

# You will be ENRICHED!

This week I spent a great deal of time pouring over the year-end financial statements and I realized how important it is to take the time to be careful and attentive to this aspect of my responsibility. I know from experience that this is a very important part of my work as Pastor-- "being a good steward of all that is entrusted to us" and keeping appropriate and accurate accounting of what people have provided us for the building up of the Kingdom.

I am always amazed in going through the statements by the broad range of information that it provides. Some people are really devoted to every collection that is taken up in church. Others are devoted to the weekly parish collections--still others to the diocesan, or global collections. Some contribute consistently, others sporadically. Some contribute very generously, others very sparingly. Some wish to be identified while others do not. Some appear to have a genuine understanding of the great grace/gift of Generosity, others don't have that.

**What is it that moves or motivates one to be very generous  
and another to be not so generous, and yet another to be totally selfish?  
Is it experience? Is it upbringing? Conditioning?  
Is it global influence, familial influence, or cultural or community influence?  
Or is it just plain fear/love? I sometimes think of it as a continuum.**

**Fear-----x-----x-----x-----Love  
(where am I on this continuum?)**

To the extent that Fear controls my life, I tend to be selfish.

To the extent that Love controls my life, I tend to be Generous.

What do you think? How does one learn to be generous? Is Generosity a learned virtue, or is it innate?

What do you think?

Let's have a discussion about it. Please send me your perspectives and let's begin a sharing through the bulletin.

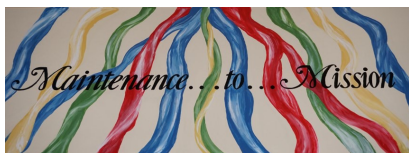
We live in a world that is profoundly influenced by GREED, GREED, and more GREED! How well is that objective serving us?

Dr. Karl Menninger once asked a very wealthy patient, "What are you going to do with all of that money?" The patient replied, "Just worry about it I guess." "In that case," said Dr. Menninger, "Do you experience much pleasure out of worrying about your money?" With a heavy sigh, the patient replied, "No, but I feel such terror when I think of giving any of it away." Commenting on his patient's money-sickness, Dr. Menninger said, "**Generous people are rarely mentally ill.**"

*I read that and said WOW! Is that really true? Why?*

St. Paul has a delightful reflection in his second letter to the Corinthians:

**"The one who provides *seed for the sower and bread for food* will provide you with all the seed you want and make *the harvest of your good deeds* a larger one, and made richer in every way, you will be able to do all the generous things which, through us, are the cause of thanksgiving to God." (2 Corinthians 9: 10-11)**



- Fr. Gerry

**January 22, 2017  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## Mass Intentions

Week of January 23– January 29, 2017:

7:30 am Mon.: Eugene & Charlie Hammond (RIP)

7:30 am Tues.: Fr. Donnan Herbe (RIP)

6:00 pm Wed.: People of the Parish

7:30 am Thurs.: Roscoe Null (RIP)

7:30 am Fri.: People of the Parish

5:30 pm Sat.: Pete Watson (RIP)

8:00 am Sun.: Kathryn Turner (RIP)

10:30 am Sun.: Edna Mangialardi (RIP)

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

## New Announcements

### ◆ Faith Formation:

-Sunday Religious Education and Adult Religious Education WILL NOT meet next Sunday, Jan. 29th for the DRAWDOWN weekend. Children's Liturgy and Nursery WILL BE AVAILABLE for the 10:30 mass.

\*2017 Catholic Service Appeal Feb. 4th-5th: A letter from Bishop Joseph Kopacz was sent out asking for your pledge to support the ministries of the Diocese of Jackson. This letter was sent to all parishioners of our diocese. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal. To learn more about the appeal visit [www.jacksondiocese.org](http://www.jacksondiocese.org).



**Saint Paul Drawdown:  
January 28, 2017**  
Tickets are available after each mass!



\*Living Everyday with Passion & Purpose led by Matthew Kelly will be in our area on March 11th.

Weekly offering for Jan. 15th: \$22,351 **Thank You!**

\*The Food Pantry Ministry needs your contributions of non-perishable food in unbreakable family size packages. The food collections help those in our community. More information and suggestions can be found on our website. Please place items in the basket in the back of church.

*Altar flowers are placed in honor of Fr. Gerry's birthday this week.*



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

\*Healing a Father's Heart: Post abortion healing for men beginning on Jan. 31st at 7pm. Located at the Center of Pregnancy Choices 601-713-3113. For further information contact Gene Valentine 769-572-7030 or Cheryl Hourguerres 601-209-5686.

The Chancery office of the Diocese of Jackson is looking for someone to assist parishes and schools with their accounting and answer questions on all accounting and payroll related areas, as well as monitor the accounting of our parishes. All parishes use ParishSoft. For questions, please e-mail: [cathy.pendleton@jacksondiocese.org](mailto:cathy.pendleton@jacksondiocese.org) Please send your resume before January 24, 2017 to: Search Committee Temporal Affairs P.O. Box 2248 Jackson, MS 39225-2248

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

**SAVE the DATE:** "Jeans, Jazz and Bruin Blues," Saint Joseph Catholic School's 24th Annual Draw Down is set for February 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. To sponsor or purchase tickets, visit the Saint Joseph Catholic School website at [stjoebruins.com](http://stjoebruins.com) or call the school office at 601-898-4800.

**Save the Date:** Krewe de Cardinal Mardi Gras Carnival Ball- February 24, 2017 Old Capitol Inn Downtown Jackson 7:00 PM-11:00PM For sponsorship and ticket information please contact Chris Lombard [clombard@strichardschool.org](mailto:clombard@strichardschool.org)

## Prayer Intentions

Mary Hitchins

Anita Bitner, daughter of Norman & Evelyn Bitner

Dominic Fava, cousin of Barbara Thornton

Nicole Jones, friend of the Borne family

Carol Simmons

## Repose of the Soul

Terry Kent, nephew of Shearon Simpson

Sharon Butcher, sister of Angela Phillips

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

## Reminders

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. (see p.3)

**Women's Guild**— It's a new year and we are ready for you to join us this week! **Monday Jan 23rd at 11:30 am The Daytime Women's Guild** will be meeting in the FLC to *make crafts for the upcoming Valentine celebration.* A light lunch will be served.

**At 7:00 pm-The Women's Guild** will be hosting a "Souper" Bowl Bingo! *Wear your favorite team apparel & join us for great fun, food and prizes!! We will be collecting coloring books, crayons, or puzzles to be donated to Magnolia Speech School!*

**Baptism Class— Feb. 5th @ 2pm** in the FLC for all parents needing to have a baptism in the next 4 months.

**PARENT WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN KINDERGARTEN READINESS** - LEE PAMBIANCHI, PRINCIPAL, NORTSHORE ELEMENTARY THURS. JAN. 26TH -5:15-5:45 P.M. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER.

## "You will be able to do all generous things..."

The above quote, I guess you noticed, is on the front page of the bulletin from St. Paul to the Corinthians. I should like to focus on that right now.

For the past 2 years, we have had **Generosity** as one of our words for the month. As we begin another new year, I would like to invite you to be **generous** to yourself during this year.

Give yourself the opportunity to know Him....the source of all **Generosity**.

Think seriously about our invitation to join "Discovering Christ". Discovering Christ is a 7 week series of presentations, discussion, and celebration. We explore who Christ is, why He is important, and what He wants to do for me in my life. I am pretty sure you have heard a great deal about it during the past 2 years. We have had more than 400 people go through "Discovering Christ" and for many of them it has been in their own words "life changing." It can be an amazing growth opportunity for you, too! We are now focusing on the other 400+ people who have not been able to participate thus far.

We have had a number of people who are not Catholic participate in the "Discovering Christ" series. Some are spouses of a member, others, friends of a member of our parish. All have given wonderfully positive feed-back. A number have chosen to enroll in the R.C.I.A. process and plan to join us in full communion in the Catholic Church this Easter. (RCIA class has 37 participants -- our largest ever!) So we ARE moving from **Maintenance to Mission**.

Registration is now open on our website at [www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com](http://www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com) (Should you not have access to a computer, please come by the office and we will be happy to provide you details and sign you up.)

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



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.

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