



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

September 16, 2018

Twenty-fourth
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

Mon. (17 th):	9:00 am	Reiss Flunder
Tues. (18 th):	7:00 pm	+Stella Konjolka
Wed. (19 th):	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (SOUTH) +Viola Molnar
Thurs. (20 th):	9:00 am 2:30 pm	Special Intentions YORKTON CROSSING +Bill Oliver
Fri. (21 st):	9:00 am	+Zyg Yuzak
Sat. (22 nd):	9:30 am	Special Intentions

7:00 pm +Bruce Wonchulanko

Sun. (23rd): **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am	Mass for the People
11:00 am	Claude Slogocki

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm.

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

CONTACT US

New Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Lord, I am grateful for the gift of faith. Help me to practice what I believe in my heart.

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

Let's get together and Build Community!

Would you like to connect names with faces? Would you like a lasting keepsake to enjoy and share with future generations? Would you like to be a part of creating memories at St. Gerard Church?

We need **EVERYONE** to participate to make our new pictorial directory complete!

BOOK YOUR PHOTO APPOINTMENT AFTER MASS!

Photos will be taken by a professional photographer during the week of **OCTOBER 22 - 27**. The sessions will take place at St. Gerard Church. There is **NO COST** to have your family portrait taken for the directory. However, there will be an opportunity for you to select portrait packages from the professional photographer if you wish.

**For more information, or to book an appointment, contact
Colleen at 306.783.8164**



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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News September 17 - September 21, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.						
Wed.		•CTTCS Division Cross X-Country Meet	•CTTCS Division Cross X-Country Meet		•CTTCS Division Cross X-Country Meet	
Thurs.						
Fri.		•Opening Divine Liturgy @ 10:30am				

"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

To register for the Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



News from the CWL



You may be wondering about where some of the overflow and leftover Garage Sale items go:

We have a team of people that work hard to make sure everything we can possibly redistribute goes out to fill a need in our community.

Items were picked up by or taken to: Soul's Harbour in Regina, the SIGN Housing Support Program, Shelwin House, our Refugee family, the Nursing Home, Gladstone Senior's Residence, Sturgis CWL, and Transition House.

Once again, thank you to everyone who helped make it all happen! God bless you!

YOUTH CHOIR



ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD?

Parents, if your children/teens are interested in joining the Youth Choir who rehearses weekly and ministers monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please email youthchoir@stgerard.ca



News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 16	Evening Bingo
Sept. 25	Articles for "The Word" due
Sept. 30	Fifth Sunday Rosary before 9am Mass Life Chain – Yorkton – 2-3pm
Oct. 3	Executive Meeting @ 7pm

Please note that Executive and General Meetings will be at 7pm until further notice.

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

The Eparchy of Saskatoon, in conjunction with the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre, have an Adult Faith Formation Program once a month at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church. *Please see the poster on the bulletin board for details.*

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

Forming Catholic leaders for service and evangelization

"Learning about apologetics has been a highlight for me because it involves the defense of the faith. When it is done in a kind and gentle way, conversations with all sorts of people open up." - Dean Vey, Resurrection Parish, Regina.

One weekend a month from October to June, Catholics just like you are gathering at Campion College in Regina to receive the tools and the guidance they need to speak confidently about the church, their faith, and Jesus Christ in their homes, parishes and the world. Why not make their story, your story?

We are currently accepting applications for the Fall intake of this three-year program. For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306.352.1651 ext 211 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

is celebrated

at the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses

During our "Children's Liturgy of the Word" at our Sunday morning Masses, children ages 3-7 (up to First Communion; age 2 accompanied by a parent) leave the assembly right after the opening hymn.

They gather in another nearby space so that they may hear and talk about the scripture readings at their level of understanding, and pray with the other children gathered.

New to the parish?? WELCOME !!!

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

Has your contact information changed??

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can keep our database current. Thanks!!!



Bringing Home the Word

Discovering Gifts from the Poor

By Mary Katharine Deeley

The undergraduate students with whom I work are part of a generation whose opportunities to serve others began in grade school. Regardless of religious affiliation, culture, or race, these students raised money, contributed to canned food drives, helped at food pantries, or built houses with their classmates or fellow club members. Now in college, they have hundreds of opportunities to help those less fortunate who are sponsored by this nonreligious institution alone, let alone the many more offered by their respective religious houses and communities.

For the most part, they serve willingly, even eagerly. But I find that few of them sit down to reflect on the good work they do. They rarely consider the call to solidarity with the poor or the command of Christ to love one another. They just have a felt sense that they should.

For Catholics, as for all Christians, this felt sense has its roots in the faith we proclaim. If we truly believe that Christ is the Son of God and our Savior, our faith compels us to do what he did and to love as he loved. And it is more than that. Many people do service work because it's the right thing to do or because they want to give back. Those are good reasons. But we are called to be in a relationship of love with those we serve. We are challenged to see not only how we might serve them but to see the gifts they bring to us and how they shape our lives. We are called to accept them as our brothers and sisters.

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“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” Mark 8:34

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

This will be a potluck supper meeting. Please call Maureen at 306.782.2956 if you have any questions.



St. Gerard Parish Annual Fall Supper

Sunday, September 30th
4:30 – 6:30 pm

Adults - \$17

Children (6-13) - \$10 Children (under 6) – Free

DO YOU KNOW.....

- ✦ The Fall Supper is our annual fundraiser?
- ✦ The sign up sheets for the Fall Supper are on the table in the Welcome Area. Please sign up today! Pies, desserts, salads & workers needed!
- ✦ The Fall Supper Committee is requesting the following clean garden produce: onions, potatoes, carrots, beets, cucumbers and coleslaw cabbage. Please drop off beginning Saturday, September 22nd (before 7pm Mass) until Wednesday, September 26th (during regular office hours). Thank you!

YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

Come and be a part of making a difference!

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email hannelle_23@hotmail.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (16th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep #1
- Mon. (17th): 6:30 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg
- Tues. (18th): 7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg
- Wed. (19th): 6:30 pm- Buddies Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. (23rd): 6:30 pm- First Reconciliation #2

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Service, Carrying the Cross of Jesus"

This Week...

James tells us that faith that isn't put into practice is worthless. Peter has faith that Jesus is the Messiah, but he doesn't realize yet that putting his faith into practice means taking up the cross and following. Isaiah gives us a hint of what that following might be like.

For Your Reflection

In the second reading, James says it's not enough to pray for homeless and hungry and poor people. We need to give them food to eat and clothes and blankets to keep them warm.

- Do you think James means this literally? Do you think this means that even teenagers need to find ways to make the world a better place for people who don't have the same advantages we have? Why or why not?
- What opportunities are available for teenagers to serve the needs of the poor? How can you help? How can you make a difference?

In the Gospel Peter goes from the top to the bottom in no time. He scores high when he answers that Jesus is the Messiah, but then he gets reprimanded by Jesus when he doesn't want to hear of death and suffering. It's like a roller coaster ride for poor Peter.

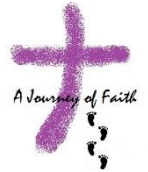
- Have you ever had one of those roller-coaster days - up one minute, down the next? Describe what it was like. Do you think Peter could relate to that day? Can you relate to Peter's?
- Obviously Jesus loves Peter, even when he messes up. He congratulates Peter when he does well, and he criticizes him when he does poorly. Peter is praised when successful, and forgiven when unsuccessful. How is Peter's relationship with Jesus like your relationship with your parents? How is it different?
- Jesus speaks of following him and taking up the cross. He means that we will have to endure the suffering and the difficult times if we are to be his followers. Have you endured some hard times? Who has endured those hard times with you? When have you supported someone else going through hard times? Do you think this is what Jesus is talking about? Why or why not?
- How is taking up the cross and following Jesus (mentioned in the Gospel reading) connected to putting your faith into practice (mentioned in the second reading)? How is Jesus' message similar to James' message?



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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

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