

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Pray always and never lose heart

Jesus told a parable about the necessity to pray always and not to give up. In the 1st reading we have a clear picture of what happens when we pray perseveringly and also what happens when we grow weary. As long as Moses' hands were up, the Israelites would be winning the Amalekites, but whenever his hands were down the Amalekites prevailed. Those lifted hands of Moses symbolized prayer. It sounds so strange that God will be on the side of Israelites against the Amalekites since they too were created by God, but when we reflect deeply on what that war symbolized, we cannot but conclude that God is just in what he does. That war waged by God's people must be fought in order for God's people to enter the promised land. That war is salvific in character and Israelites would not have won by mere weapons made by human hands. They needed something more, and that is, prayer. We too, as God's people—the new Israelites, are constantly at war, though some of us may not realize. We are at war with the unseen forces- the enemy of our salvation—Satan and his angels making effort to prevent us from entering the promised land of heaven. Our weapon of victory is persevering prayer since the war is not carnal. Anyone who prays constantly cannot be overcome by evil. Whenever we grow weary in prayer, we begin to lose the spiritual battle but whenever we are strong in prayer, we stand in position to prevail over forces of darkness. Pray and never lose heart.

1st reading: *Exodus 17:8-13*. God granted Israelites victory over the Amalekites through persevering intercessory prayer of Moses.

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2nd reading: *2 Timothy 3:14-4:2*. Paul urged Timothy to hold fast to the teachings he had been taught and to persevere in preaching the Good news.

Gospel: *Luke 18:1-8*. Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray always and never to give up.

Masses for the Upcoming Week

Sunday, October 20

9am Mass in Garson

11 am Mass in Cook's Creek; Mass intention is for the repose of the soul of Eleanor Young as requested by Liz Hogue and Recipients of Prayer Shawls by CWL Ladies at St Michael.

Tuesday, October 22

9 am Mass in Garson

Wednesday, October 23

9am Mass in Garson

Thursday, October 24

9am Mass in Garson

Friday, October 25

9 am Mass in Garson:

Saturday, October 26

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank

Sunday, October 27

9:00 am Mass in Garson

11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek; Mass intention is for the repose of the soul of Eleanor Young by the St Michael's Choir. Baptism of Oaklynn Estelle Rozmus and Finn Eric Alexander Young.

Sunday Mass intentions:

November 10: Aileen Bukowski family prays for the happy repose of the soul of Allan Obirek at St Michael.

December 24: Christmas memory Mass for the repose of the soul of Vincent & Carolyn Obirek, requested by Aileen & family at St Michael.

Baptism: Jack will be baptized on November 23, time is 4pm at St John Paul II Oakbank.

Announcement:

Parishioners are reminded that October is Marian month. We are encouraged to say common rosary if it is possible. More so, we are advised to sing Marian hymn especially at the end of the Liturgical celebrations.

Thanks.

Fr. Sylvanus

Please use special envelopes for Mass Intentions. Please, consult the bulletin or find out from the priest to know which Sunday is free for Mass intention.

Diocesan News - Good Shepherd Campaign

This week, you are invited to view a video on services provided by the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect for Life posted on our Archdiocese's website and on its Facebook Page. Volunteers play an important role in this service, for example in marriage preparation. Please include those persons who **dare to volunteer** in your prayers this week.

St. Michael's

Praying the Rosary

October we celebrate Mary. Starting October 6th and through to the last Sunday in October, the Rosary will be prayed before mass starting at 10:30.

Altar Server Schedule

October 20th: Madeline Duval, Daniel and Joe Zubricki
October 27th: Grace Kotzer and Brodie Kotzer, Daniel Zubricki

New Altar Servers Needed! Please consider assisting Father Sylvanus with Mass as an altar server. Training is provided by an older server. Time commitment is usually one or two Sundays per month. Any child or teenager who has had their First Communion and Reconciliation can become a server. Please see Michelle Zubricki if interested or come talk to any of the servers at the back of the church for more information

Please don't forget the Springfield Food Bank.

Your donations can be left at the back of the church in the drop off box. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Caretaker required for the basement.

Flexible hours. Please see a member of the Admin Board, Guy Delaurier or Mike Dobell for more information.

Administration Board News:

Approved minutes of the May 16th meeting are on the website and a copy is at the back of the church. The Chair Lift has required extensive repairs. We are looking for 4 or more people to be available to operate the lift when the basement is book and the lift is required. Please see Mike Dobell for more details.

Parish Directory is in the planning stages. Stay tuned for further details.

The Cemetery is seeing some upgrades and an expansion to the north side to provide a better resting place for our loved ones.

Change of Address

As many have had address changes there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church starting next Sunday. The names will be alphabetical order. If your name is not listed, please add to the end of the sheet. Thank you!

Grey Cup tickets are available at the back of the church. Please pick up a package or two to sell.

Fellowship Sunday is today after Mass

Sacred Heart

Book Of Life - Soon we will be into the month of November, a month set aside to remember our beloved dead.

The Book Of Life will be on the table at the entrance of the church for you to add the names of your family and friends who passed this past year. The Book of Life will be put in front of the altar on November 1st so we may remember and pray for them at each Mass.

Fr. Sylvanus's rectory kitchen needs to be renovated as nothing much has been done to it since it was built. Gerard and Margaret Lannoo have accepted the challenge to help raise enough funds by collecting discarded metal, old cars etc. So far with generous supporters the sum of \$2,276.31 has been collected. A really good start to a much needed project. So if you have anything you would like to donate and help this worthy cause phone Gerard at 204-268-3224 or cell 204-268-5458

St. John Paul II

Tickets are now available for our Fall Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. This dinner will be immediately following Mass and will be different from our usual buffet style dinners. We will be having a top sirloin beef dinner that will be served to you at your table. There are only 50 tickets available, so please purchase your tickets early.

Please remember that we need to update our records with your new mailing address, whether it be just a postal code or a complete address change. You can write your name and address on a paper and place it in the collection basket. Thank you all.

The month of October is also a month where we can assist with the training of seminarians and on-going training for our priests.

Please read the brochure in your bulletin and assist if you are able to.

Our church would like to help the Knights of Columbus with the "Koats for Kids" campaign. As you read in the bulletin, they are asking for a donation of \$29.75 for a warm winter coat. If you wish to help with this campaign, please put your donation (whatever amount you would like, it can be more or less than what was suggested), in an envelope along with your name and envelope number. This can be done any week in October, but we will have a special collection on the third Saturday for this cause. We will collect the donations and issue a cheque for the total donations from the church to the Knights of Columbus.

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. To register, please complete the form that is available at the back of the church and is also on our website at www.stjohn-paulii.org. Completed forms can be left with a greeter at the door or placed in the offertory basket. We are happy to have you be a part of our church community and to share our spiritual journey together.

Our next Board meeting is Thursday, November 7th at 7 p.m.

St. Michael's CWL

Our next **Perogy Making** Dates are **Monday and Tuesday October 28th and 29th**, both at 9:00 am.

Our next **CWL meeting** will be **Sunday October 27th**, after Mass.

Social Action - Development & Peace

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Prayer by Pope Francis, from the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*

Cooks Creek Heritage Museum www.cchm.ca

"Polski Czat" an informal Polish language group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7PM in the St Michael's Church Hall. New members are most welcome! Please contact Liz @ 204-801-0829 for more info

Community News

**Knights of Columbus
Council #5870**

Old Time Dance

Beausejour - Brokenhead River Community Hall - Old Time Dance, Sunday October 20th, 2019 1:00 P.M., Dance to two bands, GEM STARS and OVER THE EDGE. Cash Bar, Admission \$10 per person. Dinner at 5:00 P.M. Caterer Lucy \$13.00. Proceeds to Brokenhead Community Hall and Knights of Columbus Local Charities. For tickets call: Gerry 204 509 6282 Ron 204 755 2821.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba provides a hand-up to families who are working but cannot qualify for a conventional mortgage. Habitat offers a 15-year, interest-free mortgage with no down payment required. Habitat is looking for one qualified family to purchase a Habitat house that was built in Anola in 2016. Partner families must be willing to do 500 volunteer (sweat equity) hours. Other qualifications are that they must be working at time of application with at least 2 years work history and fall within the criteria income range. Please see full criteria under Homeownership on the website: habitat.mb.ca. Contact Brenda Friesen for more information and to register for an information meeting, 204-235-2405, bfriesen@habitat.mb.ca