



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 17, 2019

Sixth 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

Tues. (19th): 2:00 pm *Funeral Mass*
Victoria Derowiz

Sat. (23rd): 9:30 am +Hilda Padar

5:00 pm +Larry Roth

Sun. (24th): **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass for the People
 11:00 am Special Intentions

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm



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.

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 never forget us; you answer all our needs. Keep me from being anxious about many things.

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



ST. GERARD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for the following positions (and terms):

Pastoral & Finance Council

Chairperson	3 years	Secretary	1 year
Stewardship	1 year	Public Relations	3 years
Family & Social	3 years	Properties	3 years

Nominations forms and copies of the *St. Gerard Constitution and Bylaws* are available in the Welcome Area and at the Parish Office.

Members of the Council must be members of Christ's faithful who are in full communion with the Catholic Church and who strive to be examples of Christian commitment. Only registered parishioners 16 years of age or older shall be eligible to serve on Council or any committee and be eligible to vote.

Pastoral Council Chairperson – Chairs the council meetings and annual assembly meeting. Is an ex officio member of all committees of council. Prepares agenda for each meeting in consultation with the pastor. Ensures that each elective committee meets regularly and fulfills its mandate according to the Bylaws. Presides over Council following the Constitution of the Pastoral Council of St. Gerard's (2010) and the Archdiocese of Regina Guidelines.

Secretary - Records the minutes of all regular council and assembly meetings. Maintains those records for the parish files. Writes letters, thank you, or other correspondence with the approval of council. Ensures that each newly elected member is in possession of the current St. Gerard's Pastoral Constitution and the current Archdiocese of Regina Guidelines. Prepares highlights of the Parish Council meeting for the following Sunday bulletin.

Stewardship – Responsible for creating awareness in all parishioners that everything we have comes from God – our life, our talents, our abilities, our intellectual gifts, and our holiness.

Public Relations – Keeps parishioners informed by means of newsletters and ensures the distribution of them. Promotes St. Gerard parish through the media. Maintains parish history, updates photo albums and scrapbooks, and arranges for photos/videos to be taken at parish functions.

Family and Social - Organizes and carries out parish social activities, for example, the social functions associated with the Sacraments and Sacramental preparation. Coordinates coffee/lunch after Sunday Masses and for other occasions.

Properties - Is responsible for the maintenance and operational care of the Church, the Rectory, the Hall, the grounds, and the equipment belonging to St. Gerard Parish.

Living with Loss -- Bailey's Grief Group, Spring 2019

Learn how to cope with grief, share your own experience and learn from others. Every week we will have discussions, time for reflection and watch videos by Dr. Bill Webster about how to manage the experience of grief. Bailey's Grief Group is free of charge and open to anyone who has suffered the death of someone loved.

Mondays, beginning March 4 - April 29, 2019
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Bailey's Funeral Home, Yorkton (45 Fifth Ave N)

Contact Crystal at 306.783.7552 for more information or to register.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News February 18 - February 22, 2019



Winter Break

"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

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)

CFC-FFL NEWS

The CFC-FFL community would like to invite everyone to join in our quest for **Live Christ Share Christ (LCSC)** movement. We will have a speaker from our community to discuss one of the pillars of LCSC called **Live Pure**.

In this program, he will be conducting a love and chastity forum for parishioners age 13-30 on Feb. 27 from 6pm-8:30pm in Meeting Rooms A & B.

There will also be another talk on Feb. 28 from 6pm-8:30pm for parents and parishioners (Meeting Rooms A & B). We are inviting you all to join us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239.

What is CFC-FFL?

Couples for Christ – Foundation for Family and Life is an evangelistic and missionary community committed to helping families become empowered by the Holy Spirit, and strive for holiness of life, committing to renew the temporal order through work with the poor, for justice, and for life. This community was formed in 1981 and has been given Vatican recognition. And in 2015, Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan granted permission for the *Live Christ Share Christ Movement* of CFC-FFL to exist in the parishes in the Archdiocese of Regina. At St. Gerard we have a very active CFC-FFL community. For more information, please contact Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 18 Family Fun and Fishing Day
Feb. 23 Family Fun Movie & Games Night
Feb. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
Mar. 5 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
Mar. 6 Executive meeting

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

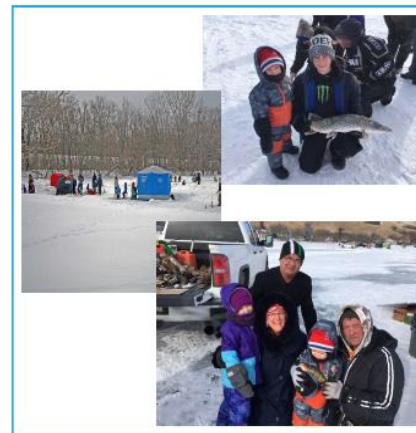
Family Fun Movie and Games Night

Sponsored by the K of C

Saturday, February 23rd
5pm-8pm (Lower Level)

Snacks & beverages will be provided.

RSVP to Eoin Moloney at
eoin.moloney@gmail.com or 306.577.5207



**Monday,
February 18, 2019**

Starts at 1:00 pm

**Melville Beach
(Crooked Lake)**
From Yorkton lake 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

TO REGISTER:

Brian T. Exner
306.730.7017
Wayne Exner
306.783.7380
Ron Walton
306.728.4978
Tom Cook
306.794.4466

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*



Bringing Home the Word

God's Nurturing Messengers

By Dan Finucane

Flower bulbs have an "up" end and a "down" end. It matters how you plant them. I didn't know that when I was a teenager. If you plant bulbs pointing up, they grow and blossom. If you plant them pointing down, they're in trouble. If you plant them more or less at random, there could be gaps in the flower bed.

I learned this one spring when our parish got a new pastor. He hired a few of us from the parish. I was the flower planter. He didn't select me for this job because of my knowledge of flowers. He picked me because he wanted to hire young parishioners to give us a little spending money.

Later that spring, when the flowers starting blooming, some of mine didn't. Our new pastor wasn't upset. He thought it was funny. He thought I could learn a little about planting bulbs...but I learned a whole lot more from this man who knew people have to grow into the job of being human. People might start going in the wrong direction, but they can be turned around with gentleness. They might even blossom.

The Bible is full of plant images. Today Jeremiah describes how a shrub in the desert doesn't know when its next drink will come. He describes those who are really blessed—the ones who are planted by a stream.

The Scriptures aren't really trying to give us information about plants. (I haven't found anything helpful there about bulbs.) But some basic growing points are clear. God isn't too keen on tearing up the garden. God plants near living streams. God teaches us to *trust* by an amazing, surprising strategy. God gives us messengers who *trust us*, guide us, nurture us—give us room to grow.

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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!

Coffee after Mass next Sunday morning!

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Mon. | (18 th): | <i>Parish Office Closed
until 1pm Tuesday</i> |
| | | 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project |
| Tues. | (19 th): | 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project |
| | | 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass |
| Fri. | (22 nd): | 6:00 pm- Buddies Choir rehearsal |
| | | 7:00 pm- RCIA (<i>Meeting Room A</i>) |
| Sat. | (23 rd): | 10:00 am- Deanery Meeting |
| | | 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass |
| | | 6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep.
(<i>Meeting Room A</i>) |
| Sun. | (24 th): | 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep. (<i>Hall</i>) |

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Blessed are You, Woe to You"

This Week...

Today is a day for looking at opposites. Sometimes we are blessed, and other times we are cursed, depending on where God is in our life. And sometimes when we are cursed by others, or by misfortune, that is when we are most blessed. How can we be blessed when we are feeling most cursed? The answer is in the paschal mystery - Jesus did not rise until after he died. Through death we receive our life. We are fools if we do not believe in a risen Christ.

How we look at comedy and tragedy can tell us a lot about our relationship with God and where we are heading.

For Your Reflection

This Gospel is a warning to examine the things that make us happy and sad.

- What kinds of things make you the most happy?
- If you have plenty of money, high social status, fine foods, and expensive material possessions, you might be drifting away from God. Why might this be true?
- What kinds of things make you sad?
- If you are filled with jealousy, greed, and lust, you might be drifting away from God. Why might this be true?
- If you yourself are living fairly well, yet things like poverty, oppression, and injustice still make you angry because they bring suffering to others, maybe you are coming closer to God. Why might this be true?
- If you feel joy and contentment when other people succeed, earn compliments, and experience good luck, then maybe you are coming closer to God. Why might this be true?

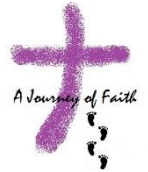
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C*, 2006, Saint Mary's Press



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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