Dear sisters and brothers,



A church member came to his pastor's study one day. The priest could see that the man looked deeply troubled. The man said, "Father, I need to talk. I feel so empty, so dried up inside, I'm scared." His voice began to quiver just a bit. He said "Father, I have just come from the doctor's office, and he told me that I have only six months at best to live. After I left the office, I realized that I have no spiritual resources, no inner strength to cope with this. There is

nothing and there is no one to fall back on, to lean against. Many people would be surprised to hear me say that, for I have made lots of money, so much more money that anyone would ever begin to believe I have. People also believe that I am a success not only at making money, but at being a strong, powerful person."

He then fell quiet, and the pastor waited in silence for him to go on. Finally, the man said, "You know I'm poor in the things that count the most. I see it now. I've put my faith in the wrong things, and the truth is I am destitute, spiritually bankrupt, destitute. But still I could pick up the phone and call any bank in Baton Rouge and borrow any amount of money to do whatever I wanted to. Just on my name, Father, just on my name! Do you understand? I could borrow it on my name only."

The man then leaned forward and put his head in his hands, and said softly through tears, "I guess there are some things you can't buy or borrow."

This man's material bank was full to overflowing, but his spiritual bank was empty. That, my friends, cannot be out situation! God has gifted us, each with enough resources, enough that we can change the world. And we need to start right here.

It sounds naive. It is naive, when you compare it with the problems that exist in our lives, our families, our communities and even in our church. But we are confronted with a choice in life. That's the point of these parables. We are confronted with a choice. We can do nothing and play it safe. Or, we can take a risk.

Jesus praised the scandalous steward for taking a risk. As a matter of fact, Jesus himself took the ultimate risk as he lived and died only to rise again for our salvation and change the world, He did! Talk about a risk worth taking!

Jesus invites us to step out in faith – take a risk to change the world – start here. It can be done, and you can be one of those who do it, but it takes faith, faith enough to take a risk with what you have and what you can call forth from others.

In the end, Jesus wants us who bear his name to be people who risk it all because of our love for Him to make a difference in the world. The question is: Is it worth the risk?

In the Divine Word, I am *Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD* 

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	Parish Schedule for the Week			
Sunday:	7:30 a.m. Mass- Ladies Guild Turn Out			
	9:00 a.m. Religious Education			
	10:30 a.m. Mass			
Monday:	No Mass			
	6:30 p.m. Word & Deed Gathering			
Tuesday:	8 a.m. Mass			
Wednesday:	8 a.m. Mass			
	4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir			
	6:00 p.m. Bible Study			
Thursday:	5:00 p.m. Ladies Guild Meeting			
	7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir			
Friday:	8:00 a.m. Mass			
	6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice			
Saturday:	10:30 a.m. Parish Meeting			
	11:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice			
	12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal			
	12:15 p.m. Early Voting –Bus Provided			

#### TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY Drivers for Sunday, September 29, 2019 Lloyd Young, Janice Hamilton



If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic, please sign up in the foyer of the church or invite them to sign up for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) which will begin this month. This is an exciting faith growing journey. If you have any question, please contact Fr. Richard Andrus at 383-2537.

## Our Church Fair is Sunday, Oct. 6



Member are needed to:

**1.** Buy or sell one raffle ticket. Buy a ticket with friends or pay online for a ticket at **stpaulbr.org**.

**2.** Help clean ribs Friday, Oct. 4th, 8:30-until. Come & work as your schedule permits.

**3.** Set up tents & booths Saturday, Oct.5, 8:00-12:00. Lunch will be provided.

**4**. Work one to two hours at a booth or help clean up after the Fair.

5. Donate cakes, pies, or candies to the Sweet Shop.

**6.** Give household items to our Silent Auction; bring items 8:30 A.M. Saturday, Oct. 5.

7. Give \$25, \$50, \$100 or whatever you can to defray the cost of the ribs. Use the envelopes in the foyer of the church and drop it in the collection basket.

**8.** Bring pop-up tents 8:00 A.M. Saturday, Oct. 5 to use Sunday; security guards with be on the grounds all night to protect all items. write your name of your tent.

9. Sign up to participate in the Talent Show.

**10.** Come out & participate in the Swing-Out Dance Contest.

#### **Parish Meeting**

A very important parish-wide meeting has been planned with Fr. Rick Andrus, the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. It will be held on **Saturday morning, September 28<sup>th</sup>. from 10:30 until noon.** It is important for all members of the parish to make an effort to attend in order for everyone to understand the financial situation we are in, our weekly needs and long-term goals and then, make a commit to making St. Paul even stronger for the future. I hope to see you there!

#### **Early Voting**

St. Paul has been invited to join with **State Representative** C. **Denise Marcelle** and the **Honorable Congresswoman Maxine Waters** to ride their bus and vote early on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave the M.L.K. Center at 12:15 P.M and return after everyone has voted. The ride is free – the event is historic but you need to sign up this weekend on the list in the foyer or call the office no later than 3 PM Monday so that names can be turned in and that the promoters are sure there are enough seats and busses!

# Happy Birthday

Cheryl Barton 9/22 Darryl Boyd, Sr. 9/22 Ohaisha Davis 9/22 Marie Myles 9/22 Mona Seals 9/22 Rosemary Brown 9/24 Jasmine Oliver 9/24 Lisa Price 9/25 Terry Alexander 9/26 Leslie Bradford 9/27 Jazzmine Eugene 9/28

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Audrey Christopher, Edna Davis James, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Dorothy Bazile, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, George Bell, Mary Lena Price, Willis Reed, Jr., Joseph Broussard, Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Jasman Benjamin, James Hayward, Gussie Trahan, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Quincy Hamilton, Charles Davis, Jr., Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, John Christophe, Meredith Jones, Patrick Simms, Mae Ruby Johnson, and Carolyn Bajoie

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Geraldine Floyd, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin, Alberta Conner, Martha Reinhart, Dana Simoneaux, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, Ernie Butitta, Edna Dixon, Gene Decuir, Charles Bethley, and Janet Bossier

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Offertory Collection	\$ 4,274.05			
Children's Offering	\$ 5.00			
Online Giving	\$ 1,190.00			
Building Fund	\$ 85.00			
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 40.00			
Catholic University of America	\$ 13.00			
Religious Education	<u>\$ 560.62</u>			
Total	\$ 6,167.67			

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