

# SS Peter & Paul Parish School of Religion Newsletter



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**Warm wishes for a beautiful Thanksgiving holiday!**

## Thank you to our Catechists!

Our Catechists are such an important part of making our PSR classes successful. All of us appreciate the sacrifice of their time and talent in making each class exciting and educational for our children. Their commitment to being available every Wednesday evening to enrich the children in their Catholic faith is crucial. Please take the time to thank your child's PSR Catechist for their dedication and enthusiasm. Your words can do so much to encourage them to keep on doing a great job!

## CATECHIST UPDATES:

**“Welcome Back” to Jamie Hess** who has recovered from her leg surgeries and will be returning as an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechist! (For consistency purposes, Krista Miller will remain with the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade class that she has been teaching.)

Also a sincere **“Welcome” to Jennifer Mechler** who will be coming in as an additional 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechist! She will be a great asset to the PSR team at Gibault. Thanks Jennifer for your time and dedication!

Jamie & Jennifer will be joining **Debi & Kevin Edwards** who have been handling all 39 students since the beginning of the year. Thanks Kevin & Debi for all of your patience and good humor while dealing with this large bunch of kids. Great job!

NOTE: The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be divided into three classes in the weeks ahead. Please have your child continue to meet in the Gibault auditorium until further notification is relayed to the parents. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Many thanks to the Administrative Staff who help things run smoothly on Wednesday evenings:

SPPS: Debbie Schneider, Lisa Crosson & Staci Wittenauer

Gibault: Cindy Notter, Mary Mercer & Colleen Goessling

## NOVEMBER Dates to Remember

Nov. 5	PSR Classes
Nov. 9	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Mass & Reception @ 10:30am in church
Nov. 9	Middle School Youth gathering at the “Youth House” from 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Nov. 10	PSR Advisory Board Meeting 7:00p @ Pastoral Center. All are welcome!
Nov. 12	PSR Classes
Nov. 16	Confirmation Family Trivia Night 6:30p @ SPPS cafeteria
Nov. 19	PSR Classes
Nov. 23	Middle School Youth gathering at the “Youth House” from 7:00 – 8:30pm
Nov. 26	NO PSR – Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 3	PSR Classes

The PSR Calendar & Newsletter (plus much more) is available for viewing 24/7 at: [www.spp.waterloo.il.us/psr.html](http://www.spp.waterloo.il.us/psr.html)  
Bookmark this valuable resource so you can stay updated throughout the year!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Church Tour

All of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders who are preparing for their Sacraments in the spring joined Deacon Doug Boyer for a tour of Ss. Peter & Paul Church. Deacon Doug explained the many symbols that we see in church and answered a lot of questions from the children. There was much excitement from the group seeing the church in this informal setting. Thank you to Deacon Doug for taking the time out of his busy schedule to spend time with the kids and also to the parents who participated!

### CONFIRMATION Date Set for APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>!

On Thursday, April 23, Bishop Braxton will bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

Please encourage your child to begin researching their patron Saint now so that they can have a good understanding of why their Saint made such a difference in our world. See the following trusted website for help with choosing and researching your patron saint. <http://saints.sqpn.com/>

Reminder: Our Confirmandi should also be working on their 14 service projects needed. This is an important tangible way for them to think outside of their own needs and to consider the needs of family, church and community as well.

### CONFIRMATION FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

On Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the SPPS Cafeteria, we will be meeting for the first time with the entire Ss. Peter & Paul 2009 Confirmation class to learn what's expected for the year as well as to have a fun playing trivia. This is a program for our Confirmation candidates and their parents. Please mark your calendar and enjoy an evening with your child in a relaxed setting to help communicate how important the formation process is to the whole family.

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT PSR? Activities from this Past Month

"We wrote letters to our Sponsors" - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

"We toured Ss. Peter & Paul Church with Deacon Doug" - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

"We learned about the Saints while playing Saint Bingo!" - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### CALL TO CONFIRMATION!

Mark your calendars now for DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>! One of the requirements of our Confirmandi is to make a public commitment to be faithful and participate fully in the confirmation program. This year the CALL TO CONFIRMATION will be held on December 7 @ 10:30am in the church. There will be a breakfast before Mass for the Confirmation candidate & sponsor. More details to follow.

### Psst...We are Listening!

(Quotes from PSR Parents/Children/Staff)

*"I just want to say the new signing out of the younger kids is wonderful! The street is not always blocked and is a lot more organized than years before."* – PSR Parent

*"Things are going so well this year. I feel like I'm really connecting with the students."*  
– 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechist.

*"I learned a lot from Deacon Doug at our church tour. I answered lots of questions!"*  
– 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade student.

### Middle School Youth (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)

Middle school youth are now meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month from 7:00-8:30pm at the "Youth House" (the red brick, 2-story building next to the pre-school. Each week they will have a different awesome, fun and exciting activity in which the youth can participate.

The Youth Ministry will be selling Honey Baked Ham for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Order forms were in the bulletin and were sent home with the PSR students in late October.