

INTENTIONAL Discipleship



INTENTION was the first word we explored in our new “Word of the Month” series we began last January. At that time, we reflected on the INTENTIONALity of the Magi as they made their journey to see the Newborn King. We applied that to our own lives asking, How many circumstances/situations in my life would be much clearer if my INTENTIONS were clearer?

As we continue our focus on moving from Maintenance to Mission ... As we begin a new school-year As we celebrate Labor Day ... As we go back to work after the summer vacations we will take the month of September to reflect on our INTENTION. What did the vacations provide me that will help throughout this coming year? What new goals do I have for school this year? What new goals do I have for my family? How do I plan to advance myself?

We will also move a little farther outside ourselves and reflect on INTENTIONS for our parish. What are my goals as a member of St. Paul within our parish? How do I represent St. Paul Catholic Church outside the parish activities?

Sherry Weddell, co-director of the Catherine of Siena Institute, works daily to assist Catholic parishes in developing lay apostles for their mission in the world. In her book, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, Weddell encourages each of us to closely look at our INTENTION in living as a follower of Christ:

“No matter how many institutions we sustain or how much activity goes on in our parish or diocese, if new INTENTIONAL disciples are not regularly emerging in our midst, our ministry is not bearing its most essential fruit.” She addresses our vocation as a member of the assembly. Each of us is called to a vocation, “a supernatural mystery that emerges from a sustained encounter with Christ.....A vocation builds on our natural qualities but carries us far beyond what we would imagine.”

How do I INTENTIONALLY work to create an environment for myself and those in my midst that grows our faith and discipleship? This is why we are offering Religious Education for all ages, RCIA, Adult Bible Study Groups, Lectio Divina Groups, Eucharistic Adoration, and the ChristLife Sessions. These opportunities help us encounter Him and follow Him.

This Sunday’s Gospel of Luke continues Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem. Jesus says, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26-27) Jesus is asking us to love Him so strongly that we are willing to give up love of family, if called to do so. Do I love my family out of loving Him and knowing He loves me? Jesus is asking us to consider our INTENTION. Is He the priority of my life, or do I squeeze Him in between the other priorities of my life? Being a disciple of Christ can be very demanding. How can I make the demands of my family, my life, fit into the demands of being His disciple? What is my INTENTION as I carry my cross and follow Him?

September 4, 2016– Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of: Sept. 5— Sept. 11, 2016

9:00 am Mon.: People of the Parish

7:30 am Tues.: Norman Nelson (RIP)

6:00 pm Wed.: Marie Smith (RIP)

7:30 am Thurs.: Claude Tanner (RIP)

7:30 am Fri.: Mike Moeller (RIP)

5:30 pm Sat.: Sandra Reichelt (RIP)

8:00 am Sunday: Michelle Preten (RIP)

10:30 am Sunday: Frances Granger (RIP)

Adoration This Week: Monday-Thursday: 8am-9am, 10am-12pm

Wed. 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; Fri 8am-12pm

* Need to fill Mondays 11am-12 pm. Call the church office if you are able to commit to this Holy Hour.

New Announcements

*Welcome back Father Gerry! We hope you have had a restful and relaxed vacation.



*Religious Education for ALL AGES begins next week.

- Adult Education & Religious Education—
Sunday, September 11th.

- The Big Deal Youth Group— Wednesday, Sept.
14th.

*The Big Deal Youth Group will be kickoff this year with a Tailgate Party on Sunday, September 11th from 12:00-3:00 in the FLC. All grades 7th-12th are welcome! Come and enjoy the game with your friends!



* No Youth Band practice this Sunday.

Have a safe and Happy Labor Day !

Weekly offering for August 25th: \$15,089

Thank You!

*Altar flowers are in memory of deceased family members of the LaFontaine & Ferreira families, donated by George and Liz LaFontaine.



Stop by our bulletin board for more information on area events.

Saint Joseph Catholic School in Madison is looking for a full-time School Secretary. Please send your resume and a letter of interest to: Doug Jones, Principal at djones@stjoebroins.com. Deadline for applying is Monday, August 29.

September 9-11th — Lectio Divina Retreat at the Dwelling Place in Brooksville. Presented by Mary Louise Jones & Claudia Addison.

September 25th — 30th annual St. Joseph Catholic Church GermanFest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m

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. Tickets for Tuesday evening are \$100 per person.

For more information on these events please visit www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org or call 601-355-8634.

Prayer Intentions

Kevin O'Donnell

Tom Harris, Sr.

Fr. Camp

Marion Viberg

Gerald Rocconi, cousin of David Cannon
Cole Chappell, infant son of Lauren & John Chappell

Repose of the Soul

Benjie Espinoza, brother of Rosina Ready

Jane Pilgrim, friend of Maxine Miller

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

Reminders

*Offertory Envelopes 2017. It is time to order our 2017 annual boxed set of offertory envelopes. There is a form in the back of church to fill out with your request. Contact Renee' Carpenter if you have any questions.

finance@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com 601-292-6083

* Join our Big Deal Youth Group on Thursday, November 3rd @ 6pm for a 5K Color Run!! As part of The Big Deal's service to the community, money raised will go to the Palmer Home, a Christian residential home for individual siblings and sibling groups. Register now for the race on our website. Sponsorships and volunteers are also needed for this event. Please contact Cory Head or a member of The Big Deal and they can give you all the information you need.

* We would love to have you in the adult choir! Contact Ed Thomas at 601-292-6090 or email @ est5271@gmail.com

*This is the last weekend to get your raffle ticket for the 5 day/4 night stay in Perdido Key, Florida Don't miss out!

See the website for more detailed information on previously published events.

◆ St. Paul Learning Center still has 2 positions available: Prek 3& 4 Afternoon Teacher Job Openings. Please send resume' to stpaullearningcenter@gmail.com or call Jennifer Henry or Darlene Scanlon at 601-992-2876.



Faith Formation at St. Paul Catholic Church

Let us be **INTENTIONAL** disciples!

"TO LIVE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST"



We offer Faith Formation classes for all ages beginning at 3 years old. Each year builds on the previous and is valuable to live a faith filled life. It is not enough to be involved only during Sacramental years. All classes meet in the Family Life Center. Complete schedule, information, and registration can be found on our website. www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com

3 years– 6th grade Religious Education

- ◆ Meets Sunday mornings 9:15 am – 10:15 am.
- ◆ 3, 4, and 5 year olds– Level 1
- ◆ 1st grade thru 3rd grade — Level 2
- ◆ 4th, 5th and 6th grade– Christ Our Life series

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program:

In levels 1, 2, and 3 children gather in a room specially prepared for them, called an **atrium**, which contains simple yet beautiful materials that they use to draw near to God. For the child, the atrium is a place of preparation for involvement in the larger worshipping community. The program utilizes the Montessori method of learning.

First Reconciliation and First Communion: : A two year preparation is required beginning in First Grade. Immediate preparation for this sacrament is provided in the Second Grade Curriculum.



Volunteers still needed! You can now go on our website and let us know that you want to help.

7th –12th grade “The Big Deal” Youth Group

- ◆ Meets Wednesday evenings 6:00 — 8:30 pm.
- ◆ Students enjoy a meal together, praise & worship, group activities and classroom instruction.

The Youth Group has many opportunities for fun service and faith formation throughout the year.

Confirmation : A two year preparation is required beginning in 10th grade. Immediate preparation for this sacrament is provided in the 11th grade curriculum. The preparation program combines classroom instruction, service opportunities and spiritual experiences.

12th grade- Students are encouraged to continue leading the Youth Group and continue their faith formation in the classroom. One responsibility is to plan and lead the Confirmation Retreat .

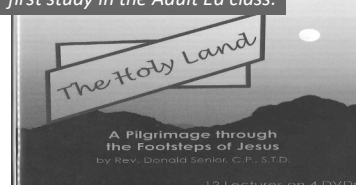


Adult Religious Education

- ◆ Meets on Sun. mornings 9:15-10:15 am. No registration required
- ◆ RCIA– Tuesdays at 6:30pm beginning on Sept. 27th- All are welcome to learn more about our Catholic faith. Register online

Do you have children attending Sunday morning religious education classes? Why not study and learn with other adults while your children are learning in their class? What better way to model for them that we can all learn and grow in our faith! No registration is required to join us in Rm 107.

Our first study in the Adult Ed class:



More ways to draw closer to Him.

Adult Bible Study and Prayer Groups

- ◆ Mondays– 7 pm– Lectio Divina
- ◆ Tuesdays– 10 am—Lectio Divina
- ◆ Wednesdays– 10 am– Bible Study
- ◆ Thursdays– 6:30 pm– Bible Study
- ◆ Fridays– 10 am– Bible Study

THOSE WHO SEEK THE LORD SHALL NOT LACK ANY GOOD THING.

Eucharistic Adoration

- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – offers a chance to visit quietly with Our Lord in His Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. We invite you to attend one set hour per week of Holy Adoration in the Chapel (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 12 noon & Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 pm) or to serve as a sub for Holy Hour as needed by regular adorers' absences.



Following Christ

Thursdays 7-9 pm Sept 8-Oct 20
Saturday Retreat Oct. 8th

Tuesdays 7-9 pm Sept 13– Oct 25
Saturday Retreat Oct. 15th

Register on our website or call the church office. Open to all who have completed one of the 7-week Series of Discovering Christ.



Church Office Hours: Tuesday — Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm /Friday 8am - 12pm (Closed Mondays)

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