



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 23, 2019

**The Solemnity of
the Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ**

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. (24 th):	Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	
	10:30 am	ST ALPHONSUS SCHOOL Lawrence Dubois
Tues. (25 th):	9:30 am	ST MICHAEL SCHOOL Elizabeth Beres
	7:00 pm	+John Jason Himpe
Wed. (26 th):	10:00 am	NURSING HOME (NORTH) +Ron Tessier
Thurs. (27 th):	9:00 am	Merlin Mroske
	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSING +Sheila Desroches
Fri. (28 th):	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
	9:00 am	+Rick Yaholnitsky
Sat. (29 th):	Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	
	9:00 am	+Terry Kopan
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	5:00 pm	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	+David Jakubowski
Sun. (30 th):	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

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 love me and answer all my needs. Help me to be less self-focused in life and more attentive to the needs of others.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

(The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Friday, June 28, 2019

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

O Jesus, our great High Priest, Hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father Louis. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him in his sorrows, strengthen him in his frustrations, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Amen

We pray for all students, teachers, and staff as they commence their summer vacation. May you be true disciples of Jesus in all that you do and with all whom you meet.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

June 24 - June 28, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Final exams	•Year End Mass •Service Awards		•Service Awards	•Year End Liturgy & Academic Awards	
Tues.	•Final exams	•Year End Awards		•Mass & Academic Awards		
Wed.	•Final exams	•Gr. 1 Class Party •Classroom Year End activities •Progress reports sent home		•Progress reports	•Progress reports handed out	
Thurs.	NO SCHOOL					
Fri.	•Pick up report cards 9am-11am					

"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 is
TONIGHT at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Please contact the Parish Office to register for the
next Baptism Preparation Session. 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

PARENTS – Do you have a child/children
who are entering Grade 2 in September?

OR

Do you have children or youth who are older
than Grade 2 but they have not received
**First Reconciliation, Confirmation, or
First Eucharist?**

Mark your calendars!

There will be a Parent Information Meeting
and Registration Night on **Sunday,
September 15th at 6:30 pm.**

You may pre-register your child by stopping
by the Parish Office this summer during
regular office hours.

YOUTH CHOIR



ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD
AT MASS?

Parents, if your children/teens are interested
in joining the St. Gerard Youth Choir please
contact Jenny Baraoidan at 306.620.2848.
New singers always welcome!



News from the CWL



- Items for the Fall Garage Sale may be left outside of the CWL Room, lower level, during regular office hours. Please hold large items until Sept. 2nd
- Please read the Pope's Emergency Declaration of 06.14.2019: www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2019/mitigate-global-warming-spare-further-injustice-to-poor-pope-says.cfm



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 23	Yearend windup event
June 26	Evening Bingo
June 30	Fifth Sunday rosary before 9am Mass
July 13	100 th Anniversary Celebration & Banquet

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 all brother Knights and widows of Knights to attend the annual year-end celebration on June 23 at 4:30. Please phone/text Wayne 306-783-7380 or email wex13@sasktel.net



100th Anniversary Celebration



The Knights of Columbus Council 2031 invites all parishioners to celebrate our 100th Anniversary with us July 13, 2019.

Banquet tickets are now on sale for \$30.00. Join us as we display a history of the Council in our chambers, as well as other activities.

For tickets: Jeff 306.783.5384 or
John 306.620.9013

St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage

August 11 – 14, 2019

From Yorkton, SK

to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama, SK

Come on a pilgrimage to somewhere special to your faith. As a pilgrim, you will have time to pray by leaving behind the everyday concerns from back home and spending time in the presence of God. If you are looking for peace or healing, this is a good time to do it. You may become closer to God.

For more information contact Dave and Bev Hudy at davehudy@hotmail.com or 306.728.5525

Register: www.stphilomenawalkingpilgrimage.org



Bringing Home the Word

A Joyful Encounter

By Mary Katharine Deeley

On a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Spain, my husband and I were privileged to witness a Corpus Christi procession near Barcelona that wound its way from the church through the streets and back to the church. At the head of the procession was a large ornate monstrance with a consecrated host inside held aloft on a platform carried by some of the priests and assisted by others. Following behind was another priest incensing the monstrance and then the various church groups, beginning with the children and including what I imagine were orders like the Knights of Columbus or the Solidarity of Mary. The mood was not solemn, but celebratory. Flowers marked the path and the participants. In a tradition dating back to the sixteenth century, an egg was dancing on the water spout in the church fountain. We were enchanted.

I remember processions around my church—though never through the town—when I was a child. But they were solemn affairs and did not resemble the celebration we witnessed. What captured my imagination in Spain was the absolute joy on the faces of those processing. I remember the singing and the laughter, and I wondered, *“What better response could we give to the Lord who gives himself to us in the Eucharist?”*

Whether we process or not, whether we are in prayer before the tabernacle or monstrance, or just going about our day, let us project the joy that comes from knowing the Lord and encountering him under the appearances of bread and wine which have become the Body and Blood of Christ.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, July 4th
3pm to 6pm

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

Do you know.....

St. Gerard Church has a website! Check out www.stgerard.ca On each page is a listing of the Mass times for the next seven days (updates daily), as well as a link to the Events Calendar (“More Events”). Check it out today!



FOOD BANK DONATIONS continue to be a priority over the summer months. Please consider helping those less fortunate. Non-perishable food items may be left in the wooden chest in the Welcome Area. - Submitted by the St. Gerard Social Justice Committee

CENTERING PRAYER

The final session of Centering Prayer before the summer break is Thursday, June 27th at 7pm in the Lower Level (please use east entrance). The next session will be Thursday, September 26th.

A workshop is planned for Saturday, October 19th.

Let’s get together and Build Community!

The St. Gerard Pictorial directory is available for sale at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Cost: \$15.00 (cash or cheque payable to “St. Gerard Church”). Limited supply.

Are you moving this summer?? *Please remember to notify the Parish Office.* We like to keep our records current, and to be able to mail the charitable donation receipt to the correct address at the end of the year. Thanks!

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (23rd): 6:30 pm- Baptism Preparation Session
(Main Hall, Meeting Room A)
- Mon. (24th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (25th): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (26th): 6:00 pm- Parish Council Meeting
- Thurs. (27th): 7:00 pm- Centering Prayer
(Lower Level)
- Fri. (28th): 7:00 pm- RCIA
(Meeting Room B)
- Sat. (29th): 6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Body and Blood of Jesus"

This Week...

Meals can be special times. We celebrate with meals and we can create memories with meals. The blessing of Melchizedek is echoed in the blessing of Jesus at his last supper with his disciples. The great feeding of the crowd of five thousand is recorded in each of the four Gospels; an additional story of Jesus feeding a crowd of four thousand is told in Matthew's and Mark's Gospels. These are meals to remember!

The images that build the theme call our attention to the many ways that Jesus feeds our hungers, and the importance of sharing food with all who are hungry.

For Your Reflection

An ancient African custom teaches that if a person feeds you, teaches you, or helps you in any way, then you are to speak highly of that person. Your words of praise keep alive the spirit of that person's goodness, so that it can continue to flow.

Criticizing teachers, parents, or coaches we dislike or disagree with is an easy practice to fall into. But they are usually the ones who care the most about us and who are trying to help us become better people.

- What are some good things you can say about your parents, teachers, or coaches?
- What are some good things your parents, teachers, or coaches could say about you?

When Jesus had his last meal with his closest friends, he asked them to remember him when sharing this special meal together.

- When you are at Eucharist, eating that special meal of Jesus' body and blood, how do you remember Jesus? What do you think about? Is your mind on Jesus, or are your thoughts usually floating somewhere else?

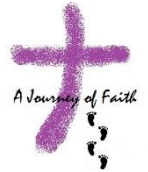
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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