

# UNINTENTIONAL

It is really nice to live in a state that has the moniker “Hospitality State.” God knows we are put on the bottom of many lists in regard to accomplishments. But, to be known as the Hospitality State is a quite an achievement.

Hospitality can be very intentional, but for people who are accomplished in the virtue it can be unintentional. It just seems to be a part of their DNA.

That lovely line from the letter to the Hebrews is such a powerful reminder of the blessings that sometimes proceed from the practice of hospitality —

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,  
for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”  
(Hebrews 13:2)

Sometimes hospitality can be taking place when we are totally unaware or even when we are resistant or mistaken. So, during this season — BE AWARE — you may be encountering angels!

-Fr. Gerry

**A woman went into a supermarket, collected her groceries and went into a coffee shop in the shopping complex. She had a cup of coffee and a Kit Kat Bar. She sat down at a table and put the bag of groceries beside her on the floor and began to sip her coffee.**

**There was a man across from her who started to open the Kit Kat Bar, take the wrapping off it and break a bit off. She was really annoyed with him! She grabbed it and broke a bit off it and began to eat it and said nothing. Eventually, he reached over and took what was left of it and eat it and got up and walked away. This really infuriated her, because he had gone over to the counter and got another cup of coffee and this time he got a doughnut and sat at another table.**

**That was too much for her so she picked up her bag of groceries and, as she was passing his table, she just picked up the doughnut that he had and took a bite out of it and slammed it down in front of him and walked out.**

**As she was putting the groceries into the back of the car, she found there, on the top of her groceries, in her shopping bag, her Kit Kat Bar!**



*To Live as the Body of Christ*

**December 11, 2016  
Third Sunday of Advent**



## Mass Intentions

Week of Dec. 12th– Dec. 18th:

7:30 am Mon.: *Muhamed Ali (RIP)*

7:30 am Tues.: *Edna Mangialardi (RIP)*

6:00 pm Wed.: *Tom Harris Sr. (RIP)*

7:30 am Thurs.: *Robert Huddleston (RIP)*

7:30 am Fri.: *Pera Wray (RIP)*

5:30 pm Sat.: *Bridget & Michael Hehir (RIP)*

8:00 am Sunday: *Rosie Morris (RIP)*

10:30 am Sunday: *Tom Harris Sr. (RIP)*

**\*\*\*Blessed Mother flowers are donated by Martha Smith in memory of Billy Charles Smith.**



## Prayer Intentions

Maisie Michelle Garrison, infant friend of Alice Mitchell

John Otto, brother-in-law of Christine Weikum

Bernice Berry, friend of Christine Weikum

Craig Weikum, son of Christine Weikum

Misty Hollman, daughter of Jimmy Searcy

Mamie Lindsey, infant daughter of Marty & Brian Lindsey

Thaddeus and O'Malley, infant nephew and niece of Kevin O'Donnell

## Repose of the Soul

Lacy Causey, uncle of Shane Causey Terah Hudson, friend of Becky Causey

Jules Andrews, relative of Lou Runnels

Lela Miller, mother of Shileen Craig

**Adoration This Week: Monday–Friday 8 am–12 pm;**

**Wednesday 6:30 pm–7:30 pm**

*We need one more volunteer for the 10:00 hour on Fridays.*

## Reminders

**\*Gifts for the Angel Tree can be placed under the tree or brought to Room 107 in the Family Life Center on Dec. 11th before 11:30 am.** The gift should be wrapped and the ornament needs to be on the outside of the gift.

**\*Following Christ Registration** is now available *online* for those that have completed the Discovering Christ session. (**Registration will close on Dec. 16th.**) Jan. 12th–Feb. 23rd at 7pm. Retreat Day: Feb. 11th. If you are interested in a Daytime session, please email the church office and let us know. If we have enough interest, we will hold a daytime session on the same Thursdays, 10am–12pm.

**\*Let the Youth serve you breakfast THIS Sunday, December 11th** after both masses. Members of the Big Deal Youth Group will host a **Pancake Breakfast** to raise funds for the Youth Ski Trip!



**\*Sunday, December 18th 2pm– 4 pm. Women's Guild will be hosting a Christmas Party in the Family Life Center.** All women of the parish over the age of 18 are invited along with a guest. Live entertainment provided, along with great food and drink! Also, please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Food Pantry. Hope to see you there!

**\*Your 2017 offering envelopes are here.** You may pick up your box on the tables in front of the Early Learning Center cafeteria. If you are interested in receiving an annual boxed set or would like information about Automatic Withdrawal for your offering, please contact Renee Carpenter - [finance@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com](mailto:finance@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com) or 601-292-6083.

## New Announcements

**\*\* Important Upcoming Dates:**

**\*This Monday, December 12th– Parish Reconciliation Service– 6:00pm**

**\*Christmas Mass Schedule:** Dec. 24th– 5:30 pm and Midnight Mass (Choral Presentation begins at 11:30 pm); Dec. 25th– 10:30 am mass– There will be no Nursery or Children's Liturgy on the holidays of December 25th and January 1st.

**\*The Knights will be selling Christmas cards** this weekend and next weekend. Stop by and see what they have this year!

**\*Youth Info: The Big Deal Ski Information Meeting** will be on Sunday, Dec. 18th @ 3:30pm in the FLC Lounge. All going on the trip need to attend this meeting. **The Big Deal Christmas party** will be in the gym from 5–7 pm.

**\*The Catholic Diocese announces that World Marriage Day will be held on Sun., Feb. 12, 2017.** The mass honors all couples but specifically invites those celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 60th anniversary or beyond 60 years. *Please email the church office by Dec. 20th if you are celebrating one of these anniversaries in 2017.*

**\*Santa pictures** are ready to be picked up in the back of church!



**\*Altar Flowers and Blessed Mother Flowers sign-up for 2017** is now available on our website. Simply go to our website and go to the registration form tab.

**\* Visit the Carmelite Gift Shop** for your Advent and Christmas needs. Holiday Hours & Open House Weekends with Bake Sale: Nov. 18–Dec. 24 Mon– Fri 9–4, Sat 10–5, Sun Noon–5. Pick up a flyer with a 10% off coupon!

**\*\*\*Please check the back counter in church for lost items. We have eyeglasses, sunglasses, and jewelry that have lost their home!!!**

**\*\*BULLETIN:** Information must be submitted in writing by note or email to the parish office **no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesdays** for the following weekend. When sending an email, please put **"BULLETIN"** in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation!



Weekly offering for Dec. 4th: \$32, 661

*2nd collection this weekend for Support of Retired Religious*

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### DATES, TIMES, LOCATION

Thursdays 7-9 pm  
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Saturday Retreat Feb 11th

### COST/REGISTRATION

Register free online at  
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### MORE INFO

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