



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 1, 2017

Twenty-sixth
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

Sun.	(1 st):	7:00 pm-	<i>Vigil – Norbert Soyka</i>
Mon.	(2 nd):	10:00 am-	<i>Funeral Mass – Norbert Soyka</i>
Fri.	(6 th):	9:00 am-	+David Jakubowski
		9:30 am-	<i>Holy Hour Devotion</i>
		2:30 pm-	Gladstone Senior's Res.
			+Thresia Tedeschi
Sat.	(7 th):	10:00 am-	+Valeria Woloschuk
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		7:00 pm-	+Leonard Sharkey

Sun.	(8 th):	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		9:00 am-	Mass for the People
		11:00 am-	

*The **Divine Mercy Devotion** will be prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).*

*During the month of October, the Knights of Columbus will lead the **Rosary Prayer** each Monday at 6:00 pm.*

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

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Lord, I am grateful for your example of humble service toward others. Help me to be a humble and loving person toward all people. Amen.

- From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2017

Parish Goal: \$53,164

The 2017 Archbishop's Appeal Campaign has officially begun! You should have already received information on this year's Appeal as well as your personal donation cards. Giving is one means we have of both growing the Church and deepening our spiritual lives.

Your gift to the Archbishop's Appeal assists in building the Kingdom through mission work, adult and youth education and social outreach to the poor, the isolated and the infirm in our communities. Our financial goal this year is 1.6 million dollars. You are invited to prayerfully consider how your household might help us to reach this goal and carry on our Christian mission.

Jesus was in many ways the ultimate example of humility. Humility is not a trait that is highly thought of in our society. We live in a world where independence, and relying on no one else, is considered to be a high form of expression. St. Paul's letter to the Philippians appeals to them as a community saying, "do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit but in humility regard... not to your own interests, but to the interests of others...." This is a direct reference to how Jesus lived.

If we lived in a community where everyone regarded each other as important, what a community it would be. Each of us would be elevated, lifted up by all those around us. Resulting in an unbelievable sense of unity. That is what Paul calls the Philippians to, and it is what Jesus calls us to - through stewardship.

The life of Christian stewardship challenges us to see God, and not ourselves, as the true source of all we have and to see these things, not as commodities we've earned to do with as we choose, but as gifts we've been given to fulfill God's own purpose. The Archbishop's Appeal invites us to make Christian stewardship an integral part of our daily lives, making a return to God in proportion to what we have been given.

Source: Eric Gurash, 2014 bulletin announcement and Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. Bulletin Reflections, October



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 2 - October 6, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Drive Away Hunger Campaign •SCC Meeting 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Global Read Aloud begins •Food Drive 	
Tues.						
Wed.						
Thurs.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Picture Day •District Cross Country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District Cross Country Meet •Boys & Girls Vball @ St. Paul 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District Cross Country •Vball vs Norquay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Terry Fox Walk 	
Fri.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Thanksgiving Liturgy @ 1pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Thanksgiving Celebration 	

"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 Fr. Louis to arrange for baptism of your child. The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held **TODAY** Sunday, October 1st from 6pm-9pm. Both parents are to attend.**

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

**** If you have a child who is in Grade 2 or older who has not received the sacraments of initiation, please contact the Parish Office to ensure that you are registered with the parish ****



You are kindly reminded to **silence your mobile devices** upon entering the church building,

and to **refrain from chewing gum** in both the Welcome Area and the Church Proper. Thank you.



- St. Gerard Church Liturgical Committee

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.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



News from the CWL



October 2 Executive Meeting
October 11 General Meeting following Mass at 6:30pm

The CWL would like to send out a huge thank you to all who helped in any way with this year's Garage Sale: with donations, pies, the cooks who fed us well and the men for their help in setting up and of course everyone for working at garage sale, and everyone who came to shop! None of this would be possible without each and every one of your contributions!

We netted a profit of just over \$10,000 and this money will be used for many worthwhile projects including Development and Peace, Esk-Omi Missions, scholarships, OptionS Pregnancy Centre, Chalice, Shelwin House, and the refugee family.

Thank you and God bless you!



News from the Knights of Columbus



October 1 Charity Appeal tickets are DUE (sold or unsold)
Evening bingo
October 2 Lead the rosary at 6pm
October 4 Executive meeting at 7pm

Please note that the start date for family curling is October 16. All parishioners are invited to participate. Please phone Jeff at 306.783.5534 and leave a message.

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

Reverence for Life

In January 2013, Archbishop Daniel Bohan proclaimed October as a month especially dedicated to the celebration of the value and dignity of human life in the Archdiocese of Regina.

The Reverence for Life Commission along with Bishop Don Bolen ask that you join your brothers and sisters in celebrating the gift of life this month in your homes, your schools and your parish community.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the post cards from WE NEED A LAW and mail them into your minister.



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Consensus with Christ

By Mary Katherine Deeley

Many committees and work teams believe the ideal way to make a decision is by consensus. Though time-consuming, consensus assures that everyone is heard and that all have been given a chance to come to the same point of view. Everyone owns the decision and works to support it.

Saint Paul gives a Christian spin to the whole idea of consensus—not for making decisions but for living as Christ would have us live. The apostle wants us to have the same attitude Jesus had.

For Christians, “the same attitude” means we share the same Spirit, have compassion and sympathy for one another, set aside our own interests, and look to the interests of others.

“Wait,” you say. “Does that mean I can never say what I want?” No, but it does mean trusting others to care for your interests just as you care for theirs.

This is not easy for us, but Paul is adamant: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus.” There’s the difference. In the corporate world, consensus is about coming to the same conclusion. In the Christian life, consensus means putting on the one mind of Christ.

If we can do that, we can empty ourselves for the sake of others, take the risk to love and care for others, and live in the utter confidence that Christ dwells in us.

Where does such confidence come from? From Christ himself, who loved us from the very beginning and who invited us through baptism to be one with him.

That’s an idea we can all support.

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The International Life Chain will be held **TODAY from 2pm – 3pm**

at the corner of Gladstone & Broadway. *Pro Life invites you to give one hour of silent witness & prayer.*

St Gerard Parish Ministry and Volunteer Survey

Sept. 15 through Oct. 1, 2017

Only 133 surveys have been submitted to date!!

PLEASE complete one TODAY and place in the baskets provided.

Do you know that at on any given weekend, at least **63 people are serving at Mass in one capacity or another – and this doesn’t include those who serve in the Music Ministry!!!**

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

****Perogy Bee****

Tues.	Oct. 3	9:30 am –Preparing: dough, potatoes, cheese
Wed.	Oct. 4	9:30 am - Pinching
Thurs.	Oct. 5	9:00 am - Bagging

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun.	(1 st):	6:00 pm- Baptism Preparation Class
Mon.	(2 nd):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
		7:00 pm- CWL Executive Meeting
Wed.	(4 th):	7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
Fri.	(6 th):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat.	(7 th):	6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Two Children and Their Opposite Responses"

This Week...

Paul reminds us that Jesus humbled himself and followed the way of God. We are to do the same. If we say we are believers, then we must not stray and do wicked things. If we are wicked, then we must change our ways and become believers. Isaiah and Jesus both point out that being called virtuous believers is not enough. We will be judged on what we actually do.

For Your Reflection

These are fierce words that Jesus gives us: that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering heaven in greater numbers than are priests and appointed elders! But Jesus is talking about priests and elders who are like the child who outwardly says, "Yes!" to God, yet doesn't really do God's work. The tax collectors and prostitutes are like the child who outwardly says, "No!" to God, yet does the best he or she can in any situation.

- At home, which child are you more like? Are you more likely to say you'll do something, and then not do it? Or are you more likely to talk back to your parents, but later do what they ask anyway? Or do you do both? Explain your answer and give some examples.
- Do you respond at school in the same way as you do at home, or differently?
- How are you at work? Are you more likely to say yes and not do the task, or are you more likely to say no but then do the work anyway?
- What might Jesus be saying to you with this parable?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time* 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. 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.

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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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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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