



Two years ago we charted a course for our parish **to move from Maintenance to Mission**. Today we vigorously continue on that same path. It is a bold declaration of where we want to go, and what we want to do.

Some Churches have a primary goal to be a great Church, and many Churches attain that goal. However, upon attaining that goal there is a tendency to sit back and enjoy its fruits/benefits. This is not a great plan, since it can easily breed stagnation. The objective needs to *always* be focused on growing, moving forward, seeing anew, and improving our understanding and relationship with God. Attaining a particular level of development and not seeing or experiencing further growth, is Maintenance. Maintenance is a very sad state of affairs for a church, a community, an organization, or an individual.

Jesus tells a delightful and very challenging story in the Gospels about this,

'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then? So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God." (Luke 12: 16-21)

Through these weeks of Lent, Deacon John and I will provide a weekly reflection on this theme. While our primary focus will be on us as community here at St. Paul, we also acknowledge that there may be a great treasure in each of us adopting this as a personal mantra. How am I personally moving from **Maintenance to Mission**?

- ◆ In what ways am I just maintaining my faith, holding on to learned practices of long ago, and not experiencing new growth in my Faith life?
- ◆ In what ways am I seeking a real Mission in my life, working to know Jesus Christ in a personal way and what He desires for me and my Life?
  - ◆ Am I just "sitting on my laurels" in my Faith life?
- ◆ Is my church a gathering of Human Beings (living) or Human Doings (activity)?

**What is my Mission?**

**What is Our Mission?**



**March 5, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

- Fr. Gerry

## Mass Intentions

Week of March 6 – March 12, 2017:

7:30 am Mon.: People of the Parish  
7:30 am Tues.: People of the Parish  
6:00 pm: Wed. Will Price (RIP)  
7:30 am Thurs.: People of the Parish  
7:30 am Fri.: Anna Mae Salvatore  
5:30 pm Sat.: Sisters in Faith– Special Intentions  
8:00 am Sun.: Mary Hammond (RIP)  
10:30 am Sun.: Cindy Miller (RIP)

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

## New Announcements

**\*RCIA– Tuesday, March 7th at 7pm- Presentation of the Creed**

**\*Stroke Scan Plus will be here on Friday, March 10th for their ultrasound screening event.** Pre registration is required and will be held after mass this weekend.

**\*Stations of the Cross– Every Friday** during Lent at 6pm. Join us in the FLC following Stations of the Cross for a meatless meal provided by the Knights of Columbus.

**\* 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.

Weekly offering for Feb. 26th- \$19,199

2nd collection this weekend for Black & Indian Missions

*Thank You!*

*The Food Pantry Ministry needs your contributions of non-perishable food in unbreakable family size packages. The food collections go alternately to the Stewpot Food Pantry and the South Rankin Food Resource Center. **The greatest need is for high-protein foods such as meat-based stews and soups, tuna fish, peanut butter, dried beans, etc. Rice and pasta, especially in boxed meals, are also suggested, as are healthy quick-food snacks for children such as boxed fruit juice, dried fruit, fruit or pudding cups, and crackers.** Checks, money orders, cash, or gift cards are also welcomed.*

**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!

**\*Living Everyday with Passion & Purpose led by Matthew Kelly next Saturday, March 11th– 2pm- 6:30pm at Madison Central High School.** Tickets are still available online at [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)

**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](mailto:djones@stjoebruins.com).

## Prayer Intentions

Peggy Hamilton Delores Tennon  
Sarah Wall Nix, daughter of Marguerite Wall  
Vicki Garrison and Ruth Sellers, sisters of Alice Mitchell  
Steve Wilson, friend of Winnie & David Browman

## Repose of the Soul

Larry Grayson, father of Sharra Martin

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

## 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**.

**\*All** are welcome to join the Intercessory Prayer team to pray for our parish and for the success of ChristLife. Meet in the chapel at Noon on the 2nd Wed of each month.

**\*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.

**\* CRS Rice Bowls** will be distributed to all students this weekend. If you would like one, there will be extras in the Family Life Center. All money collected in rice bowls and in the Children’s collection will go to Catholic Relief Services.

*During this Lenten season, would you please join us  
in prayer for those in Sacramental preparation.*

First Communion Class

Emma Bennett	Keelan Boston
Kirsten Childers	Patrick Donovan
Kayleigh Drennan	McKinley Drennan
James Duffy	Nickolaus Fede
Daphne Hardin	Skylar Lebreton
Taylor Lebreton	Emily Leist
Noah Lester	Anthony Mangialardi
William McFadden	Kurt Mendoza
Henry Moreau	Taylor Morris
Addison Olier	Jackson Parsons
Sebastian Quino	Ian Trouard
Abigail Welch	Annaleigh White
Conner White	



Confirmation Class

Emily Bennett	Trevor Bures
Alexandra Demesa	Austin Entremont
Arielle Giurintano	Jaime Goodman
Scott Goodman	Sydney Goodman
Quinn Gordon	Tanner Harris
Michael Hoey	Jordyn Jefcoat
Hayley Johnson	Hannah Kimbrell
Victoria Maxwell	Kate McCarthy
Logan McDaniel	Reed Nelson
Alexandria Reichle	Preston Skeen
Hadley Slay	Caroline Steil



RCIA

CATECHUMEN

GABRIEL KI AINSWORTH  
CANDY HART  
ANDREW LOHRISCH

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ALEX ANDERSON  
MARY ESTHER BURES  
AMBER EARLES  
PAIGE HARDEE  
CATHERINE HEINTZELMAN  
JUSTIN KING  
STEVE OTTING  
LEE WATT

CONFIRMATION

JORDAN KOVACH  
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