

July 21/22, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Renovation is Intentional

Have you ever felt a thrill about packing to go to a destination, a place you had never been before? This is how I felt while preparing to go to Halifax, Nova Scotia for the Divine Renovation Conference; the thrill of seeing another culture, learning new things, meeting new friends, and eating new foods. We were headed to St. Benedict Parish, the leader of Divine Renovation. They are successfully implementing the teachings professed in the book written by their pastor, Fr. James Mallon.

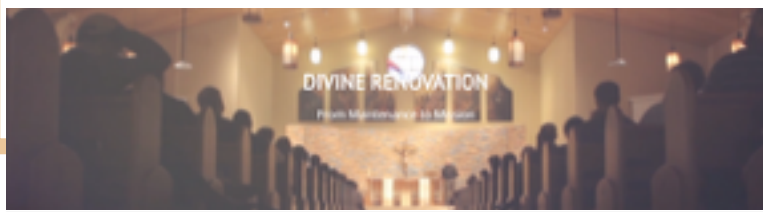
I am aware that our parish is on our way to being a community of intentional disciples, but being at St. Benedict made me realize how extensive that journey is. There is much more opportunity ahead of us in terms of growth. We arrived a day early to attend Sunday Mass and see for ourselves how Divine Renovation had been implemented in Fr. Mallon's parish. From the moment we drove onto the property of St. Benedict, we could tell we were in for an exciting experience! There were so many volunteers directing traffic and talking to the people in the parking lot. The Divine Renovation Team stood outside the entrance to greet all participants at the doors. Every day, at least 12-15 hospitality hosts formed a line inside the entryway to sincerely welcome us to their church, and let us know that they had been praying for us intentionally and individually by name.

*This particular Sunday at St. Benedict was "name tag Sunday" and everyone, even the priests, wore a name tag. Hospitality hosts were at every corner to answer questions, direct us to food, conversational areas, bathrooms, and the sanctuary. The welcome we received set the tone for Mass, and as soon as it began we were "hooked on the feeling." From that first moment, we could feel the Holy Spirit alive and in our presence through the whole-hearted singing and responses from all gathered there. Mass at St. Benedict was the most Spirit-filled Liturgy I have **ever** experienced! We were instructed to turn to someone we did not know, introduce ourselves, and pray for that person throughout Mass. Hospitality and stewardship are not things they practice only once a week, it is a way of life lived every day!*

At the closing Mass, Fr. Mallon asked all the volunteers to step forward to the sanctuary so that the attendees could express appreciation to them. As we watched this procession of over 300 joy-filled "intentional disciples" step forward, I knew with certainty that there are greater things in store for our parish as we become "intentional" in inviting the Holy Spirit to fill us and lead us, as has been the case at St. Benedict!

The whole experience confirmed my faith that hospitality is the key to building successful ministries and is the basis for the formation of "intentional disciples." In the service of God and neighbor, we must first recognize the gifts/talents bestowed on each of us for the benefit of all. As we offer ourselves in service to the Father we become joy-filled "intentional disciples."

Let this be our prayer. — Cecilia Carlton



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Mass Intentions ~ July 23-29, 2018

Monday @ 7:30 am — Francine Gilmer (RIP)

Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Sammie Glorioso (RIP)

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Carl Rainey (RIP)

Thursday @ 7:30 am — Francine Gilmer (RIP)

Friday @ 7:30 am — Hehir & Lawson Family (Sp Int)

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Jeffrey Simon (RIP)

Sunday @ 8:00 am — Sammie Glorioso (RIP)

Sunday @ 10:30 am — Paul Gallardo (RIP)

Adoration this week: Mon—Fri 8am-12noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00 pm or by appt.

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Gene Valentine

Ashley Lester

Harriet Seymour, friend of Jo Bowden

Lionel Lumaghini, father of Chris Lumaghini

Mikey Medlock, son of Mike & Kate Medlock

LeeAnn Biswell, niece of Monica Walton

Repose of the Soul:

Don Harris

submit prayer requests to the Church office

liturgy@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com



**Altar Flowers this week: In loving memory of Eileen Prybylski
Donated by: Ed and Sueann Prybylski**



Take Note ~ Save the Date ~ Mark Your Calendar

Big Deal Kayak Trip Rescheduled — New date is Saturday, July 28th. Due to uncertain weather last weekend, The Big Deal Kayak trip was rescheduled. Please stop by the information table near the church office for more information and to sign up. Kayaks must be reserved before the event, so sign up is required. For any questions regarding this event email Cory Head at youth@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com.

Small Group Study begins August 19 — The book study is *Wisdom: God's Vision for Life* by Jeff Cavins. Mark your calendars for our next parish-wide Small Group Study beginning the week of August 19th. You may form new group or join an existing group. Contact Sarah O'Donnell for more information at fellowship@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com.

Early Learning Center Annual Golf Tournament — Save the Date — Friday, September 14th, at Bay Pointe Golf Club. Please call the Early Learning Center at 601-992-2876 if you have any questions or email stpaullearningcenter@gmail.com.

Religious Ed Registration — We will open registration for all Religious Ed Classes for ages 3 years through 12th grade during the entire month of August. Registration will be online. Classes will begin the week of September 9th. Ages 3 years through 6th grade meets Sundays @ 9:15 am. 7th through 12th grade meets Wednesdays @ 6 pm. An adult class meets Sundays @ 9:15 am. All are welcome. Contact Renee Borne for more information at rel.edu@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com

ChristLife Sessions — All are invited into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Discover or deepen your relationship with Him and be transformed into His missionary disciple. The ChristLife Process helps us discover, follow, and share Jesus Christ. Registration will be online. Contact Rodney Hipp for more information at adult.edu@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com.

Discovering Christ October 23—December 11, 2018 (Retreat Day Dec 1st)

Sharing Christ October 4—November 17, 2018 (Retreat Day Nov 17th) *must have completed Discovering & Following Christ*

Following Christ April 23 — June 4, 2019 (Retreat Day May 18th) *must have completed Discovering Christ*



Let the Holy Spirit change your way of thinking.



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Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm; Friday 8:00am-12noon