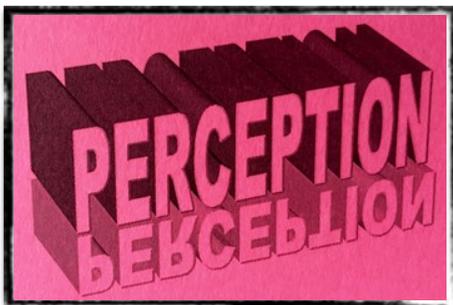


October 2, 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



To Live as the Body Of Christ



As we move along in our growth and development as Church Community, we are especially blessed by the experience of ChristLife in our Parish. An extraordinary number of people have worked on their personal relationship with Jesus through the Discovering Christ Series. Now, we are blessed to have so many people engaged and participating in the Following Christ Series.

Our natural hope and expectation is that we will have many more people join us in the action phase of Following Christ by signing up for one of our many Ministries in the Church — especially one of the Ministries “Around the Table” in the Liturgy. A booklet listing all of the available Ministries will be available to you in the next week or two. You may select one Ministry from “Around the Table” and any number of other ministries listed in the other sections. We are asking you to take the booklet home with you, and pray about what area of Ministry Jesus may be inviting you to! One thing we are confident about as a growing Faith Community is that the Lord will certainly call sufficient people to care for all of these important Ministries in our Church Family.

Whether people respond or not becomes a question for each of us, individually.

*Our word for the month of October is **PERCEPTION**. What an appropriate word with our Ministries Fair just around the corner! There has somehow been a prevailing **PERCEPTION** in the Catholic Church that there is always enough people to fill all of the Ministries in the Church. That is not the case! This **PERCEPTION** has often led to people saying, “Oh, there are plenty of people already doing this Ministry or that.” Others have said to me, “They don’t need me. They have all of these other people — I see them all the time.” That is not true — that can just be my excuse!*

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Mass Intentions

Week of: Oct. 3— Oct. 9, 2016

7:30 am Mon.: Raymond Burr (RIP)

7:30 am Tues.: Betty Jo Thomas (RIP)

6:00 pm Wed.: Norman Nelson (RIP)

7:30 am Thurs.: Roger Nelson (RIP)

10:00 am Fri.: Healing Mass (Join us in praying the rosary at 9:30am)

5:30 pm Sat.: Michael Lalo (RIP)

8:00 am Sunday: People of the Parish

10:30 am Sunday: Will Kovarik (RIP)

Adoration This Week: Monday-Thursday: 8am-12pm
Wed. 6:30 pm-7:30pm; Friday 8am- 10am

New Announcements

***Adoration Times** – We have two spaces that need to be filled for Adoration. **Mondays : 10am -11am and Fridays 10am -11am.** Please call the church office if you are available to sign up for either of these times.

***Young Adults** will hold their first interest meeting and dinner on **Monday, Oct. 3rd at 6:30 pm in the FLC.** Open to young adults 21 and older. The first session will begin on 10/17. (Lexie Gosselin: lexiegosselin@yahoo.com)

*** RCIA– Tuesday, October 4th @ 7:00pm– Church Tour** this week– **MEET IN THE CHURCH– ALL ARE WELCOME!**

***Protection of Children Parent Meeting– Oct. 16th at 9:30 am** in the gym. This will allow you to review the material your child will be presented in their classroom.

***The Knights of Columbus** will be hosting **Trunk or Treat on Oct. 28th at 7pm.** See a Knight after mass to sign up or get more information!

****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!

Thank You!

Weekly offering for Sept. 25th: \$20,157

2nd collection this weekend for
Habit for Humanity Catholic Build 2016



Altar flowers are donated by Tony and Karen Schmidt, in loving memory of Clarence and Helen Schmidt.

Blessed Mother flowers are donated by Alice Mitchell, in loving memory of her son, Tommy Mitchell.

Prayer Intentions

Sue Smith

Louise Pipitone

Rich Walton, father of Steve Walton

Repose of the Soul

Travis Meyers, nephew of Martha Smith

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.
LECTIO DIVINA- Mondays @ 7pm; and Tuesdays @ 10 am

Reminders

The Knight of Columbus will be providing meals after all masses **this weekend** in the Family Life center. All donations collected will benefit the Saint Paul Knights “Culture of Life” fund. Come and join your St. Paul community and support this worthy cause.

*** Join our Big Deal Youth Group on Thursday, November 3rd @ 6pm for a 5K Color Race!!** Register now for the race on our website.



September 28 - November 6, 2016



What is the Respect Life Program? NEW materials are produced each year to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with supporting the dignity of the human person, and therefore the gift of every person's life. <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm>

****Religious Education for ALL AGES has begun!**

- **Adult Education & Religious Education– Sundays at 9:15am; Wednesday night youth classes- 6:00 pm-8:30pm**

****Join Catholic Charities at The Journey of Hope Luncheon**, featuring guest speaker, legendary football coach and analyst for ESPN, **Lou Holtz** Wednesday, **October 5, 2016** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex.

Catholic Charities is also hosting a **Meet and Greet** sponsorship gathering Tuesday, **October 4, 2016** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. For more information on these events please visit www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org or call 601-355-8634.

*Prior to the Second Vatican Council, there was a **PERCEPTION** that we didn't need the help of the congregation except members to take up the collection and someone to do the Sacristy duties. That was pretty true! The motto or model was to limit the number of people involved or engaged. The altar rails seemed to serve as a declaration — this far, and no farther!*

Thank God for the Second Vatican Council and its emphasis on the Role of the Laity in the Church! We began, slowly I might say, to move from the adage “as few as possible doing all” to “more people doing less.” We now encourage all people to be active and engaged in the Communal Celebration! The Eucharist is no longer my private devotion, but rather a celebration of the communal faith of the gathered assembly. We have made great progress, but much more remains to be done.

It is the essence of what Saint Paul says:

“Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ.” 1Corinthians 12:12

We are one body, but not all have the same gifts. One may have the gift of speaking or reading well, another the gift of administering well, another the gift of welcoming, another the gift of serving others. But all gifts serve the Body!

The sign of a healthy Church is identifying which gifts are most suitable in which places, with which individual. Let us do that well!

—Fr. Gerry

The Ministry Fair will be October 22/23 in the gym after all three Masses.
You will be provided the opportunity to respond and sign up for specific Ministries.

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