

The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard

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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

Pentecost Sunday – June 4, 2017

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (5th): NO MASS
Tues. (6th): NO MASS
Wed. (7th): 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*
5:30 pm- +Al Herchuk
Thurs. (8th): 9:00 am- +John Vidomski
Fri. (9th): 9:00 am- +Rita Myrowsky
Sat. (10th): **9:00 am- John & Cecilia Dernisky**

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Noreen Skibinsky

Sun. (11th): *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*

9:00 am- +MaryRose Bielinski
11:00 am- Mass for the People

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Rita Herchuk, Mildred Nagy

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (5th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Tues. (6th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Wed. (7th): 6:30 pm- CWL Summer Windup
7:30 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
Fri. (9th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
6:00 pm- *"The Heart of Change"*
Family Evening
Sat. (10th): 10:00 am- Deanery Council Meeting
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass



The Heart of Change Family Evening

The Social Justice Committee would like to invite you to an evening of food, fellowship and discussion. We will start off with pizza for supper. Then we will be exploring further our Lenten themes from this year and discussing ways we ourselves can make a difference.

There will be activities for children also, so please bring your families! Please join us from 6pm to 8pm on Friday, June 9th.

RSVP to Dana **by Thursday, June 8th** 306.620.2367,
306.890.0394 or dmillerkitch@yahoo.com



Risen Lord, your Spirit fills the world with love and peace. Empower me to be an instrument of your peace, love, and forgiveness to all people.

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

ST. GERARD PARISH ~ 2017-2018 ~ PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

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 K of C Rep. - Wayne Exner

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Sacred Heart High School
presents

Channel 22

in concert

June 11, 2017


7:00 PM

Sacred Heart High School

Adults - \$10 Students - \$5

Tickets available at the door.

Channel 22 is the name of the rock band formed as a class at Sacred Heart High School in Yorkton SK.



Sacred Heart High School
Faith, Knowledge, Unity

The SHHS Graduating Class of 2017 thanks the St. Gerard Parish Community for their prayers and support for Catholic Education. Thank you to all who sponsored a scholarship or bursary.

St. Gerard Parish Bursaries: Alexis Guy & Stephanie Flaman

St. Gerard CWL Scholarship: Alexis Guy & Stephanie Flaman

K of C #2031 Scholarships: Alexis Guy & Nathan Pidperyhora



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

June 5 - June 9, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Gr. 6 Canoe Instruction •SCC Meeting				
Tues.		•Gr. 6 Yorkton Safety Exhibition	•Gr. 6 Farm Safety Presentation	•Gr. 6 Safety Fair	•Gr. 6 Safety Fair •Gr. 6 Canoe Instruction •SCC Meeting	
Wed.		•Year End Band Concert @ SHHS	•Gr. 6 Canoe Instruction •Gr. 2/3 to the Pizza Farm •Yearend Band Concert	•Final Band Concert	•Gr. 3 to Pizza Farm •Year End Band Concert @ SHHS	•BBQ Lunch @ Care Home •SCC Meeting
Thurs.		•Gr. 5-8 at Cardinals Baseball Game		•Gr. 6 Canoe Instruction	•Yorkton Cardinals Student Appreciation Game	
Fri.				•Bike Rodeo		

"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 **begins Tuesday, July 4th**. Please register by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



Parish-Based Catechetical Home Program



Does your child attend public school?

Please contact the Parish Office by August 15th to register your child for the parish-based home program that is offered at St. Gerard.

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 a Youth Choir who rehearse weekly and minister monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306.621.0093

God's Breath Given to Us

Being the living Christ today means being filled with the same Spirit that filled Jesus. Jesus and his Father are breathing the same breath, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the intimate communion that makes Jesus and his Father one. Jesus says: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14.10) and "The Father and I are one" (John 10.30). It is this unity that Jesus wants to give us. That is the gift of his Holy Spirit. Living a spiritual life, therefore, means living in the same communion with the Father as Jesus did, and thus making God present in the world.

– Henri J.M. Nouwen



News from the CWL



It's that time again! The CWL is preparing for another exciting Garage Sale in September! Are you spring cleaning? Do you have items to contribute? For your convenience, the following are early-bird drop-off dates:

June 8 (Thurs.) 2 pm–5 pm

Please leave items by the CWL Room.

If you have a big load to donate, please call Rosella at 306.782.7042.

CWL Summer Wind-Up Wine and Cheese

Wednesday, June 7th

All women of the Parish are invited to attend this evening of fun and fellowship, which will be our last CWL gathering with Father Francis before he leaves St. Gerard at the end of July.

5:30 pm - Mass

6:30 pm - Refreshments and Appetizers

Entertainment and fun to follow!

There is no charge for this event, but please bring a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army.

If you are able to attend please RSVP to: Rosella at 306.782.7042 or Linda at 306.783.3924 OR visit the sign-up table in the Welcome Area after Mass

Don't Miss the Early Bird Fathers' Day Brunch!!

Sunday, June 11th after the 9am & 11am Masses

Everyone is welcome to a delicious meal prepared by the St. Gerard's CWL Council!

Menu: French toast with assorted toppings, sausage, hash browns, hot cereal, and assorted fresh fruit.

Adults - \$8 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 - No charge



News from the Knights of Columbus



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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

**Social Justice in Motion Conference:
"Listening, Learning and Walking Together"
- a Truth and Reconciliation Event -**

June 24th – 9:00am to 3:30pm

Holy Child Parish (Regina)

Keynote Speaker: Archbishop Don Bolen

For more information or to register, contact Marian Grady:

306.789.8276 or mariangrady@sasktel.net



Bringing Home the Word

Pentecost People

By Judith Dunlap

We are a Pentecost people. Like the first disciples, we are gifted with the Holy Spirit so that we can share our faith with others. This is not always easy. Many of us were raised to believe that religion is a private matter. It can be difficult for us to talk about God about our faith. And yet, faith-sharing in families is crucial.

We live in a culture that in many ways no longer supports Judeo-Christian values. Thus, young people need to hear and see the people most important to them talking about and living the gospel message. If faith is going to be real in their lives, they need to see that faith is real in the lives of those closest to them.

Celebrate Pentecost this year with your family by reading or retelling the story from Acts 2:1-13. Talk about how you would have felt if you were in the upper room, and invite other family members to do the same. Discuss the Holy Spirit in your own life. How have you experienced the gifts of courage and understanding? When have you felt the Spirit's fruits of joy and peace? Finally, have fun with the symbols of fire and wind. Weather permitting, spend the afternoon flying a kite. Put together a wind chime. Have a special dinner with lots of candles. Talk about why you think fire and wind are symbols of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is the day the disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit to leave the safety of the upper room and share their faith with a city of strangers. Why not take the risk this Pentecost and share your faith with those closest to you? If you were one of the disciples on that first Christian Pentecost, what would you have wanted to share about your faith? Trust in the Spirit. Like those early disciples, you may be astonished at the results.

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St. Gerard Parish Social Justice Committee

is sponsoring the upcoming
Community Family Dinner
(formerly Soup Haven Supper)

Wednesday, June 14th

Dream Centre at 244 Myrtle Avenue

If you are able to help by preparing supper and/or serving at the supper, please call Rejean Houle at 306.641.5430

Fear

locked the door

(just as it likes to do).

But true love came in anyway,

bringing peace (God's) within its wounds.

Peace and joy went all around, joy and peace!

He breathed upon them and sent them

everywhere, all earth's corners,

speaking his Word

of love, not

fear.

Jesus,

we too cry out.

Veni Sanctae Spiritus.

Send your Holy Spirit of life and love to us
and hurl us out to all corners
of creation.

OptionS Pregnancy Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Your support helps to save the lives of the unborn!


Bottles to be returned to St. Gerard's on Father's Day.

Thank you

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!



R	E	H	T	A	F	D	E	I	S	EVENING	FIRST	DAY
D	D	G	N	I	N	E	V	E	R	DOORS	CLOSED	DISCIPLES
Y	I	E	F	I	T	R	Y	J	O	PEACE	SIDE	FATHER
O	S	E	H	I	N	I	S	A	O	BREATHED	FORGIVE	RETAIN
J	C	V	R	T	I	E	T	A	D			
D	I	I	P	E	A	C	E	Y	E			
I	P	G	E	Y	T	E	O	D	S			
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YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

“Winds of the Spirit”

This Week...

Pentecost Sunday is called the birthday of the church. This day celebrates the Holy Spirit coming to the followers of Jesus in a rush of wind and tongues of fire. The Spirit gave them the gifts they needed to go forth and be church. These gifts vary - they are as different as we are. But we are all needed, and we are all members of one united body.

For Your Reflection

Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptize people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit - the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into the church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

- What changes in you do you wish the Spirit could blow your way? How can you cooperate with the Spirit? In what ways do you need more courage, knowledge, direction, or commitment? What else might you need?

- In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples before Pentecost? In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples after Pentecost?

- When people speak about your school, would they say that it has school spirit? What do they mean by that? How is school spirit like the Holy Spirit?

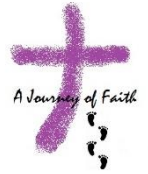
Excerpt from In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter St. Mary's Press, 2004



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. 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

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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