

The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard



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Pastor: Father Francis Hengen
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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 12, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (13th): NO MASS
 Tues. (14th): 9:00 am- +Larry Hamilton
 Wed. (15th): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (South)
 +Ann Ostapovich
 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
 7:00 pm- +Heiner Cattelaens
 Thurs. (16th): 9:00 am- +Mildred Jackson
 10:45 am- Sacred Heart High School
 +Carol Boychuk
 Fri. (17th): 9:00 am- +Yvonne Hryhoriw
 Sat. (18th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 10:00 am- +William Hayes

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 7:00 pm- Art & MaryAnn Scherr

Sun. (19th): *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 9:00 am- Mass for the People
 11:00 am- +Leon Nowakowski

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Clara Krakalovich
 Hospital: Jerome Niezgoda
 Nursing Home: Rosella Wanner & Lorne Wanner
 Triplex: Alfred Labas

Please remember the sick in your prayers:
 Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, MaryAnn Scherr

At **AMPO**, Father Francis celebrated Mass for the intentions of the Northern Lights School Division & the Community of LaLoche. At the **CWL Provincial Convention**, Father Francis celebrated mass for the repose of the soul of +Maria Cattelaens and +Ann Ostapovich.

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (13th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
 Tues. (14th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
 7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Mtg.
 7:30 pm- Properties Committee Mtg.
 Wed. (15th): 7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
 7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
 Thurs. (16th): 7:00 pm- Refugee Fundraiser
 Fri. (17th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
 Sat. (18th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

Refugee Sponsorship Information Night



Thursday, June 16th

7:00 to 9:00 pm

St. Gerard's Parish Hall

Raffles and Door Prizes
 Wine and Cheese – Cash Bar

Tickets are \$10.00. Call:
 Rosella 306.782.7042
 Murray 306.782.2956
 Rejean 306.783.6767

or contact Father Francis at the Parish Office.



What is the MISERICORDIAE VULTUS??

It is the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, written by Pope Francis. Over the next several weeks excerpts of this 17-page document will be highlighted in the bulletin.

“To all who read this letter grace, mercy, and peace.”

- Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

15. (*cont'd from last week*). We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: whether we have fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked, or spent time with the sick and those in prison (cf. *Mt 25.31-45*). Moreover, we will be asked if we have helped others to escape the doubt that causes them to fall into despair and which is often a source of loneliness; if we have helped to overcome the ignorance in which millions of people live, especially children deprived of the necessary means to free them from the bonds of poverty; if we have been close to the lonely and afflicted; if we have forgiven those who have offended us and have rejected all forms of anger and hate that lead to violence; if we have had the kind of patience God shows, who is so patient with us; and if we have commended our brothers and sisters to the Lord in prayer. In each of these “little ones,” Christ himself is present. His flesh becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled... to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us. Let us not forget the words of Saint John of the Cross: “as we prepare to leave this life, we will be judged on the basis of love.”

New to the Parish?? WELCOME !!! Please complete a new parishioner form (beige) and place in the collection basket at mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

OptionS Pregnancy Baby Bottle Fundraiser - REMINDER.....

Bottles are to be returned to St. Gerard's on Father's Day (NEXT SUNDAY). Thank you.

Our ministries and parish initiatives continue throughout the summer. As you plan vacations, please remember the needs of your spiritual home. For information on how to establish automated parish gifts, please call the Parish Office at 306.782.2449. **Pre-Authorized Giving** forms are available on the glass table in the Welcome Area.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



June 12 - June 17, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Sun.	•Channel 22 Concert @ 7pm					
Mon.		•SCC Meeting				
Tues.						
Wed.		•Gr. 6 Sand Dune Hike				•Community fundraiser BBQ lunch
Thurs.					•Gr. 2 to Motherwell Homestead	•Gr. 6-8 Liturgy @ Care Home
Fri.			•Gr. 5/6 to Good Spirit Sand Dunes		•Division I Play Day	

“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

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for the next baptism preparation session – 306.782.2449.

The next session will be held
July 5th, 6th & 7th @ 7pm

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

It's Time to Talk...

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Monday, June 20, 2016 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Parliament Community Church,
4011 Pasqua Street, Regina

Presenter: Mary Deutscher, Ph.D.(c)

The Scriptures teach that life is a precious God-given gift. Our society's acceptance and potential normalizing of physician-assisted death and euthanasia are worthy of reflection. This presentation will explore the dangers these practices pose to all Canadians, providing participants with the necessary tools to engage in this discussion.

Transitions: Your Journey of Transformation through Grief and Loss

This 3.5 day retreat, grounded in Christian spirituality, will provide insight, hope and prayerful support for those who have experienced a wide variety of losses including the death of a loved one, illness, loss of a job and the ending of a marriage or significant relationship. **Thursday June 16, 7pm – Sunday June 19, 1pm.** Cost: \$390 (live-in) at Queen's House Retreat Centre in Saskatoon. Retreat is limited to 12 participants – register early. *Limited financial assistance available.*

Registration deadline: Monday June 13. Facilitator: Sarah Donnelly, BA, M.Div. To register or for more info please contact Sarah, 306.717.3707 or info@sarahdonnelly.ca

The Archdiocese of Regina

Lay Formation and Evangelization Program:

"Go, make disciples!"

"Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization..." - Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium. Through the Lay Formation and Evangelization program, we are meeting this challenge today as we help men and women of all ages and stages of life encounter the joy of the Gospel. Over the course of our three-year program, we will deepen your understanding of the Church and your faith through solid teaching by our diocesan priests and religious as well as lay men and women, all experts in their respected fields. As your confidence in the areas of theology, ethics, and social justice, scripture, liturgy, and the spiritual life grows, you will be able to speak confidently about the church, your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ in your family, the workplace, the parish and the wider community.

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306.325.1651 ext 211 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca



News from the CWL



Spring cleaning? Items you no longer want? Think of us – the CWL Garage Sale is coming up in September, and you can get a head start by dropping off your items on **June 17 and 18 from 2pm-6pm** at the CWL Room (east entrance, basement level). If you miss those dates, we'll look forward to receiving your items during the entire month of August.

The **CWL Newsletter** is available at the back of the church.

The CWL continues with **Stitches of Love** projects and will be making comfort cushions in the fall. Would you like to help this wonderful project by donating a metre or two of plain fleece for the cushions? We mention this now because *Fabricland* is closing, so if you would like to buy some fleece, now is the time! Fabric can be left by the CWL room. Thank you.



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 17 Afternoon Bingo
June 27 Evening Bingo

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

Food for thought.....

Does your hospitality reveal your Christian commitment? In other words, does your love for Christ help you to serve neighbours and strangers with kindness and a smile?

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Good News!

June 12, 2016

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13 / Gal 2:16, 19-21 / Lk 7:36-8:3

When I was seven or eight, I stole a package of gum from the store. When my mother found out about it, she dropped what she was doing and made me take money from my piggy bank. We then drove back to the store where I had to bring my money to the cashier and confess that I had taken the gum. She thanked me for bringing the money and spoke those sweet words, "I forgive you." I never forgot the lesson, and I never stole anything again. If only that were the only sin I had to worry about!

Throughout our lives, we become increasingly aware of the many ways we fall short of the holiness to which God calls us. Male or female, ordained or lay, old or young, we often give in to what tempts us because it looks so good in the moment. Only later do we realize the harm we have done to ourselves or someone else. The woman with the jar of ointment knew only too well that her life was not perfect. But she also heard Jesus' invitation to repent and the love in his message. She laid her life and her service at his feet and knew the forgiveness of God. The Pharisee, on the other hand, could not imagine that he needed forgiveness and so was not open to the transformation that Jesus offered.

All of us sin and are in need of forgiveness. When we ask for and accept that forgiveness in our lives, we are able to give far more than we can imagine. Just ask Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and all the other women and men who followed Jesus.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY SASKATCHEWAN

All young people in Grades 7 to 12 from the Archdiocese of Regina are invited to a fun-filled day to celebrate **World Youth Day** with activities and prayer.

Sunday, July 31, 2016 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at Holy Child Parish, 2636 - 7th Avenue East, Regina

See poster on the bulletin board! Registration forms are available on the large table in the Welcome Area.

"Operation Pilgrimage"

On August 15 - 18 the Archdiocese of Regina Youth Ministry office will run their annual **Leadership Camp** for students ENTERING grades 10 - 1st year University. The 2nd camp on August 19 - 22 will be for those entering grades 7 - 9. This is a great opportunity for those young people who seek to grow in their faith, increase their leadership skills and have an awesome summer adventure.

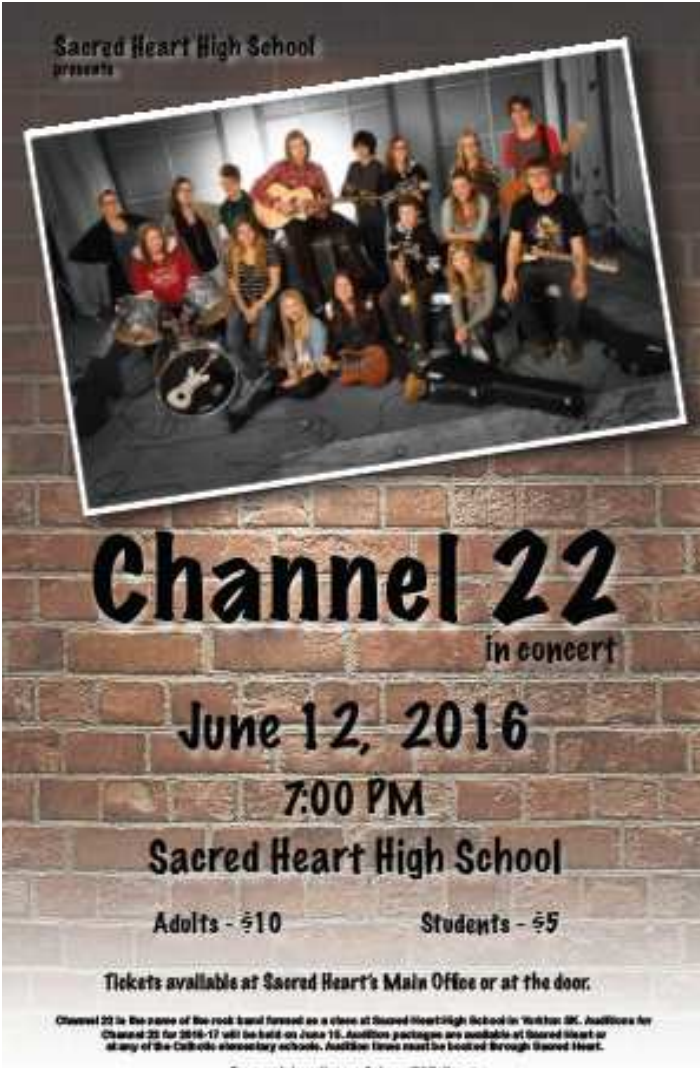
The link to the registration form can be found below. You may also get more information by emailing ymo@archregina.sk.ca or calling 306 352 1651 ext. 223.

<https://archregina.sk.ca/sites/default/files/youthministry/Registration%20Pilgrimage%20Camp%202016.pdf>

Camp O'Neill Youth Camp

Youth and Teen Camp (age 8 - 15) is July 10 - 15
Kidz Camp (age 6 & 7) is July 14 - 15

Please visit our website for the registration forms and much more! www.camponeill.ca



Sacred Heart High School
presents

Channel 22
in concert

June 12, 2016
7:00 PM

Sacred Heart High School

Adults - \$10 Students - \$5

Tickets available at Sacred Heart's Main Office or at the door.

Channel 22 is the name of the rock band formed as a class at Sacred Heart High School in Yorkton SK. Auditions for Channel 22 for 2016-17 will be held on June 18. Audition packages are available at Sacred Heart or at any of the Catholic elementary schools. Audition forms must be located through Sacred Heart.
For more information email channel22@shhs.ca

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"A Woman Anoints Jesus"

This Week...

This famous woman speaks no words and has no name. Some guess at her identity, but they are only guesses. She is sad; she weeps on Jesus' feet, wipes them with her hair, and anoints them with ointment from an alabaster jar. She is known to be a sinner, but Jesus makes her actions his classic example of hospitality and care. He forgives her all her sins and tells her to go in peace because her faith has saved her.

For Your Reflection

This is a mysterious woman. She didn't say anything, and we don't really know for sure what her name was or what her sin was. She entered into someone else's house, shed tears all over Jesus' feet, wiped them with her own hair, and then rubbed ointment, which is like lotion, all over them. The person whose house Jesus was visiting was not happy that she came in, uninvited, and made such a spectacle of herself. Yet Jesus seemed peaceful and comfortable with the situation. He was actually quite touched.

- How would you respond if you were visiting someone and a girl you didn't know came in the door and did this to you? What would you say? What would you do?
- What if a girl came to your house and did these things to one of your friends? Would you feel responsible? What would your reaction be?

Jesus used the actions of this woman as an example for others to follow. But what she did isn't exactly customary to this century, with our different social expectations.

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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. Francis Hengen, or if you would like more information contact the RCIA Co-ordinator, Mary Bybliw, through the parish office at 306-782-2449 or email office@stgerard.ca

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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

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

If you are experiencing post abortion distress symptoms such as; depression, flashbacks, nightmares, anger, denial, suicidal urges, eating or sleeping disorders, drug or alcohol abuse, inability to bond with your live children, spiritual divorce from God, or avoiding relationships, you can receive help and healing by attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend. For more information please check out our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org, or email Bonnie at r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net, or call 1-306-480-8911.

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 or check the website:

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