

Mass Intentions ~ April 8-14, 2019

Monday @ 7:30 am — Edna Mangialardi (RIP)
Tuesday @ 7:30 am — US Armed Forces (Sp Int)
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Blanche Stauss (RIP)
Thursday @ 7:30 am — Nolen Hughes (RIP)
Friday @ 7:30 am — Edith Granger (RIP)
Saturday @ 5:30 pm — John Reiss (RIP)
Sunday @ 8:00 am — People of the Parish
Sunday @ 10:30 am — Edna Mangialardi (RIP)

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Caroline Cagle, aunt of Alan Black
David Docter, husband of Jan Docter

Repose of the Soul of:

Bobby Massey, husband of Gwen Massey
Gary Jiron, nephew of Eppie Jaramillo
Cordy Salazar, sister-in-law of Eppie Jaramillo
Damon Galloway, nephew of Louise Pipitone

(see the full prayer list on our website & prayer board)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-5pm
Adoration this week: Monday—Friday, 8 am—12 noon

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Parish Reconciliation Service, April 8th @ 6:00 pm — We will have several priests hearing Confessions. Join us to receive God's forgiveness & mercy in this wonderful Sacrament.

Live Stations of the Cross, April 12th @ 6:00 pm — Presented by our Confirmation Class. Bring your family and friends to this moving experience of our Lord's Passion.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 14th after 10:30 am Mass — Meet in the Early Learning Center cafeteria.

No Youth Group on April 17th, Wednesday of Holy Week.
No CGS / Religious Ed / Nursery / Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

Holy Week Schedule — Holy Thursday Mass, April 18th @ 7 pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration until midnight
Adoration Schedule by last name: 8:00-9:00 pm Q-Z; 9:00-10:00 pm L-P; 10:00-11:00 pm F-K; 11:00pm-12midnight A-E

Good Friday, April 19th — Stations of the Cross @ 12 noon; Passion Service @ 7:00 pm;
(please check list for names of your loved ones who have died since last Easter, fill out a card if they are not listed)

Easter Services — Easter Vigil Mass, April 20th @ 7:30 pm;
Easter Sunday Masses, April 21st @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am (no nursery; no Children's Liturgy)

First Holy Communion, April 28th @ 8:00 am Mass — Family Brunch Reception follows in the Family Life Center. The Women's Guild and Knights of Columbus will be assisting with this wonderful event. We welcome anyone else that would like to assist in decorating, serving, clean-up, or cooking for this special event. Please sign up at the information table and someone will contact you or contact Renee Borne in the office. Thank you!

Support Birthright of Jackson, a local pro-life pregnancy help center — Baby Bottle Boomerang hosted by the Knights: Take home an empty bottle, fill it with spare change and return it next week. **Diaper Drive** this weekend hosted by one of our St. Paul Small Groups. **Mom's Day 5K** sponsored in part by our Women's Guild: Sign up to walk, run, or stroller stroll. Race is May 11th. Go to raceroster.com to register today!

Women's Weekend Retreat, May 3-5 @ Chatawa— "Make Me A Channel of your Peace: Living with Hope and Healing"
Presented by Fran Lavelle, Director, Department of Faith Formation. Flyers and registration forms available at the exits of the Church. Cost \$150. Registration deadline in April 25th. Scholarships available. Contact Renee` Carpenter 601-214-9457 or Cheryl Marsh 860-823-7878. Hosted by St Paul Women's Guild.

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Our mission is to invite everyone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 7, 2019



Listen.....He's calling you. How will you respond?

Our Parish has been committed to the ChristLife Process for five years, now. We began this Process in an effort to move us all from Maintenance to Mission. It is still written on the wall to remind us as we leave Mass each week. We have said it many times lately —

Religious people have preferences, Missionary people have stories.

What is our story? Who are we as the Community of St. Paul? Why are we here?

What is God's Purpose in our lives, individually and collectively?

We have had hundreds of people complete one or all of the Three-Part Series — Discovering Christ, Following Christ, and Sharing Christ — this is a valuable process to grow our community in the Church's essential mission of evangelizing and making missionary disciples. We have had nearly 500 people complete Discovering Christ, and 281 completed Following Christ. We hope the remaining 200+ will join us for our next offering of Following Christ, beginning the week after Easter. The Holy Spirit is the primary one asking and encouraging you to complete the ChristLife experience. The Lord speaks to us in very different ways in each of the phases of ChristLife.

ChristLife is an answer to our call to evangelization — The Church teaches that before discipleship or catechesis can be effective, people must hear the Gospel and make a personal response to it. We must first know Him in order to follow Him and share Him. The invitation to follow Christ is based on God's initiative—His love for us, the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Grace of God empowers us to live.

What is our response? What effort do we make to mature in following His plan?

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Dave Nodar and the ChristLife staff explain the process this way.

“If you choose to excel in a sport, playing a musical instrument, or in a profession, you have to find a competent coach/teacher who can train you in the proper techniques. You must then establish the discipline of regular practice to become proficient in the area where you want to excel.

Now think about this: You and I have the chance to learn from the most intelligent, wise, loving, perfect Teacher who ever lived. And we have the chance to become His student, His disciple! We can be conformed to Jesus in every way: how we relate to God the Father, how we view the world, how we think, how we conduct ourselves, how we relate to others, and how we use our time, gifting, and resources. By His grace and our effort, we can learn to live a joyful life surrendering more and more over the years to the Lordship of Jesus.

The focus in this second part of the ChristLife process of evangelization, that began in Discovering Christ, is continuing conversion of life through a seven-week journey of prayer, teaching and relationships that support the participants’ decision to become a disciple of Christ and to begin to apply the Lord’s teaching to every area of life. Its purpose is practical guidance, not academic teaching, on growing in relationship with Jesus Christ. In this stage of discipleship, some of the most formative means of helping a person grow in union with God are the experiences of personal and group prayer, practical teaching with opportunity for small group discussion and relationships that support the development of a Catholic lifestyle, world view and mission. While the teachings tell us “what” to do, the friendships built in the small groups provide the relational support to genuinely incarnate these teachings in our lives.”

We will be using new, updated videos for Following Christ. This is our first time to offer them, and we are excited! The content is the same, but they are presented in a new, more engaging manner. Anyone who has completed Discovering Christ, is encouraged and invited to register for Following Christ. If you have already completed Following Christ and would like to experience the new videos, we welcome you to the experience as well. You may even consider being a Table Host or Co-Host.

Our Intercessory Prayer Team, which was the first element in place to bring ChristLife to our Parish, has been praying faithfully for ChristLife all these years. They pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our parish, and for special guidance of the Holy Spirit for our parish and all people involved in ChristLife. Many have answered. There are more waiting to respond.

Listen.....He is calling you. How will you respond?

Registration is open on our website www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com. Please sign up today! We begin in just a few weeks. Note the schedule below. Your table will need you to be present for all sessions. This commitment benefits everyone, as relationships are essential to the process. We are not intended to make this journey alone.

We accompany one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Feel free to contact the Church office at 601-992-9547 if you have questions or need assistance.

Let’s hear from our ChristLife Team as they describe some of the fruits awaiting you!

Leo LaPlume—Following Christ Emcee



“Discovering Christ showed us we are able to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Following Christ shows us how to have that personal relationship. We know He is here. Now, we get closer and more personal with Him. Following Christ really helped me develop better personal prayer, intentional prayer time, and inspired me to be dedicated to that prayer time.”

Cecilia Carlton—ChristLife Administrator



“With Discovering Christ, I realized that my relationship with Jesus had been more in my mind, than in my heart. Following Christ was vital because my prayer life had been deficient. This Series showed me the value of offering everything I do as a prayer to Jesus. I was also encouraged to fill my prayer with Scripture, and I felt the Holy Spirit come alive in me!”

Rodney Hipp—ChristLife Director



“In the Following Christ Series, I learned the Forgiveness Prayer which taught me three special words: See, Love, Forgive — as Jesus. During the Retreat, we prayed over each other. That had a profound affect on me. I also learned the importance of the Holy Spirit. In the past, I never really thought about the Holy Spirit. But, through ChristLife, I came to realize the Holy Spirit is Love, and it made me more open to receiving His Blessing and Reconciliation in my life.”

Fr. Gerry Hurley—Pastor



“The ChristLife process has proven to be a great path on our journey to being intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. The Lord has truly blessed our parish and opened many to His powerful presence in their lives. We have seen great blessings come about when people open their hearts and surrender their lives to Jesus. When we know Him personally, we more readily accept His blessings and mercy. Now, many of our people have great stories to share — stories of forgiveness, renewed faith, and true joy in their lives.”

following CHRIST a seven-week journey tuesday evenings @ 7:00	April 23
	April 30
	May 7
	May 14
	May 21
	May 25 (Saturday Retreat)
	May 28
June 4	