

Masses For The Week

February 11, 2018 – Sunday, 6th Week, Ordinary Time, Cycle B.

Theme: Jesus, friend of outcasts – To bring help to outcasts, Jesus himself had to become an outcast and ‘stay outside in places where nobody lived’.

1st Reading Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 The Law regarding leprosy is given to Moses and Aaron.
Responsorial Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11 A prayer of contrition and confession for sin.
2nd Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ.
Gospel Mark 1:40-45 Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

Saturday, February 10 (Psalter: Week II) – Communal anointing of the sick

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank † Special intention for Jane and Neil Kehler

Sunday, February 11 – Communal anointing of the sick

9:00 am Mass in Garson † Healing & peace for Donna and Cassie – off. Catherine Bylo

11:00 am Mass in Cook’s Creek † Dolores Sitarz – off. Eleanor & Joe Bukowski



“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself – am I doing to this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

Monday, February 12

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 456)

Tuesday, February 13 – No Mass Scheduled.

40 Days of Lent Ahead

February 14, 2018 – ASH WEDNESDAY (ABC) – ‘A personal encounter with the Lord’

7:30 pm Mass in Cook’s Creek (RM 193)

Theme: Penitence is an essential part of the Christian life, for none of us can measure up to the tremendous vocation that is ours as Christians. We are in constant need of the mercy and forgiveness of God. Today we express this by taking part in an impressive corporate act of penitence and reconciliation, beseeching God for the grace to use with profit the ‘favourable time’ of preparation for the celebration of Christ’s Passover feast.

The ashes used today come from the branches blessed the preceding year for Passion Sunday.

1st Reading Joel 2:12-18 Let your hearts be broke, not your garments torn.
Responsorial Psalm 50:3-6, 12-14ff Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.
2nd Reading 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Be reconciled to God ... now is the favourable time.
Gospel Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18 Your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

LENT – Fast and Abstinence

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14. During Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday, February 16 at Sacred Heart of Jesus (in Garson) before Mass. All are welcome!

We would like to call your attention to the fact that **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence**. By Fast we mean that our main meal is equivalent to the two other meals and that there is no eating between meals. Abstinence means abstaining from meat.

The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children to the understanding and practise of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving, and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

We would also like to point out that every Friday throughout the year (not only during Lent) should be days of Abstinence. If for a good reason a person wishes to substitute Abstinence for some other form of penance they are free to do so. Friday should be a day of special penance.

Thursday, February 15

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 196)

Friday, February 16 – Abstinence

9:00 am Mass in Garson follows the Stations of the Cross (8:30 am) (RM 197)

The Week Ahead

February 18, 2018 – First Sunday of Lent, Cycle B.

Theme: The Good News of the Covenant – At the beginning of Lent we renew our response to the Covenant, the pact of love that God made with each of us at our baptism. Imagine what good news it must have been to Noah, alone in a drowned world, when he learned that God's love had not abandoned, nor ever would abandon, the earth and its creatures.

1st Reading	Genesis 9:8-15	God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign.
Responsorial	Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9	A prayer praising God for his covenant.
2nd Reading	1 Peter 3:18-22	In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.
Gospel	Mark 1:12-15	Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

Saturday, February 17 (Psalter: Week I)

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank

Sunday, February 18

9:00 am Mass in Garson

11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek

PLEASE USE SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MICHAEL'S

Altar Servers

Feb 11: Riley and Fiona Kotzer, Myah Lessard
Feb 18: Hannah and Noah Meadows, Madeline Duval
Feb 25: Brodie and Grace Kotzer, Charlie Tetrault
Mar 4: Daniel and Joe Zubricki, Myah Lessard
Mar 11: Hannah and Noah Meadows, Madeline Duval
Mar 18: Riley and Fiona Kotzer, Myah Lessard
Mar 25: Daniel and Joe Zubricki, Charlie Tetrault

Fellowship Sunday

Our February Fellowship is today. All are welcome!

Springfield Food Bank A special thanks to Greg Ward who delivered our 174 pound donation to the Food Bank on January 27. Once again, the Food Bank Staff offers a huge thank you to the people of St. Michael's. They can use all the usual donations this month but they have a special request for personal hygiene products. Sunday, February 19 is our next target date.



Say a Prayer for members of our parish communities and non members who are experiencing or will be experiencing health issues and other concerns. No need to elaborate on the issue, but please forward their names to our bulletin email address. The one important request is that permission to print in the bulletin **must** be received from the person(s). This will be the responsibility of the person submitting the information. Fr. Joe had mentioned in one of his sermons that we should live our faith not just on Sundays but throughout the week. What better way to support our parish family than to Say a Prayer!

- ❖ Lloyd Hadder
- ❖ Members of our parish communities who are experiencing difficulties

SACRED HEART

Our February Fellowship is planned for Feb. 18th.

Tickets for the Sacred Heart of Jesus R.C. Cemetery 50\50 draw are available and if anyone would like to purchase some or could sell some books please call Eleanor Zygarlicki at [204-482-4325](tel:204-482-4325).

Sacred Heart Church Presents
Sunday March 18, 2018
ST. PATRICKS' DAY DINNER
At the Garson Hall
Tickets \$15.00. Doors open at 5p.m. Dinner served at 6p.m.
Sponsored by
Sacred Heart Church and the Cemetery Committee
Silent Auction. 50/50 Draw Cash Bar
For tickets contact a church member or
Call Barb at [204-482-5374](tel:204-482-5374)
All tickets sold in advance/limited number available
All proceeds to the maintenance of the cemetery

St. JOHN PAUL II

One week left for our **citrus fundraiser!** Orders need to be in by Feb. 16th at the latest. Order forms have been distributed with extra forms available at the back of the church. This fundraiser has been increasing in popularity each year as people experience the freshness of the fruit. Please spread the word and encourage sales.

To start off the Lenten season, we will be having a **Pancake Tuesday** (Shrove Tuesday) event on Tuesday February 13th, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. There is no set cost for this event. It is a “free will offering”.

The next Board meeting is Thursday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m.

St. John Paul II has a membership number with the **Red River Co-op**. If anyone wants to donate their fuel purchases, our number is **500286**.

We extend a **warm welcome** to all visitors in our church community and invite you to register and join our parish. You can do this by completing the form on the back page of the bulletin and leaving it either with a greeter at the door or place it in the offertory basket. We are happy to have you be a part of our church community and to share our spiritual journey together.

St. Michael's CWL

Anyone going to **Canadian Blood Services** to donate blood can give a number that goes towards the **CWL Partners for Life Membership**. Our number is CATH 011269. Anyone can use the number, not just CWL members but their spouse, family and friends as well.

“Polski Czat”

Our informal Polish language group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 7 to 9 PM in the St. Michael's Church Hall.
For more info call Liz @ 204-444-3247

Social Action - Development & Peace

During Lent we will be hosting the **Stations of the Cross at St Michael's** each Friday evening at 7PM.
Friday Feb 16th will be our first Way of the Cross . This a family friendly event! Everyone is welcome!

Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during **Share Lent, Development and Peace** can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! There are many ways to be part of Share Lent. Use the **Solidarity Calendar** with your family. You can pick up a copy while leaving church today. You can make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place on March 18. To find out more about Share Lent, please contact Liz @ [204-444-3247](tel:204-444-3247)

Upcoming Events

Polski Czat every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM - St. Michael's.
Fellowship Sunday - St. Michael's - February 11, 2018
Pancake Tuesday - St. John Paul II - February 13, 2018 - 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Way of the Cross @ St Michael's – Feb 16th 7PM
Fellowship Sunday - Sacred Heart - February 18, 2018
Way of the Cross @ St. Michael's Feb 23rd 7 PM led by the CWL
Board Meeting - St. John Paul II - March 1st at 7 PM

 <p>Complete Family Hair Care Centre</p> <p>777 Cedar Ave. at Main St. Box 360 Oakbank, MB R0E 1J0 Phone (204) 444-4343</p>	<p>Advertise in the Bulletin!</p> <p>Please contact Shauna Zinnick (szinnick@mymts.net) for further information.</p>
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We extend a warm welcome to new members of our community! If you would like to join our parish family, please complete the registration form below and place in the collection basket during offertory. Thank-you!

REGISTRATION or CHANGE FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Registering with:

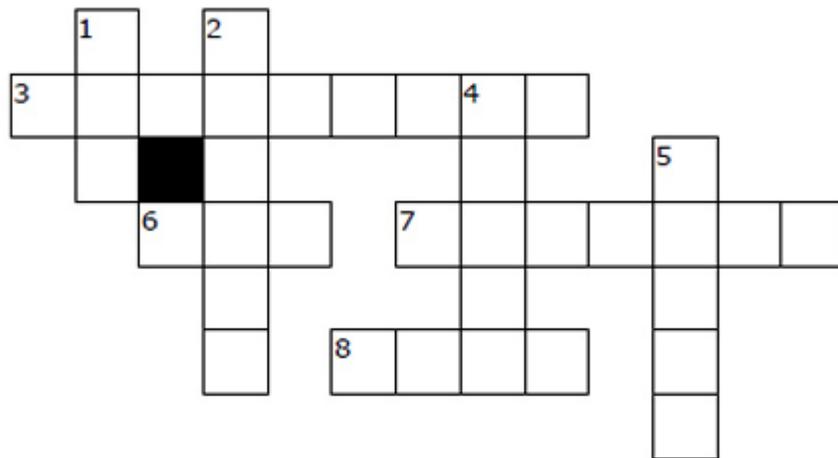
- St. Michael's Parish Cooks Creek or
Sacred Heart Parish Garson or
St. John Paul II Catholic Community

In need of Sunday Envelopes? (please circle) YES NO This is a (please circle) NEW or CHANGE of address

Jesus Heals a Leper

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Mark 1:40-41

Puzzle is based on Mark 1:40-45



ACROSS

3. To offer an animal or other material possession to God
6. To plead for something; or to ask again and again
7. A skin disease
8. The part of the body at the end of the arm that includes the fingers

DOWN

1. An adult male
2. A person who has been trained to perform religious duties in some churches
4. To be free from dirt or impurities
5. To come in contact with something, especially with the hands

CLEAN	MAN	LEPROSY	HAND
TOUCH	BEG	SACRIFICE	PRIEST