

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is a way of life.

It is a grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes God's gifts and shares them in love of God and neighbor.

The four pillars of stewardship are: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service.

The Bible Teaches It

Malachi 3:10-12: Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure! I will rebuke the locust for you so that it will not destroy your crops, and the vine in the field will not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. All the nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land, says the LORD of hosts.

We Believe It

Acts 4:32-35: The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

God Honors It

Genesis 14: 18-20: Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine. He was a priest of God Most High. He blessed Abram with these words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

RESOURCES

- **Mass Times:** Weekday Masses are Wednesday-Friday at 8:15 a.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. Weekend Masses are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Formed.org:** Visit stspchurch.formed.org for a wide-range of Catholic formation materials to study, watch, listen and read.
- **PSR:** Our Parish School of Religion is for students in grades K-8. Classes meet Wednesday nights during the school year.
- **Confirmation:** In progress for current high school sophomores and juniors.
- **RCIA:** Contact Deacon Dave Miller, 660-888-6827.
- **School:** To register your child at SSPP School, contact Alan Lammers, 882-2589.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Contact Grand Knight Rich Kuster, 660-441-1892.
- **Ladies Auxiliary:** Contact President Linda Grissum, 660-537-1901.
- **Daughters of Isabella:** Contact Regent Christine Litwiller, 573-881-3871.
- **Legion of Mary:** Contact President Mary Ellen Kosky, 815-735-9460.
- **Youth Groups:** Contact Theresa Krebs, 882-6468.

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SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC PARISH



Dear Parishioners of
SS. Peter and Paul Parish,



This year, we are embarking on a new way of viewing what it means to be a parish.

We have worked with an outside group on looking at our parish and have evaluated our strengths and where we can grow. We also are on the forefront of a new program for stewardship that will become diocesan-wide.

In this document you will find where we are doing well and where we hope to grow in the next year. These goals came as a result of joint meetings of parish committees and myself. I know we have amazing people who have been, and continue to be, capable of great good and strong vision.

We have the people. We have the talent.
Let's go all in!

God Bless,
Fr. Bill Peckman

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

Accomplishments

- Presence and participation at community events such as local parades and festivals
• Assist the Legion of Mary in welcoming new families to the parish
• Preparing funeral dinners
• Hosted Cub Scout meetings in the Spring of 2019, including the Blue and Gold Banquet

Goals

- Host a monthly social after the 10:30 Sunday Mass
• Create "The Catholic Church Welcomes You" and "Come Back to the Church" yard signs to be strategically placed in Cooper and Howard Counties
• Develop and implement an updated communication strategy

PRAYER

Prayer

"Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thesalonians 5:17-18

Accomplishments

- Blessing of the Homes at Epiphany
• Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
• Day of Reconciliation
• Monthly First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
• Weekly Rosaries on Monday nights and after weekday Masses on Wednesdays and Thursdays
• Legion of Mary & Cursillo groups
• Weekly visits and Communion to shut-ins
• Distribution of religious materials to parishioners and non-practicing Catholics
• Prison Ministry, including Residents Encounter Christ (REC)
• School children write letters of prayer and encouragement to prisoners (Wheat Letters-part of REC)
• Parishioners pray during the REC weekend for its success

Goals

- Begin a Monthly Eucharistic Adoration for Families
• Increase Legion of Mary membership

FORMATION

Formation

"I turned my mind to know and to search out and to seek wisdom and the sum of things." Ecclesiastes 7:25

Accomplishments

- Increased formation at SSPP School with new curriculum & Virtues in Practice Program
• Increased formation at Parish School of Religion classes with new curriculum and emphasis on the Rosary, Adoration, and other prayer
• Expanded use of Formed.org
• Occasional programs for K-4th grades
• Kapaun's Men group for 8-12 grade boys
• YDisciples group for 8-12 grade girls
• Tapping Into Theology Program
• Adult Ed: Sacrosanctum Concilium
• Choice Wine marriage enrichment program
• Wednesday Night Men's Group
• Continued efforts of RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word and our youth groups, including attendance at Steubenville, NCYC and other Catholic camps

Goals

- Consistent programs for K-4
• Develop mentoring programs for engaged couples and families baptizing their first child
• 2019-20 Schedule for Tapping into Theology
• Continued Adult Education

SERVICE

Service

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10

Accomplishments

- Initiated SSPP Care Fund to help parishioners, others in need and to support the community
• Christmas care packages for seminarians
• Coordinate an occasional meal for those in need from illness or unforeseen hardships
• Coordinate Parish Feast Day potluck
• Host a reception after the Baccalaureate Mass for graduating high school seniors
• Continued works by the Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, Legion of Mary, Ladies Auxiliary and youth groups

Goals

- Network with community leaders and neighboring churches to identify opportunities for service
• By reviewing community calendars, evaluate how to position our parish to assist in meeting local needs
• Continue to integrate and expand the role of our youth in service to the parish and community