

PARISH PROGRAMS AND GROUPS 2011 - 2012

This is useful information to help you become involved in parish life.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM - One evening workshop which includes discussion of the meaning of Baptism and Chrismation, the ceremony, its significance, with an emphasis being placed on the role and commitment of the parents in providing the spiritual growth of their child. Appointment for this workshop and the Baptism should be made through the parish office at 343-6516.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION - Couples intending to be married at Ss. Peter and Paul should notify the priests of their intention **at least six months** in advance. Engaged couples will participate in a six-session program. This program is facilitated by a team of married couples from Ss. Peter and Paul. Couples are strongly encouraged to take part in an Engaged Encounter weekend as well. For more information, please contact Marcie at the parish office at 343-6516.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMS

SUNDAY SCHOOL - For children ages 4 – 5 during the 11:00 A.M. liturgy only. Children will learn about Jesus through Bible stories, songs and crafts. For more information, please contact Jackie Kjargaard at 249-4322. The children may join at anytime.

PRE-COMMUNION CLASSES - Grade 1 children. This program introduces the child to the gradual discovery of the world in the light of faith. The aim is to help the child slowly acquire a sense of inward meaning in the things of their world and to discover God at the heart of their daily experiences. *A prerequisite for Solemn Holy Communion/Reconciliation.*

YOUR CHILD MUST ATTEND THIS CLASS IF HE/SHE WILL BE PREPARING TO RECEIVE SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

MONDAY EVENINGS 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. STARTS SEPTEMBER.

For more information, please contact Mavis at the parish office (343-6516).

PRE-COMMUNION PARENT PROGRAM - As your child begins preparation to receive the holy mysteries of Eucharist and Reconciliation, he/she will have questions and will look to you for guidance. Parent sessions provide information, inspiration and opportunity for discussion to help you and your child grow in faith. **You are automatically registered for these classes when your child is enrolled in the Pre-Communion Classes.** The parent sessions are held during your child's class time but not as often as your child's classes. For more information, please contact Mavis at the parish office (343-6516).

FIRST RECONCILIATION/SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION - This program is for sacramental preparation and is **required for Grade 2 children.** They will learn about being "Children of Light." The Mystery of Reconciliation will be covered before Christmas; the Mystery of the Eucharist, after Christmas. If your child has not completed the pre-communion classes, he/she may be required to postpone their sacramental preparation until Grade 3.

MONDAY EVENINGS 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. For more information, please contact Mavis at the parish office (343-6516). Starts in September.

PARENT PROGRAM FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION/SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION - As your child continues to grow in faith through their preparations for the holy mysteries, he/she will continue to need your support and guidance. These parent sessions will focus more on the sacraments and helping your child prepare for them. **You are automatically registered for these sessions when your child is enrolled in the First Reconciliation/Solemn Holy Communion Program.** The parent sessions are held during your child's class time, but not as often as your child's classes. For more information, please contact Mavis at the parish office (343-6516).

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

JUNIOR CHOIR - Music Ministry for children in Kindergarten to Grade 8. Learn new songs, meet new friends, involvement during the Divine Liturgy.

Monday Evenings 6:15 – 6:50 P.M. For more information, please contact Andrea Swann at 931-3705. The children may join at anytime.

CHILDREN OF MARY - Girls who are 8 years and older and have made their Solemn Holy Communion are invited for membership. The girls learn about Mary, feast days, the Rosary, and they assist in liturgical ceremonies. The program also provides social and educational activities. **Meet on designated Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.** For more information, please contact Andrea Swann at 931-3705.

ALTAR SERVERS - Boys who are 8 years and older and have made their Solemn Holy Communion are invited to become members. The boys assist our priests with liturgies. There are provisions for social and athletic activities in their program. **Meet on designated Monday evenings at 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.** For more information, please contact Bob Friesen at 477-0272 or Ron Rawlyk at 373-4022.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

JUNIOR YOUTH - A group of energetic and enthusiastic youth in grades 6-8 who meet on most second and fourth Fridays each month during the school year. These gatherings are faith focused and fun, with games, skits, crafts and snacks. Start dates TBA.

YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND - Youth gatherings combine food, faith building social activities, speakers, retreats and service projects. Interested youth are always welcome to come out and bring their friends. Start dates TBA.

HOLY FIRE YOUTH CHOIR (Grade 9 and Beyond...)

If you are musically inclined and want to be part of something really new and exciting for music at our parish please consider joining. This group will be responding to the Divine Liturgy twice a month and gathers for regular practices. For more information and to sign up, please contact Deb Larmour at 373-9947 or email ymbyz@hotmail.com

ADULT PROGRAMS

BIBLE STUDY - The groups meet weekly. For more information, please contact Henry and Iris Spilchuk at 374-3620 or Grace Lashyn at 374-6304.

ADULT CATECHISM - For those wishing to join the Ukrainian Catholic Church an adult catechism program is offered. Please call the parish office at 343-6516.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CONFRATERNITY OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP - Meet **Wednesday mornings at 8:00 A.M.** for rosary and special devotions to Our Lady. Monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month following the rosary. New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact. Anne Porter at 382-4888.

MINISTRY OF PASTORAL CARE - It was established as a formal means of outreach and support with the parish community. We visit the three hospitals every Tuesday. The bereaved are visited prior to the funeral and follow-up visits or phone calls when warranted. Sympathy cards are sent to immediate family members. Home visits of the shut-ins are done monthly. More help is needed in this service. Visitation orientation classes are planned in the New Year. If anyone is interested and able to help, please phone Grace at 374-6304 or Joan at 373-6246.

SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #11775 - It is a Catholic men's fraternity upholding the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Meetings are held every month. For more information, please contact Ron Gretchen at 373-6137.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA (UCWLC) - It is an organization open to all women of the parish. This organization offers spiritual, social, education and cultural activities. Meetings are held the **third Thursday of every month**. For more information, please contact Marie Woytowich at 374-4715.

SS. PETER AND PAUL SENIORS ORGANIZATION - It is open to parishioners over 50 years of age. This group holds a monthly business meeting and sponsors various social and fraternal activities. For more information, please contact Wally Wandzura at 934-8058.

PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

It is responsible for the overall leadership and management of parish council activities. Tasks include program and operational planning, goal-setting and policy development. Executive consists of the President, Past President, Vice-President, Administrative Council Chair, Pastoral Council Chair, Member-at-large and Secretary. If you have management and leadership skills and experience, please consider using them in a role on the Executive. Call Bob Friesen, current President, at 477-0272.

PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE - The primary purpose of this committee is to enhance the worship of the parish community. Duties include scheduling choir groups and lead singers during the year, assisting the clergy arrange special services and celebrations during the year, and purchasing, maintaining, storing and distributing liturgical materials. Help is always welcome. Contact Chris Pidwerbeski at 664-2533.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE - We are looking for interested parishioners to join the Welcoming Committee to help in spearheading activities or programs to achieve our Number One goal, "*to be a more welcoming parish to reach out to non-parishioners.*" To achieve this goal will require the effort of all our parishioners, the young, the old, the long-term and the new. Call Kasie Leschyshyn at 955-0727 for further information. We need you and your new ideas.

THE SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE - It aims to engage parishioners in putting their faith in action for the poor and vulnerable in our society and abroad. It also disburses the Charity Funds and helps facilitate the Parish response to parishioners who require assistance with special needs. New members welcome! Contact Laura Bosovich at 249-3210 or Sara Shymko at 343-5505.