



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 10, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that there will be no daily Mass until February 23rd.

Sun. (17th): **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00 am Sunday Celebration of the Word (with Communion)

PLEASE NOTE

SUNDAY MASS will not be celebrated on Saturday, February 16 or Sunday, February 17.

There will be a **SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION** at 11:00 am on Sunday, February 17.

Rehearsal for those ministering next Sunday at 11:00am will be held Saturday, February 16th at 10:00 am.

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Half-hour before Saturday morning and Saturday evening Mass, or anytime by appointment.

Infant Baptism: Please contact Fr. Louis at least one month prior to Baptism.

RCIA: Adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church should contact Fr. Louis.

Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Louis at least 6 months prior to the time you would like to be married.

Anointing: Please contact Fr. Louis at any time.

For Anointing of the Sick and other emergencies, you may contact Fr. Louis at 1.306.530.0126

CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Lord, you are the Word made flesh. Open my heart to share your message of love and hope with the people around me.

- From *Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

REFUGEE FAMILY/COMMITTEE UPDATE



The Johar family has been living in Yorkton for just over 6 months now. All are attending English classes and the son Bilal is working at a grocery store. His English is progressing well because he is in the public and interacting with people. The others are having more of a challenge and need some extra help.

We are looking for people who could interact with them and help with their English. People of different ages, particularly younger women to help the daughter, Besma. The weather and language can be quite isolating, so your participation would mean a lot for the whole family.

We are also in need of more people who can help drive them to appointments, etc. The more drivers the better so that the commitment can be light.

And we continue to accept financial donations that you can make through the parish. Please make cheque payable to “St. Gerard Church” with “Refugee Family” on the memo line.

If you can help in any area - English skills, social interaction, or driving - contact Rejean Houle at 306.641.5430.

*Jesus, Savior, Friend
 you have called us in the midst of our brokenness to change the world with love.
 Help us to receive your mercy
 that we might be imperfect instruments of your amazing love.
 Amen.*



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News February 11 - February 15, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Jr. Boys Bball @ SHHS	•Gr. 6&8 Ski Trip •SCC Meeting			•Gr. 6&8 Ski Trip	
Tues.	•Ski trip	•Dream Brokers Art Session	•Boys Bball vs St. Al's	•Gr. 4 Swimming	•Bball vs Yorkdale	
Wed.				•5/6E,6F,7F Curling	•Gr. 4 Swimming •SCC Family Night @ KofC Park	
Thurs.	•Jr. Girls Bball Conference Playoffs @ SHHS	•Family Lunch		•Spirit Day – Red/White/Pink •Candygrams delivered •Gr. 6&8 Ski Trip	•Outdoor Winterfes •Gr. 4 Swimming	
Fri.	•Jr. Girls Bball Conference Playoffs @ SHHS			•Spirit Day – dress like a staff member •French Carnival		

“Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning.”
 ~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND FEBRUARY 17TH

Are you ministering to the Sick/Homebound on Sunday, February 17th? **Please come to the church at 10:00 am** to receive the consecrated hosts (note that there will not be a 9am Mass on Sunday, February 17th).

There will be a rehearsal for all those who will be ministering at the *Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion* (February 17th at 11am) **Saturday, February 16th at 10am.**

Starting in Lent..... Bible Study!

Beginning March 11th there will be Bible Study at 7pm each Monday evening. For more information, please speak with Father Louis.

Centering Prayer

the last Thursday of each month at 7pm
Lower Level (please use east entrance)



Ash Wednesday is coming! (March 6th)

*“Turn away from sin
and be faithful to the Gospel.”*

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 10	Sunday Brunch
Feb. 13	General Meeting
Feb. 14	Semi-annual Audit due
Feb. 18	Family Fun and Fishing Day
Feb. 25	Articles for “The Word” due

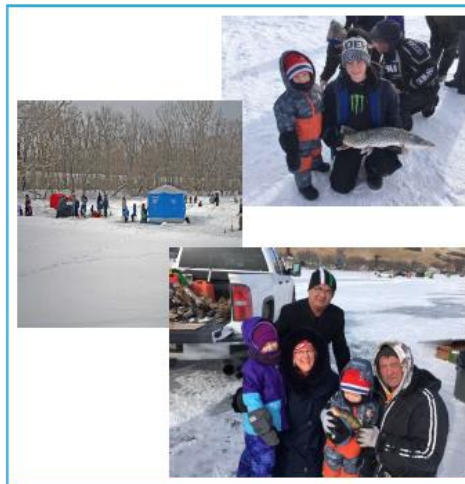
The Knights of Columbus would like to inform everyone that we are now planning our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We invite everyone to provide suggestions on activities you would like to see during this event. Please come to our General meeting where we will be discussing this celebration.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message). More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca

An Invitation to join the Knights of Columbus

Join the Knights of Columbus – become an online member today. www.kofc.org/joinus Benefits: monthly Columbia Catholic magazine, free accidental death benefits, insurance and other financial products, scholarships for your children, faith formation, charitable service, and much more.

For more information, “Google” Knights of Columbus-An Invitation-Video



**Monday,
February 18, 2019**

Starts at 1:00 pm

**Melville Beach
(Crooked Lake)**
From Yorkton take Hwy 10 south to Melville, Hwy 47 south to #247, then east to Melville Beach.

Watch for signs!

BBQ lunch to be served!

Wrap up by 6:00 pm

MON., FEBRUARY 18 FAMILY FUN DAY

FREE ICE FISHING & BBQ AT CROOKED LAKE

The Knights of Columbus (Yorkton & Melville) are sponsoring a Family Fun Day of ice fishing! No fishing license required.

All parishioners, their family and friends are invited!

Learn ice fishing techniques! BBQ lunch will be supplied at no cost! For those without ice-fishing gear, there will be some available to use.



Family Fun Day is sponsored by the
Yorkton & Melville
Councils of the Knights of Columbus

TO REGISTER:

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Bringing Home the Word **+**

Glimpsing God's Abundance

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In her later years, my mother lived on a lake in Wisconsin, not far from our home. There, our daughters learned to swim and fish. One day, when our younger daughter was about eight, we went to the end of the pier to fish quietly. She had learned to cast her rod after a fashion and was happily doing that when I looked out to where I expected to see the bobber on her line and realized it wasn't there. Just as I started to ask about it, she gave a little yell as her line suddenly took off and she grabbed her rod to hang on. She saw the foot-long bass jump out of the water a little distance away and her eyes widened. With some help, she got the fish to the pier, where my husband netted it. The amazement of a child who had never caught more than small fish was evident, and she proudly helped clean it for the evening meal.

I can only imagine what the apostles, who were seasoned fishermen, felt that day on the Sea of Galilee, the subject of today's Gospel. Likely it was amazement at this stranger who apparently knew more about fishing than they did, but there was also a glimpse of an abundance they didn't know was possible and a sense that Jesus meant life for them. Peter drops to his knees, suddenly aware of his doubts and sins. Jesus simply tells him not to be afraid, shows him what he can do with God's help, and waits for him to follow. Let's approach the life God calls us to with the same amazement and humility.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

Thursday, **MARCH 7TH**
3pm to 6pm

Cabbage rolls \$25 (5 dozen bag)
Potato & onion perogies \$35 (10 dozen bag)
Potato & cheddar perogies \$40 (10 dozen bag)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St. Gerard Church
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7pm
St. Gerard Social Hall

All parishioners are urged to attend.

From the Chair of Pastoral Council

On November 28, 2018 the St. Gerard Pastoral Council unanimously passed the following two motions:

- 1 That the meal rates for funeral lunches and Hall rentals be set in accordance with the recommendations by the Hall Committee.
- 2 That effective January 1, 2019 St. Gerard's Parish Hall, except for existing bookings, will no longer be available to the general public for rent or catering unless used for functions as an extension of the Church.

After each Mass during the weekend of February 23 and 24, Brian Kruger (Finance Council Chairperson), Lorne Wanner (Hall Committee Chairperson), Ernie Bobowski (Pastoral Council Chairperson), and Father Louis will be in the Parish Hall to answer any questions that parishioners may have.

- Submitted by Ernie Bobowski,
Pastoral Council Chairperson

STEWARDSHIP SURVEY

Please return your completed survey by Sunday, February 24th. Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. (10th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep. (Hall)
Mon. (11th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Tues. (12th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
Wed. (13th): 7:00 pm- K of C General Meeting
Fri. (15th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (Meeting Room A)
Sat. (16th): 10:00 am- Rehearsal for Sunday
Celebration of the Word with
Communion

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Fishers of Men and Women"

This Week...

Sins and faults abound! Isaiah, Paul, and Peter - all great people - were also sinners. So are you and so am I. Their sinfulness affected their ability to believe in themselves and to think themselves worthy to serve God's purpose. But actually, because every human is imperfect and flawed, every human is a sinner. We are each equally "unfit to serve." That means we are also equally "fit to serve."

Not to worry! Jesus showed us that we need not be perfect. God can weave great things out of all of us, even though we are sinners.

For Your Reflection

Try to picture what Simon Peter was like. He was a very proud man, and his reputation as a fisherman was probably very important to him. It was a sad day after spending the night fishing and having nothing to show for it. But at least his reputation was somewhat protected if no one else had caught any fish either! Then along comes Jesus, and he has Simon Peter lower the same nets from the same boat, in the same place. The result? Fish jumping all over the place! Imagine how Simon felt! Obviously, this Jesus is a miracle worker. Simon was taken aback that such a holy man would come to him - a sinner, and probably not that great a fisherman, if the truth be told. All Simon could say was, "Leave me, go away. I am a sinful man." The scene is almost comical. The great fisherman can't catch a thing all night, but this carpenter has him lower the nets once and he immediately hauls in a giant load of fish. But Jesus sticks with him: "So what if you can't catch fish? You'll be catching men and women instead."

Have you ever been embarrassed by your sudden inability to do what you have always been able to do?

Did you ever "freeze up" or "choke" during an athletic event, a musical performance, or a speech? What happened? How did you recover? What did your friends say? Who supported you?

We don't hear about Simon Peter's individual sins, but we know he must have been a sinner because nobody is perfect. Everyone has faults.

What kinds of things do you think Simon Peter did that were sinful? What could have been some of his faults?

What are some of your faults? How do you deal with them?

What areas in your life have you improved upon?

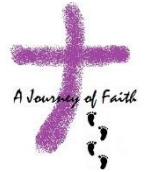
Do you have a close friend - so close that each of you can give each other the negative feedback that each of you needs without feeling slighted? What is that like?



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience that introduces the Christian faith in our Roman Catholic tradition. We explore topics such as Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history and the core beliefs of the Church. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

The RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized. There are several rites and stages that are part of the process to prepare adults for Baptism and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the Catholic Church respects that baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of our rebirth in Christ and our immersion into His saving death and Resurrection. It can never be repeated. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church happens after a period of preparation through catechesis, prayer and worship, and an introduction to Catholic life, values, and mission.



Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation can prepare for reception of this sacrament through a period of catechesis and prayer.

If you are interested in this journey of faith, please contact Fr. Louis at 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323.

And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning in their life, let them know about RCIA.

LOST SOMETHING?



Mitts, toques, etc. – check the literature display drawer marked "Lost and Found" in the Welcome Area.

Books, religious articles, jewellery, etc. – contact the Parish Office.

OFFERING A MASS

The offering of a Mass in the name of a deceased family member or friend is one of the greatest ways to keep our beloved dead in our living memory. At each celebration of the Mass, the great prayer of sacrifice is made complete as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is offered to God the Father. When we offer a Mass for a particular person, we ask that in a special way the individual be remembered by the priest who offers up the great sacrifice on behalf of the whole community of faith. In a very real and active way, the life, death and resurrection of the person remembered becomes present and is offered up with Jesus. Each time we offer up a Mass for someone, living or dead, we celebrate the greatest gift of our faith – the gift of Everlasting Life in Christ.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available daily at the EADM Centre Chapel at 484 Hamilton St. Regina. Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in Regina on a daily basis.

The Healing and Growth Centre St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission – Searching for God's purpose in your life? Want to live life more fully, and take your faith to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese! At St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, adults of all ages can explore their faith, discern their vocation in life, foster their prayer life and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.

Are you hurting because of an abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, please contact Elaine at 1.306.480.8911 or email r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

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