

"Father, this just doesn't sound very Catholic?"

Deacon John reflected last week on our parish's quest to move from **Maintenance to Mission**. He reflected on the Transfiguration Experience on Mount Tabor and the Holy Father's words on the New Evangelization in *Evangelii Gadium* (Joy of the Gospel). "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 **"Missionary Disciples."**

Obviously, if we accept the Holy Father's invitation to be Missionary Disciples, then the first questions that arise are:

What is a Missionary Disciple?

What do they do? How do they live? How do they witness?

A good place to start would naturally be our Holy Father Francis, himself. He is not just *talking* about Missionary Disciples --- he is *showing* us what it looks like to be one! At 80 years of age, he is leading powerfully and setting a profound example of what it means to "be in Jesus Christ."

The Lineamenta document produced in preparation for the 2011 Pope Benedict visit with the bishops of the Philippines defines the goal of Evangelization as the "realization of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ in the Spirit, thereby leading to an experiencing of His Father and our Father." (#11) Evangelization is always Trinitarian: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Most commonly it is experienced as bringing people to Jesus Christ, having first experienced Him through the power of His Holy Spirit, then helping all truly know the Father! Subsequently, in Benedict's meeting with the bishops, he said to them, "Your great task in Evangelization is therefore to propose a personal relationship with Christ as key to complete fulfillment."

On April 11, 2014, Pope Francis tweeted, "Only trust in God can transform doubts into certainty, evil into good, night into radiant dawn."

Being a **Missionary Disciple** is not about knowing, it is about having a personal relationship with Him -- That is what ChristLife is all about! -- That is what our lives are about! --

Yet, one of the great obstacles (one of many that we need to identify openly and honestly as we move from **Maintenance to Mission**) is the number of people who continue saying:

Father, this just doesn't sound very Catholic.

- Fr. Gerry



To Live as the Body Of Christ

**March 19, 2017
Third Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intentions

Week of March 20th -March 26th, 2017:

7:30 am Mon.: Carole Sund (RIP)
7:30 am Tues.: Eugene & John Gooch (RIP)
6:00 pm: Wed. People of the Parish
7:30 am Thurs.: People of the Parish
7:30 am Fri.: HE & Roselyn and Jon Pickett (RIP)
5:30 pm Sat.: Troy Steven Pourciau (RIP)
8:00 am Sun.: John Elser (RIP)
10:30 am Sun.: Tommy & Kenneth Mitchell (RIP)

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

Prayer Intentions

John Schoebelen Jr, friend of Rich Pezold
Elmer Hawkins, brother of Alice Mitchell

Repose of the Soul

Kay Breaux, niece of Kathy Gieger & cousin of Kim Walker
Lucius Fouche', friend of Eddie Borne
Jimmy Clark, uncle of Steve Walton

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

LENT
PRAY + FAST + GIVE

New Announcements

***Good Friday Service-** If you have lost a family member since last Easter, please check for their name on our remembrance board. If you do not see their name, please fill out a card for our Good Friday service.

***Stations of the Cross— Every Friday** during Lent at 6pm. Join us in the FLC following Stations of the Cross for our Lenten fish fry provided by the Knights of Columbus.

*** Food from our St. Joseph and St. Patrick altar** will be distributed after this weekend to local families and shelters in our area. Thank you for blessing others with your GENEROSITY!

***Monday March 27th: The Women's Guild** will be hosting two special events. At **11:00 a.m.** meet at St. Dominic's Chapel for a tour and to pray the Rosary. This will be followed by a lunch at Char's Restaurant. At **7:00 p.m.**— Self defense presentation with Gary Boyle and Adam Nelson. Please wear comfortable clothing. The March charity box will be for The Center for Pregnancy Choices. Donations of baby clothes, diapers and accessories along with maternity clothing will be greatly appreciated.



Have you been tuning in to our reflections? If not, look for them on our website or on our Facebook page. There's a new reflection every day to help you through your Lenten journey!

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.

***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.

Weekly offering for March 12, 2017: \$25,700
2nd collection next weekend— **Catholic Relief Services**

Thank You!

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 pm
— Easter Vigil Sat. @ 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.

PASSION & PURPOSE

Matthew Kelly live in Madison

March 11, 2017

About 100 people from our Parish attended the Matthew Kelly event “Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose” last Saturday at Madison-Central High School Auditorium. More than 800 people were there from across the state, and a few from out-of-state. The 4 1/2 hour program was split up with breaks to process the message and music by inspirational singer Eliot Morris.

This was a great opportunity for our Diocese to host a Catholic international speaker. He travels every month to different communities trying to help re-energize the Catholic Church, and help more people discover the “genius of Catholicism” as he says. That’s why he formed Dynamic Catholic. Our Parish has given out many of his books and CDs over the years.

Here is some feedback from our St. Paul family:

“We were so excited to be there! The Young Adults Group has done two of his book studies and we watch his videos. He is so down-to-earth and relatable.” Lexie Gosselin

“It was better than I thought! I really enjoyed it!” Mary Henry

“It did my heart good to see that many Catholics gathered in the room to learn to live their faith with passion. It shows me evangelization is possible.” Cecilia Carlton

“I thought it was great! As I looked at all those people, I thought this must be what Heaven is like. A room full of people who love the Lord, most I didn’t know. But, familiar faces were sprinkled around the room!” Paula Fede

“I’m in the process of reading the book we got at Christmas, *Resisting Happiness*,” and I watch some of his videos. He is one heck of a speaker, and I gained an insight into some things I can think about and do every day to be a better Christian and Catholic.” Kenny Weikum



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