



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 4, 2019
Eighteenth 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.	(4 th):	7:00 pm	<i>Prayer Vigil – Beth Werner</i>
Mon.	(5 th):	11:00 am	<i>Funeral Mass-Beth Werner</i>
Tues.	(6 th):		Transfiguration of the Lord
		7:00 pm	Stella Fulawka
Wed.	(7 th):	9:00 am	Lauren Jackson
		2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SR RES +Raymond Halarewich
Thurs.	(8 th):	9:00 am	Eugene Kuemper
		2:30 pm	LAKESIDE MANOR +Raymond Neumeier
Fri.	(9 th):	9:00 am	Elizabeth Beres
Sat.	(10 th):	9:00 am	Jeanne Niezgoda

5:00 pm GOOD SPIRIT LAKE
Special Intentions
7:00 pm Dennis Peepeetch

Sun.	(11 th):		Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00 am	Mass for the People
		11:00 am	Special Intentions

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



POLKA MASS
Sunday, August 11th
9:00 am



CONTACT US

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

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Lord, you are the source and foundation of life. Help me grow rich in love and forgiveness as I share what I have with others.

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

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

Over 1000 Pilgrims

St. Anthony's
78th Pilgrimage
August 14th & 15th

August 14th Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Rama, Sk.

August 15th

<p>Vigil of Mary's Assumption</p> <p>2:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)</p> <p>3:15 pm: Stations of the Cross</p> <p>4:30 pm: Supper (Book by Aug 2nd. Call: 593-6120)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)</p> <p>6 - 7:45 pm: Confessions & anytime priests are available.</p> <p>8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Main Celebrant- Archbishop Don Bolen</p> <p>**Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, **Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)</p> <p>9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)</p> <p>10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite ~ Very Rev. Joakim Rac</p> <p>11:45 am: Final Mass: Main Celebrant ~ Archbishop Don Bolen. Anointing of the Sick & Aged. * Blessing for Plenary Indulgence * Blessing of Religious Articles</p> <p>**Like Rama Grotto on Facebook & Twitter</p> <p>** Visit: www.RamaShrine.ca</p>
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Kaposvar Pilgrimage

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
Sunday August 18, 2019

3 miles South & ½ mile West of Esterhazy on Grid 637

Souvenir Shop opens at 11:00

11:00 am – 12:00 noon.....	Visitors arrive and sign guest book
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm.....	Individual Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.....	Rosary in the Church
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm.....	Private Confessions in the Church
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm.....	Procession from the Church to the Shrine
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.....	Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick
4:00 pm.....	Procession back to the Church
4:15 pm.....	Supper

For more information Contact:
Bea Twardzik @ 745-6374
Eola Stevenson @ 740-6095

Ethnic Attire is encouraged
Bring your own Lawn chairs
Concession Booth on Site



REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE



Farewell to the Johar family who will be moving to Regina in July. Thank you to all who participated in supporting our refugee family from Eritrea.



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

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



We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community those who were baptized recently at St. Gerard:

Ayvah Badiola
Jhanella Pagcaliwangan

May these children and their families experience joy and new life.



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

Possession of material riches without inner peace is like dying of thirst while bathing in the river.

– Paramhansa Yogananda



News from the CWL



Donations of household items and clothing for the Fall CWL Garage Sale may be left outside of the CWL room (lower level, east door) during regular office hours. Please hold larger items until Sept 2nd.

Summer Reading: back issues of The League magazine may be found on the national website at:

<https://cwl.ca/category/media/the-canadian-league/>



News from the Knights of Columbus



August 7	Evening Bingo
August 11	10am Brunch for St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage Group at St. Gerard
Aug. 12	6:30pm Supper/Breakfast for St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage Group at Burgis Beach
Aug. 28	Afternoon Bingo

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Archdiocese of Regina Leadership Camp for teens focuses on faith, fun, and community building and leadership skills.

This year's camp runs from August 13-17 for those ENTERING grades 9-12 and August 18-20 for those ENTERING grades 7-9.

Our theme this year is "LOL" and we will most definitely be purposeful about "LAUGHING" Out Loud, but will also look at how we are called to "LOVE" Out Loud and "LIVE" Out Loud.

To register or for more information: <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/youth-summer-camps> or call Michelle OR Braden at 306-352-1651.

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!



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Building Bigger Barns
By Mary Katharine Deeley

I love to buy storage materials. My heart longs for the matching bins and boxes that claim to organize all the stuff in my house. *If I just get the right-sized box, I think, I will be able to keep everything I have and make room for more.* If Jesus were telling Sunday's Gospel parable today, perhaps the rich man wouldn't (just) be building bigger barns; he might be installing a better organization system.

The problem with a consumer society is that it tempts us to buy and collect far more than we need. We sometimes think we must have the latest phone, appliances, or fashions even as our existing toys and clothes vie for space in our closets and drawers. We rush to recycle in order to take advantage of sales and hardly pause to wonder, "Do I really need this?" We rarely, if ever, reflect on the truism, "You can't have everything— what would you do with it?"

If we give in to the temptation to acquire more things, to build bigger barns, we may find ourselves held captive by material goods— counting them, managing and maintaining them, or protecting and paying them off. Perhaps our time and energy would be better spent making sure that others have enough to eat and a place to sleep—in other words, being the image of the generous and loving God who "bestow[s] on the world all that is good" (Eucharistic Prayer III and IV). Today let us let go, clear away the clutter, and embrace the simplicity and freedom of loving in truth and fullness.

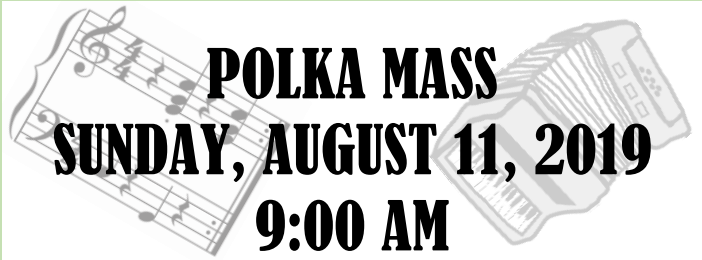
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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, September 5th
3pm to 6pm

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



POLKA MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019

9:00 AM

Are you moving this summer??

Please remember to notify
the Parish Office.

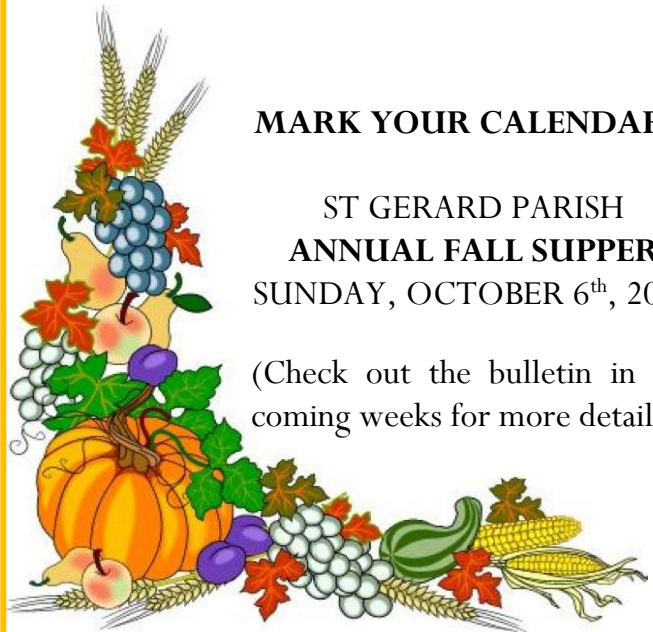


We like to keep our records current, and to be able to mail the charitable donation receipt to the correct address at the end of the year. Thanks!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ST GERARD PARISH
ANNUAL FALL SUPPER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2019

(Check out the bulletin in the coming weeks for more details!)



THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (5th): PARISH OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL
1PM TUESDAY
7:00 pm- Youth Musicians rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study (*Lower Level*)
Tues. (6th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Fri. (9th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (10th): 6:30pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Piling Up Possessions"

This Week...

Don't be greedy! All the wealth in the world won't get us to heaven! If we are to put our energy into anything, let it not be useless earthly desires that only lead to boredom and dissatisfaction. Material things are useless in themselves - there's no point to living if we don't live for God.

For Your Reflection

Money can make life a little easier to manage at times, but a famous proverb proclaims that "money can't buy happiness."

- Do you think most people believe that proverb?
- Why are so many people so easily convinced that having more of this or that will make their life better?
- What types of ads are you most susceptible to? What do you end up buying or wanting to buy most often?
- Are you an impulse buyer? Or do you not spend money unless you have planned to spend it on something you truly need?

Jesus tells us about the man who tore down his grain bins to build bigger ones in order to contain all his grain. Jesus called this man a fool.

- Do you have room in your closets for all your clothes and possessions?
- When your closets get too full, are you more likely to find more storage space in your house, or are you more likely to go through your things and decide what you use and don't use?
- Once you have some extra clothing or other items that you no longer want to keep, what do you do? Do you throw them away? Do you give them to agencies such as Goodwill Industries and the Salvation Army? Do you sell them at a yard sale to make more money?

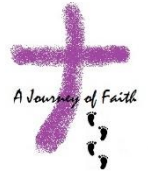
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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

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