

## Mass Intentions ~ August 19-25, 2019

Monday @ 7:30 am — Communion Service  
Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Communion Service  
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Communion Service  
Thursday @ 7:30 am — Communion Service  
Friday @ 7:30 am — Communion Service  
Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Mike Brown (RIP)  
Sunday @ 8:00 am — People of the Parish  
Sunday @ 10:30 am — Dianne Bechtel (RIP)

## New Prayer Requests

### **Special Intentions:**

*Nancy Parker, aunt of Karen Cox  
Peggy Cini, mother of Kerri Irby  
Ron & Joan Millington*

### **Repose of the Soul:**

*Lois Deane  
Laura Alice Lewis, mother of Gene Lafhameyer and  
grandmother of Nikki McIntyre*



*Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by Susan Weldy, in memory of Joleen Lunan Floyd.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** — Saturday @ 4:30-5:00 pm (or by appointment — call the Church office)  
**Adoration this week:** Monday — Friday, 8 am - 12noon

## **Important Notes & Announcements**

**The Women's Guild will be hosting a Bingo Night** — Friday August 23rd @ 7:00pm in the Family Life Center. Light snacks and soft drinks will be provided. BYOB. All adults 18 and older are invited to join us for fun and fellowship!

**St. Dominic Ministry** — Tuesday August 27th @ 10:00 am — Sign up today to donate lunch items to the families of I.C.U. patients. Anyone interested in helping serve the families is welcome to join us. Meet in the Family Life Center on Aug. 27th.

### **Religious Ed registration opens next weekend! Classes begin September 8th & 11th**

- **Big Deal Youth Group** ~ ages 7th thru 12th grades ~ Meets Wednesday evenings @ 6pm. Begins Sept 11th with mandatory Parent/Youth Orientation @ 6pm. At least one parent or grandparent must attend with child.
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** ~ ages 3 yrs thru 6th grade ~ Meets Sunday mornings @ 9:15 am. Begins Sept 8th with mandatory Parent/Child Orientation @ 9:15am. At least one parent or grandparent must attend with child.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — JOIN THE TEAM — WE NEED YOU — PARENTS, GRANDS, FRIENDS !!!**

**Sunday Morning classes** — We need more support people to assist with classes, come weekly or occasionally.

**Wednesday Evening classes** — We need more instructors and support people to assist with our Big Deal Youth Group.

Please prayerfully consider helping so that we can give our children the best experience and instruction of Faith!

Email Renee Borne [REL.EDU@SPAULCC.ORG](mailto:REL.EDU@SPAULCC.ORG) or Cory Head [YOUTH@SPAULCC.ORG](mailto:YOUTH@SPAULCC.ORG)

**Early Learning Center Annual Gold Tournament** — September 6th — Brochures can be found on Information Table.

**Backpack Ministry** — We are gearing up for the 2019-2020 school year. If anyone would like to help shop, pack, or deliver food to school children in need, or write inspirational notes to be included in the food bags, please send an email to [backpackstpaul2018@gmail.com](mailto:backpackstpaul2018@gmail.com) Thanks to our St. Paul volunteers and generous donations, we were able to feed over 50 children for the months of June and July.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly Offertory Collection for August 10/11:    General Fund = \$20,845.63    Building Fund = p\$6,236.33  
Second Collection = \$220

**Contact us: 601-992-9547    [www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com](http://www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com)  
Summer Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 8:00 am-4:00 pm; Fri, 8:00 am-noon**



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

**August 18, 2019**  
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Reading With New Perspective

Jesus said to His disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49) "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51) — Wait. What? This doesn't sound like our loving, merciful Savior...until we read it with a different perspective!!!

In both Jewish and Christian traditions, a pillar of fire symbolized the Divine Presence. As a biblical image, fire symbolizes purification and the Holy Spirit. Jesus is speaking of His passing from death to life setting the fire blazing. That fire will purify our hearts, separate believers and non-believers, and destroy sin.

It's amazing how those words feel different on our tongues with this new perspective! All situations have at least two viewpoints — or rather, three — Yours, Mine, and the Truth. The two passages below show how we can be freed from needless anxiety and pain when we consider things in a different light.

### **I asked.....I received**

*(author unknown)*

**I asked God for strength that I might achieve....**

**I was made weak that I might learn humility.**

**I asked for health that I might do greater things....**

**I was given infirmity that I might do better things.**

**I asked for riches that I might be happy....**

**I was given poverty that I might be wise.**

**I asked for power that I might be praised....**

**I was given weakness that I might feel I need God.**

**I asked for an abundance of things to enjoy life....**

**I was given life that I might enjoy all things.**

***I got nothing that I asked for,  
but everything I hoped for.  
Almost despite myself,  
my unspoken prayers were answered  
and I was most richly blessed!***

### **Worst Day Ever? by: Chanie Gorkin**

Today was the absolute worst day ever  
And don't try to convince me that  
There's something good in every day  
Because when you take a closer look  
The world is a pretty evil place.

Even if

Some goodness does shine through once in a while  
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.

And it's not true that

It's all in the mind and heart

Because

True happiness can be attained  
Only if one's surroundings are good

It's not true that good exists

I'm sure you can agree that

The reality

Creates

My attitude

It's all beyond my control

And you'll never in a million years hear me say

Today was a very good day

*(Now read it from bottom to top, the other way,  
And see what I really feel about my day.)*