

September 25, 2016

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



To Live as the Body Of Christ

Intentional Parish

Beginning with our word for the month in September, you may have happened to notice that I was "*Intentional*".

Intentional Discipleship (Sept. 4)

Intentional Jesus (Sept. 11)

Intentional Me (Sept. 18)

Now, I wish to add.....*Intentional Parish* (Sept. 25)

I want you to begin to imagine what an **Intentional Parish** would really look like. In the six years that I have been very blessed to be at St. Paul, I have observed significant growth in our movement toward being an **Intentional Parish**.

Next month's word is Perception. This week, I began to ask myself anew, what my Perception of an **Intentional Parish** is, and let me say it opened all sorts of reminders and remembrances for me. One of my immediate responses was to go back and review some of the documents of Vatican II. The documents were pretty freshly off the press when I entered Seminary, and our study of these documents was a significant part of our curriculum. There was a great hopefulness and anticipation about how these documents could renew the church.

There were two documents in particular that I wanted to look at because in my opinion they were documents that oozed with enthusiasm for the emerging church:

1) Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium- Light of all Nations)

2) Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et spes- The Joys and Hopes)---

Sadly the hopes are still unfulfilled!!

In (#1 above) the church speaks very eloquently on the family as "The Domestic Church". The document says, **Parents have the pastoral responsibility to evangelize, to teach, and catechize their own children, to promote the sacraments, and to work with the larger church, the Parish, in the spiritual growth of their whole family.**

Just imagine how that would look ---parents being the primary witnesses, teachers and instructors of their children, and the Parish Church, its Priests, and its members being the secondary and supportive teachers and witnesses! I think we *have not* captured that perspective very well and it keeps us from being **Intentional Parish**.

Mass Intentions

Week of: Sept. 26— Oct. 2, 2016

7:30 am Mon.: Nolen Hughes (RIP)
7:30 am Tues.: Benjie Espinoza (RIP)
6:00 pm Wed.: Sisters in Faith— special intentions
7:30 am Thurs.: Karen Perez (RIP)
7:30 am Fri.: People of the Parish
5:30 pm Sat.: Mike Moeller (RIP)
8:00 am Sunday: People of the Parish
10:30 am Sunday: Tommy Mitchell (RIP)

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

* Need to fill Mondays 11am-12 pm. Call the church office if you are able to commit to this Holy Hour.

New Announcements

RCIA class begins this Tues., Sept. 27th at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. If you are interested, please sign up on our website. All are welcome!

U.S. Armed Forces Ministry—First Saturday of every month —Pray the rosary with us for our men and women in the Armed Forces and for our country. Join us this month on Saturday, Oct. 1st at 4:45pm in the chapel.



September 28 - November 6, 2016

Kickoff Event on the 28th of September at the corner of N. State St. and Frondren Place, 12:00 p.m.



What is the Respect Life Program? NEW materials are produced each year to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with supporting the dignity of the human person, and therefore the gift of every person's life. <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm>

Prayer Intentions

John Finemore
Don Harris
Laiken Cole (infant friend of Tammy Schmitt)

Repose of the Soul

Tom Harris Sr.
Myrna Martell, sister of Judy Bomgardner
Albert Wahba, friend of Becky Causey

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.
Lectio Divina- Mondays @ 7pm; and Tuesdays @ 10 am

Reminders

Are you a young adult looking for spiritual growth, fun, and fellowship? Email Lexie Gosselin: lexiegosselin@yahoo.com

Join the Women's Guild on Monday, Sept. 26th. There are two opportunities for you on this day: 11:00am in the Family Life Center for a lunch event and 7:00 pm for a wine tasting and pairing. Both in the Family Life Center

Saint Paul Knights of Columbus Parish Meals

benefiting the Saint Paul Knights Culture of Life fund.
-October 1st following the Saturday 5:30 Mass- spaghetti dinner.
-October 2nd following the 8:00 Mass- breakfast will be served.
-October 2nd following the 10:30 Mass- spaghetti dinner.

Habitat for Humanity 31st Catholic Build will be held on October 1, 2016. Sign up this weekend in the back of church to help with the build or to provide food items or contact Lonnie Graeber @ l.pgraeber2@comcast.net or 769-798-4694.

* Join our **Big Deal Youth Group on Thursday, November 3rd @ 6pm for a 5K Color Race!!** Register now for the race on our website.

Weekly offering for Sept. 18th: \$22,040

Thank You!

If you would like to receive offertory envelopes, please fill out the form in the back of church.



Altar flowers are donated by Marilyn Baker, in loving memory of her son, Jeff Baker.



Religious Education for ALL AGES has begun!

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

September 25th — 30th annual St. Joseph Catholic Church **GermanFest** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m

September 25th— **Holy Savior Catholic Church in Clinton** will celebrate its 50th anniversary during a celebratory Mass at 11 a.m. Sept. 25 at the church on the corner of Old Vicksburg Road and Lindale Street. Co-celebrants are Bishop Joseph Kopacz and Father Thomas McGing. A dinner on the grounds will follow. For details, call the church office at (601) 924-6344.

Join Catholic Charities at The Journey of Hope Luncheon, featuring guest speaker, legendary football coach and analyst for ESPN, **Lou Holtz** Wednesday, **October 5, 2016** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex.

Catholic Charities is also hosting a **Meet and Greet** sponsorship gathering Tuesday, **October 4, 2016** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. For more information on these events please visit www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org or call 601-355-8634.

In (#2 above) the document boldly proclaims this hope:

"Hence this second Vatican Council, having probed more profoundly into the mystery of the Church, now addresses itself without hesitation, not only to the sons of the Church and to all who invoke the name of Christ, but to the whole of humanity. For the Council yearns to explain to everyone how it conceives of the presence and activity of the Church in the world of today.

Therefore, the Council focuses its attention on the world of men, the whole human family along with the sum of those realities in the midst of which that family lives. It gazes upon that world which is the theater of man's history, and carries the marks of his energies, his tragedies, and his triumphs; that world which the Christian sees as created and sustained by its Maker's love, fallen indeed into the bondage of sin, yet emancipated now by Christ. He was crucified and rose again to break the stranglehold of personified Evil, so that this world might be fashioned anew according to God's design and reach its fulfillment.

It would be fair to say that we *have not* done so well "in the theater of man's history" with his/her tragedies and triumphs.

Take a moment to imagine an **Intentional Parish**. What other marks would identify it as an **Intentional Parish**?
When I hear the words, **Intentional Parish**, I see:

- A. **Eucharistic Celebrations** that are joyful, uplifting and engaging—congregation actively participating.
- B. **Programs of instruction and Catechesis for adults** where the members are engaged in their personal growth and spiritual development.
- C. **Hospitality**— where people are committed to knowing more than their own circle.
- D. **Effective Outreach**— It's hard to be an **Intentional Parish** without effective outreach.
- E. **Special attention to the poor**, the sick and suffering, the lonely, the exiles.
- F. **Promoting effective families**— "Domestic Church"
- G. **Evangelizing**— spreading the Good News, The Joy of the Gospel (Pope Francis)

What else is there?

*What do you see when you hear the words, **Intentional Parish**?
What do we need to do yet, in order to be an **Intentional Parish**?*

Please write me and share your **Perception** of what an **Intentional Parish** would look like. I would be happy to share your **Perception** on the front of the bulletin as we make our way toward being an **Intentional Parish**.

— Fr. Gerry

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