoming Events

March 23: Mass with Anointing, 12:05pm, Church; luncheon to follow, 1:00 - 2:00pm, Fr. Ahrens Room
March 25: St. Vincent de Paul, 6:30pm, Christian Brothers Room
March 26: Chrism Mass, 5:30pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph
March 27: Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm, Church
March 28: Catholicism Series continues, 9:30am, Fr. Ahrens Room
March 29: Lenten Vespers, 6:00pm, Church
March 30: Parish Reconciliation Service, 7:00pm, Church
April 1: Property Committee, 6:00pm, Christian Brothers Room
April 1: Liturgy Committee, 6:30pm, SSND Room
April 2 - 6: Triduum / Easter / Easter Monday: SEE schedule of events in this bulletin.

The Nurse's Notes

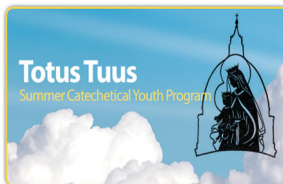
Mid-March – A time to Review in Lent

The fourth, or middle, Sunday of Lent, is so called from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem"-- "Rejoice, O Jerusalem." The special signs of joy permitted on this day (flowers on the altar, more music at Mass, rose-colored vestments) encourage us to persevere through the season of Lenten penance. As you review your Lenten journey to date, rejoice in the gifts you have and ponder whether you need to work harder on both self-denial and positive action. Lent is the time to renew yourself in your relationship to God and to others. Pray to the Holy Spirit to bless your family, your parish and those in need. Think of your neighbors and fellow parishioners and explore how you can assist those in need. Maybe volunteer as a Caring Neighbor and bring Holy Communion to those homebound, visit our parishioners in nursing homes, or simply say a prayer for the person in front of you at the check-out or at the stoplight.

Parish nurse office hours are by appointment. Please let us know if you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and/or if you would like me to visit, pray with you and assist you with questions and health care concerns. You may contact me via email akuehn@stpeterjc.org or at 636-8159 x369.

Totus Tuus

TOTUS TUUS AT ST. PETER WILL BE JUNE 21 - 26 FOR GRADES 1 - 12. **Registration is now taking place. NEW THIS YEAR: BEFORE AND AFTER CARE IS AVAILABLE!** Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.



Coffee & Doughnuts

Coffee & Doughnut Sunday is **TODAY, March 15 after the 7:00, 8:30, and 10:00am Masses in Fr. Ahrens Room.** Please take some time to join your parish family for fellowship and refreshments. We also serve milk, juice and fruit!



We remember those who have died:



**Ted Zumwalt
Janet Fedak**

Daughter of Evelyn Borgmeyer

In Memoriam

Mass with Anointing

A Mass with Anointing will be held **Monday, March 23 at 12:05pm in the Church.** A light lunch will be held after the Mass until 2:00pm in Fr. Ahrens Room. All are welcome.

PLEASE be respectful of the parking spots RESERVED for perpetual adoration participants (the top three spots along Selinger Centre). Please DO NOT park in those spots unless you are there for your scheduled hour of ADORATION.

St. Peter Interparish School News

McDonalds Inter-Parish Lenten Challenge

Help St. Peter Interparish School Win!

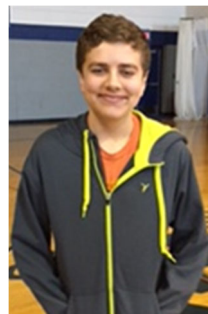
Go to McDonalds on any Friday in Lent and bring your receipt to school on Monday (parishioners can drop them in the collection basket on Sunday). The school that brings in the highest total receipts, prorated by the number of students in the participating school at the end of Lent will receive \$500 plus a free breakfast sandwich for every student and teacher. Participating Schools: St. Martins, Immaculate Conception, St. Francis Xavier, St. Peter, and St. Joseph
Participating McDonalds Locations (Ruprecht-owned): 1425 Missouri Blvd., 3124 South Ten Mile Dr., 815 Eastland Dr, and inside Walmart.

Preschool and Kindergarten registration and screenings are now being scheduled. If you would like more information about St. Peter, or if you would like to schedule a tour, you may contact lrjalston@stpeterjc.org or call the school office at 636-8922.

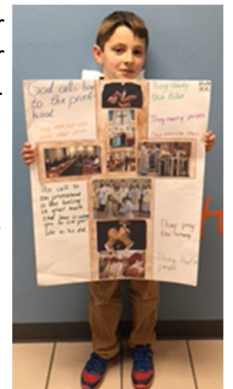


So proud of our Saints that represented St. Peter in the Catholic Bowl this year. Congratulations to the fifth grade white team that won first place. Congratulations to the sixth grade boys, Varsity boys, and Varsity girls for taking second place. A special thanks to the coaches and parents that helped develop these athletes.

Congratulations to Archer Schnieders for winning the Diocesan Vocation Poster contest for 3rd grade.



Cameron Haake has qualified for the Missouri National Geographic State Bee Semifinalist by National Geographic Society. He is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in



the 2015 National Geographic State Bee sponsored by Google and Plum Creek.

The contest will be held at University of Missouri on Friday, March 27, 2015. Congratulations Cameron!

Helias Catholic High School News



Congratulations to the Helias Dance Explosion team, which took 3rd Place overall at the state competition!

Confirmation



Join us in congratulating our youth who will be confirmed **Thursday, March 19 at 7:00pm in the Church.** All are welcome to join in this celebration!

One-Day Lenten Retreat

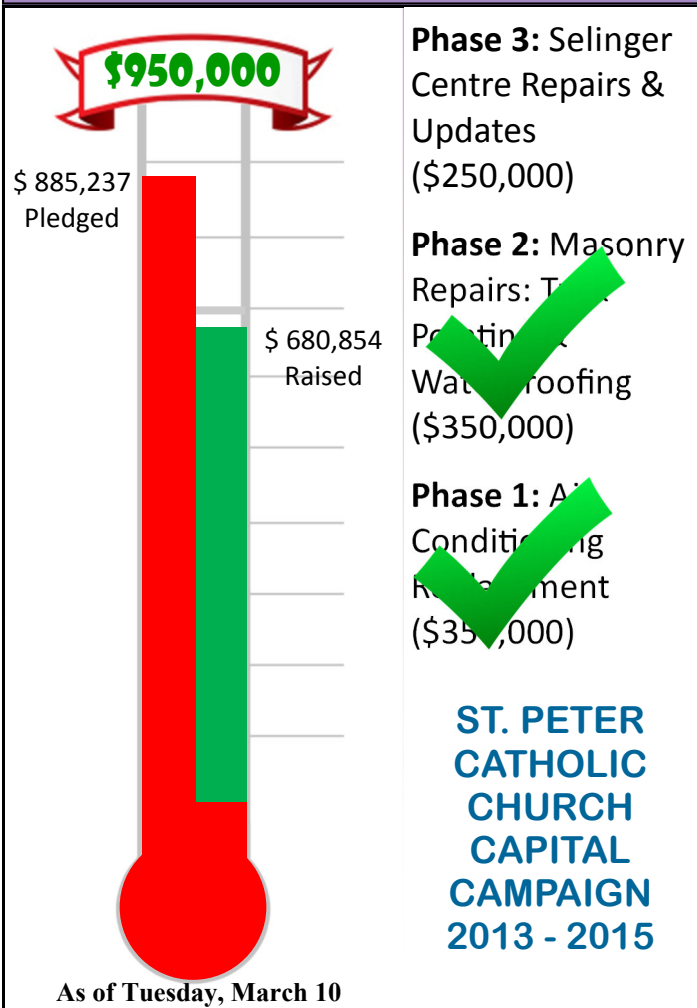
The fourth annual "Women's Day of R & R" (Reflection & Renewal), sponsored by the CRHP Sisters of St. Peter, will be held **Saturday, March 21, 10:00am to 4:00pm**, in Father Ahrens Room. All women of the Parish are invited. The theme for this year's event is "Surrender." The cost is \$15, which includes lunch. If you would like additional information or a registration form, contact Jeanne Livers at 761-3493 by **Saturday, March 7**. Space is limited, so make plans now to be a part of this fun, faith-filled day!

2015 Chrism Mass

Bishop John R. Gaydos invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass at the **Cathedral Church of St. Joseph on Thursday, March 26 at 5:30pm**. This Liturgy unites the Diocese in recalling the gifts of the Holy Priesthood and the Most Holy Eucharist. The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated at this time. These Holy Oils impact the lives of those who are preparing to enter into the Church, those who are ill, and all preparing for Confirmation and Holy Orders.

On March 26, there will be NO 12:05pm Mass at St. Peter due to the Chrism Mass. A Communion Service will be held at that time.

Capital Campaign Progress



Seminarian Spotlight

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the men from our Diocese who are studying for the priesthood. You may send a note or card of encouragement or thanks if you wish. In the spotlight this week:

Joshua J. Duncan

(birthday is January 13)

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

5200 Glennon Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119

*"Your priest is someone's son...
Your son could be someone's priest."*

Supporting the Men and Women in the Armed Forces

Many of our parishioners are serving in the Armed Forces. Please pray for all those who serve our country. This week, pray especially for **Gina Phillips**, serving in the Army, and **Jeremiah Edwards**, serving in the Navy.

Call 636-8159 if you have information to be updated or names to add to this list of very special people.

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Triduum / Easter Schedule



April 2, Thursday of the Lord's Supper

NO 7:00am or 12:05pm Mass

Chapel will close at 4:00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm, Church

April 3, Friday of the Passion of the Lord

NO 7:00am or 12:05pm Mass

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with

Veneration of the Cross

12:05pm and 7:00pm, Church

Church Office Closed

April 4, Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, 8:00pm, Church

April 5, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass of Easter Day:

7:00am, Church

8:30am, Church AND Selinger Gym

10:00am, Church AND Selinger Gym

11:30am, Church

1:00pm, Church; La Misa en Español

Chapel will reopen at 6:00pm

April 6, Easter Monday

Church Office Closed



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Marriage Tip

When is self-care legitimate and when is it just selfish? Does your self-care interfere with the urgent need of your spouse or child? Does one of you claim to need it a lot more than the other? Talk about it.

www.foryourmarriage.org



Around the Area

- March 15:** St. Joseph Westphalia Chicken Dinner, 11:00am - 6:30pm. Family style, \$9adults/\$4.50kids, carry outs available
- March 17:** St. Brendan Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner, 11:00am - 1:00pm, 4:00 - 7:00pm. Corned beef, cabbage, mashed potatoes, etc. \$10adults/\$4kids, Beauchamp Gym, Mexico, MO
- March 20:** Seafood Buffet, Most Pure Heart of Mary, Chamois, serving 4:00 - 7:30pm, all you can eat catfish, frog legs, shrimp and fixins, \$12 adults/\$7kids
- March 20, 27:** St. Michael KC Fish Fry, 4:30 - 7:30pm, St. Michael Parish Hall. \$10adults/\$5kids, adult carry out available
- March 20, 27:** Mary's Home KC Fish Fry, 6:00 - 8:30pm. Catfish, shrimp, slaw, hushpuppies, grilled cheese, baked beans, \$10adults/\$5kids, \$12 for shrimp, Mary's Home KC Hall
- March 22:** *Sound the Trumpet, Church in Crisis & the Call to Live our Baptism*, 7:00pm, IC JC. Mary Birmingham, Religious Education Institute speaker. Call IC Church for information: 635-6143
- March 24:** John Angotti in Concert, 6:30 - 8:00pm, St. Anthony Church in Camdenton. FREE concert with freewill offering. Contemporary Catholic song writer / performer. All are welcome!
- March 28:** Heisinger Easter Bazaar, 9:00am - 12:00pm. Easter egg hunt 10:00am for ages 3 - 7, Heisinger Bluffs Senior Living Center, 1002 W. Main. Baked goods welcomed!
- March 28:** NEXUS Regional Pro-Life Student Conference, Chaminade College Prep School, St. Louis. prolifeconference.com
- April 3:** *The Passion of the Christ* will be shown in the Cathedral Undercroft, 12:30 - 2:30pm (FREE), Stations of the cross to follow.
- April 24:** Middle School dance, 7:00pm, Selinger Gym benefiting NCYC

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THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

Office of the Bishop

February 2015

Dear Parents of School-Age Children,

At this time of the year, you are making an important decision for your children, namely the school or schools which they will be attending during the coming academic year. Because of the love which you have for your children, you want only what is best for them. For that reason, I urge you to enroll your children in a Catholic school.


The Catholic school is the Church's preferred means of assisting you in the education and formation of your children in the Catholic faith and its practice. The Catholic school is, in fact, the best education available for your children because it places all their growth in learning and skills within the context of faith. Students in the Catholic school not only study thoroughly their faith, but they put it into practice within the environment of the school. What is more, they deepen their life of prayer and their participation in the sacraments. It is not surprising then that the Catholic schools in our country are so highly esteemed by both Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Whether they be large or small, the Catholic schools in our country have consistently graduated students with higher academic achievement, and strong ethical and religious principles.

Catholic schools are not a luxury which we can lightly choose or reject. In a world which is dominated by so much selfishness and violence, so many counter-messages to the Catholic faith, Catholic schools are essential for the education and formation of our children. As your Bishop, therefore, I remind you along with other Bishops, of the responsibility you have to choose a Catholic education for your child! "We recall the duty of Catholic parents to entrust their children to Catholic schools, when and where this is possible, to support such schools to the extent of their ability, and to work along with them for the welfare of their children." (*To Teach as Jesus Did*, ¶101.) This responsibility of parents is also clearly stated in the Code of Canon Law: "Parents are to send their children to these schools which will provide for their Catholic education." (*Code of Canon Law Can. 798.*)

The Catholic school will make a significant contribution to the total education of your children, who are the future of the Church and of society. As your Bishop, with a particular concern for the good of your children, I offer you these thoughts with the hope that you will prayerfully consider enrolling your children in our Catholic schools.

With my best wishes and personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,


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