



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 9, 2020

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

Mon. (10 th):		NO MASS
	7:00 pm	<i>Prayer Vigil—Eileen Flaman</i>
Tues. (11 th):	1:00 pm	<i>Funeral Mass—Eileen Flaman</i>
	6:00 pm	Family of Frank Paslawski
Wed. (12 th):	10:30 am	ASPEN VILLA
		+Lorraine Ernevien
	6:30 pm	Eugene Kuemper
Thurs. (13 th):	9:30 am	Kelly Halliday
	2:30 pm	LAKESIDE MANOR
		+Claude Slogocki
Fri. (14 th):	9:30 am	+Bill Oliver
Sat. (15 th):	9:30 am	+Irene Cherneski
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	5:00 pm	+John Jason Himpe
Sun. (16 th):		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

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 306.621.8068

CONTACT US

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Lord, you have blessed the world with goodness and love. Help me to use my gifts and talents in accordance with your will..

- 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):

Vice-chairperson	3 years	Secretary	3 years
Religious Education	3 years	Public Relations	2 years
Family & Social	2 years	Youth	3 years
Ecumenical	3 years	Stewardship	3 years
Properties	2 years		

Nominations forms are available in this week's bulletin, on the large table in the Welcome Area, and at the Parish Office.

If you have any questions about these positions, please contact Father Louis or stop by the Parish Office for a copy of the St. Gerard Constitution & Bylaws.

**The Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, March 12th @ 7:30 pm
in Meeting Rooms A & B.
All parishioners are encouraged to attend.**



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
February 10 - February 14, 2020**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SHHS visit Gr. 8 •Bball home games 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Friendship Week •Plaid Clothes Spirit Day
Tues.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chess Tournament 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming •Bball vs Columbia •SCC Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sundae Day \$2 •Wear PJs •Rocks 'n Rings with Seniors
Wed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Catch the Spirit 2020 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 8 to SHHS for Catch the Spirit Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •100th Day of School •SHHS Catch the Spirit Day •Gr. 4 Swim Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 8 Catch the Spirit Day at SHHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Farmer Day •Paper Airplane Contest
Thurs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Jr. Boys Bball @ MCS 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chess Club Pizza Lunch •Assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Staff Telemiracle Hot Dog Lunch •Outdoor Winterfest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Math Wizard Day •Wear black & white
Fri.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Valentine's Carnival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser •Valentine's Day •Wear Pink, Red & White 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Valentine's Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Red, Pink & White Day

~ Staff Appreciation Week - February 10 - February 14, 2020 ~

"Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning."

~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~

Ministries – February 15/16			
	5pm	9am	11am
Welcomer	Len C.	Wayne E.	Laura A.
Lectors	Debbie H. Keith H.	Ingrid P. Jayne S.	Mary B. Dwight G.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ernie B. Rejean H. Dolores L. Claudia S. Gerry Y.	Ken O. Adeline O. Lorne W. Rosella W. Jenny Z.	Angela O. Joe P. Maxine P. Deanna P. Yvonne T.
Hospitality	Team 3	Team 3	Team 3
Altar Servers	Madeline B. Brynn H.	Rylan F. Joey Z. Jorja Z.	Savannah G. Isabelle G. Harvey V.

If you are unable to serve in your ministry, please find a replacement. All ministers are to be in the sacristy at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass. Thank you.

World Day of the Sick

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Mass at 6:00 pm

All those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick are encouraged to attend.

Reception to follow.



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION

BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

The next Baptism Preparation Session is **Sunday, February 9th at 2:00 pm** (Lower level – please use east entrance).

Please contact the Parish Office to register: 306.782.2449 or office@stgerard.ca



First Reconciliation Retreat and Celebration of the Sacrament

Saturday, February 15th 10am – 3pm

Please pray for our children and their parents as they journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.



Congratulations to
Amber Hershmilller
Aron Hershmilller
who were received into
Full Communion
with the Catholic Church



News from the CWL



Memberships for 2020 are now due. The fee is \$30 (cash or cheque made payable to St. Gerard C.W.L.), and can be put in an envelope marked C.W.L. and dropped into the collection basket or left at the parish office. Receipts are in the grey box marked 'C.W.L. Receipts' on the glass table in the welcome area.

Our general meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month with the exception of April which is changed to the first Wednesday. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 12. Mass is at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow.

Please call Paulette (306.782.7923) if you have a change in address, phone number, or would like your email address added to receive emails regarding upcoming dates and events.

St. Gerard CWL

Perogy & Sausage Dinner *Plus Dessert*

Sunday, February 9, 2020

12:15pm @ St. Gerard Hall

Family	\$25	Adult	\$10
Ages 6-12	\$5	5 and under	Free

Proceeds to Parkland Right to Life



News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 12	General Meeting
Feb. 15	Afternoon Bingo
Feb. 25	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Feb. 25	Articles for "The Word" due

The 2019-2020 Roster is available for pickup in the Welcome Area for K of C members/widows of members

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or houle_r@yahoo.fr
More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca



Live Christ, Share Christ Seminar

Saturday, February 29th

12:30pm – 5pm

St. Gerard Main Hall

Hosted by Missionary Families of Christ

For more information, please contact Jenny Baraoidan 306.620.2848



Bringing Home the Word

Humble Bright Lights
By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Saint Paul says he came to the Corinthians in weakness and that he didn't use eloquent or persuasive words; rather he evangelized them in humility and with signs of the power of God. He doesn't claim to be a powerful or influential preacher. He was a humble and convinced apostle. Thus, when he evangelized, the power of God was at work in him.

Of course, Paul's humility doesn't mean he didn't make the best case possible for the faith. On the contrary, we are all called to profess and witness to the truth and to develop and use all our gifts and talents. Paul is simply stating that what is most important is that we remain open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within us and maintain our confidence in God and not in our own qualities or abilities.

If we are humble servants of the truth, then God's power will be shown. Isaiah prophesies that if we live charity in a real way—offering food to the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked—then our light will shine its strongest. Not only that, but our own personal wounds, whatever they are, will be healed. Truly, loving others is the best way to heal our own soul.

Isaiah proclaims further that if we live this way, God will have our backs. In biblical terms, "the glory of the Lord shall be [our] rear guard" (Isaiah 58:8). The Lord is a soldier who walks behind us, covers our blind spots, curtails our weaknesses, and protects and defends us. If God is for us, who can be against us? Let your light shine!

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

**The First Thursday of Every Month
from 3pm to 6pm**

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, March 5th

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

Valentine Tea and Bake Sale

Saturday, February 15
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's United Church
29 Smith St. E., Yorkton, SK
Admission \$5.00. All welcome.

Valentine Tea and Bake Sale

Saturday, February 15
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
201 4th Avenue, Canora, SK
Admission \$5.00. Everyone Welcome

God of justice, you have called us to give from what we have received for the benefit of all. Loosen our grip on what we cling to out of fear, and give us hearts to care practically for all those who suffer. May our witness inspire others to come to know and follow you. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (9th): 2:00 pm- Baptism Preparation Session (Lower Level)
5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation (Main Hall)
- Mon. (10th): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee (CWL Room)
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study (Lower Level)
- Tues. (11th): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee (CWL Room)
5:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal – 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting (Meeting Room B)
- Wed. (12th): 7:00 pm- K of C General Meeting
7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
- Fri (14th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA Group #1 (CWL Room)
7:00 pm- YA/T Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (15th): 10:00 am- First Reconciliation Retreat & Celebration of the Sacrament
4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal - 5pm Mass
- Sun. (16th): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2 (CWL Room)

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Light and Salt for the World"

This Week...

Five of the last six Sundays since Epiphany have had readings from Isaiah, and all of those five have used light as a symbol and image. Two of the Gospels have used it as well. In today's Gospel we are told directly that we are light for the world and salt for the earth. The power of light comes from God, and though we can see its effect, our limited human mind cannot comprehend it.

For Your Reflection

Salt is a preservative and a flavour agent for food. Salt used to be rare and difficult to mine, but it is found in almost every kitchen today.

- Why does Jesus compare us to salt?
- Who is an adult that is like salt to the world - someone who makes life more flavourful? How have you learned from this adult?

Because salt is a key ingredient in the many instant, canned, and prepared foods they consume, most [Canadians] eat too much salt, and many are at risk for high blood pressure.

- Do you know what your blood pressure is? When did you last have it checked?
- What are your favourite foods? Are you aware of how much sodium (salt) they contain?
- Do you put salt on food before you even taste it?
- When it comes to salt, it is possible to have too much of a good thing. If we are like salt, what might be the "good things" we have too much of?

Light is essential in order for us to see. When the sun goes down, we generally rely on electricity to light up our life.

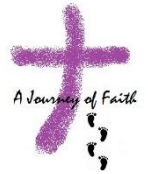
- What is the longest your home has ever gone without electricity? How did you cope?
- Besides electric lights, what things would you have to do without if your home lost electric power for a week?
- Why does Jesus compare us to light?
- Who has been light for you - who has helped bring you out of the darkness? How have you learned from this person? How did that learning take place?



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

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca