



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

January 20, 2019

Second 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. (21 <sup>st</sup> ):   | 12:00 pm                             | NO MASS<br><i>Week of Prayer<br/>for Christian Unity Service</i> |
| Tues. (22 <sup>nd</sup> ):  | 7:00 pm                              | +Florence Kruger   |
| Wed. (23 <sup>rd</sup> ):   | 9:30 am<br>10:30am                   | +Eileen Griffith<br>NURSING HOME (SOUTH)<br>Special Intentions   |
| Thurs. (24 <sup>th</sup> ): | 9:30 am<br>2:30 pm                   | +Donna Prout<br>YORKTON CROSSING<br>Special Intentions           |
| Fri. (25 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 9:30 am                              | Matthew Marchinko  |
| Sat. (26 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 9:30 am                              | +John Pacholka   |
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|                             | 5:00 pm                              | +Corazon Alfelor   |
| Sun. (27 <sup>th</sup> ):   | <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |  |
|                             | 9:00 am                              | +Mervin Todos  |
|                             | 11:00 am                             | Mass for the People  |

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm



### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion every Tuesday evening at 6pm

### 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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| Caretaker.....                   | Mario Guerra         |              |  |



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Lord, send your Spirit and empower me to use my gifts and talents for the common good of all people.

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

## 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



### Where Jesus' Love is Cool

St. Michaels Winter Camp  
Madge Lake – Duck Mountain Provincial Park  
February 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Come experience God's love as we blaze through cross-country trails, explore Duck Mountain, and have many winter adventures.

For Youth Age 10-15  
Register at [register@stmichaelscamp.com](mailto:register@stmichaelscamp.com)  
Registration deadline – February 8<sup>th</sup>



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 21 - January 25, 2019



|        | Sacred Heart               | St. Alphonsus                               | St. Mary                                 | St. Michael         | St. Paul            | St. Theodore             |
|--------|----------------------------|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Mon.   | •Jr Boys BBall vs Melville | •Gr. 4 Swimming                             |  |                     |                     |                          |
| Tues.  |                            | •Pulse Retreat<br>•Dream Broker Art Session | •Epiphany Celebration                    | •Gr. 4 Swim Day     | •Bball @ St. Paul's |                          |
| Wed.   |                            |   | •Pulse Retreat                           | •5/6E,6F,7F Curling |                     | •Epiphany Water Blessing |
| Thurs. |                            | •Gr. 6 Downhill Ski Trip<br>•Gr. 4 Swimming | •Gr. 6-8 Downhill Ski Trip to Assissippi | •Pulse Retreat Day  | •Gr. 6&8 Ski Trip   |                          |
| Fri.   |                            | •Epiphany Celebration<br>•Gr. 4 Swimming    |  | •5/6E,6F,7F Curling | •Pulse Retreat      |                          |

**"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*

The next Baptism Preparation session will be  
**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 2pm** in the Parish Hall.

To register for the Baptism Preparation session,  
please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

## Second Session on Centering Prayer

Thursday, Jan. 24 @ 7:00 pm in Meeting Room A

15 min. Video reviewing Video 1

20 min. Video answering some questions

Discussion to follow as to where we go from here.

## APPRECIATION SUPPER

for all

St. Gerard Ministers & Volunteers

Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm

St. Gerard Parish Hall



Supper courtesy of the parish.

\*\*Please sign up on the sheets in the  
Welcome Area so that we can determine  
the amount of food to prepare.\*\*

Bring your family!  
Share a meal and spend time  
together with other  
ministers & volunteers.



## News from the CWL



**Stitches of Love** will continue **EVERY** Monday and Tuesday until further notice! If you would like to take part in this wonderful sewing project, join us! Bring your own bag lunch and lots of enthusiasm and the seamstresses will find a task for you, even if you don't sew! We begin at 9:00 am.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| Jan. 21    | Evening Bingo               |
| Jan. 25    | Articles for "The Word" due |
| Jan. 26&27 | White Ribbon Campaign       |
| Jan. 31    | Fraternal Survey due        |

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who participated in replacing the kneelers in the church.

*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](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

## The White Ribbon Campaign

Weekend of January 26-27

The **White Ribbon Campaign** protests abuse towards women and children, and is all the more powerful because men began the campaign to send the message that abuse will not be tolerated. Your support of the White Ribbon Campaign, and wearing a white ribbon speaks out for wives, sisters, mothers and daughters. Thank you for your generosity. All proceeds go to Shelwin House.

- Submitted by the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2031

**Serena Saskatchewan**, a natural family planning service, invites you to our annual gala fundraiser "Une Nuit à Paris" on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Saskatoon.

For more info or to reserve your free tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/une-nuit-a-paris-a-fundraising-gala-tickets-53617859461> or email [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca) by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The gala will include a French catered banquet and wine, silent auction, pay a dime to be first in line (bring pocket change to increase your odds of eating first), and **guest speaker Fr. Stefano Penna "Authentic love in a sexually confused world"**. Each attendee you invite to the gala gives you a chance to win a prize. If you are unable to attend, please consider being an event sponsor or donating silent auction items.



# Bringing Home the Word

## Making the Ordinary Extraordinary

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In the legends of the saints in Ireland, it is said that St. Bridget performed a miracle similar to the one Jesus did at Cana. When three beggars came to the monastery, there was nothing to give them to drink. Bridget invited them in anyway and, seeing only the water used for washing clothes, she prayed to God. The wash water turned into beer, which she served to the guests.

While the account of the wedding feast is not a legend, the similarity between the two stories highlights the way God works in ordinary things (and sometimes in ordinary people) to make them extraordinary. Jesus turns the water at an everyday wedding into wine of such abundance that it reminds us of Isaiah's vision of the Lord's banquet when all will feast at the table. God worked through Bridget, an ordinary person, to turn the water used for washing clothes into beer to satisfy the thirst of three beggars. Though seemingly without, they had as much as they needed, and the generosity was remembered.

Even now, God takes what is mundane and uses it to show forth his glory and satisfy his people. John's Gospel highlights this activity as the first of the signs that Jesus performed. The legend of Bridget and the stories of those who reflect and share the grace of God in their day-to-day living strengthen our faith and hope that God is active still in the world and will bring us all to glory one day.

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### •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

## PARISH FUNDRAISER

Thursday, **FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
3pm to 6pm

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

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

— ORDO, Concacan Inc., 2018



**WEEK OF PRAYER**  
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019



**Justice and only justice  
you shall pursue.**

(Deuteronomy 16:18-20)

Every year, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. The international resources for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by colleagues in Indonesia. The 2019 theme, *Justice and only justice you shall pursue* (Deut. 16:18-20), calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. Drawing on the traditional values of *Bhineka Tunggal Ika* (Unity in Diversity) and *gotong royong* (living in solidarity by collaboration), Indonesian Christians invite us to be a united witness, and an agent of Christ's healing grace in a broken world, by making specific commitments to justice, equality, and unity.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Services

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Monday, January 21              | <b>12 Noon</b> |
| <b>St. Gerard Church</b>        |                |
| Tuesday, January 22             | <b>7pm</b>     |
| <b>St. Paul Lutheran Church</b> |                |
| 73 Smith St E                   |                |
| Wednesday, January 23           | <b>7pm</b>     |
| <b>Yorkton Alliance Church</b>  |                |
| 186 Allanbrooke Dr              |                |
| Thursday, January 24            | <b>2pm</b>     |
| <b>Westview United Church</b>   |                |
| 355 Bradbrooke Dr               |                |
| Friday, January 25              | <b>TBD</b>     |



### THE WEEK AHEAD

|        |                      |   |
|--------|----------------------|---|
| Mon.   | (21 <sup>st</sup> ): | 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project<br>9:00 pm- <b>Perogy Bee (dough)</b><br>4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal<br>7:30 pm- Community Life Committee Meeting ( <i>offsite</i> ) |
| Tues.  | (22 <sup>nd</sup> ): | 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project<br>9:00 am- <b>Perogy bee (pinching)</b><br>5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass<br>7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg.                 |
| Wed.   | (23 <sup>rd</sup> ): | 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (packaging)   |
| Thurs. | (24 <sup>th</sup> ): | 7:00 pm- Centering Prayer Workshop ( <i>Meeting Room A</i> )  |
| Fri.   | (25 <sup>th</sup> ): | 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal<br>6:00 pm- Buddies Choir rehearsal<br>7:00 pm- RCIA ( <i>Meeting Room A</i> )   |
| Sat.   | (26 <sup>th</sup> ): | 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass<br>6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep. ( <i>Meeting Room A</i> )   |
| Sun.   | (27 <sup>th</sup> ): | 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep. ( <i>Hall</i> )  |

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **“Jesus Turns Water into Wine”**

#### **This Week...**

There is something wonderful about a union —everyone loves a good wedding story where the two individuals promise to become one flesh, one entity. Isaiah reminds us that God loves us like a bride and groom love each other. But we need to remember that it is the individuality of each separate person that makes each union so enriching. When different gifts from the same Spirit come together and are allowed to grow and to be shared - in a marriage, a friendship, a business partnership, or in a parent-child relationship like Jesus and Mary's - the union is blessed and is made fuller.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus isn't interested in listening to his mother at first. But he seems to rethink the situation. After some thought, he goes ahead and does something that she probably would approve of.

When was a time that your mother or father or some older relative was trying to get you to consider an option, and you just didn't want to go along with their idea? But later, when you thought about it, you came to understand his or her point of view and did what he or she wanted you to do? How did it work out?

Jesus' first miracle wasn't very splashy. Most people didn't even know what had happened. The waiters kept it low-key and didn't make a big deal about the wine that had just been water in the six jars only moments before. Mary doesn't seem to say anything more about it, and Jesus also plays it cool. Yet the needs were met - without a lot of fuss.

When was a time that you took matters into your own hands to take care of a pressing need, but did it in a very low-key way?

Was there a kind of delight to such a secret act of kindness - a kind of self-satisfaction that comes from inside? Why is that?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word*, Cycle A, Saint Mary's Press , 2008

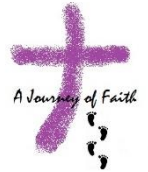




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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.*

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## 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.

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## 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.

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**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.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

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