St. Peter in Chains

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Pastoral Council

Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June, August

St. Vincent DePaul Society

First & Third Mondays, 8:15 p.m. Every Month

MASSES

Weekend: St. Peter in Chains

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9:00, 11:00 a.m. Please check inside of bulletin for any changes to regular Mass schedule

Holydays: St. Peter in Chains

Day: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday:

Mass at St. Peter in Chains, 8:00 a.m.

Monday:

Mass at St. Julie Billiart, 12:05 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

Mass at St. Julie Billiart, 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday:

Communion Service, at St. Julie, 8:00a.m.

Thursday & Friday:

Mass at St. Joseph, 8:00 a.m.

BINGO—Friday Evening:

Preliminary 7:00 p.m. Regular 7:30 p.m. For assistance, call ext. 311

Council)

Meets every other month. website for dates.

Sept., Nov., Jan., March, May

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

arrangements. For pre-baptism class, nine months prior to the desired date. please call for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Anytime on request or by appointment call 863-3938.

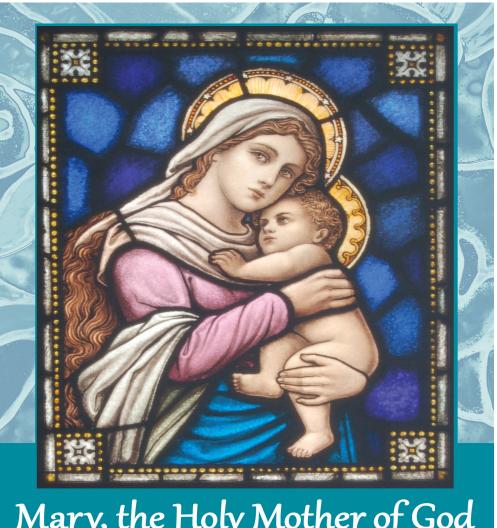
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

A communal celebration of the EPIC (Educator Parent Improvement Sacrament is celebrated annually in October at one of the Sunday Masses. Check Individuals may request the Sacrament any time by calling the church office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Couples contemplating marriages Please contact the Parish office to make should call the church office at least

> **MEMBERSHIP: PARISH** welcome all new families and/or individuals moving into our territory. Please register at the church office as soon as possible.



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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For primary-aged children and held during the 11:00 Mass. The children participate in the Liturgy of the Word with age appropriate material, then join their families for the remainder of the Mass. Have your child attend Mass with you and Father will dismiss the children after the Opening Prayer.

2016-2017 PREP Sign Up!

Sign ups for our joint PREP program are now being taken. PREP is designed for public school/home school children grades K-12.

PREP takes place on Sunday mornings at the Fenmont (St. Julie's) 9:45AM - 10:45AM.

Registration Forms/Medical Waivers are on the parish website or you can contact Deacon Jeff

at merrelli@stpeterinchains.org. 863-3938 Ext. 302

All forms should be turned into Deacon Jeff or Mary Pat Austing (CRE, St. Julie's)

Parish Religious Education Program

If you would like to help with our PREP program for next year, please contact Deacon Jeff or Mary Pat Austing mpausting@stjulie.net.



Consider On-Line Giving with WeShare

Please consider giving online through **WeShare**. This platform makes it easier for our parishioners to manage their online contributions and will save our parish time and mon-

ey. To utilize this new platform, please go to our website – www.stpeterinchains.org – click on the *WeShare Online Giving* button located at the top right of our webpage.



Would you like to help out in the Parish Office?

We are in need of people who can volunteer on a regular basis to assist with various office duties in the Parish Office (answer phone, Mass intentions, etc.). If you

would like to volunteer, please call or email Lisa Stricker (513 863 3938 x301 or stricker@stpeterinchains.org).



The Community Meal Center at Front Street Presbyterian Church on the 3rd Friday of every month at 3:30 P.M. is St. Peter's Night. Help is always needed. A great family expression of our faith. Hope to see you there!



The Shepherd's Call

Thank you for helping me have a beautiful Christmas, and now we move into the new year. What will the new year bring? What will you bring to the new year? Will we bring a desire to know Jesus better throughout the year?

Remember, too, that we are celebrating Christmas for two more weeks. The important role of family comes to the fore during these two weeks. This past Friday the Church celebrated the feast of the Holy Family. This weekend the Church celebrates the feast/solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Next Sunday on the epiphany, we see the Holy Family again when we hear about the Wise Men bringing their gifts to the infant Jesus. The family is so important that Jesus, God Himself chose to live as part of a family. In this new year I am thankful for the families of our pastoral region that are trying to welcome the love of Jesus into their homes.

At various times in first half of the year, I plan to invite you to learn about the Mass through reading *The Lamb's Supper*, join Deacon Jeff for Sunday evening prayer through Lent, prepare for a consecration to Mary using *33 Days to Morning Glory* leading up to the 100th anniversary of Mary's apparition at Fatima, and make a Pentecost novena to the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for the many cards and gifts that helped to make my Christmas merry and bright. May God bless you with His peace in your home.

What a joy to know, love, and serve the good God.

In Christ,







December 31, Saturday - Vigil

8:30 **Priest Intentions**

Margaret & Jerry Wiegand / Nancy Schick (Becky)

January 1, Sunday - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 John Willer (Stanifer Family)

11:00 For the People of the Parish

January 2, Monday - Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

Mass at St. Julie Billiart

January 3, Tuesday - Christmas Weekday

8:00 Rosemary Marfurt (Gail Reynolds)

Church

January 4, Wednesday - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 Dan Staarmann (Resurrection Choir)

Chapel

January 5, Thursday - Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 Mass at St. Joseph

January 6, First Friday - Christmas Weekday

8:00 Mass at St. Joseph

January 7, Saturday - Vigil

8:30 Priest Intentions

4:30 Rudy Schwartz (Ellie Nartker)

January 8, Sunday - The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 Sosimo & Anicia Bolanos (Fe & Jim Frierdich)

11:00 For the People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF **JANUARY 1, 2017**

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or

3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 2

Parish Office Closed

6:00 - 8:30 P.M. Basketball practice

8:15 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, January 3

6:00 - 7:30 P.M. Basketball practice 7:00 P.M. Rosary in Chapel

Wednesday, January 4

2:15 - 3:45 P.M. Brownies Mtg. 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. Basketball practice

7:00 P.M. K of C Mtg.

Thursday, January 5

2:15 - 3:30 P.M. Boy Scouts Mtg. 6:00 - 8:30 P.M. Basketball practice

6:00 - 9:00 P.M. Handbell / Adult Choir practice

Friday, January 6

7:00 P.M. Bingo

Saturday, January 7

7:00 - 8:30 A.M. Men's Fellowship Group

Sunday, January 8

9:45 - 10:45 A.M. First Communion Parent Mtg. (Fenmont)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 7 4:30 P.M.

Lector: Teresa Donges **Eucharistic Ministers:**

> Deacon Jeff, Teresa Donges, Michael Hamann, Kim Kirsch, Josh Meece, Mary

Ann VonDerHaar

Lexie Herold, Tatum Palechek, Not Filled Servers:

Sunday, January 8 9:00 A.M.

Lector:

Jay Wander **Eucharistic Ministers:**

> Kameron Gray, Verna McDulin, Michael McDulin, Donny McDulin, Don Meiner,

Karla Menzer, Rita Rigling

Ellie Black, Eli Schweinfest, Not Filled Servers:

11:00 A.M.

Kristin O'Brien Lector: **Eucharistic Ministers:**

> Nelly Cabacungan, Pam Gattermeyer, Morgan Gattermeyer, Andrew Noelker, Elise Noelker. Brian Pendergest,

Pendergest, Kathy Snyder

Andrew Belden, Ainsley Brandabur, Tate Servers:

Brandabur, Abby Henes

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Bible Study/Formation Opportunity

The Lamb's Supper book study

During the months of January through March we will read/discuss the book The Lamb's Supper"by Scott Hahn. This book was the gift of the parish this Christmas.

Our sessions will be in the evenings on Wednesdays: Evening: 7PM to 8:30PM (Lent 7:30 start) Sessions will be held in the Parish Center

We will start on January 11th.

This unit is 11 sessions long and runs through Wednesday, March 29th.

There is no need to sign up, and there is no cost.

Sunday Evening Prayer (Vespers) w/ Faith Formation and Fellowship

Our Sunday/Evening Prayer and fellowship will resume on Sunday, January 15th

We will start with **Evening Prayer** in the Chapel

Of course we have to have a food theme!! For January bring a favorite *muffin/cupcake/bread* themed food!!

No need to sign up, just show up.

Time: **6PM** in the Chapel, followed by Faith

Formation to 8PM

Young Adults Group Forming. As a pastoral region, we would like to invite people in their 20s and 30s to social events, service events, and faith formation events. If you or someone you know would be good at helping to plan an event, please provide the name and a phone number to Fr. Rob at muhlenkampr@stpeterinchains.org

In Memoriam

Please extend your sympathy to the family of Mary Goins. Remember them in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

THE CURSILLO

The Cursillo (pronounced "ker-see-oh") is an official world -wide movement of the Catholic Church, recognized by the Holy See and supported by Pope Francis and Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. The Cursillo helps people discover and experience just how much God loves them. As each person grows in the knowledge and experience of God's love, he or she is then more inclined to follow Jesus and is better able to live the Gospel in the various places God has put them to live.

For each person, the Cursillo envisions a continuous and progressive conversion leading to a deeper and more personal relationship with Jesus. The Cursillo employs a method that relies upon the encouragement and support found in small friendship/prayer groups. An emphasis is placed on a balanced life of prayer, continued spiritual formation, and evangelization. The idea is to help each person become the "Good News" and be the leaven in the environments we find ourselves in everyday, our homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, etc. Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and the world would be different if we each allowed the love of Christ to work through us everyday. The Cursillo Movement is introduced over a consecutive 72-hour period called a Three-Day Weekend. It is an opportunity to set aside worries and focus on Jesus. The weekend has often been referred to as an encounter with Christ. This may seem like a bold claim, but thousands will attest to their own personal encounter with Christ. If you would like to have more information about the Cursillo, please contact Michael Collins by email at collinsm@stpeterinchains.org or through the parish office at (513) 863-3938. You can also check out the website at: http://www.cincinnati-cursillo.org/. The next men's weekend is scheduled for March 16-19, 2017. The next women's weekend is TBD.



Remember to pray for the people listed in the St. Peter Prayer Intentions Book located in the front of Church.

COLLECTION December 18, 2016

Weekly	
Offerings	\$ 8,191.00
Offering Goal	\$ 12,450.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (4,259.00)
Year-to-Date Offerings Offering Goal Over/(Under)	\$311,250.00

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD → JANUARY 1, 2017



ACFS

<u>Active Christian Enthusiastic Seniors</u> St. Julie Billiart Church

"ACES" was formed in September 2006. We saw a definite need for a forum where seniors could meet, greet, share activities and grow as an energetic and valuable group in the Catholic Church. Members from all Churches are welcome to attend the meetings.

You are invited to join us as we enjoy our time together.

We have designed what could be a very exciting year for us. It is a promise to draw you, refresh you, and to give you a bit of hope! Please, invite a friend or two to join us at the meetings.

IMPORTANT

We are asking for a \$5.00 donation per person for the year. We are also asking if you could help (at least once) with the refreshments for the meetings. Mary Ann Barton and Pat Gordon are the contacts for snacks!

The meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month and begin at 1:00 pm in the Fenmont UNLESS other noted.

JOE NUXHALL MEMORIAL SPORTS STAG

Father Butler Council 968 is pleased to announce that tickets are now on sale for the Joe Nuxhall Memorial Sports Stag. The stag will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Hamilton, Ohio. The doors open at 5:00, Dinner at 6:15 and the speakers start around 7:30.

Proceeds from the stag support many local charities including the Father Butler Education Foundation that provides \$5,000 in scholarships for member families at local parishes and Badin High school.

Tickets are \$40 and include dinner, two drinks, and a night of entertainment. Raffles and split the pot will also be available the night of the event. Reserve a table for 10 for \$400. Reserve a table for 9, plus one of our celebrity speakers for \$450.

Contact Tom Mitchell (513) 484-5240, Dave Senger (513) 374-2131, or Bob Hunter (513) 867-9534.

Church Open for Prayer—The main church will be open for visits and quiet prayer from 2:30pm – 8pm each day. It's a place for quiet to pray before the presence of the Lord. Note that cleaners will be in the church on Monday evenings from 5-7 PM.

TUITION ASSISTANCE



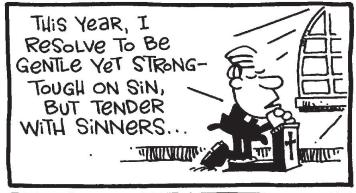
The One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign designated a significant portion of the funds raised to help families with Catholic school tuition assistance. The tuition assistance awards will begin with the 2017-2018 school year. Applications are being accepted now. Visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more information.

Is Your Marriage Hurting in Anyway?

Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Then please consider Retrouvaille—a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark. For marriages having difficulties in communication. The next program begins January 13, 14, 15, 2017. For more info call (800)470-2230 or Internet address is Retrouvaille.org.

KOMIC KORNER

New Year





ST. PETER IN CHAINS SCHOOL SCOOP



Thank you to everyone who ordered. You helped us raise \$204 for our school. We are now in the second phase of our campaign and EPIC will earn 5% on all product sales through March 18, 2017. To order go to www.schwans-cares.com/c/29583 or call 1-855-870-7208 and provide our Campaign ID: **29583.** Contact Teresa Donges with questions at 868-3425 or teamdonges@fuse.net. Thank you for your support

Looking for a School? Know Someone Who is?

St. Peter in Chains School will hold its annual *Open House on Sunday, January 22, 2017, from 1-3 p.m.* School parents, staff, and students will be available to offer tours and answer any questions you may have.

Please join us to find out how SPS might benefit your child and your family. If you know someone who is searching for a school, extend an invitation. Flyers with more information are available in the vestibule. To schedule a private tour, call Kathy Hart at 863-0685.

Help Us Spread the Word!

Yard signs advertising St. Peter in Chains School Open House are available in the vestibule. Please take one to display in front of your home or business.

CALLING ALL ST. PETER ALUMNI!

Are you an alumnus/a of St. Peter in Chains School, or did your parents, grandparents, or children graduate from SPS? We are in the early stages of building an alumni database and would love to know! Please fill out the following and drop it in the collection basket, send it to the parish office or school office, or email jhengehold516@gmail.com with your name, address, phone number, email address, and graduation year. Thank you!

NAME

ADDRESS	
PHONE	
EMAIL	
YEAR OF GRADUATION	



St. Peter in Chains St. Vincent de Paul Society Today is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Hail Mary full of Grace the

Please remember to support our St. Peter's Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2017 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!

Some of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's basic services include:

- Person-to-person assistance through home visits to individuals and families
- Visitation and assistance to the elderly, sick and disabled
- Collaboration with other agencies and organizations
- Visitation and assistance to the institutionalized, incarcerated and re-entry citizens
- Transportation—including assistance with bus passes
- Collaboration with thrift stores, food pantries, feeding sites, housing and shelter

The services of our St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul conference routinely involve "one-on-one" meetings and conversations with people in situations that most other social service delivery systems will not touch. We provide help and assistance with emergency food, rent and utility assistance. Working through the Cincinnati St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores, we provide vouchers to the poor to secure the basic necessities of clothing, furniture and bedding.

Unique to all St. Vincent de Paul conferences is the attitude of flexibility in charity – no service to the poor is outside the scope of the Society's response. We are focused on seeking and finding the poor and the forgotten so that we may bring them God's love.

Have you ever considered learning more about our St. Vincent de Paul group? We meet on the first and third Monday in the parish meeting room at approximately 8:15PM. Join us, you'll be glad you did.

To request a Blessed Prayer Blanket, please contact Marilyn Flum (868-1675), Jan Huffman (309-2674), or Marlene Pfeil (863-4822)