

Masses For The Week

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A: September 16 – 22, 2017

Theme: Our forgiving Lord – We cannot celebrate today the Lord of compassion and love, the Lord who dies for us and who lives to intercede for us, unless each of us has forgiven his brother from his heart.

1st Reading *Sirach 27:30-28:9* Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.
Responsorial *Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12* A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful.
2nd Reading *Romans 14:7-9* We belong to the Lord.
Gospel *Matthew 18:21-35* Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.



“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s”. Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't “owners” of anything; we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

Saturday, September 16th (Psalter: Week IV)

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank

Sunday, September 17th

9:00 am Mass in Garson

11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek † Remember: James Sternat – off. Sternat Family

Monday, September 18th

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 463)

Tuesday, September 19th – No Mass Scheduled.

Wed., Sept. 20th – Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

10:30 am Mass in Kin Place (RM 940)

Thursday, September 21st – Feast: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 941)

Friday, September 22nd

9:00 am Mass (in Garson), Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction (RM 465)

The Week Ahead

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A: September 23 – 29, 2017

Theme: The generous love of God – The love of God cannot be measured by any human standard. It is incalculable. By human reckoning it must even appear foolish. What sensible employer would behave like the man in the Gospel parable? We see a reflection of that love in St Paul's dilemma. He loved so much that he could not decide whether it was better to live or to die.

1st Reading *Isaiah 55:6-9* God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.
Responsorial *Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18* God is near to those who call upon him.
2nd Reading *Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a* Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.
Gospel *Matthew 20:1-16* Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

Saturday, September 23rd (Psalter: Week I)

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank

Sunday, September 24th

9:00 am Mass in Garson

11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek

PLEASE USE SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR MASS INTENTIONS



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!

- ❖ Dolores Sitarz
- ❖ Members of our parish communities who are experiencing difficulties

ST. MICHAEL'S

**Our St Michael's Day Dinner is taking place on Sunday October 1st, after Mass.
Tickets are \$15.00, ages 6-12 \$5.00 and under 5 free.**

New Altar Servers:

St. Michael's is currently looking for a few new altar servers. Altar servers help Father Joe during mass and get a front row seat! It is a great way to become involved in the church community and also be more engaged during mass. Any child that has completed their First Communion and Reconciliation can become an altar server. We would love to see some new faces up there this year. **Contact information for Michelle and Sandra are on the front page of this bulletin.**

Altar Server Schedule

Sept 17: Grace Kotzer & Madeline Duval
Sept 24: Riley and Brodie Kotzer
Oct 1: Hannah and Noah Meadows & Myah Lessard
Oct 8: Daniel and Joe Zubricki
Oct 15: Fiona Kotzer & Myah Lessard
Oct 22: Hannah and Noah Meadows & Madeline Duval
Oct 29: Riley Kotzer and Myah Lessard

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Have you ever wondered exactly what is happening when the children leave the main assembly and go into the gathering room during mass? They are doing the same thing as we who remain in our seats are doing ... celebrating the Liturgy of the Word. We know that the church desires "full, conscious and active participation" in the liturgy on the part of "all the faithful." However, we realize that the ordinary manner of celebrating the Liturgy of the Word is usually not suitable for children. The language is too difficult. The content, incomprehensible. So we provide an alternate version of the liturgy of the Word which is simplified for the developmental needs of children between the ages of 3-6 years. It is not Bible study, Catechism class, craft time or a babysitting service to keep the Church quiet so the rest of the assembly can hear the liturgy. We celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with children so that they can fully encounter God's love and presence in their lives through the proclamation of the Word who dwells among us. The men, women and young adults who lead the liturgy have been trained and fully screened through the volunteer screening programme. Who can attend? Anyone who wants to attend may attend. Usually children under 3 are not quite old enough, but there is no particular "upper limit" of age. Do I need to sign up? No, just join the group when they are called forth from the assembly. May I go in with my child until they are comfortable? Absolutely. How come Children's Liturgy doesn't seem to be offered consistently at every mass? Simple answer... we need more volunteers. We cannot ask the same people to lead every week. If we have no one available, we cannot offer the liturgy. Can I help? Definitely! We try to offer Children's Liturgy at every mass, but are limited by the number of volunteers we have. So please consider helping out if you can. What is the time commitment? We ask that you volunteer about once a month. Preparation takes about 30 minutes – 1 hour per session. You need to arrive about 15-20 minutes before mass to set up and, of course lead the session. If you feel called to this ministry, or have any questions, come see me after mass or call me at 204-232-4259 or email me at darlene6872@gmail.com

Blessings, Darlene Ingram

Fellowship Sunday

The next Fellowship Sunday will be Sunday, September 24, 2017. All are welcome to attend.

A big thanks from the staff at **Springfield Food Bank** to the people of St. Michael's Parish for your donation of 167 lbs of supplies. Our next target date is September 24, Fellowship Sunday, and the priority items requested are tuna, soup, cereal, individual oatmeal, deodorant and toothpaste.

Catechism for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 begins in September.

Registration form is on our website: <http://www.stmichaelsrc.com/index.php/catechism>. Contact Evelyn Ann Marie Kotzer or me for info.

SACRED HEART

The Sacred Heart Altar Society ladies will be starting their monthly meetings with a potluck supper on September 12th at 5:30 p.m. All ladies from our parish please accept our invitation to attend.

The Finance Committee will resume their monthly meetings September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Our annual Pig Roast Dinner fund raiser is coming up September 24th. Doors open @ 4:30. Supper at 5:30. Dinner tickets are going fast. There are some tickets still available for the goat raffle. Call Barb Knights-204-482-5374.

East European Genealogical Society

LESSER-KNOWN RESOURCES TO DETERMINE YOUR ANCESTRAL VILLAGE

Chris Bukoski

Chris will discuss lesser-known resources that could be used to identify your ancestral village, as well as provide the location of these records. Many times the village names are distorted and addressed will be how to determine the proper spelling. A critical piece of the puzzle is finding the parish name and Chris will discuss gazetteers and other sources that will aid in this process.

Wednesday September 20, 2017 7:00 PM

Thomson Funeral Home 669 Broadway Ave.

St. JOHN PAUL II

What a wonderful evening we had last Saturday! Thank you to everyone who stayed for our "Welcome Back, Wine and Cheese." It was so nice to relate with everyone that evening. Our next Fellowship evening will be our Christmas Potluck Supper on **Dec. 16th**. This is "Joyful Sunday" and is a fitting evening for our Christmas gathering. More information will be coming, but in the meantime please mark the date and think of what item you can bring to the supper. It is such a surprise to see what the potluck brings!

Now is a good time to remind everyone to bring in non-perishable items for our food bank contributions. Thanksgiving will be here before you know it and then Christmas. Our food bank chest is at the back of the church and is waiting to be filled.

We are exploring the possibility of running an apple fundraiser similar to the citrus fundraiser that we run in late winter. More information will follow, but we are looking at McIntosh and Spartan apples.

Grey Cup tickets are now available. Please see Jane Kehler to purchase tickets or obtain a bundle to sell.

Bud, Spud, and Steak tickets are available. This will take place at Kelly's Bar & Grill in Oakbank on Sat. Oct. 21st following Mass. There will be a silent auction and 50/50 draw. Please see Pat for tickets.

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**.

Our next Board meeting is **Thursday, October 5th** at 7:15 p.m.

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

Our next CWL meeting will be on Sunday September 17th after Mass

Our St Michael's Day Dinner is taking place on Sunday October 1st, after Mass.

Tickets are \$15.00, ages 6-12 \$5.00 and under 5 free.

“Polski Czat” * CHANGE OF START DATE!!!**

We will be starting up our informal Polish language group on Monday **October 16th**. Join us the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 7 to 9 PM in the St Michael's Church hall
Newcomers welcome! for more info call Liz @ 204-444-3247

The **Men's Group “Reviving The Past”** meets every Thursday at 10 AM.
Join us for a fun day of planning, repairing, restoring and “deep” discussion!! New comers welcome!!

Heritage Howl

Saturday October 21st @ 7 PM \$5 per person

Enjoy a spooky tour of the Museum buildings followed by free refreshments in the “Back of the Barn”

Social Action - Development & Peace

Friday September 22nd 12 PM-12:55 PM

252 St Paul's College, Mauro Centre U of M

Presentation by Mel Duncan “Just War” An Idea Whose Time Has Passed

Mel Duncan was one of eighty peace leaders invited to the Vatican to discuss and evaluate the Just War Doctrine. He will share his experiences and discuss the work and vision of the Nonviolent Peaceforce.

Development and Peace- Caritas Canada St Boniface Council News:

The Fall Action Campaign is beginning in October. The theme for this year is **“May Peace Be With Her”**. A workshop on the Fall Action campaign will be held on Thursday October 12th at 151 Cathedral. All Parish reps and interested individuals are invited to attend.
Please contact Liz @ 204-444-3247 for more information

Please remember our local Food Bank....donations gratefully accepted

De- Cluttering??

Please remember the Centre Flavie -Laurent when you are going through closets and cupboards. They accept all household articles including furniture as well as clothing. These goods are distributed to the most needy in the community and all donations are greatly appreciated. They are located at 450 Provencher Ave

Upcoming Events

September 17th **CWL Sunday - St. Michael's** - 3rd Sunday of the month
September 21st **St Michael's Administrative Board meeting**
September 21st **International Day of Peace**
September 24th **-Pig Roast** - Sacred Heart
September 24th **Fellowship Sunday - St. Michael's**
October 1st **-St Michael's Dinner**
October 16th 7 PM **Polski Czat**
October 19th **St Michael's Administrative Board meeting**
October 21st **- Bud, Spud & Steak - St. John Paul II**
October 21st **Heritage Howl CCHM 7 PM**
Nov 16th **St Michael's Administrative Board meeting**
Dec 21st **St Michael's Administrative Board meeting**

Days for Girls Springfield

is hosting a Dessert Party Fundraiser on Saturday, October 21st
in the Upper Hall of Oakbank United Church. In addition to a selection of desserts, there will be a guest speaker, and the Grands 'n' More Organization will have a display of their wonderful items for sale in support of grandmothers and AIDS orphans of Africa. Tickets are \$10 and available from Dennis or Donna at [204-444-2991](tel:204-444-2991). All seats reserved. Doors open at 1:15; opening remarks at 2 p.m. Invite a friend and join in the fun!

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Please contact
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for further information.

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.

The Unforgiving Servant

