



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 10, 2018

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 7:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (11 th):	9:00 am-	+Mary Borys
Tues. (12 th):	7:00 pm-	+Henri Nobert
Wed. (13 th):	10:30 am-	ASPEN VILLA
		+Alex Puchala
	7:00 pm-	Donna Prout
Thurs. (14 th):	9:00 am-	+Doreen Sereda
	2:00 pm-	LAKESIDE MANOR
		+Viola Molnar
Fri. (15 th):	9:00 am-	+Alain Decorby
Sat. (16 th):	9:30 am-	+William Huska
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	7:00 pm-	+Mike Diakuw
Sun. (17 th):	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am-	Mass for the People
	11:00 am-	+Bill Leik

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.

"Life is fragile – handle with prayer". – E.C. McKenzie

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

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

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Lord, you reveal to us the will of God. Help me to know and live out the will of God in my life.

- From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter through Pentecost*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

At the May 30 Parish Council Meeting, a few questions were received. The following are the answers:

1. The changes are so extensive, why not post them on line?

The changes will be noted in the bulletin as they are made.

2. I feel we are too Catholic. Why do we not want to service our community as a whole? Many comments said there are small functions that people would like to have in this hall.

The number of outside small functions over the years have diminished and these functions don't cover the tax burden.

3. I wonder if Father or someone else has spoken to all funeral homes before making changes?

A meeting is being arranged with the funeral directors.

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5. Do we have to consider our responsibility to 2019 bookings?

Yes. All non-Catholic 2019 bookings will be evaluated. Our responsibility, if any, will be evaluated with each of the 2019 bookings.

6. We would like a 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday.

All Mass times will be referred to the Liturgy Committee.

7. Are we now in a position to support two families?

This question is not a parish matter just 5 individuals who wish to sponsor the family.

Please submit all further questions to the Personnel Committee (in a sealed envelope) and leave at the Parish Office.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

June 11 - June 15, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Guest speaker Corey O'Soup & Flag Raising		•Gr. 7 to Nursing Home			
Tues.			•K-3 Playday		•Gr. 6 Canoe Safety Instruction	
Wed.	•SADD Noon BBQ	•Gr. 6 Canoe Safety				•BBQ lunch •SCC Mtg.
Thurs.		•SCC Year End BBQ	•Gr. 6/7 Canoe instruction			
Fri.					•"Freezie Day"	

Elementary Final Band Concert - Tuesday, June 12 at 6pm - SHHS



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



News from the CWL



The CWL Newsletter is available in the Welcome Area.

Garage Sale Donations: Items may be brought Tues. to Fri. during office hours and left in the lower level outside of the CWL room. (Please keep larger items until the week of the Garage Sale as we do not have storage).



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 10	Admission degree at 12:30
June 13	General Meeting – budget/election
June 24	Yearend windup – RSVP to Wayne Phone/text 306.783.7380 or email wex13@sasktel.net

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

Please note that the kiosk with booklets are for the use of the parish. Please help yourself. Read and return so that other parishioners may also enjoy!

Let's get together and Build Community!

Would you like to connect names with faces? Would you like a lasting keepsake to enjoy and share with future generations? Would you like to be a part of creating memories at St. Gerard Church?

We need **EVERYONE** to participate to make our new pictorial directory complete!

Over the next several weeks there will be an opportunity for you to schedule a photography session for you and your family. Photos will be taken by a professional photographer during the week of August 27 to 30 (before the kids go back to school). The sessions will take place at St. Gerard Church.

There is **NO COST** to have your family portrait taken for the directory. However, there will be an opportunity for you to select portrait packages from the professional photographer if you wish.

DON'T DELAY – BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

LET'S CELEBRATE!!

For the first time in the history of the Archdiocese, **THIRTEEN** men will be ordained as Deacons!

On **June 15th, 2018**, nine men will be ordained as Permanent Deacons:

Arron Polk	Harper Boucher	David Hagel
Eric Gurash	Lamont Dyck	Kevin Harty
Norbert Gaudet	Dennis Ziegler	David Hudy

On **June 29th, 2018**, four Seminarians will be ordained as Transitional Deacons:

Parker Love	Ricardo Escalante
Vu Van Chinh	Buu Phun Tran

The Ordinations will take place at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 7:00 pm

The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

"I'd love to take the course, but I want to wait until; my kids are grown, I can slow down at work, I'm retired..."

The sad truth is, nearly 75% of young people, even those raised in religious homes, will leave the Church by the time they are 25 - well before many of us retire! Some of the most common reasons given for leaving one's faith behind include; perceived conflicts between faith and science, Christians behaving badly, a lack of evidence for the existence of God and difficulties with some of the Church's teachings. Our sons and daughters need mentors who are *"well-trained and animated by a sincere faith whose life has been touched by the personal and merciful love of Jesus Christ"* (Pope Francis).

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306.352.1651 ext. 211 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

Be Joyful in Hope – Archdiocesan Fall Gathering and Archbishop's Appeal Kickoff

(A fall gathering for priests, pastoral assistants, and other parish staff, parish leaders including pastoral and finance council members, ministry leaders and volunteers.)

Saturday, September 22, 2018
St. Elizabeth School, 5149 Green Brooks Way
Regina, SK S4V 2Z6

More details to follow in the coming weeks.



Bringing Home the Word

Our House United

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I used to dream about the kind of house I would live in when I grew up. I wanted gracious rooms, a large kitchen, a family room and—for reasons beyond understanding—I wanted a stream running through the house with a waterfall somewhere in it. The house I actually live in was more than a hundred years old when we bought it. It needed a boiler, a roof, and a new bathroom within the first year.

The rooms were small; the kitchen had no drawers. There were no closets on the first floor. But it was ours and we raised our family in it. The smallness of the house did not seem to matter to our children's school friends who regularly visited, knew they could call us if there was an emergency, and could count on a full bowl of fruit salad (strawberries, blueberries, kiwis, and grapes) in the refrigerator.

It would have been easy to complain about the difference between the dream and the reality. My husband and I might have argued about getting a bigger home. But we realized that "home" was not about the building. It was—and is—about the community and relationships inside.

Had the love not been there, we might have even become divided over the flaws. I like to think that our marriage and family were blessed with the grace to see what was important. I know that in a world of poverty, we were privileged. But I believe that having each other and sharing our faith was our strength and our foundation, and would have been even if we had lost everything.

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YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

Come and be a part of making a difference!

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email hannelle_23@hotmail.com

OptionS Pregnancy Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Sign out a baby bottle and fill it with donations to help support those who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies. **Your support helps to save the lives of the unborn!** Bottles to be returned to St. Gerard's on Father's Day. Thank you.

St. Henry's Parish Steak & Chicken BBQ

(Prepared by Brian & Helen Hicke)

Sunday, June 17, 2018 @ 5:00 pm

St. Henry's Parish Centre
729 Main St., Melville, SK

\$25.00 per person; 12yrs and under half portion \$10.00

Tickets available at St. Henry's Parish Office. Only 250 tickets available. Deadline June 12th.

"And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." – Mark 3:25

Do our parish ministries complement each other or do they compete against each other? Is our parish "one Body of Christ" or a bunch of little, separate ministries controlled by human ego? The goal of all parish ministries is to bring people to Christ. All of our parish work must be for the glory of God's name. Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

St. Gerard's Parish will be sponsoring the upcoming **Community Family Dinner** on Wednesday, June 20th at Yorkton Dream Centre. If you are able to help with food preparations (at the Hall on Tuesday, June 19th at 7:30pm) or serving (at Yorkton Dream Centre on Wednesday, June 20th), please contact Connie at 306.782.0865.

LOST – One green & gold clip-on earring. Reward offered. Please contact the Parish Office.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (11th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Mtg
- Tues. (12th): **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY**
7:30 pm- Religious Ed. Committee Mtg.
- Wed. (13th): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
- Thurs. (14th): 5:30 pm- Buddies Rehearsal
- Fri. (15th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Jesus' Family"

This Week...

Our ancestors explained the pains and struggles of life with the story of Adam and Eve's sin; humanity's first sin was punished with the hardships we all must endure now. Paul comforts us by reminding us that our earthly home and hardships are only temporary; the glory of heaven is a house that will last eternally. Jesus teaches us that if a nation or a family stays strong together, it will not fall. This strength comes from the Holy Spirit, and sins against the Spirit are the hardest to forgive. Those who follow the Spirit, stay strong together, and do God's will are the ones whom Jesus calls his brothers and sisters.

For Your Reflection

Very small children do things without considering the consequences. They aren't old enough to have a developed conscience to help them sort out right and wrong. But as we become older, we develop our ability to distinguish between a sinful choice and a good choice. If we stop listening to our conscience, we will lose that connection to the Holy Spirit that guides us.

- Think back to when you were a child, beginning to develop your conscience. When was a time you were aware of a sinful act you committed, and you hesitated to make things right as you considered what you had done?
- When was a more recent time that you worked to make things right after a poor choice?
- Have you ever felt the "pangs of guilt" after doing something wrong, yet tried your best to ignore them? What happened?

A house and a family that are strong will stand and endure.

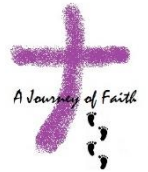
- What are the strengths of your house and your family? What are the weaknesses?
- When there is a weakness, how does your family address it? What kinds of conversations take place in your family to make things right again?
- When is a time that you needed extra help or it took extra effort to stay healthy as a family and home?



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 our city 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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