

Preparing for the future

Long, lazy summer days offer kids a chance for imaginative play. They act out their favorite stories and recreate the exploits of their heroines and heroes. Play provides our young with the opportunity to prepare themselves for their futures.

Every Sunday we are called on to reflect on our own futures through stories, parables, and admonitions. We hear in the passage from the book of Wisdom, authored possibly as late as the first century, of a people enslaved in Egypt preparing for their liberation. They trusted in the promises of God for the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. Do we?

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us of the lives of great people of the Old Testament. It shows us how their faith sustained them no matter what challenges they faced. Abraham continued to believe, even when asked to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Have we developed such a wholehearted trust in God?

Luke's parables of the alert servant and faithful manager call us to ready ourselves for any contingency. Where is our treasure? Where is our heart? These weekly passages and our daily actions at play or work continually prepare us to live God's word.

~ Today in Focus: Living with Christ

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Registration materials were sent out last week. Thank you to our parents who have already returned the forms and payment. If you have not received your packet, please call me or pick up a packet at the Ss. Peter & Paul Cluster Office.

September 18th, our first class is fast approaching. More text books arrived this week. A new school is always exciting, BUT we still need 4 catechists for Ss. Peter & Paul. These classes are small in number with wonderful students who would love to have you for a teacher. One hour and 15 minutes of class time per week is all these kids ask of you! Perhaps you and your spouse or a friend could team teach together. Our books and teacher guides are easy to use and we have DVDs and VCR tapes to add to your lessons. Please consider this calling for our children's education. Thank you and God Bless you.

~ Georgi Whelan

The Religious Education program needs your help. We have students from Ss. Peter & Paul who need catechists this Fall:

Grade 6 - 4 students

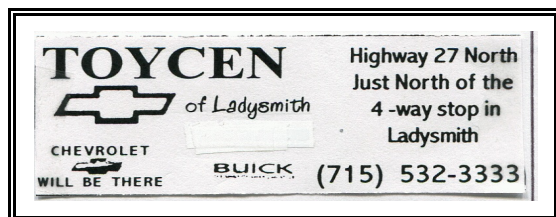
Grade 7 - 6 students

Grade 10 - 6 students

Grade 11 - 5 students (Confirmation)

Would you please consider helping our students! Please call Georgi Whelan at (715) 512-1029 for more information.

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK



OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,035.00
Loose	88.00
Total	1,123.00
Total from August 5, 2018	1,045.00
Building Fund	690.00

St. Stanislaus

Adult Envelopes	\$ 410.00
Loose	23.00
Total	433.00
Total from August 5, 2018	829.21
Building Fund	628.00

St. John

Adult Envelopes	\$ 509.95
Loose	122.08
Total	632.03
Total from August 5, 2018	1,265.00
Building Fund	384.10

St. Michael

Adult Envelopes	\$ 165.00
Loose	37.00
Total	202.00
Total from August 5, 2018	333.50
Building Fund	120.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

Called to Become Saints Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is underway through out the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility is listed below. As of **August 5th**, we have collected:

	Payments		
	Assessment	& Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$ 8,880.00	\$ 2,513.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$ 6,810.00	\$ 2,348.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$ 5,234.00	PAID IN FULL
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	PAID IN FULL



Holy Family Parish in Willard **Rummage Sale** will be held **Saturday, August 24** from **8:00 a.m. - noon** and on **Sunday, August 25** from **8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Holy Family Parish in Willard will hold its annual **Bazaar & Buffet Style Chicken Dinner Sunday, August 25th** from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Adults & Carryouts: \$10; Children 6-10: \$5; 5 & under: FREE. The dining hall is air conditioned and handicap accessible. There will be a Bake Sale, Bucket Raffle and Children's Games.

Abiding Care: Volunteer Opportunities. We are looking for Client Educators. There will be an information meeting on Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Center. These volunteers will be working one on one with our moms through our video curriculum in the areas of parenting and life skills. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!
Carrie Kraucyk - Director, **Abiding Care Center - Medford**