



Monday, September 22nd

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Helen Wyrwas

Tuesday, September 23rd

7:00 A.M. Bernice Cleary Kilroy

Wednesday, September 24th

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

8:15 A.M. Intentions of Julie Volpe

Thursday, September 25th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Joe Glim

Friday, September 26th

7:00 A.M. Dorothy Kozak

Saturday, September 27th

8:30 A.M. Miriam Going

5:30 P.M. Intentions of Lee McKeska

Sunday, September 28th

7:30 A.M. John Dirrigl

9:30 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners

11:30 A.M. Bernard Misner

6:00 P.M. Nong Thongsaly



*'I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better.'*
(Philippians 1:23)

I have avoided referring to my health situation in these weekly bulletin columns, instead relying on the website to convey information on my condition and treatments. But today St. Paul leaves me little choice.

Paul says he doesn't know which to choose, whether life or death. If he lives, he could *continue in the service of all, for their progress and joy in the faith*. If he dies, he could *be with Christ*,

But his struggle with these issues seems so different from mine. He doesn't seem to have the slightest doubt about what lies beyond this life.

I must say that I find myself clinging to this life, with much less detachment than Paul seems to have. But then I think, Paul couldn't be that different from me. I'm sure he had doubts and worries, before he came to a state of detachment---and even then he probably relapsed on occasion into anxiety.

What can I learn from Paul about detachment? How do I get the peace of heart when one can say both that *life is Christ, and death is gain*? Paul, on the Damascus Road, had *seen the Righteous One, and heard the sound of his voice*. (Acts 22:14). In his times of doubt, he must have gone back in his memory to that experience. And that memory reinvigorated his faith.

Perhaps I need to treasure more the experiences of the Risen Christ that I have had. The times I have really felt love, or joy, or peace, or grace, or contentment. The times I have really felt God's presence. My own Damascus Road experiences. Just writing this reflection quiets my unsettled heart.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Thank you from the Priests and Sisters to the Knights of Columbus and to the fine committee that put together last Saturday's Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner. The dinner from Pepin's was excellent, and the atmosphere fun and festive. We are happy to know that proceeds from the dinner will help support our diocese's seminarians in their preparation for the priesthood.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children begins weekly sessions on Sun., Oct. 12th, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Center. These sessions are for children in 3rd grade, or older, who have not received the sacraments of Baptism or First Eucharist. One parent must attend with their child/children. Please call the parish office for information or to register.

Update on Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA): Thus far **283** parishioners have pledged to the diocese's 2008 APA, pledging a total of **\$53,265.09**, for an average pledge of \$188.22. **Thanks** to everyone who has pledged!

The new schedule for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers is now posted on the website. Hard copies are available in the sacristy for those who do not have computer access.

Animal Blessing. In honor of St. Francis, please join in a celebration "Praising God for His Creation" on Thursday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. on the parish grounds. All are invited to bring their family pet for a special blessing.



Is what I do after I say "I believe"...

Offertory for Sunday, September 15, 2008:

297 Envelopes.....	\$	10,449.00
Loose.....	\$	1,551.00
AOP (debit).....	\$	2,011.00
AOP (credit).....	\$	0.00
Total.....	\$	14,011.00

*The master of the vineyard asked,
'Are you envious because I am generous?'*
(Matthew 20:15)

How generous the Lord is, in so many ways.
Our stewardship is our attempt to thank him.

Please remember St. Paul's Church
in your estate plan.

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St. Paul Says:

"Only conduct yourself in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Philippians 1: 27a

Youth Ministry. Thank you for the wonderful warm welcome last weekend! I feel blessed to be a part of this parish family as well as Holy Family! To the youth of the parish I look forward to meeting you all! Thank you to those who were able to attend our first meeting. It is not too late to join us if you would like to volunteer helping in the youth program!! We will meet again Monday night Sept. 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room here at St. Paul's Parish Center. I will hold a volunteer catch meeting at Holy Family Wednesday night Sept. 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room. Please contact me at the parish office on Monday's or Wednesday's or email me at ymgailcow@yahoo.com. We hope to begin the youth program the first or second weekend in October. More details will follow next week. Please keep an eye on the bulletin and the website for updates. God Bless! ~Gail~

"That Man Is You!" started this past Wednesday morning. Grow in your Catholic faith through reflection on Scripture and the Catholic tradition. Format includes continental breakfast, video presentation, discussion, and prayer. Meetings every Wednesday morning in the cafeteria. Continental breakfast at 5:30 a.m. Program begins at 6 a.m. and ends promptly at 7 a.m. All men of the parish are invited, and walk-ins and new registrants are welcome any week. E-mail parishioner Rob Hudson at rhudson@photoscience.com to register in advance, or call parishioner Bill Teska at 1.917.804.5265.

Senior Club will meet on Tuesday, September 23, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Center Blue Room. Our guest is a Dept. of Elections representative who will demonstrate the new optical scan voting system and provide forms for registration, updating address or signature, and voting by mail. Prospective members are cordially invited to join us.

Knights of Columbus new member recruitment drive is after all Masses on September 27-28th. The Knights of St. Paul's Council #13657 are looking for a "Few Good Catholic Men" to help in good works for the parish and community. First Degree, the Degree of CHARITY, is September 30th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Call Terry Cuniff at 824-8577 for details.

You are invited to a free dinner and movie on October 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria to celebrate our Year of St. Paul. There will be a pizza dinner and the movie, *Paul, Contending for the Faith*. George Martin, scripture scholar, writer, and speaker, will be our facilitator for the evening and will lead us on the journey of St. Paul. RSVP to the parish office or email Joan Dirrigl at jkdmmary@aol.com. Childcare is available, but we must know how many children will come.

Altar Server Training. The second training session for new altar servers is from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Sept. 27th in the church. Training is open to any girl or boy in grade FOUR or above. A parent or guardian must accompany the child on the first day. Applications are available in the Parish Office. For questions or to arrange **MC Training** for those in grade 8 or above, call Ron Brackett at 823-1824 or email ron.brackett@gmail.com.

Evening Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. in second floor lounge room of the Parish Center. We

use *Our Father's Plan* narrated and explained by Jeff Cavins and Scott Hahn of EWTN. We are continuing this fall with Judges 1:1-2:23; 4-16. Please join us. Call Karen McKenna, the program facilitator, at 543-4076 if you have questions.

Christ Renews His Parish for Men is a spiritually rewarding retreat conducted by our parish priests together with a group of St. Paul parishioners. It begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday mid-afternoon. The next retreat is Oct. 17th-19th. Call the parish office for more information

St. Paul, A Bible Study Guide for Catholics is a scripture study offered by the parish as part of our Jubilee Year Celebration of the Apostle Paul using the Study Guide written by Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J. Thank you to parishioners Jackie Mallory, Pat Wiand and Rhona Beettam, all former Directors of Religious Education, for conducting this study in conjunction with our Family Religious Education program. For more information or to register please call Annamaria in the parish office. Classes begin Sun., Oct. 12th, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and meet bi-weekly in the Parish Center Blue Room through May.

Reminder, 40 Days for Life begins September 24th!! Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. with Adoration at 6:30 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 23, in the Chapel of the Cathedral of St. Jude. Candle Light Vigil from 7-8 p.m. on Sept. 24 in front of All Women's Health Center. Contact Francesca McEntegart at 727-452-0641 or francescattm@gmail.com.

Concerned about climate change? Join St. Paul's Green Team and Faiths United for Sustainable Energy (F.U.S.E.) to learn how people of faith are already having an impact and how you can take action that will make a difference. Wed., Sept. 24th in Parish Center Blue Room from 7-9 p.m. Call Sharon Moorhead at 526-2823 to RSVP or for information.

Partners with Haiti Hurricane Relief. Our parish responded with great love last weekend to the appeal for our family in Haiti suffering from hurricanes, and over \$2,200 can be sent immediately. **Partners with Haiti asks the parish family of St. Paul's to designate Fridays through the end of hurricane season as days for prayer and sacrifice for our family of St. Isidore in Haiti.** Skip a meal and/or drink only water every Friday and donate the money saved for meals, water and rebuilding. Make checks out to Partners with Haiti, Inc., memo line "hurricane relief".

CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Paul #13657 Auxiliary of the Columbiettes on receiving the Margaret Mary J Mangan Award for its achievements in meeting or exceeding the criteria of service for Religious, Charitable, Community, and Youth Activities. The Columbiettes are a unified body of Catholic women becoming more effective Catholics by actively working towards goals of unity and understanding. We invite all Catholic women of the parish to join with us at an open meeting – Tuesday October 7. We will gather at the grotto at 7:00 p.m. to pray the rosary, then proceed to the parish center – blue room – for a business and social time. Join the Columbiettes and enjoy the challenges and satisfaction of making a difference. For more information contact: Cheryl Carver 866-8888 chcarver@yahoo.com or Jean Davison 898-8884 civexgovjd@aol.com.