

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$6,220.54	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,679.72	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$13,803.52
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$9,803.52
St. Vincent de Paul to date: (as of Aug. 22)	\$22,435.62

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
MONDAY	No Mass
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM Mass: 9:00 AM CARD PARTY: 9:45 AM St. Gerard's School Mass: 10:30 AM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg: 7:30 PM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:45 AM Mass: 9:00 AM Scripture Study - John's Gospel: 9:45 AM Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Grief Group: 9:45 AM Sacramental Prep Team Mtg: 7:00 PM
SATURDAY	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses FAITHFUL FRIENDS: 2:30—4:00 PM

CWL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 PM
Welcome back, hopefully everyone had a good summer. At the meeting we would like members to share summer stories (funny or serious). If you have any photos from previous CWL events please bring them to use for the 50th Anniversary. Our spiritual focus will be on Our Lady of Sorrows.

ST. GERARD PARISH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Next gathering is this Friday, September 17th following morning mass. All people who are journeying with grief and who would like the support of a spiritually-based group of caring individuals are invited to attend. The group is facilitated by 4 people from our parish; the group is open to all, including people who do not belong to our parish.

FAITHFUL FRIENDS & SPIRIT SEEKERS
SUNDAY SEPT. 19 FROM 2:30 - 4:00
Come and **FALL INTO GOD'S AUTUMN**. Join us for an afternoon of crafts, singing, games and snacking. Faithful Friends is for 3-8 year olds and Spirit Seekers is for 8 -11 year olds. Questions call Sheila Obrigewitsch, (403) 255-4313 or Lorelei Prosser (403) 686-1813.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY GATHERING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
6:00 – 8:00 PM in the parish hall
Supper; guest presenter
FOR: all people of our parish involved in pastoral/Eucharistic visits to the sick, to shut-ins, to the elderly, to those in nursing homes, to prisoners.

St. Gerard's Book Club

The evening Book Club will resume on Tuesday, September 21st at 7:30 PM. We meet regularly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Book Club offers adult Christians the opportunity to consider and discuss some of the current thought and theology of Christianity, always using Scripture as the base and source of God's Revelation. Our chosen book for the fall session is Jesus Today, by Albert Nolan. The book considers the 'spirituality' of the man, Jesus, from Nazareth — his experience of relationship with God as Father, and how it was connected to his prophetic mission. This blend of spirituality and a passion for justice gives Christians a model to follow in daily life. **Everyone is welcome!** Books are available in the parish office. Cost: \$20. For information, please talk to Jan in the parish office.

ROSEBUD DINNER THEATRE TRIP

2 tickets have become available, because a purchaser will be on holiday at that time. If anyone would like to purchase these tickets, please give Doreen a call in the parish office, 253-2251, asap. The theatre trip to Rosebud is on Wednesday, September 22nd. The bus will be leaving the parish parking lot after morning mass.

Interested in becoming more familiar with the WORD OF GOD?

"Jesus stopped and called them and said: What do you want me to do for you? They answered him: Lord, let our eyes be opened."

This fall, St. Gerard parish is providing a variety of opportunities for our adults to grow in their understanding of and relationship with God. We invite everyone to take advantage of some of these offerings...

Book Club on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month
John's Gospel [part 2] on Thursday mornings [beginning Thursday, September 16th]; taught by Sr. Darlene Madore, fcj. One does not have to have taken part 1 to participate in & learn from part 2. All are welcome.

Acts of the Apostles on Wednesday evenings [beginning on September 29th]. This is a Little Rock study – using Scripture, commentary, video presentation, and group discussion.

Jean Vanier's reflections on the gospel of John as an invitation to hope, love & service...using Scripture, Vanier's commentary on John's gospel, a video presentation, and group discussion. Wednesday mornings [beginning October 6th] for 1 hour following mass.

Movies & God's Voice – last Friday of the month. Contemporary movies & the messages they give...is the Word of God in the media today? We watch a movie, have 15 minutes or so of sharing on the messages we heard, and consider the strengths and weaknesses of the messages.

CARDS CARDS CARDS!

Come and play cards on Tuesday mornings, following mass, in the parish hall. A great group of 'fun' people gather and enjoy a couple of hours of card playing. All are welcome – experienced, as well as novices. Please come and give us a try! You'll want to stay!!

CHOIR PRACTICE will begin on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 PM. New members are most welcome to attend!

Join Us!

SAVE THE DATE!

FAMILY NIGHT DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

6:00 – 9:00 pm; in the parish hall

Information to follow in next bulletins and posters.

SACRAMENTS

It is time to start thinking about whether your family wants to prepare a child/children to celebrate a sacrament in 2011. Is your child ready to consider BAPTISM, EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION, RECONCILIATION? Does your family have time over the next few months to focus on the preparation for the sacrament? Parents – please discuss this with your child. Registration for the sacraments will be made available in early October. Watch the bulletin and your school newsletters for further information.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION TEAM MEETING

Friday, September 17th at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

This gathering is for the people who have volunteered to coordinate children's sacramental preparation, and for any others who might be interested in helping out, in any capacity, with sacramental preparation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you an adult who is considering becoming a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who has not been confirmed? If you would like information on one of these journeys, please contact the parish office.

If anyone from our parish would like to attend one of these courses, please contact Mrs. Sheila Padley, parish Pastoral Care coordinator [padleys@shaw.ca; 259-2489]. Registrations will be done through St. Gerard Parish office.

Diocesan Pastoral Care Course – September, 2010

Six Tuesday evenings from *September 21st to Oct. 26th, 2010*
6:30 – 9:30pm.

Classes held at the FCJ Christian Life Centre
Registration Fee: \$65.00 includes manual

Registration or further information please call (403) 218-5501

Palliative Care Education Program – November, 2010

Friday November 5th, 6:30 – 9:30pm
Saturday November 6th 8:30 – 4:00 pm

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Friday November 19th, 6:30 – 9:30pm
Saturday November 20th 8:30 – 4:00 pm

Classes held at the FCJ Christian Life Centre
Registration Fee: \$65.00 includes manual

Registration or further information please call (403) 218-5507 & (403) 218-5508

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Twilight Retreat, October 14th, 2010

Sacred Heart Parish

Understanding the Gift of Palliative Care
Registration Fee: \$25.00

5:00 Registration 5:30 Dinner Session 6:30 – 9:00pm
Presenter: Dr. Eric Wasylenko

Registration or further information please call: Janice Fraser @ (403) 244-2741, #234 or sacredheartoutreach@shaw.ca

Are you interested in 'spiritual' education/learning?

St. Francis Xavier University...distance learning department offers a number of courses/programs. **Certificate in Spirituality; a course in Liturgical Foundations; Diploma in Adult Ministry; Diploma in Assisted Living**

For information on any of these programs, phone 1-877-867-5561/2, or check their website at www.stfx.ca/academic/continuinged/ministry.html

3rd ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP

A Benefit for Franciscan & Friends Music Mission

Saturday, September 18 at 8:30 AM

St. Cecilia's Church, 321 - 90 Avenue SW

Bishop's talk: "Canticle of the Sun"

Special Guests: Marty Antonini & Seventh Heaven"
Michelle Todd/Chef Mario/MC Hugh Delaney

Tickets: \$20 available online at www.franciscanandfriends.com

For information, please call (403) 243-1049 or email denis.grady@shaw.ca

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INN FROM THE COLD

Inn from the COLD is a volunteer ministry in our parish which provides food and overnight shelter for Calgary's homeless community, every third Monday of the month.

Currently, we have an awesome group of passionate long-time volunteers who faithfully arrive at the church every third Monday of the month, to help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our guests.

New volunteers who wish to serve in this ministry are always welcome, as there are many tasks involved in making the INN a success, and everyone involved plays a major role in this feat.

Duties involved, including approximate times are as follows:

Set-up Crew (Monday 3:00 – 5:00 pm):

- Remove tables from the hall to make room for the beds
- Set-up beds for the overnight stay
- Make beds with sheets and blankets
- Set out supplies for guests, towels, toiletries, etc.
- Set tables for dinner

Meal Preparation (Monday by 5:30 pm):

- Prepare a meal for our guests (main course, salad, fresh fruit, dessert)
- Bring prepared dinner to church by 5:30 pm or arrive early to prepare dinner
- Meal preparation is generally shared among a group of people

Meal Servers & Kitchen Clean-up (6:00 – 8:00 pm)

- Serve dinner to our guests (can be those who prepare the meal, or those who are on for kitchen clean-up duty)
- Wash dinner dishes
- Clean & wipe down tables
- Clean kitchen thoroughly

Lunch Preparation (Monday by 8:00 pm):

- Prepare lunches for guests (drop off at church by 8:00 pm)
- Lunches include sandwiches, cookies or muffins, veggie & fruit packs

Overnight Crew (Monday/Tuesday 8:00 pm – 5:00 am)

- Two overnight volunteers required
- Could be split into two shifts if unable to stay all night
- Pack lunches and meet any needs of the overnight guests

Breakfast Preparation & Kitchen Clean-up (Tuesday 5:00 – 7:00 am):

- Prepare breakfast for our guests, to be served on Tuesday morning at 5:45 am
- Hand out lunches to guests upon departure
- Wash dishes & clean kitchen

Clean-up Crew (Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 am):

- Remove sheets & blankets from beds for laundry crew
- Wipe down mattresses & take down beds for storage
- Wash floors

Laundry Crew (3 hours):

- Bring bedding and towels to laundry mat to wash, dry & fold for the next INN
- Can be done anytime that is convenient for all involved

If you wish to join the INN from the Cold volunteers in any capacity, please call Noreen Young at 255-9486 or email bn_young@telus.net.

The next INN will be held on Monday September 20th, 2010.

ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Ministry of Service

Funeral Team – Wilma/Norm Hagel (403)253-2485

Emergency contacts: Doreen Yochim (403)252-4685 or
Jan Gallant (403)281-4327

Pastoral Care of the Sick – Sheila Padley (403)259-2489 or

Mayfair Nursing Home – Hedy Luijckx (403)252-2902

Grieving/Consolation Ministry – Lois Hagen, Rosemarie Walter,
Pat McMahon, Sr. Evelyn Dechant

Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday – 7:30 PM; Gordon Skaluba (403) 255-5248

C.W.L. – 2nd Tuesday – 7:00 PM; Shauna Bedard, (403) 281-4718

Sunday coffee – Ann Bergen (403)252-5384

1st Friday Coffee Social — Rosemarie Baschenis (403) 281-9666

Outreach ministry

St. Vincent de Paul – 3rd Wednesdays – 7:30 PM

Inn From The Cold – 3rd Mondays contact: Jim Duncan (403)252-3163
Noreen Young (403)255-9486

Sandwiches for the drop-in centre – 1st Fridays

Mission Mexico – Anna Schultz

Parish ministry

Parish Pastoral Council – Jill Negenman (403) 253-8586

Parish Finance Council – John Skelton (403)281-5421

Parish Website – Bandi Szakony

Evangelization and Catechetical ministries

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Doreen Yochim coordinator

Christian Initiation of School Age Children – Sarah Morrison, (403) 281-4832

Infant Baptism – parish office, (403) 253-2251

Children's Sacraments – Eucharist, (Bruce Halase & Dianne Bulbrook)
Reconciliation, (Margie Gallagher, 403- 697-5390)
Confirmation – Paul Negenman, 403-253-8586

Pre-Marriage Preparation – Pastoral Team

Marriage Team Leaders – Sponsor Couple Program –
John/Judy Broad (403)253-8697

Scripture Study – Doreen Yochim – coordinator

Little Rock: John Skelton, Jill Moroney

Adult Faith Enrichment – Pastoral Team

Parish Mission Team – Ron and Donna Scott (403) 271-6262

Stewardship Committee – Hanita Simard

Faithful Friends – Denise Webber (403)253-5139

Liturgical Ministry

Liturgy Committee – Sheila Padley (Chairperson)

Sacristans – (NEEDED!)

Mass Servers – Laurance Daignault (403)281-3665

MUSIC: – parish office (403)253-2251

5:00 PM – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Funeral Choir

Lectors – Chris Simard (403) 730-4776

Hospitality (Ushers and Greeters) – John Hennessey (403)255-7913

Eucharistic ministers - Noreen Hess (403) 255-5183

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers – Yvette Nogue (403)253-1809

Weekday Lectors – Pat Campbell (403)255-0756

Environment and Art – Sue Dondlinger

Prayer Life

Liturgy of the Hours/Prayer of the Church – Sheila Padley (403)259-2489

Holy Hour – Tuesdays – 7:30 PM Melissa Emmelkamp (403)255-1889

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Lucie Just

Prayer Tree – Kay Power (403)255-6241 / Rosemary Fennell (403)281-5701

Christian Meditation – every Wednesday - Anna Tremblay



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PASTORAL TEAM

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Bogdan Sianozecki (Pastor)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Jan Gallant {jan@stgerards.ca}

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 PM or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM — 3:30 PM
Closed for lunch 11:30 AM—12:30 PM

MARRIAGES

By appointment. Please contact the parish office six months before desired date.

BAPTISMS

Preparation and celebration every two months. Please contact the parish office.