



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Very often the parish office receives requests from other pastors and churches asking us for a "letter of good-standing of active membership" in order that a person can be a godparent and/or a sponsor for a baptism or confirmation.

Upon these requests I will usually write one of two letters. One will say that "this parishioner is an active, participating member." The other letter will say that "this parishioner is registered but I cannot find any evidence of active participation."

The second letter can be upsetting for some because they want me to write things which I believe are untruthful. To seek better clarification, I found four criteria that the Diocese published in order to be considered an "active, participating parishioner."

1. They must be registered in the parish.
2. They must be recognized by the Pastor as participating in the sacramental life of the parish.
3. They must contribute time and talent to the life of the parish.
4. They must regularly contribute an appropriate portion of their annual income to the financial support of the parish.

Roughly 60% of our parish cannot meet 3 out of the 4 criteria. How can one promise to sponsor a child in the Catholic faith if they are not practicing their own Catholic faith?

I hope this will help you to understand the seriousness of what it means to be a godparent or sponsor.

God's Peace,
Father David

Parish Activities

Stations of the Cross

February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23
Lent Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

Parish Pasta Dinners

Fridays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria
(February 23, March 2,9,16, 23)



LENTEN PASTA DINNERS

Calling all volunteers! Please share your time and talent with us on Fridays during Lent. Sign up to help with the Pasta Dinners using the Sign Up Genius from the Flock Notes, (the button under "Pasta Dinners") on the St.

Christopher website (www.saintchristophercc.com), sign up sheets in the Church vestibule or email tamarariswell@att.net or call 614-485-2261. The Women's Club is "Calling All Bakers" to show off their superior baking talents! Please drop off your creations prior to the dinners in the Trinity Cafeteria. Donations of wine, beer, canned soda and water are also needed. If you are able to donate, please drop the beverages off in the Parish office.



SHIPWRECKED, JESUS SAVES!

SAVE THE DATE: June 19-22, 2018, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Participants: Children PreK (turning 5) through 5th grade, 2018-2019 school year

Cost: \$40.00 per child, \$25.00 per sibling (family of 3 or more, \$80.00)

Register online:

saintchristopher.cc.com/childrens-vacation-bible-school OR, forms are available in the Religious Education basket in the vestibule.

Volunteers: Adults, as well as teens/youth helpers 6th-12th grade (2018-2019)

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting: March 14th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the St. Albert's Room of the Rectory. Contact Linda Wolfe at lwolfstchris@gmail.com.

Outside Activities

Catholic Times

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! You can still sign up for Catholic Times. Use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and "Catholic Times" on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the parish and drop it in the collection basket.

The 2018 Men's Conference Features

Become Fishers of Men with this year's Catholic Men's Conference and welcome three internationally renowned speakers to Cardinal Hall at the Ohio Expo Center! Saturday, February 24: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. with Adoration at 6:00 a.m. (discounted registration is available at www.CatholicMensMinistry.com). The speakers this year are Jeff Cavins, Dr. Scott Hahn and Chris Stefanick.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

Women's Care Center, a Pro-life pregnancy resource center, is seeking to fill the position of Client Counselor. We're looking for someone who is a good listener and is interested in protecting the life and dignity of moms and babies. We also have an opening for an Ultra Sound Nurse. If interested, please contact Kim Kurth; Director, Women's Care Center at 614-251-0200.

SAVE THE DATE! The American Red Cross will be conducting a Blood Drive at St. Christopher's on March 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. There will be sign-up sheets in the vestibule or on line at redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code: StChris. Questions, call Blanche Luczyk at (614) 205-7297.