

Mass Intentions ~ September 2-8, 2019

Monday @ 7:30 am — Communion Service

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*Tuesday @ 11:00 am — Memorial Service for Jason Laughlin

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Communion Service

Thursday @ 7:30 am — Communion Service

**Friday @ 10:00 am — Healing Mass

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — People of the Parish

Sunday @ 8:00 am — Dawn McClelland (RIP)

Sunday @ 10:30 am — Barry Carpenter (RIP)

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Judy Carr

Sharon Farner

Repose of the Soul:

Jason Laughlin, nephew of Linda Massey

Laurie Ann Balmes, sister-in-law of Brian & Eileen Balmes

Jackson Gaelogo, Northwest Rankin High School student



Altar Flowers this weekend are in memory of Lois Deane, donated by Lois' Small Group.



Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday @ 4:30-5:00 pm (or by appointment — call the Church office)

Adoration this week: Monday — Thursday, 8 am - 12noon, Friday 8-10 am

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Religious Ed registration, ages 3 years through 12th grade! **Classes begin NEXT WEEKEND!!!**

- **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.
- **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.

RCIA — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- **What is it?** The study of Catholic beliefs and practices for adults, baptized and unbaptized, who are searching for a Faith instruction and a place of worship.
- **When is it?** Classes meet weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning October 15th @ 6:30 pm

Small Group sign up is also open on our website! We will begin a new parish-wide Small Group study on September 22nd. We have openings for to join an existing group, or you can form a new group! Contact fellowship@spaulcc.org today!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, September 6th — First Friday Healing Mass @ 10:00 am, followed by the Fellowship Brunch. Fr. Gerry returns!

Saturday, September 7th — AFSM Rosary @ 4:45 pm, in the Chapel. Join us to pray for those serving in our U.S. Armed Forces and for our nation.

save the date — Habitat for Humanity Catholic Build is October 26th — save the date

FINANCIAL REPORT — Second Collection NEXT weekend for the Extension Society.

Offertory Collection for August 24/25: Regular collection \$12,486.00 Building Fund \$2,950.00

**Contact us: 601-992-9547 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.

*September 1, 2019
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



On this Sunday before Labor Day, we have an opportunity to reflect on what the Church teaches us about the dignity of work and the rights of workers. In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. As we mark Labor Day this year, we are invited in a special way to reflect on the persistence of low wages and inequality in our workplaces.

In your own experience of work—in an office setting, serving others, as a student, or working in the home—how have you experienced work as a form of participation in God's creative action? How are persistent low wages a barrier to full participation in that creative action? What can you do to support workplaces built upon justice and dignity?

Let us pray for the dignity of work and the rights of workers ~

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard, How wonderful that you have invited us who labor by the sweat of our brow to be workers in the vineyard and assist your work to shape the world around us. As we seek to respond to this call, make us attentive to those who seek work but cannot find it. Help us listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families but still have trouble making ends meet. Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize, and time for renewal. For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity. Give all who labor listening hearts that we may pause from our work to receive your gift of rest. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your justice reign.

Amen.