

# PARISH SURVEY UPDATE

Thank you for participating in the latest Parish Needs Survey. Your feedback is vital to allow SSPP to continue as a vibrant spiritual force within our community and the Diocese. You offered comments about what you would like to maintain and suggestions for improvements to our parish life. The results of the survey are available on the parish web site.

We are pleased to provide a final update on the many actions taken to address suggestions made in the survey. While it is not possible to address everything, we wanted to share what has been done.

- ✘ **The parish web site has a fresh new look making it easier to navigate and search for information. It also is designed for viewing on smartphones and tablets. Make sure to visit at [www.sspphamburg.org](http://www.sspphamburg.org)**
- ✘ **A Teaching Mass has been a part of the Faith Formation and School curriculum. The implementation of a Parish wide Teaching Mass is being discussed further with the Worship Committee.**
- ✘ **Our hope is to have Greeters at all week-end Masses; however we need more volunteers to cover all Masses - please contact the rectory office to learn more about being a Greeter.**
- ✘ **Board with Hymn Numbers *After a thorough review, it was decided not to pursue this due to the challenges with the placement of the boards in a large Church and in the variation of music offered at each of the Masses. The music is introduced **before each hymn**, and the lectors announce the readings at the start of Mass.***
- ✘ **The staff has taken steps to avoid unnecessary repetition in the weekly bulletin to focus on key information. *At times, depending on the topic, repetition is necessary to make sure that all parishioners receive the information.***
- ✘ **We have a new position – Jacob Druzvik is the Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry; please contact Jacob at [Jdruzvik@sspphamburg.org](mailto:Jdruzvik@sspphamburg.org) for more information. *Parishioners can also visit the Youth & Family Ministry website at [ssppymhamburg.org](http://ssppymhamburg.org)***
- ✘ **Family Life Ministry is a resource in the Buffalo Dioceses that provides help for married, divorced couples and parishioners seeking information on annulment– contact them at [familylifeministries@buffalodioces.org](mailto:familylifeministries@buffalodioces.org) *Additional resources are also provided in the Parish Handbook, available on the parish website.***
- ✘ **SSPP has ministries when you experience a loss of a loved one (see below) Contact the office for more information:**

*Bereavement Committee to help the family when they experience the death of one of their members.*

*Elizabeth Ministry to assist in support of those who experience a loss after the funeral  
Our Lady of Undoer of Knots Widow Ministry dedicated to helping each other after the death  
of a spouse.*

- ✘ **Ministry Corner** – The Pastoral Council Ministry Sub-committee will be working on featuring a Ministry or two once a month in the Bulletin to learn more about the many ministries at SSPP.

- ✘ **COURAGE and ENCOURAGE: A ROMAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE** [www.courageRC.org](http://www.courageRC.org)

***Courage** members are men and women who experience same-sex attractions and who have made a commitment to strive for chastity. They are inspired by the Gospel call to holiness and the Catholic Church's beautiful teachings about the goodness and inherent purpose of human sexuality.*

***Encourage** members are parents, spouses, sibling and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ. They are looking for help to keep the faith and keep their family bonds intact.*

Courage and Encourage Chapter's: **Diocese of Buffalo, New York, Catholic Center, Main Street, Buffalo.** Contact the Office of Family Life at 847-8700 and ask for the Director of the Buffalo Chapter of the Courage/Encourage program.

To learn more, watch the five part program, "**Invited to Courageous Love**" available on the FORMED website. All parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul have free access to FORMED. Go to the available FORMED link on the parish website to gain access to this and many other wonderful resources.

- ✘ SSPP has conducted multiple training classes for Altar Serves.
- ✘ SSPP has established a School Board (2015) made up of parents, parishioners, faculty and administration – the Board developed a Strategic Plan which is available on the parish web site. *Further improvements include a new cleaning service for the school and painting of the hall ways and rest rooms has started.*
- ✘ Landscaping and the environment – SSPP has a Buildings and Grounds Committee that assists with landscaping needs and a Care for Creation ministry to explore Catholic teaching in relation to care for creation.
- ✘ Father Art met with the heads of each ministry at SSPP to review survey results to incorporate feedback as needed.
- ✘ Pastoral Council has several standing sub-committees for which members serve. *One sub-committee, evangelization, will pursue sending welcome letters and reach out to new families that move into the area*

Please contact the **Rectory Office** with any questions or concerns