

THE PLAN

Deacon John McGregor and I had the opportunity to spend two days with our fellow priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers at the Duncan Gray Retreat Center in Canton, MS, along with our bishop and many of our Diocesan Chancery staff Monday through Wednesday of last week.

The purpose of the gathering was to share the Diocesan Vision/Plan as we move forward. The development of this plan has been in place for the past two years, and this was another significant step in the process — unfolding the plan for the leaders of parishes.

In March and April, there will be nine meetings in various parishes/center around the Diocese inviting parishioners from all parishes to be present at one of those sessions. A list of host parishes is on the Diocesan website as well as our parish website.

I encourage you to consider participating in the local one to be held at the St. Dominic Annex on Sunday, March 19th @ 6 pm. I think it is a great opportunity for some of our St. Paul family to participate and be engaged in the promulgation of the Diocesan plan.

The Diocesan Plan is the result of a great deal of work, and the engagement of a very broad spectrum of people throughout our Diocese. There were Listening Sessions held all around the Diocese for priests and parishioners. Approximately 1,100 people attended those sessions which was a very good sampling of our Diocese. A committee of 20 people worked with representatives of the Catholic Leadership Institute to assimilate all of the information gleaned from those listening sessions.

This process ultimately led to the identification of the following three priorities for the Diocese. They are not in a specific order, but all three constitute the objectives of the Diocese in terms of the Vision/Mission.

- Create inviting and reconciling communities
- Facilitate life-long formation of intentional disciples
- Proclaim Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith

It is gratifying, indeed, to realize that we have been working on all three of those objectives for sometime here at St. Paul. While we have accomplished some of the objectives in each category, it helps us to see how much more needs to be accomplished both in our own parish and throughout the Diocese.

We have been working on our own Parish vision and plan for the past three years, and as you may know, an integral part of our plan is inscribed on the wall outside the double doors to the sanctuary — **Maintenance to Mission** — moving our Parish from a maintenance experience to being a parish of missionary disciples.

How do we accomplish that? I welcome your thoughts!! Please write me and share your thoughts!

— Fr. Gerry

February 5, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Week of Feb. 6 – Feb. 12, 2017:

7:30 am Mon.: People of the Parish
7:30 am Tues.: Nettie & Robert C. Hammond Sr. (RIP)
6:00 pm Wed.: People of the Parish
7:30 am Thurs.: Leo Pahl (RIP)
7:30 am Fri.: People of the Parish
5:30 pm Sat.: Philipp Celestine (RIP)
Peggy Holman (RIP)
8:00 am Sun.: Rosie Morris (RIP)
10:30 am Sun.: Frank Doddato (RIP)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.

New Announcements

Baptism Class– THIS SUNDAY, Feb. 5th @ 2pm in the Family Life Center for all parents needing to have a baptism in the next 4 months.

RCIA– Tuesday, Feb. 7th– Presentation begins @ 7 pm– Rosary & Way of the Cross

***2017 Catholic Service Appeal Feb. 4th-5th:** This weekend we are asking all parishioners of the diocese to consider a gift to the CSA. Every gift matters, no matter the size. The CSA gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family by helping those in need. Every gift is important to the success of the CSA. Our goal this year is to get 100% participation. Our theme is Share His Light. For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online please visit www.jacksondiocese.org.

***The Women's Guild** will be hosting a Valentine Luncheon on Sunday Feb 12th immediately after the 10:30 Mass in the FLC. Entertainment will be provided by The Bells of Faith. *All are welcome!*

***All are welcome** to join the Intercessory Prayer team to pray for our parish and for the success of ChristLife–Meet in the chapel at Noon on the 2nd Wed of each month.

The Food Pantry Ministry needs your contributions of non-perishable food in unbreakable family size packages. The food collections go alternately to the Stewpot Food Pantry and the South Rankin Food Resource Center. **The greatest need is for high-protein foods such as meat-based stews and soups, tuna fish, peanut butter, dried beans, etc. Rice and pasta, especially in boxed meals, are also suggested, as are healthy quick-food snacks for children such as boxed fruit juice, dried fruit, fruit or pudding cups, and crackers.** Checks, money orders, cash, or gift cards are also welcomed.

Altar flowers are placed in honor of Catholic Schools Week.



Thank you for joining us today! We hope you have a blessed week!

****Catholic Charities Disaster Ministry News** Catholic Charities Biloxi will be assisting those affected in Forrest, Lamar, Perry and Jones counties. They are accepting monetary donations at: 1450 N. Street, Gulfport, MS 39507 Attn: Catholic Charities Disaster. For those affected in the counties of Lauderdale, Pike, Franklin and Wilkinson, contact the Jackson Catholic Charities office at 601-326-3785. Monetary donations to Catholic Charities Jackson can be sent to 850 E. River Place, Jackson, MS 39202 or www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org, Attn: Disaster Ministry.

***A Silent Retreat– “Mary and The Mystery of Christ and the Church”** presented by Brother Dan Korn, C.Ss.R.– Sat., Feb. 11th, 9am– 4pm (including the Vigil Mass) Locus Benedictus Retreat Center Greenwood, MS Cost is \$35 which includes lunch. Registration forms are located on the back counter.

Applications are now being accepted at Saint Joseph Catholic School for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration begins Feb. 1, 2017 .

Prayer Intentions

Cindy Taylor Jane Corbitt
Tina Keller, niece of Michelle Lalo
Mary Adams, mother of Damita Williams
Jim & Lynne Prator, parents of Jennifer Henry

Repose of the Soul

Marie Gordon, grandmother of Leslie Vandiver & Laura Brooks
Ines Perez, mother of Paula Perez
Maria Tammillo, mother of Debbie Goodman

Adoration This Week: Monday–Friday 8 am- 12 pm;
Wednesday 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

Reminders

*We encourage any **new parishioners** to please fill out a **New Parishioner Form** and join our parish! Forms can be found in the back of church or you can also register on our website.

*The Big Deal Youth Group is hosting a concert for our parish and other church youth groups in our area. (see pg. 3 for more info.)

*Register now on our website or call the church office for our next **Discovering Christ Session in March!** This is the first session of the ChristLife series.

***Living Everyday with Passion & Purpose led by Matthew Kelly March 11th– 2pm- 6:30pm at Madison Central High School.** We have a few tickets left in the office or you can get them online at www.dynamiccatholic.com

JUNIORS & SENIORS:

Save the Date!!
Confirmation Retreat
March 3rd—March 5th!

Weekly offering for Jan. 29th: \$21,148

Thank You!

Youth, you will not want to miss this!

The Big Deal Youth Group is hosting a concert for our parish and for other youth groups in our area. International hip-hop artist, Jacob DeRusha will be here on Feb. 19th. Dinner served at 5 pm with concert to follow.



Jacob DeRusha has been making music for over nine years. He found a passion for youth music ministry after playing a show at a church in London. The 21-year-old DeRusha is a senior Music Industry Major and Catholic Studies Minor at Loyola University in New Orleans. His hope is that through hip-hop music he can give a different perspective to the Catholic youth of today.

We are offering night sessions, 6:30 - 9:00 pm on **Thursdays March 30th, April 6th, 20th, 27th, May 4th, 11th & 18th.**

We will not meet on April 13th so all may participate in our Holy Thursday Services.

The Retreat will be Saturday, May 6th 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Visit our website for videos, testimonies, and more information.

I would very much appreciate you joining us, and I assure you that God will bless you abundantly should you choose to step out and participate in "Discovering Christ." - Fr. Gerry

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