

**Mass Intentions ~ August 27-September 2, 2018**

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 – Mary Null Hammond (RIP)  
Sunday @ 8:00 am – Jim Prator (RIP)  
Sunday @ 10:30 am – People of the Parish

**New Prayer Requests**

**Special Intentions:**  
Linda Klein, mother of Rachel Westerfield  
Mike Vandiver, father of Jared Vandiver  
Briana Tennon, daughter of Delores Tennon  
  
**Repose of the Soul:**  
Harris Granger, brother of Joe Granger  
Margaret Rose Smith, sister of John McAleese

Adoration this week: Mon–Fri 8am–12noon    Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00 pm  
Altar Flowers this week are donated by Jim & Kathy Mathews in memory of our mother Gloria Mathews.

**Reminders – Mark your calendar!**

**St. Dominic Ministry August 28** – Please sign up to donate lunch items for families of I.C.U. patients. We are in need of sandwiches, cookies, and fruit.

**Baptism Preparation Class Sept 9th at 2:00 pm** in the Family Life Center for all parents wanting to have a child baptized in the next few months. This class is required for Baptism at St. Paul. Classes are held quarterly. Call the office to register.

**The St. Paul Praise Choir** is seeking individuals to join our music ministry sharing their God-given talents either vocally or playing an instrument. The choir will begin its season with rehearsal on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please contact Joseph Sabatini at 601-940-2812 music@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com

**ChristLife Sessions** – Registration opens in September. Contact Rodney Hipp at adult.edu@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com. *Sharing Christ* begins October 4; *Discovering Christ & RCIA* begins October 23; *Following Christ* begins April 23.

**ATTENTION PARENTS**

- This is the last week to register children for Religious Education Classes!!!**  
Give your child the gift of friendship with Jesus. Classes begin at age 3 years and continue through 12th grade, each year building on the last, growing and preparing students for the Sacraments and being a Disciple of Christ. Registration is on our website and closes Aug 31st.
- Mandatory Parent & Student Orientation on the first day of classes!!!**  
**Ages 3 years ~ 6th grade on Sunday, September 9th @ 9:15 am.** One parent must attend with your child. We will begin in the gym for an overview of the program. Then, students and parents will visit their classrooms and meet their teachers.  
**7th ~ 12th grades on Wednesday, September 12th @ 6:00 pm.** One parent must attend with your child. We will begin in the gym for an overview of the program. Then, students and parents will visit their classrooms and meet their teachers.

**August 25/26, 2018**  
**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Faith Formation & Fellowship*

**Relationship with Jesus Christ as an Adult**



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## BEYOND 12TH GRADE — KEEP LEARNING & GROWING

We offer many opportunities for adults to deepen our faith & relationship with Christ! Everyone has something to gain by growing in understanding of God's presence in our world and how He gives meaning to life. Our circumstances change as we age, and our spirit is ever renewing and growing as well. Spiritual Maturity is about continually cultivating our relationship with God, and fellowship with one another. Read below to see some details of the wonderful opportunities at St. Paul. There is so much more happening. We want everyone to be involved!

### SUNDAY CLASS

#### ADULT EDUCATION CLASS (Sundays @ 9:15 am)

The Adult class meets in the Family Life Center Lounge during the Sunday Morning CGS classes, and follows the same schedule, making it especially convenient for parents of children in the program, to add to their Sunday experience! No registration is required. This is a more casual experience and all are welcome to participate as often as you are able.

We will begin the year with the award-winning DVD series, *Footprints of God*, an inspiring presentation of the places and people of salvation history filmed on the historical locations of the Biblical events. Steve Ray, Biblical scholar and convert to Catholicism brings us on his journey of the places, people and spirit of important figures of both the New and Old Testaments. Features of the series includes: *Elijah and Elisha; Abraham; Moses; David & Solomon; Mary; Jesus; Peter; Paul; and the Apostolic Fathers*. We will also explore the history and meaning of *The Mass, Prayer*, and much more!

All adults are invited to a welcome back brunch on Sunday, September 16th in the FLC Lounge @ 9:15 am. Come eat, visit, and see what we have to offer for spiritual enrichment and fellowship!

### SMALL GROUPS

#### ADULT SMALL GROUPS (Various days, times & locations)

Our current study is *Wisdom: God's Vision for Life* by Jeff Cavins, a study of the wisdom literature in the Bible — Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes, and how Scripture provides us wisdom on decision-making, finances, relationships, peace of mind, and speaking to one another. Each session includes an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

Small Groups meet in individual homes of parishioners on various days. We currently have nearly 300 people involved in 28 Small Groups here at St. Paul. New Groups can be formed, and new members added at anytime.

Contact Sarah O'Donnell at [fellowship@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com](mailto:fellowship@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com) to find out more about Small Groups and to find a group that works with your schedule. You may even want to host a group!

## YES, THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, "CATECHESI TRADENDAE," OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

# 43. To continue the series of receivers of catechesis, I cannot fail to emphasize now one of the most constant concerns of the synod fathers, a concern imposed with vigor and urgency by present experiences throughout the world: I am referring to the central problem of the catechesis of adults. This is the principal form of catechesis, because it is addressed to persons who have the greatest responsibilities and the capacity to live the Christian message in its fully developed form.<sup>(90)</sup> The Christian community cannot carry out a permanent catechesis without the direct and skilled participation of adults, whether as receivers or as promoters of catechetical activity. The world, in which the young are called to live and to give witness to the faith which catechesis seeks to deepen and strengthen, is governed by adults. The faith of these adults too should continually be enlightened, stimulated and renewed, so that it may pervade the temporal realities in their charge. Thus, for catechesis to be effective, it must be permanent, and it would be quite useless if it stopped short at the threshold of maturity, since catechesis, admittedly under another form, proves no less necessary for adults.

### CHRISTLIFE SESSIONS

All are invited to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Discover or deepen your relationship with Him and be transformed into His missionary disciple by this three-step evangelization process that can be life-changing.

*Discovering Christ* is a seven-week experience where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. *Discovering Christ* helps people enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children. *Discovering Christ* is held with the first 7 weeks of R.C.I.A. as one group. Online registration opens in September! 513 people have *Discovering Christ* here at St. Paul Parish.

*Following Christ* helps those who have completed *Discovering Christ* to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. This is accomplished through the grace of God by praying together, teaching, and supporting one another in some of the basic disciplines and truths practiced by Christians since the early Church. 304 people have *Following Christ* here at St. Paul Parish.

*Sharing Christ* focuses on personal or friendship evangelization, sharing our relationship with Jesus in our daily encounters with people. The course helps to develop an attitude of the heart that moves us to be open to share the Good News we have experienced anytime and anywhere. 156 people have *Sharing Christ* here at St. Paul Parish.

### RCIA

#### R.C.I.A. — RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This process is a study of Catholic beliefs and practices for adults, baptized and unbaptized, who are searching for a Faith instruction and a place of worship. This class meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from October through Easter, and includes periods of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment, and formation. Come, if you are curious about the Catholic Faith, or want to learn more about Catholicism. Bring a friend and make this journey together. Contact Rodney Hipp for questions and information on ChristLife and RCIA. Email [adult.edu@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com](mailto:adult.edu@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com)