

August 7, 2016– Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Making Myself More ACCESSIBLE to God

As we move into this month focusing on our word, it is important to step back for a moment and look at how we have grown in relationship with Christ, both as a Parish and personally. We have grown and deepened our Faith, so naturally our prayer life changes. To allow myself to be ACCESSIBLE to God, I must first see that it is He who seeks me first. Jesus thirsts for us! My seeking Him is actually a response to His thirst. He chooses to be vulnerable and wait for me to encounter Him in my prayer. How beautiful!

Many people came to understand this in our Discovering Christ sessions. It recently showed up in our little daily devotional, *Living Faith*, as well. On July 28, Kristen Armstrong reflects, “...we turn to God and surrender to His loving hands. That’s all we have to do – surrender, cooperate and trust.”

We started our good work on being ACCESSIBLE to God more than a year ago. After leading our Parish in the weekend Masses and a 3-Day Mission, Fr. Henry Shelton remarked in a letter to our Parish,

“From what I have seen, I can testify that you definitely are no longer in a maintenance mode, that is, just keeping things going. Rather, I have seen in you a readiness, an eagerness, to become accessible to the mission of Jesus and His Church.

Your desire to become more accessible to God was so evident, not only in the numbers who attend the Mission, but even more so in your openness to examine your relationship with Jesus, your prayer life, and your moral life.

Everything seems, to me, to be in place for St. Paul Parish to ignite the fire. You have the leadership. You have the passion. You have the means – the Holy Spirit. All that is needed for someone to strike the match. The fire that you ignite at St. Paul, I believe, will start first in other parishes in our diocese.”

Now, we are on the other side. Looking back, we can easily see that our Parish is on fire with the Holy Spirit. And, just as Fr. Henry predicted, the flame has spread to other Parishes in our Diocese. This is what happens when we make ourselves vulnerable and ACCESSIBLE to God!

One of Fr. Henry’s suggestions to us was to make a daily offering to God. He recommended the following prayer composed by St. Nicholas of Flue:

*My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from You.
My Lord and my God, give me everything that will draw me closer to You.
My Lord and my God, detach me from myself that I may give my all to You.*

Let us joyfully continue to open ourselves to the movement of the Spirit. Let us lift each other in prayer and commit ourselves to this daily offering that we may make ourselves – our lives – more ACCESSIBLE to Him!



Mass Intentions

August 8 — August 14, 2016

7:30 am Mon.: communion service

7:30 am Tues.: communion service

6:00 pm Wed.: communion service

7:30 am Thurs.: communion service

7:30 am Fri.: communion service

5:30 pm Sat.: Sisters in Faith— special intentions

8:00 am Sunday: Ron Barry (RIP)

10:30 am Sunday: Delores Mandina (RIP)

Prayer Intentions

Blanche Stauss
Mary Jacq Easley
Ashley Mangialardi

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

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

New Announcements

*Join us in welcoming Fr. Camp. He is here during the month of August while Fr. Gerry is in Ireland.



***St. Paul Learning Center** has job openings in the afternoons, Monday-Friday. Looking for energetic, cheerful, loving teachers to care and teach in our 2, 3, and 4 year old classrooms. Please call Jennifer Henry or Darlene Scanlon @ 601-992-2876 or email @stpaullearningcenter@gmail.com



***RCIA registration** is now available online! Classes will be held every Tuesday @ 6:30pm. The first class will be Sept. 27th. A light meal will be served and presentations will begin at 7pm each week.



This Week

**Altar flowers have been donated by John & Marge McAleese in memory of the McAleese and Kyles families*

**Blessed Mother flowers have been donated by Dennis & Suzette Antici in memory of Tony & Pat Antici and Boyd Stewart*

**Weekly offering for July 31, 2016: \$17,886*

***Online registration for PRE and Youth Group** is available on our website. Classes begin the week of Sept. 11th. Ages 3 years - 6th grade meet on Sunday mornings @ 9:15 am. 7th - 12th grades meet on Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 8:30pm.



Upcoming

September 8th — **Following Christ** Sessions begin on Thursday evenings. Register on our website or call the office if you need assistance.

September 9th — **3rd Annual Golf Tournament** for the Early Learning Center.

September 11th—**PRE and Adult Ed** classes begin @ 9:15am

September 13th — **Following Christ** Sessions begin on Tuesday evenings. Register on our website or call the office if you need assistance.

September 14th— **Youth Group** classes will begin @ 6pm. A meal will be served every Wednesday night.

Other Events

August 20th — **Hunger Banquet** 7-10 pm sponsored by St. Richard Catholic Church to benefit several local food charities. Tickets are \$25. Contact Susan @ 225-931-3979 or by email seleming@gmail.com

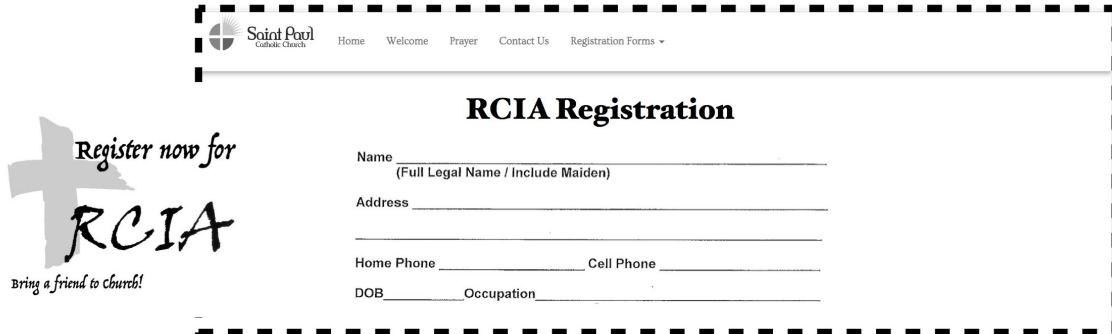
September 9-11th — **Lectio Divina Retreat** at the Dwelling Place in Brooksville. Presented by Mary Louise Jones & Claudia Addison. \$180 donation to attend. Contact Clare @ 662-738-5348 or visit dwellingplace.com for more information.

September 25th — 30th annual St. Joseph Catholic Church GermanFest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Advance meal tickets are \$6. Meals the day of the festival will be \$7. Contact St. Joseph parish office at 601-856-2054

Job opening: The Diocese of Jackson is hiring a new Family Life Minister. This is a full-time position requiring a BS or BA; Master of Theology desired. Minimum 3 years experience in related ministry. Contact fran.lavelle@jacksondiocese.org

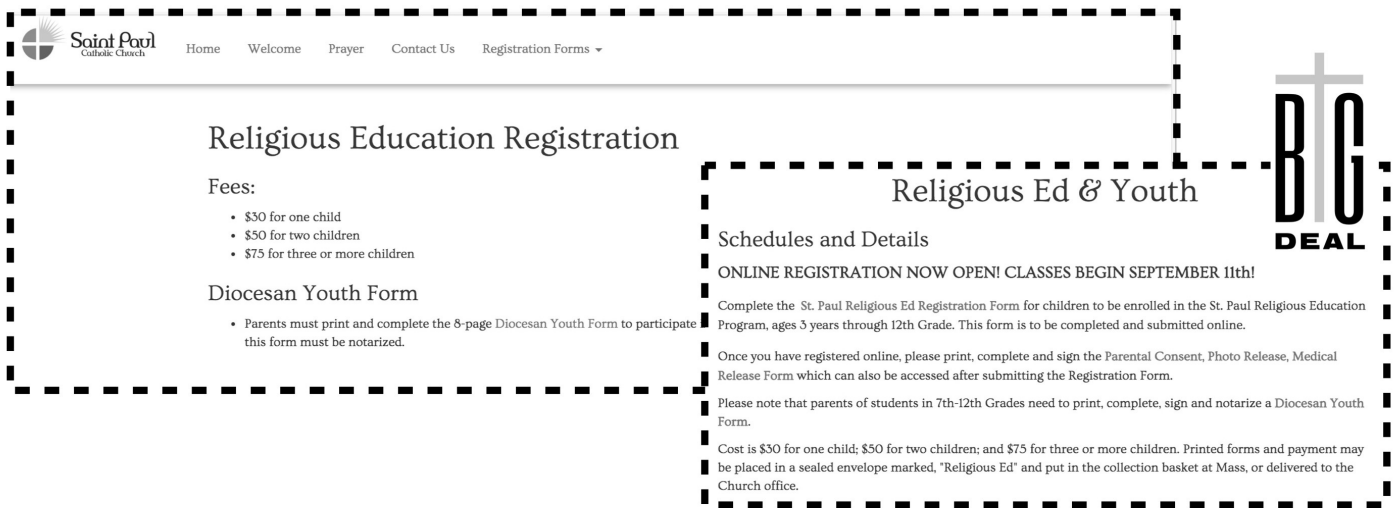
Registration is open on our website for the following:

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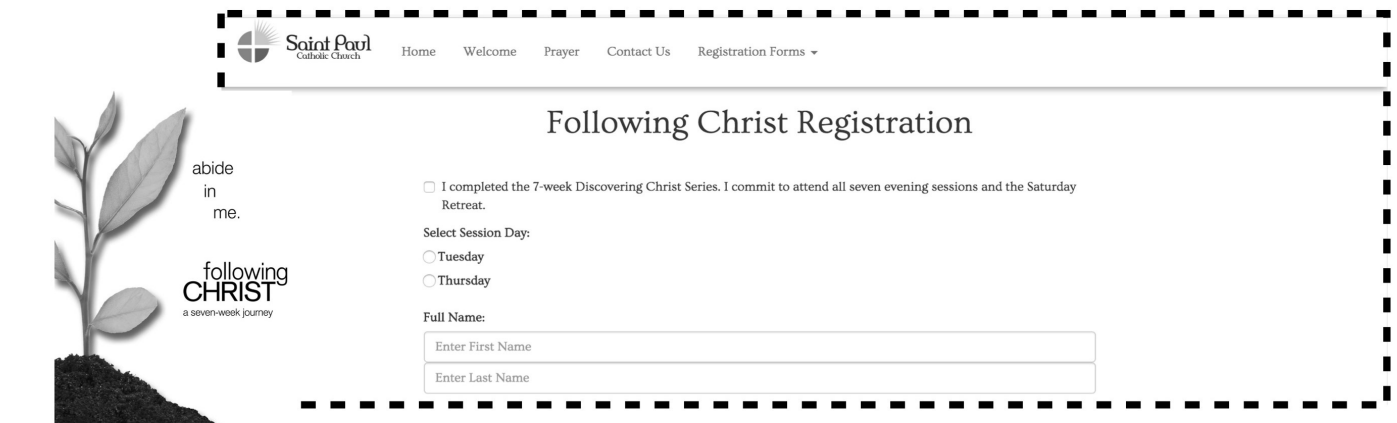
The screenshot shows the RCIA Registration form on the Saint Paul Catholic Church website. On the left, there is a graphic of a cross with the text "Register now for RCIA" and "Bring a friend to Church!". The form fields include: Name (Full Legal Name / Include Maiden), Address, Home Phone, Cell Phone, and DOB / Occupation. The website navigation bar at the top includes Home, Welcome, Prayer, Contact Us, and Registration Forms.

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The screenshot displays two sections of the website. The left section is titled "Religious Education Registration" and lists fees: \$30 for one child, \$50 for two children, and \$75 for three or more children. It also mentions a "Diocesan Youth Form" that parents must print and complete. The right section is titled "Religious Ed & Youth" and features a "BIG DEAL" graphic. It includes "Schedules and Details" and states that "ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 11th!". It provides instructions on how to complete the registration form, including printing and signing parental consent forms, and notes that printed forms and payment should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Religious Ed".

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The screenshot shows the "Following Christ Registration" form. On the left, there is a graphic of a small plant growing from soil with the text "abide in me. following CHRIST a seven-week journey". The form includes a checkbox for "I completed the 7-week Discovering Christ Series. I commit to attend all seven evening sessions and the Saturday Retreat.", a "Select Session Day" section with radio buttons for Tuesday and Thursday, and a "Full Name" section with input fields for "Enter First Name" and "Enter Last Name". The website navigation bar at the top includes Home, Welcome, Prayer, Contact Us, and Registration Forms.

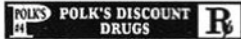
Contact the Church office if you need assistance. 601-992-9547

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Take a look at our new website. Please be patient as we are adding to it every week.

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