

Perception — Color My World

*"It's important to be conscious of your perception
because if you are not, someone else will create it for you."*

Wow! That is pretty scary!

When I came across this statement-- not attributed to anybody, the source probably unknown-- I was especially impressed by the truth of it!

It is a great truth in our lives. If you don't have goals or plans in life, someone else will create them for you. It can be really good OR it can be really bad! When it's GOOD, it can be GREAT, and when it's BAD, it can be REALLY BAD!

Who shapes your perceptions?

- Fr. Gerry

Here is a great story:

THE HOSPITAL WINDOW

Two men were both seriously ill. They occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man has to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their environment in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and *color of the world* outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm-in-arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band--- he could see it in his mind's eye, as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths, only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first real look at the real world. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate to describe such wonderful things outside the window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you." (*Source Unknown*)

October 16, 2016

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Week of : Oct. 17— Oct. 23, 2016

7:30 am Mon.: Gerbert d'Aurilla (RIP)

7:30 am Tues.: Norman Nelson (RIP)

6:00 pm Wed.: Betty Jo Thomas (RIP)

7:30 am Thurs.: Dylan & Jack Gordy (RIP)

7:30 am Fri.: John Finemore (RIP)

5:30 pm Sat.: Stu Murphy (RIP)

8:00 am Sunday: People of the Parish

10:30 am Sunday: Tom Harris Sr. (RIP)



Adoration This Week: Monday-Friday: 8am-12pm
Wed. 6:30 pm-7:30pm



Prayer Intentions

Michael Mael Michael O'Boyle
Vince Graef Rosie Morris Alex Cox
Bob Myers, friend of Bob Gill
Cliff Kinney, nephew of Amy Blair

Rest of the Soul

Francis O'Boyle, sister-in-law of Michael O'Boyle
Clarence Brook, brother-in-law of Marguerite Wall
Pete Watson, brother of Mary Jacq Easley

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

New Announcements

*RCIA- Tuesday, October 18th. Meal at 6:30pm, class begins at 7:00pm
Topic- How to read and understand the Bible. ALL ARE WELCOME!



*St. Dominic Ministry will be preparing lunch for the families of ICU patients on Tuesday, Oct. 25th. Sign up sheets are in the back of church for items such as drinks, waters, sandwiches, cookies, etc. Please have items to the kitchen by 10am. As always, thank you for participating in this ministry.



Women's Guild October Events:



Mon. Oct 24th @11am. Learn and create new crafts. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert provided.

Mon. Oct 24th @7:00pm - Potluck! Bring your favorite dish and recipe for a blind tasting. Please bring a Halloween treat for the children at the Prevention of Violence Center.

Thank You! Weekly offering for October 9th: \$22,710

2nd collection next weekend- World Mission Sunday

Reminders

*Ministry Fair- Next weekend, October 22nd and 23rd after all masses.

*Ministry Fair Retreat- October 30th at 2pm- mandatory for all who sign up for a ministry even if you are continuing in the same ministry.

*St. Paul Women's Guild Craft Fair -Nov. 12th & 13th. THIS SUNDAY- Craft Fair meeting in the FLC lounge from 3pm-5pm. Items need to be brought in no later than Oct. 29th, please. Label all items that are dropped off. Sign up in the back of church to help with setup, decorating and pricing!!

**Religious Education for ALL AGES has begun!

- Adult Education & Religious Education- Sundays at 9:15am;
Wednesday night youth classes- 6:00 pm-8:30pm

Please go to our website for more information on these previously published events:

-Protection of Children Parent Meeting- 10/16 at 9:30am

-Young Adults Book Study -First Session; 10/17 @ 6:30pm

-Trunk Or Treat- 10/28 @ 7pm

-Big Deal Youth Group 5K Color Race- 11/3 @ 6pm



September 28 - November 6, 2016



Altar flowers are donated by Frances Gordy in loving memory of Jack & Dylan Gordy.

Blessed Mother flowers are donated by the Pipitone Family in memory of Joan McGraw.

St. Richard Catholic School Open House- October 16, 2016 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM

Light lunch will be provided as families tour throughout the school, talking with teachers and administration.

CARDINALFEST 2016—Sunday, October 23, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the St. Richard Catholic School Football Field. Carnival Food, Chili Cookoff, Costume Contest, Games, Inflatables, Student Performances and more!! Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and stay for FAMILY FUN & FELLOWSHIP. Everyone is invited. Wristbands available at the door or may be purchased by contacting St. Paul Parishoner/Cardinalfest Chair Emily Garner at emily.mgggroup@gmail.com.

Saint Joseph Catholic School's Open House is Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m. This is a student-inspired, performance-filled showcase. Incredible art, academics, theater, music and athletics - not to mention that one-of-a-kind spirit which makes Saint Joseph the exceptional place that it is. See for yourself the bright, shining soul of Saint Joseph. For more information, please contact Kristi Garrard, Director of Enrollment, 601-898-4812.

Saint Joseph Catholic School has an immediate opening for a Special Events Coordinator; duties include assisting with Open House, working with reunion classes at Homecoming, assisting with Draw Down, and other events. If interested, please contact Mr. Doug Jones at djones@stjoebruins.com.

****BULLETIN:** Information must be submitted in writing by note or email to the parish office **no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesdays** for the following weekend. When sending an email, please put **"BULLETIN"** in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation!

Next Sunday we'll celebrate World Mission Sunday, focusing on the ongoing importance of sharing our faith in Christ. Our Redeemer lived, died and rose again in order to offer salvation to every person who lives on the face of the earth. Every Catholic has an obligation and opportunity to communicate our belief with those we meet day by day and with those we will never see.

We tend to think of missionaries as the priests, religious Sisters, Brothers, and lay people who journey throughout the world reaching out to all who have yet to embrace Christ. But it is also up to us to do our part in spreading the Good News to men, women and children of this generation.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

In a world of need, there are many who live and work on the frontline, making the difference for the poor and forgotten through direct, daily service.

This wonderful team of religious Sisters and Brothers, priests, and dedicated lay leaders provide help and hope in the world's poorest places. They provide essential education and health care, social outreach and advocacy, and pastoral service. In every moment, they offer spiritual comfort and support to the suffering and marginalized. Stay in touch with these change-makers on World Mission Sunday and all year long with **MISSIO**. Visit missio.org, and download the **Missio App**. Be a change-maker!

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“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus... proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:1-2).



Church Office Hours: Tuesday — Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm /Friday 8am - 12pm

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