

We Are Missionary Disciples

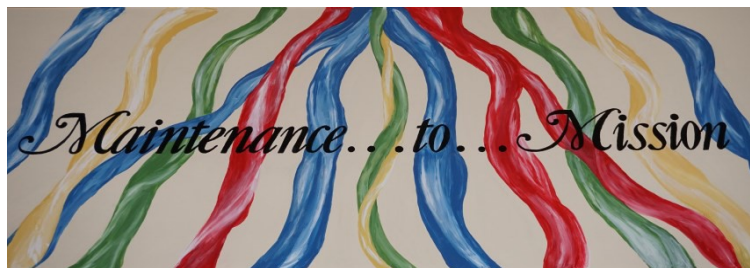
The other day I was reading Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*. In it he speaks directly to the responsibility of every baptized person to carry out the essential mission of the Church:

The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples" (120).

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we may want to remain on the mountain top with Jesus, just basking in His glory; after all, *maintenance* is a lot easier than *mission*. Because Jesus did not want His mission to get derailed prematurely, He warns the disciples, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." It is clear that He gave them this vision so that they might share it with others, and those others might come to know who Jesus is through their experience.

I believe it is the same with us. Jesus has revealed Himself to each of us, not for ourselves alone, but so that we might share Jesus with others. This is the essential mission of the Church. This is the essential duty of every baptized Christian. This is what it means to be missionary disciples. This is what ChristLife is all about. This is what it means to move from Maintenance to Mission.

- Deacon John McGregor



Mass Intentions

Week of March 13th -March 19th, 2017:

7:30 am Mon.: People of the Parish
7:30 am Tues.: Nolen Hughes (RIP)
6:00 pm: Wed. People of the Parish
7:30 am Thurs.: People of the Parish
7:30 am Fri.: People of the Parish
5:30 pm Sat.: Cindy Miller (RIP)
8:00 am Sun.: Bill Carollo (RIP)
10:30 am Sun.: Cindy Miller (RIP)

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

Prayer Intentions

Amy Kaiser
Debbie Schillaci, friend of Alice Mitchell
Heath Barbre, nephew of Monica Walton

Rest of the Soul

Anthony Angotti, relative of Jim & Kathy Mathews

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

LENT
PRAY + FAST + GIVE

New Announcements

* **Religious Education and RCIA classes are out for Spring Break. Classes will resume the week of March 27th.**



* **Stations of the Cross— Every Friday** during Lent at 6pm. Join us in the FLC on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th following Stations of the Cross for an Irish meal provided by the Knights of Columbus.

* 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. Following Christ and Sharing Christ will be offered later this year. We ask that you please register by **March 15th.**

* If you are interested in helping cook, serve or clean-up for the Discovering Christ meals beginning March 30th, please contact Renee` Carpenter – 601-292-6083 or finance@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com.

Reminders

* **Nursery and Children's Liturgy** available at the 10:30am mass. **The Nursery** is located in the Early Learning Center (enter through the cafeteria before mass). **Children ages 2-5** will be called up during the mass for **Children's Liturgy.**

*****No Nursery and Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday*****

* **40 Days for Life— March 1– April 9, 2017—** Please join in prayer and fasting. Located on the corner of N. State & Fondren Pl. Members of St. Paul will be there on Thursdays from 1-2 pm. Please come anytime from 7 am– 5 pm.

* **St. Joseph and St. Patrick altar** is set up in the back of church. Please make an offering (perhaps even fasting and donating the food you would have eaten) in thanksgiving for the abundant blessings your family has been granted by Our Heavenly Father. We will distribute the donated items to local families and to local resource agencies through our Food Pantry Ministry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 3rd** —Parish Reconciliation Service @ 6pm
- **April 7th** —Live Stations of the Cross @ 6pm
- **HOLY WEEK** — Holy Thursday Mass @ 7pm
— Good Friday Stations @ 12; Passion Service @ 7
— Great Easter Vigil Saturday @ 7:30 pm
— Easter Sunday Mass @ 8am and 10:30 am
- **April 30th** — Holy First Communion Mass @ 2pm
- **May 3rd** — Confirmation Mass @ 6pm

Baptism prep classes are required for all those needing a child baptized. Please call the church office in advance so you can find out about the next class!

—**Saint Joseph Catholic School** fosters a school community rooted in the values of Catholic education. If teaching in a Christ-centered environment is calling you, **Saint Joseph is currently accepting applications for faculty positions for the 2017-18 school year.** If interested, please email a resume to djones@stjoebruins.com.

—**Saint Joseph Catholic School** is also seeking the following positions:

*Director of Mission Advancement

*Associate Director of Events

Email your resume and a letter of interest to tmiracle@stjoebruins.com. No phone calls please.



Dear Parishioners,

The Finance Committee met for a mid-fiscal year budget review as of December 31, 2016. We are happy to report that for the first 6 months of this budget year (July 1 – Dec. 31st), the total income is ahead of budget projections by 7% and overall expenses are lower than projections by 4%.

Variances within the expenses are as follows: Facilities Total - expected maintenance expenses not expended. Diocesan Assessments – increase generated from the Diocesan budget. General & Admin. – delay in hiring Church Administrator.

Building expansion plans have been placed on hold in order to focus on building up the kingdom from within our current walls through Christ Life Programs. We continue to build cash reserve for our future expansion plans.

We are available to answer any specific questions you may have. We will have a verbal and more detailed report this fall after we close our fiscal year end (June 30, 2017).

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income			
Income totals	650,611.00	608,000.00	1,216,000.00
Expense			
Ministry & Liturgy Totals	45,302.00	53,399.00	101,765.00
Religious Formation Totals	96,382.00	103,530.00	203,210.00
Charity/Outreach Totals	8,723.00	11,250.00	22,500.00
School Subsidy Totals	29,062.00	27,500.00	55,000.00
Facilities Totals	104,441.00	124,548.00	206,380.00
Diocesan Assessment Totals	131,513.00	115,000.00	115,000.00
General & Administrative Totals	68,270.00	129,288.00	256,575.00
Expense Totals	483,693.00	564,515.00	960,430.00
Income - Expense	166,918.00	43,485.00	255,570.00

Sincerely,

Finance Committee

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