



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

September 8, 2019

Twenty-third
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. (9 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (10 th):	7:00 pm	+Pauline Malinowski
Wed. (11 th):	10:30 am	ASPEN VILLA Special Intentions
	6:30 pm	+Grace Walsh
Thurs. (12 th):	9:00 am	+Jesse Etayo
	2:30 pm	LAKESIDE MANOR Special Intentions
Fri. (13 th):	9:00 am	Denis Dierker
	1:00 pm	St. Michael's School
Sat. (14 th):	9:00 am	Ed Pilon
	1:30 pm	<i>Eiffert-Cyhla Wedding</i>

7:00 pm Deceased members of
Knights of Columbus

Sun. (15th): **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am +Lorcan Quigley
11:00 am Mass for the People

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



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, I am grateful for your call to discipleship. Give me the grace to respond to your call with courage, love, and humility.

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



What is CFC-FFL? Couples for Christ – Foundation for Family and Life is an evangelistic and missionary community committed to helping families become empowered by the Holy Spirit, and strive for holiness of life, committing to renew the temporal order through work with the poor, for justice, and for life. This community was formed in 1981 and has been given Vatican recognition. And in 2015, Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan granted permission for the Live Christ Share Christ Movement of CFC-FFL to exist in the parishes in the Archdiocese of Regina. At St. Gerard we have a very active CFC-FFL community. For more information, please contact Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239.

Couples for Christ - Foundation for Family and Life Chapter (CFC-FFL) in Yorkton Saskatchewan is holding a

Christian Life Seminar

Saturday, September 28, 2019
8:30am - 4:30pm

St. Gerard Parish Church (Lower Level)

All married couples are invited to attend.

If you are interested, please contact Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239.



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process is intended for those who are non-baptized, at St. Gerard we also prepare adults for the Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians (including Catholics) 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 THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. The next session of RCIA classes will commence in the very near future!



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

September 9 - September 13, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.	•Picture Day			Youth Safety Day		
Wed.					•Gr. 4 to Food Farm	
Thurs.	•Football @ Esterhazy				•Gr. 1 Literacy Night	
Fri.	•Sr Boys Vball Home Tourney •Boys Soccer Home Tourney			1 pm Opening Mass		

"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

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?**

There will be a Parent Information Meeting and Registration Night on **Sunday, September 15th at 6:30 pm.**

HEY TEENS/YOUNG ADULTS!

Here's an opportunity for you to minister with other teens/young adults! The group currently consists of a pianist, wind & brass musicians, and a guitarist, all who love to praise the Lord in song!

Singers & other musicians most welcome!

For more information or to request music please contact the Parish Office office@stgerard.ca or AnnaLissa @ 306.818.0048

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 are interested in joining the St. Gerard Youth Choir please contact Jenny Baraoidan at 306.620.2848. Or register after the 11am Mass on Sunday, September 15!

The next **Liturgical Committee Meeting** will be Tuesday, September 10th @ 7:30pm in the CWL Room.



News from the CWL



Sept. 11: Mass at 6:30 pm, general mtg. at 7 pm.
Executive reports & garage sale report presented.

St. Gerard's CWL would like to thank everyone for all their help which made the Annual Gigantic Garage Sale such a success!

Thank you to everyone who donated items, to all the amazing workers who came out to set everything up, to the marvellous gentlemen who brought all the items upstairs, to the wonderful cooks who fed us each day as we worked, to the great workers who worked at the sale, and to all our garage sale friends who came and supported the sale!

We thank you so much for your support and kindness! Thank you to Fr. Louis for his encouragement and cheery presence!



News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 8 Sunday Brunch
Sept. 11 General Meeting (Installation of Officers)

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or 306.783.6767 or houle_r@yahoo.fr. More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca

SACRISTANS & GATE KEEPERS NEEDED

Sacristans and Gate Keepers (open and close the church) are needed for the Saturday night Mass. If you would like to serve in either of these ministries, please call Yvonne at 306.782.1055 or Carol at 306.782.1762

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Archdiocese of Regina Weekly Report

Sign up now at www.archregina.sk.ca/news The week's top local stories, parish and diocesan events, and national and international news of Catholic interest delivered to your in-box every Friday.

2018 Annual Report

Copies of the Archdiocese of Regina 2018 Annual Report are located at each entrance. Limited quantity.



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Planning, Flexibility, and Discipleship

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In my family, three members like to plan for what's ahead: What are we going to do? How will it get done? How are we going to get there? What will happen when we do? I can tolerate certain changes up until the day we leave, but after that, change is difficult for me. My daughter hates change at any point and doesn't rest until a revised plan is made. My husband lies somewhere in between. Our other daughter is a much more freewheeling spirit. "I never make plans that far in advance," she would say when I asked her what she was doing that evening. We would often just stare at each other in wonder. After thirty years, we have also rubbed off on each other in some ways.

Becoming a disciple of Christ takes both planning and flexibility. The planning comes in preparing ourselves to let go of anything that gets in the way of our service to the Lord. For most of us, that will not be our parents, but it might be something or someone in our society or culture. Jesus' challenge comes in the realization that nothing can come between Christ and us—not even our parents—and if they did, we would need to turn from them in order to follow him. The flexibility comes in the understanding that we don't know what or who we might have to give up, or the moment and manner in which Christ will ask us to pick up our cross and follow in his footsteps. All we can do is pray for the grace and courage to do what he asks when he asks it.

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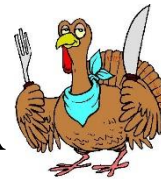
The next fundraising day is
Thursday, October 3rd
3pm to 6pm

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

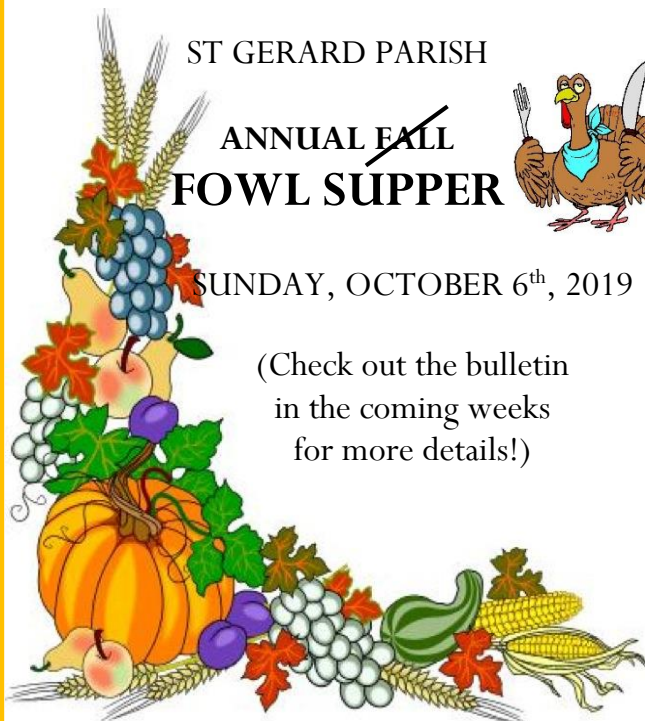
ST GERARD PARISH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2019

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



PEROGY MAKING DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

17th, 18th, 19th

23rd, 24th, 25th

Mark your calendars!!!

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!

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (9th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study (*Lower level*)
- Tues. (10th): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting
(*CWL Room*)
- Wed. (11th): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
- Fri. (13th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
5:00 pm- Wedding rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (*Meeting Room B*)
- Sat. (14th): 6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (15th): 6:30 pm- Sacrament Parent Meeting
(*Lower level*)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"First Calculate, Then Build"

This Week...

The universe God has created is so immense and complicated that we could never hope to understand it, even though we act as if we do so in our plans for towers, wars, industrial and business operations, and other complicated projects. We invest a lot of energy in these earthly projects. Sometimes they are the focus of our entire life. Jesus is asking us to invest that much energy into being a dedicated follower.

For Your Reflection

Building a tower takes a lot of planning, a lot of money, and a lot of labour. So do other things.

- Have you ever had a dream about accomplishing something - a dream that had you planning, thinking, and working in order to make it come true; a dream that you devoted lots of times and energy to? What is that dream? Are you still working on it? Or have you abandoned it?

Some young people throw themselves into a sport, a hobby, a talent, or an interest. They become known for their accomplishments in that area.

- What young person of your age do you know to be a very talented dancer? musician? artist? athlete? debater? writer?

- How much energy and dedication do these people invest in developing their skill?

- Into what area do you put the most time, energy, and enthusiasm? How successful or accomplished do you feel?

- How much time, energy, and enthusiasm do you invest in your relationship with God? in your involvement with your parish? in your relationships with your family? How can you give more of yourself to these areas?

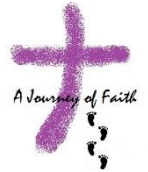
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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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

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