

## Closings, Clusters and Cooking

Over the past several months the people of the Bullshead, Catholic Community of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward, and others of that area of the City, have been doing a lot of planning and discussing about the presence of the Church there.

What will happen to buildings as the churches merge into one worship site may still be an unknown, but one sure thing is that the Church will remain present through its ministries. One such ministry is that of St. Peter's Kitchen, presently housed in the former School Building of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. This Soup Kitchen has for 24 years served the needy of the southwestern part of the City as an outreach ministry of the Parish and plans to cook-up a good many more meals in the future.

St. Peter's Kitchen will continue its serving of some 3500 - 3800 meals each year at noon time, even when the Parish Church is no longer able to welcome worshipers at its Main Street address. Yes, the Kitchen has incorporated and thanks to over 175 volunteers and many donors, who faithfully send financial donations or food it proudly begins its 25<sup>th</sup> year of service to the area. The Church is present in the City, whether it clusters, closes buildings, or cooks.

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## Building Peace with Justice

In both the Old Testament and the Gospel reading God summons people especially devoted to him, Abraham and Isaac in one case, Peter, James, and John in the other, to a height or mountain — away from their normal lives— where God invites them into challenging conversation. Which command should Abraham obey? God's command to sacrifice his Son? Or his command not to? How should Peter and the others respond to God's telling them that "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him"?

Lent is a time when we are called apart from our normal lives so that God might speak to us about our part in building the Kingdom of God.

How do we respond to that call when it comes? With reluctance and fear? Or with the faith and openness of Abraham and Peter?

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