July 16, 2017 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





During these summer months, the offices of Adult Education and Faith Formation are busy planning and preparing for the upcoming 2017–2018 school year. We are happy to announce the installation of the Level 3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium. We will now be able to offer this program in its entirety and provide the children of our parish, ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade the complete Catechesis of the Good Shepherd experience. This has been a labor of love for a number of years requiring over 300 hours of training. We thank all those who have supported this process and invite you to come by and visit an atrium and observe your children learning and experiencing the love of Jesus in these sacred environments. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will continue to meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am, between the masses. For more information on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, please visit our website.



We also offer a **Children's Liturgy during the 10:30 mass**. Children are invited by Father Hurley to hear the Word and participate in a small group setting. Children, ages 2–5, are escorted into the Level I atrium by adult volunteers and receive the readings on their level. This is just another great opportunity for our younger children to experience the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd setting.

Our youth group, The Big Deal, (grades 7-12) meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:30pm. During this time together they share a meal, participate in large group Praise and Worship, and have grade level instruction & small groups. They also gather for various other recreational and service opportunities throughout the year. The Big Deal is under the guidance of Cory Head, our Youth Director.



"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

As we have talked about many times, parents are the main teachers of the faith for their children. They are most influenced by the example you set for your family. If they see that regular mass attendance and participation in parish life are important to you, then it will be important to them. Consider volunteering in your child's class or attending a bible study or small group of your own.

As we continue to move our parish from **maintenance to mission**, one of our priorities will be to focus on sacramental preparation and the intent and expectations of the parents as well as the students. Children are expected to be participating in religious formation throughout their school years. However, at least two years of consecutive instruction is required prior to receiving the sacraments of first communion and confirmation. If you have any questions about any of our religious education program, please feel free to call Sarah O'Donnell in the church office.

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## <u>Mass Intentions</u>

Week of July 17, 2017: 7:30 am Mon: Daniel Dion (RIP) 7:30 am Tues.: Nolen Hughes (RIP) 6:00 pm: Wed.: Gula Guillory (RIP) 7:30 am Thurs.: George Michael (RIP) 7:30 am Fri.: HE & Roselyn & Jon Pickett (RIP) 5:30 pm Sat.: Gula Guillory (RIP) 8:00 am Sun: Jane Corbitt (RIP) 10:30 am Sun.: Hugh Mark Courville (RIP)

#### **Prayer Intentions**

Dwight Grissom, brother of Betty Longo

#### Adoration This Week:

Monday– Friday 8:00 am– 12:00 pm Wednesday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm

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

# <u>Pray for the Repose of the Souls</u>

Carl Rainey Bernice Marceau, grandmother of Heather Marceau

### **New Announcements**

\* SHARING CHRIST <u>DAYTIME SESSION</u> WILL BEGIN ON SEPT. 7th at 10am. If you would like to sign up, or change from the night time session, please call the church office as registration will soon be closed.

\* CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!! A craft meeting will be held on July 22nd in the craft room of the Family Life Center. Meeting begins at 10am. Join us and learn how you can be a part of our Craft Fair this year!

**\*REGISTRATION for Religious Education and RCIA** is now open on our website! You can now update your information if you have registered before. Once you have completed your registration online, please print, complete and sign the "Parental Consent, Photo Release, Medical Release Form" which can be accessed after submitting the Registration Form. These forms are also available in the vestibule for anyone that needs a copy. We please ask that you complete registration and turn in all forms by August 31st.



\* SAVE THE DATE: The Early Learning Center Golf Tournament will be held on September 8th.

\* The Big Deal Youth Group will be tubing the Chunky River in Chunky, MS on July 22nd. See information on the back counter and sign up if you plan to go. This trip is open to all 7th-12th graders.

**\*Sharing Christ**– Registration is *almost full for our night time session*. If you are interested, please register now on our website. Our first class will begin on Thursday evening, September 7th. The series will run on the following dates: <u>September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12 plus, a Saturday Retreat on October 21.</u>

**Save the Date:** Habitat for Humanity 32nd Catholic Build on <u>Saturday, October 4</u> Sign-up will start the first part of September and more information will be available then. You can contact Lonnie Graeber with any questions at <u>l.pgraeber2@comcast.net</u>. Our parish is always very involved with this project and we look forward to another great Catholic Build year!

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For our adults, we offer a **bible study class on Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15, between the masses**. This is a great opportunity for those parents to attend bible study while their children are in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium. It is also a good way to meet new people and see old friends. For our first session, we will be reviewing C.S. Lewis' book, <u>Mere</u> <u>Christianity</u>. All are welcome and no registration is required.



**Our RCIA program will run from September 12, 2017 - March 31, 2018**. RCIA is intended for those interested in joining the Catholic Church and for those who are just curious about the Catholic Church. It is also for those Catholics who wish to increase their understanding of their faith. All are welcome and there is no pressure. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00pm and childcare will be provided for those who require this service.

# Religious Education and RCIA registration for the upcoming school year is now open online.

Please visit our website for more information including the yearly calendar and liability forms. We look forward to working with all our families as we travel along this faith journey together.

\*St. Jude Parish School of Religion is offering the course: *Christian Prayer and Spirituality: Intimacy with Christ with instructor Jill Hisaw.* This course can be taken by catechists towards Level II Diocesan Certification or can be taken by persons simply wanting to grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith. All are welcome to join. Course Text: <u>Close to the Heart</u> by Margaret Silf (can be purchased – new or used – from Amazon) Course Offering: <u>Christian Prayer and Spirituality: Intimacy with Christ</u> Instructor: Jill Hisaw Dates: Sundays from 3-5pm – August 20<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup> Cost: \$20 plus cost of book. *Registration is required.* 

Forms can be printed at this link (<u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3xQJYgA9iiTaFZtNC1CQ1B6LVU/view?usp=sharing</u>) or contact Stacy in the office at <u>ccd@stjudepearl.org</u> / 601-939-3181.

\*The International Cultural Exchange Program is looking for Catholic host families for the upcoming school year. They are in need of 3-5 families. The students will attend Northwest Rankin High School and stay for the whole school year. Anyone interested in more information can contact Allison Treadaway Singleterry. Her email address is allison.singleterry@gmail.com and her phone number is 601-942-3584

**\*\*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!

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