

Mass Intentions ~ June 17-23, 2019

Monday @ 7:30 am — People of the Parish
Tuesday @ 7:30 am — US Armed Forces (SpInt)
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — People of the Parish
Thursday @ 7:30 am — Fr. Gary Balcom (RIP)
Friday @ 7:30 am — Priscilla O'Brien
& Joseph Sikoresky (RIP)
Saturday @ 5:30 pm — People of the Parish
Sunday @ 8:00 am — Vocations to the Priesthood
Sunday @ 10:30 am — Dianne Bechtel (RIP)

*Altar Flowers this week are donated by: Donna Lee Reiss
In Honor of Father Gerry Hurley and In Memory of John R Reiss*

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

40 Hours of Adoration in the Family Life Center Friday 6:30pm — Sunday 10:30 am

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Zena Lowrey
Doug Falcon
Anna Ogden, mother of Melanie Ogden
John Kaiser, brother of Amy Kaiser
Larry Bright, grandfather of Jennifer Duffey

Repose of the Soul:

Mildred Jordan
Brelon Hall, grandfather of Cory Head

~ upcoming events ~ save the dates ~

40 Hours of Adoration — Friday, June 21st ~ Sunday, June 23rd
Sign up today! We still have open hours — Let's fill them!

Our Home Pledge Weekend — June 22/23

This is Our Home, Yours and Mine. It needs our help.

Pledge Envelopes need to be turned in next weekend. Contact the Church office if you have any questions, need information, or wish to set up an Automatic Bank Draft for the Capital Campaign.

St. Dominic Ministry — June 25th Sign up today to provide lunch items for families of ICU patients.

The Knights of Columbus are now taking orders for their Smoked Boston Butts — Cost is \$40 each. They will be hot and ready to pick up after both Sunday Masses on June 30th. Stop by the table to orders yours today!

Big Deal Youth Group Summer Fun: Open to all upcoming 7th graders thru graduating seniors!

- Sign up today for our Geyser Falls Trip, June 22nd
- Save the date for our Canoe Trip, July 20th; and our trip to the Brave's Baseball Game August 17th



Have you been given a gift of musical talent? If so, prayerfully consider auditioning for our

St. Paul Music Ministry — We are seeking the following musicians:

Synthesizer Keyboardist, Rhythm Guitarist, Male & Female Vocalists

Contact Alan Black by email music@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com or by phone 601-992-9547 if you are interested in applying and scheduling a private audition.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Offertory Collection for June 9/10
General Fund = \$20,969.84 Other = \$257



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

June 16, 2019 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

Meet the St. Paul Senior Leadership Team

Today, we hear from Lee —

As a child, I read and learned about politics and the 1960's cultural shifts. I tried to follow the Watergate debacle, the Vietnam War and the abortion movement. Today I am still interested in what shapes society's morality and how we identify ourselves. My Faith journey has taken me through the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Anglican Churches, leading me to the Catholic Church.

Being a Baptist kid, I was taught Bible stories and encouraged (uh, forced?) to memorize Scripture. I enjoyed my friends at church, maybe too much, because I was mischievous. I was inquisitive, asking about people starving in Africa who never hear the Gospel and how can there be exceptions to pro-life. I was told not to be argumentative and behave myself. I became bored with the worship services. They seemed lacking, except on major holidays. I had no idea what liturgy was or that it was even a word.

Becoming Presbyterian satisfied a lot of my curiosity until that curiosity waned, because Presbyterians had answers for everything. There were no holy mysteries. Something was missing. Becoming Anglican taught me that being mission-minded was more than giving money to foreign missionaries. It was realizing the mission field was located at work, next door, at Kroger, at the stop light. I also started warming to the idea of evangelism. I knew Jesus commanded me to make disciples of all nations, but I could not understand how to do that comfortably. I began asking God how that would look and sound. I sensed God saying, "Lee, it's all about relationships." The Anglican Church also introduced me to liturgical worship and built a comfort zone for Catholicism. Holy Spirit's guidance to become Catholic in 2017 was a gentle path, covered with easy readings (such as Scott Hahn's Rome Sweet Home) and RCIA's blessings.

I am excited to be Catholic, in full communion with Christians across the world. I love our liturgical worship. I yearn to be in Mass to kneel, to pray silently and aloud, alone and together, to read Holy Scripture, to meditate, to pass the peace, to sing, and to participate in the Eucharistic feast. But, the stirring voice since childhood is still present. Others do not know Jesus and experience Holy Spirit's comfort. So, my curious nature has prompted me to pray, what should I see and hear, Lord? Again, I sensed God saying, "Lee, it's all about relationships."

Over the years, I have heard (and used) excuses, such as "God will take care of His children" and "not everyone can evangelize," and "leave it to the missionaries to spread the Gospel." But, those and other messages are no longer usable. God is stirring. The Great Commission of "making disciples" applies to friends, neighbors and acquaintances right here in Rankin County. Though many people are different from me outwardly, they are part "of all nations." (MT 28:19) Holy Spirit reminds me we are all parts of one body. I cannot say I do not need other parts (children of God). I do need them. (1 Cor 12:15)

At this point in my Faith journey, I did not expect or volunteer to be part of any leadership, especially in this highly clerical structure, the Roman Catholic Church. But, God is stirring. At St. Paul. And, in me. He wants us to share the Gospel message. That Jesus is alive, here for us today, wanting a personal relationship with me. And you! His calling us to evangelism is inspiring when understood, transforming when shared, and tragic when ignored. I serve on the SLT to help fulfill the Great Commission.

Our Church is receiving its own collective nudge to reach out to the unchurched, the former churched, the fallen-away, the lonely and misguided. Those beautiful brothers and sisters we may know at work, in our neighborhoods, and those we may have never met. Here I am, Lord. Take away my defenses. Guard, guide and protect me from evil. I have heard you calling. Send me. Send us.

I hope to remain as inquisitive as when I was child. But, I have no doubt, God wants me at St. Paul, being evangelistic, and serving on SLT. I pray each of us looks upward to follow Jesus and inward to feel Holy Spirit changing our hearts.

— Lee Watt

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Our Home



This is Our Home.
Yours and mine.
It needs our help.



This is the dream.
Beautiful Worship + Beautiful Worship Space

Pledge Weekend is June 22/23 !!!
PRAY. COMMIT. TRUST.
What is the Lord asking you to give?

Capital Campaign Pledge Weekend ~ 40 Hours of Adoration

These two events just happened to fall on the same weekend, but **the connection is undeniable.** We began speaking of renovating our church home years ago, but the Holy Spirit led us to put off the physical portion and instead put our energy and resources into working on the spiritual portion. Thus, we embarked on bringing ChristLife to our community. We best serve our mission as a Catholic Christian Church when our church is filled with people who have and continue to seek a **personal relationship with Jesus Christ.** A beautiful building isn't enough.

The decision to offer ChristLife, and the decision to forgo the expense of hiring outsiders to lead our Capital Campaign, were both made with a great deal of **Prayer, Commitment, and Trust.** The Lord has greatly blessed our parish. We are no longer merely in maintenance mode, our hearts are connecting with the One who made our hearts and who continually seeks our hearts. **Jesus is calling, inviting, loving, blessing.** We are moving in His Spirit to answer His call to invite others to experience His love and blessings.

Our building is in great need of major repair. With your help, we can repair all the damaged areas, improve the structure, and create a larger, more welcoming place of worship. We ask you to **spend intentional time in silent prayer seeking the Lord's guidance** on what you can do to help, what amount you can give to this plan. Perhaps this calls for some sacrifice we each are willing to make over the next five years, so that **future generations** will be able to continue the Mission. Whether you are just starting out with a part-time job, or have worked a lifetime and are now navigating retirement — **there is something you can give.** The amount will not be the same for each of us. Some are in a position to give a higher amount than others. But, if we all do our part — if we all step up and add a pledge to our personal budgets, the dream will become the reality. **Pledge weekend is next weekend!** Please bring your pledge envelope complete with a plan for giving to the **renovation of Our Home.**

Just as importantly, we ask you to join us for one hour in silent prayer with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament during our upcoming **40 Hours of Adoration.** We gather in a peaceful setting to bow before our God, opening our hearts and **listening to Him.** We pray for the needs of the world, for blessings on our parish, and for our own personal intentions. **Jesus invites us** to step away from the noise of the outside world, just as He did, and pray. Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful gift. He is here waiting for us, always ready, always loving, and ever merciful. These 40 hours lead us prayerfully into the celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. What an appropriate preparation for this! **We ask at least five people be present per hour beginning at 6:30 pm this Friday, June 21st, and concluding at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 23rd.** Call the office to see what hours are needing to be filled.

Now is the time to renovate and expand **Our Home, St. Paul Catholic Church.** Just imagine a lost soul traveling on Highway 25, longing for a place to belong, a place where they are welcomed and accepted, a place to discover they have a Savior who loves them unconditionally. The Holy Spirit draws their attention to St. Paul, and nudges them to stop by for a visit. They see the beautiful steps leading to their future home filled with brothers and sisters who will open their arms and hearts, and share stories of what a difference having a relationship with Jesus Christ has made in their lives. God is calling us to this. How generously will we respond?

Pray. Commit. Trust.

40 Hours of Adoration
Sit with Him, Adore Him, Listen to Him



Begins June 21st @ 6:30 pm
~40 consecutive hours~
Ends June 23rd @ 10:30 am



sign up today