

Masses For The Week

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, A – June 18, 2017

Theme: The Food and Drink Of Eternal Life

God kept his people alive in the desert by giving them food and drink from heaven. The food and drink he gives us in this sacrament is the body and blood of his Son, given for the life of the world.

1st Reading Deut. 8:2-16a God fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.
Responsorial Psalm 147 O praise God, Jerusalem!
2nd Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17 Paul reminds us that in sharing the bread of life at Mass, we become one body.
Gospel John 6:51-58 In the Gospel, Jesus says he himself is the living bread for believers.



"Don't work for food that spoils; instead work for food that lasts for eternal life. This is the food that the Son of Man will give you." John 6:27

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

Saturday, June 17th (Psalter: Week III, 11th week in Ordinary Time)

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank † Remember: Nina Brouillette – off. Cecile Benoit

Sunday, June 18th

9:00 am Mass in Garson

11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek † Remember: Charles Sitarz – off. Pam & Ken Wazney Family

Monday, June 19th

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 448)

Tuesday, June 20th – No Mass Scheduled.

Wednesday, June 21st – Memorial: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

10:30 am Mass in Kin Place (RM 861)

Thursday, June 22nd

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 450)

Friday, June 23rd – Solemnity: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (RM 478)

World Day of Prayer for Priests (Mass in Garson)

5:00 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

6:30 pm. Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus † For all Fathers – off. H. J. Niemezyk family

7:30 pm. Potluck Dinner. You are all invited to join us for this pious occasion.

Saturday, June 24th – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank † Remember: Nina Brouillette – off. Cecile Benoit

Sunday, June 25th – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass in Garson

**11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek † Intentions for the recipients of prayer shawls – off. CWL
Baptism of Eric Steven Kotowich and Natalie Marie Fillion**

PLEASE USE SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR MASS INTENTIONS

The Week Ahead

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A – June 25, 2017

Theme: The Lord At Our Side

Faced with all the evil in the world and the fearful consequences of sin, we might well be afraid did we not have Christ as a mighty hero at our side, the source of divine grace.

Overcoming destructive anger

Anger is one of the capital sins. But there are different kinds of anger. If the anger stems from a certain temperament a person is born with, that anger is not always destructive, at least not against himself. For such people, because their anger is more an outburst, they are quickly forgotten and nothing is taken to heart. Of course, the danger is that those who do not know them would feel offended and nurse an anger that is smoldering, resentful and even vindictive. The capital sin of anger refers to this kind of anger; one that embellishes, seeks, and plots retaliation.

Regardless, **anger makes no one happy. When we are angry, we make others miserable and we unsettle ourselves.** We might appear to behave greater power over the other person, yet, we know that once we lose our cool, we have been defeated by our enemies. A person who has self-control will not allow persons and circumstances to upset or irritate him. Indeed, anyone who can control us is greater than us. So when we get angry, it means that our enemy has a hold over us; and he can easily make us lose our peace and joy.

Conversely, when we are hurt by another's anger, we become angry as well. So this becomes a vicious cycle. Anger begets anger. That is why Jesus warns us that anger will not help the situation to become better. When we begin to call a person, "fool", the other person will retaliate and then we will use even harsher words, like calling him, "renegade", that is, a traitor. We know that when harsh and uncharitable words are used, it often leads to violence, destruction and even killing. Anger can consume us and when a person is taken over by his anger, he is not himself anymore. It is as if the devil has possessed him.

So anger in whatever form and degree will not help us to enter the Kingdom of heaven. This is because the Kingdom of God is under the rule of God, the rule of love, compassion and forgiveness. The kingdom of God is the reign of joy and peace and self-control. So, one cannot expect to be joyful and happy or be at peace when he is angry. Thus, if we are serious about entering the Kingdom of God, Jesus tells us to go beyond seeking for human justice and **to seek divine justice, which is mercy and forgiveness.**

Only mercy and forgiveness can heal the wounds of division among men. **Accordingly, the way of forgiveness begins with the process of dialogue. How should the process of reconciliation take place? How should dialogue be conducted?** Jesus says, "Come to terms with our opponent in good time.... Matthew 5:20-26." Dialogue should begin "in good time." In other words, before things get worse, we should try to reconcile with our enemy. The longer we wait, the more the resentment deepens. That is why when there is a misunderstanding, we should allow each other to articulate his or her pain and anger. This is a necessary part of the healing process. The failure to begin the dialogue in good time is the cause of many years of anger that develops into hatred.

Secondly, when we fail to act, it will develop into a situation that would become almost unmanageable. Indeed, quite often a quarrel or misunderstanding starts from a small matter, but because this was never dealt with, such petty quarrels and hurts accumulate. When another misunderstanding happens, people are too hurt and wounded that their past prejudices prevent them from listening and feeling with each other. As a result, there is no openness in dialogue because of fear, anger and suspicion. What happens then would be the desire to take revenge rather than be reconciled. When dialogue fails, the only intention of those who seek "justice" is not to make things right but simply to take revenge.

Finally, let us believe in the power of prayer. The ability to forgive is dependent on prayer. Those who cannot forgive are those who have not prayed because if they had prayed, they would never have denied others what they asked from God. How could we ask God to bless us and yet cause His other sons and daughters to suffer? How could we ask God for forgiveness for our sins if we are not willing to forgive those who have hurt us? Without prayer, forgiveness is not possible because it is divine. We need to pray constantly, till God sends us the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation. For this reason, Jesus again and again asks us to pray for our enemies. This command to pray for our enemies and to bless them is not an option for us as Christians but **a duty.** St Paul's letter to the Romans and the letter of St Peter underscores that Christians are bound to forgive all those who have hurt them, following Jesus who too suffered unjustly and innocently on the cross. Harboring hatred for our enemies and, worse, taking revenge, is contrary to our claim that we love God because no Father is happy when his children are divided.



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!

- ❖ Members of our parish communities who are experiencing difficulties

ST. MICHAEL'S

Altar Server Schedule

June 18: Brodie Kotzer and Myah Lessard
June 25: Grace and Fiona Kotzer



Congratulations to Lucas Christopher Shumsky, Charles Alphonse Tetrault and Faith Anais Wallack on the occasion of their First Holy Communion. May God be with you now and always.

PARISH CENSUS

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill out and return the parish census record form! Over the summer, the parish will be using these forms to update our records.

If you had indicated on your form that would like to receive more information on one of our ministries or committees, we will be letting the parishioner(s) responsible for coordinating those ministries know and they will be in contact with you in the coming weeks.

If you have not had a chance to return your parish census yet, not a problem! Please return your form in the collection basket when you are able. Extra forms are also available at the back of the church. You may also email your form (or information) to info@stmichaelsrc.com.

Thank you for helping our parish update our records!

The next Admin Board Meeting is June 22 @ 7pm in the church basement

St. JOHN PAUL II

Our **Annual Pig Roast** will be happening on Sunday, July 16th at 5 p.m. Doors will be open at 4:15 where refreshments are available and you can socialize and make new friends. Tickets are now available for \$20 each. If you would like a bundle of 10 or 25 tickets to sell, you can do so by signing out tickets on a sheet that is at the back of the church. Money and unsold tickets need to be returned by July 8th.

As most of you are aware, we recently had to tend to a repair on the holding tank. This was repaired, however another problem was discovered. We are now getting quotes for the repair, but what this brought to the forefront was the need to maintain funds in our building fund budget line. Our church is still young and has many needs, such as completing the kitchen, painting the windows, landscaping.... Since our church was moved here, almost three years ago now, it is easy to forget about these ongoing costs. We are asking that those who are able to, please make a separate donation once a month to our building fund. We are going to have additional envelopes in with your box of envelopes for the next year, but in the meantime, if you run out, please use a blank envelope that will be available at the back of the church. We are going to have a reminder in the bulletin at the beginning of each month to help us remember. These reminders will start in September. Thank you to everyone who is able to help.

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, September 7th** 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.

SACRED HEART

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday, June 23, 2017 - Solemnity - Year: A

The Readings: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30

The message: The Heart of Christ.

God who is love has set his heart on his people and given us his Son, the gentle and humble at heart.

The tickets for the goat raffle and Pig Roast in September are here. You can get them from Barb Knights before or after church or call her at [204-482-5374](tel:204-482-5374)

Social Action - Development & Peace

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

Spring Cleaning???

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

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is extremely pleased that the Government of Canada has launched a Famine Relief Fund to respond to the severe food crisis in northeast Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen, as well as other affected countries in Africa.

In February 2017, the new UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, declared 20 million people to be at risk of death in the next six months.

This particular humanitarian crisis stems from a conjunction of events that include armed conflicts coupled with severe droughts brought about by climate change. Many have fled their homes and land to escape the violence of armed conflict and are continually displaced. These issues make transportation and access to food extremely difficult.

For every eligible donation made by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities, such as [Development and Peace](#) between March 17 and June 30, 2017, the Government of Canada will contribute an equivalent amount to the Famine Relief Fund

Development and Peace is present in the region and working closely with our local partners to respond to this humanitarian crisis threatening the lives of millions of people. Since February, Development and Peace has released \$250,000 in funds for emergency food assistance to support its partners in South Sudan, northeastern Nigeria and Somalia.

These funds are in addition to many other Development and Peace development and international aid projects that have provided access to medical care, drinking water, sanitation, and shelter in famine-affected areas.

Development and Peace invites Canadians to double the impact of their donations by give generously to its Famine Relief Fund before June 30, 2017. Donations are accepted online, by phone, via text and by mail.

How to donate: By phone: [1 888 234-8533](tel:18882348533) On the web: [Donate now](#)

Text to give: Using your cell phone, send a text message with the word PEACE to 45678 to donate \$10 to Development and Peace.

By mail: 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W, 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7

Emergency envelopes are located at the back of the Church

COOKS CREEK HERITAGE MUSEUM www.cchm.ca

Pig Roast and Barn Dance

Friday June 23

Great Food, Great Music, Great Fun!!!

Tickets available at the Museum!!

The Museum is open for the season!!

Hours of operation are Wednesday to Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM

Stop by and see Tessa and Jasmine our summer staff who will be happy to take you on a guided tour. Come and see the improvements we have made to our displays.

This is a great place to bring your summer visitors.

Step back into the past and learn about the lives of our early settlers.

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!!

St. Michael's CWL

A big **thank you** to all who brought salads, desserts, and beverages for the CWL wind up. We had a great evening of fellowship. Special thanks to Kim V. for decorating, Lorraine D. for doing the phoning, Alice T. for all she did, and of course to our servers, Al T., Al C., Michael, Greg J., and Ray. Thanks again!

CWL Sunday - Marleen Bell and Trudy Simard will be asking CWL members before mass every third Sunday of the month, which is also Fellowship Sunday, to help with collection, ushering during communion and bringing up the gifts. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church as well.

Upcoming Events

Administration Board meeting - St. Michael's - Thursday, June 22nd at 7 p.m.
Pig Roast & Barn Dance - CCHM - June 23rd
Sacred Heart Feast Day Celebration - June 23rd with fellowship pot luck supper to follow.
Pig Roast - St. John Paul II - Sunday, July 16th
Board meeting - St. John Paul II - Thursday, September 7th at 7:15 p.m.

Cooks Creek Community Centre events:

Cooks Creek Revival 2017 – The Ultimate Tribute Band Festival **Sunday September 3, 2017** at the Cooks Creek Grotto. Seven tribute bands: Keith Urban, CCR, Elvis, Cher, The Beatles, Bon Jovi and Kiss – Tickets are \$35 each, 6-11 years \$10, under 6 is free.

Go to www.cooks creek.ca for purchase tickets on line, Cooks Creek Heritage

Cooks Creek Try Rugby Day!
Come out and learn Rugby **Saturday June 24th 10 am** to Noon. Non-contact co-ed introduction to Rugby ages 4 – 14 at the Cooks Creek Community Centre.

To register email

Ryan programcoordinator@rugbymanitoba.com or register on the day of the event.



Advertise in the Bulletin!

Please contact
Shauna Zinnick (szinnick@mymts.net)
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.

Please note: June 25th will be the last weekly bulletin for the summer. A monthly bulletin will be published on July 30th and August 27th. Weekly bulletins will resume in September.