



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

June 2nd, 2024

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

Established December 11, 1904

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*St. Gerard Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the
Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota,
and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.*

ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 3 rd		NO MASS
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart Novena Prayer
Tues. 4 th	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart Novena Prayer & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	Mass +Christopher Gray
Wed. 5 th	9:00 am	Mass Dan & Vera Wassill
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart Novena Prayer CWL Social & Barbecue Supper
Thurs. 6 th	9:00 am	Mass Dan & Brenda Dierker
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart Novena Prayer
	7:00 pm	Baptism Session 1/3 (Use east door)
Fri. 7 th	<i>The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> <i>(World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests)</i>	
	7:00 pm	Mass for the People

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 8 th	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 9 th	10:00 am	Mass for the People

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:	Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment
Anointing:	Please contact the Parish Office <i>After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323</i>
Infant Baptism:	Please contact the Parish Office
RCIA:	Please contact the Parish Office
Matrimony:	Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

The World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests will be celebrated by the universal Church on June 7, 2024. Occurring annually on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, The World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests was established by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002 and encourages priests to reflect upon the importance and dignity of their vocation.

A Prayer for Our Priest

Jesus, Eternal High Priest,

you came to us to save us from our sins and to open heaven for us.

Before you died for us, you gave us the holy priesthood and the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

We thank you for our priest, who is your minister to help us grow in holiness and to attain heaven.

We are grateful for the many gifts that he brings to our community:

*for leading us together in Eucharistic worship,
for baptizing our children,
for visiting us in our homes,
for comforting us in sickness,
for blessing our marriage,
for forgiving us our sins,
for supporting us in sorrow,
for helping us to grow in faith,
for inspiring us to be saints.*

We want to be always be attentive to our priest, and never to take him for granted.

He needs our friendship and love, kind words and acts of thoughtfulness, and our prayers and sacrifices.

Dear Lord, we ask you to bless our priest and confirm him in his vocation. Give him the gifts that he needs to shepherd us in holiness, strength and joy.

We offer to you this prayer for our priest, who is our father, brother and friend.

Amen.



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

Take This: Eat and Drink

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We are a people who ritualize life's important events. We insist on birthday cakes; we dream about ostentatious weddings; we go over the top on Super Bowl Sunday. If certain rituals are not included in these celebrations, the profound meaning of the event seems compromised.

Today's readings speak of blood rituals. Since life is in the blood (see Leviticus 17:11), the meaning of the ritual is contained in the meaning of the blood. In the reading from Exodus, young bulls are sacrificed at the height of their virility. In this way, not only the life of the bulls, but their future of youthful strength, is offered to God, who is the source of life. A visible sign of this offering—sacrificial blood—is sprinkled on the people signifying that, joined to the bulls through this blood, they too are offered to God. Furthermore, the sacrificial blood seals the covenant bond that joins the people to God.

All of these elements are new in the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a new sacrificial victim, Christ. There's a new power in the blood—the ability to obtain eternal redemption, a New Covenant that promises an eternal inheritance. The Gospel reading describes how we might participate in this ritual and benefit from its wondrous power.

The feast we celebrate today invites us to participate in the ritual it commemorates. Its sacrificial elements are rudimentary nourishments of life, bread and wine. They become the Body and Blood of Christ. All we have to do is draw near with faith, eat, and drink.

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Jesus became bread broken for us, and He asks us to give ourselves to others, no longer to live for ourselves, but for one another. – Pope Francis

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples

In the beginning of today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to make preparations for the Passover meal. Like most meals, the Passover meal required planning and preparation. Our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist also requires planning and preparation. Certainly the ministers at the Eucharist prepare for their roles: the person presiding prays and prepares the homily; the prayers of petition are written; the music ministers prayerfully select music and practice it before Mass; Eucharistic ministers, lectors and altar servers prepare carefully for their roles. As the worshipping assembly, we can also prepare for the Mass through our prayer during the week, by reading the Scripture before Mass, and by making ourselves present to the Eucharistic celebration.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things that are required to prepare for your family meals. Plan together a special Sunday meal by choosing the menu, preparing the shopping list, and assigning duties for cooking, setting the table, preparing decorations, leading the prayers, and cleaning. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 14:12-16, 22-26. Notice how Jesus instructed his disciples to prepare for their Passover meal. All meals require some kind of planning and preparation; so, too, our Sunday Eucharist requires planning. What might we do as a family to better prepare for our celebration of the Eucharist? Choose one or more ideas to begin to implement together as a family. Pray together that God will help your family make your celebration of the Eucharist the highlight of your week. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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