

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 14, 2010**

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$8,997.95	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,679.59	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$15,684.52
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$11,627.13
St. Vincent de Paul to date: (as of Oct. 25)	\$28,312.20

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
MONDAY	No Mass INN FROM THE COLD
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM [Geri S.] MASS: 9:00 AM CARD PLAYING: 9:45 AM [euchre & bridge] BOOK CLUB: 7:30 PM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	MASS: 9:00 AM Jean Vanier Videos: 9:30 AM Little Rock: 7:30 PM (Acts of the Apostles) St. Vincent de Paul Mtg: 7:30 PM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer [Geri S.] MASS: 9:00 AM Scripture Study with Sr. Darlene Madore (Gospel of John) Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Grief Group: 9:45 AM BAZAAR SET-UP: 1:00 PM—5:00 PM & 7:00—9:00 PM
SATURDAY	BAZAAR: 10:00 AM—3:00 PM Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses Faithful Friends: 2:30 PM—4:00 PM

FOOD COLLECTION FOR OUR VETERANS

In conjunction with our Canadian celebration of Remembrance Day on November 11th, St. Gerard's is collecting foods for the Legion Veterans' Food Bank. Food may be brought to the church and left in the Gathering Area from Saturday, November 6th – Sunday, November 14th. Please be generous.

REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

For parents who were not able to attend the registration meeting on October 15th, there will be a **registration evening on Friday, January 14th, 2011**, in the parish hall.

CWL NOTICE

Dorothy Daignault will be available after all Masses for you to purchase your Christmas Supper (December 14th) tickets @ \$20.00 each. **All the ladies of the parish and/or your sister, mother etc. are welcome.** Membership fees are payable (\$20) – if you aren't able to attend meetings please contact Joan Meyler at 403-251-5788 and she will make arrangements to have someone meet you at whichever mass you will be attending or you can put it in an envelope and deposit it in the collection basket.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT**

Operation Christmas Child is a project designed to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way and together with the local church worldwide, to share the good news of Jesus Christ. It's that special time of year again when we give of our hearts and pack a shoebox for those whose only gift at Christmas will be that shoebox. We encourage all the families and friends of St. Gerard's to pack a shoebox and discover the power of a simple gift. It is suggested using any box that your shoes, **[not boots]** would come in. Plastic containers from the dollar store that are the same size as a regular shoe box also work very well and the children can use the container after to store many items. Don't forget, you can add personal information about you and your family and place it inside the shoebox...there is a 2 page "All About Me Activity Page" that is available on the Hospitality Table to help guide you with information. The boxes can be dropped off here at St. Gerard's in the Gathering Area during the National Collection week of **November 15-21**. Once again I will be volunteering at the warehouse here in Calgary, so I will be delivering the shoeboxes personally. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Lisa Cronan at (403) 253-1341 and leave a message.

PARISH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Of all the experiences faced by families and individuals, the most stressful is the loss of a loved one through death. Granger E. Westberg, author of [Good Grief](#), said that while he was working as a clergyman in a medical center, he became aware of the fact that many people were ill as a result of unresolved grief. "There is a stronger relationship than we have ever thought between illness and the way a person handles a great loss," Westberg said. St. Gerard's Grief Group is open and welcoming to all. Our Grief Group's purpose is to help those who grieve to find healing. This is accomplished through mutual support, sharing, and understanding from other members of the group. We meet once a month in the parish hall. Our next gathering will be on **Friday, November 19th at 9:45 AM**. Everyone is welcome to come and participate in this group. If you would like to have one of our group coordinators contact you with more information, please contact the parish office, and your name & phone # will be passed on.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, a **Book of Remembrance** is displayed in the Gathering Area. Our community is invited to write down the names of people who have died whom they would like to especially remember. On **Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00 PM**, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated for all the deceased members of St. Gerard's Parish, for all the deceased people listed in our Book of Remembrance, and for all of our deceased family members and friends. This mass is coordinated by our Parish Grief Support Group. It includes the reading of all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance and the symbolic action of lighting candles in memory. A social is hosted in the parish hall after the mass. Everyone is encouraged to attend this lovely celebration.

Watch for these Upcoming events in the parish -

LITURGICAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CARD PARTY: November 27th
MISSION MEXICO WEEKEND: December 10th—12th
JOY TO THE WORLD ADVENT CELEBRATION: December 12th
CWL CHRISTMAS SUPPER: December 14th
COOKIE BAKING for the unwell & shut-ins; ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS; ANGEL TREE; INN FROM THE COLD; turkeys/

HELP IS NEEDED

Ministry of Collection Counting is in need of more volunteers.

- Once/month; 1-2 hours; daytime; at the church
- Work with a team supervised by a Team Coordinator
- Skill level: able to count money accurately!
- Pay: hosted to a scrumptious luncheon every January!!

If you are interested, please talk to our secretary, Jan, at 403-253-2251, for further information.

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET? NEED A PROJECT?

Hand made knitted or crocheted items are being made by a group in the parish to be given to charity. Last year we made afghans and shrugs (shawls with sleeves) for some residents of the Mayfair Nursing Home. We haven't decided on our projects for this year, but more of the same, or perhaps mittens, scarves, or hats for the homeless or newly housed are possibilities. We use donated wool and would be happy to receive any odds and ends you might have. If you are unable to join us in the hall, you could work at home and we will find a way to connect with you. For more information or to donate wool, contact Pat at pjamnicz@yahoo.ca or call the parish office.

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PARISH BAZAAR & WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Our **Annual Fall Bazaar** will be held **Saturday, November 20 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**. We are in need of donations of all kinds: Christmas baking, crafts, raffle items and especially items for the Silent Auction. Help is needed in the kitchen, Bake Table, Silent Auction, Raffles, etc. Don't forget to check out our Apron Table; they make a great gift! For info, contact Terry Smith, 255-8227. One of the highlights of our Annual Christmas Bazaar is the **White Elephant Sale**. The White Elephant Sale is sponsored by the St. Gerard's Knights of Columbus, Council #6488, and is an important means of raising funds for their works of charity in the parish and the community. Parishioners are asked to clear out their basements, garages, attics and bottom drawers for surplus items and unused treasures that they might be willing to donate to the Knights for this worthwhile cause. **Please DO NOT donate any furniture or clothing.** Please do **not** deliver any goods to the parish hall **before Friday, November 19**. If pickup is required, please call Paul Farrar, (403) 259-3895.

PASTA NIGHT

The Spirit of Christmas Will Build Our Church
Fine Food, Silent Auction, Wine Bar and Entertainment
What: A Fundraiser for St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish Building Fund.
When : November 27, 2010. Doors open at 5:30 pm
Dinner is at 6:30pm
Where: Bishop O' Byrne High School
333 Shawville Blvd SW.
Cost: Tickets are \$25 for 11 Yrs & over;
\$15 for 6 -11 Yrs and No charge for 0-5 Yrs.
Tickets available through Heather Meadows 403-275-7842.
Roma Catering

LEST WE FORGET

When you sing O CANADA, what does our national anthem really mean to you?

We are a nation of immigrants; we are often called the 'great melting pot'. The majority of immigrants came to this country because they were escaping persecution and wars in their home lands. They were seeking a nation where peace was a possibility.

Has your family had someone who was with the armed forces, in any country, who died protecting the rights and freedoms of all people?

We Christians are called to build a world of peace, the peace shown us by Jesus. Perhaps our national anthem and our Day of Remembrance might serve as reminders to each one of us that universal peace is not yet a reality.

We still have much work to do.

How might I contribute in a meaningful way to the spread of peace?

Back in September, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Robinson High School, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks out of her classroom.

When the first period kids entered the room, they discovered that there were no desks.

'Ms.. Cothren, where are our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'

They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.'
'No,' she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.'

She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in Ms.Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room. The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless classroom, Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he/she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27) War Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall... By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place, those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. *Don't ever forget it.*'

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

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 Geri Schmit

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

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 – Jan, parish office, (403) 253-2251

Children's Sacraments – Eucharist, (Bruce Halase, Dianne Bulbrook &
Daniel Bulbrook) [403] 238-1408

Reconciliation, Margie Gallagher [403] 697-5390)

Confirmation – Paul Negenman [403]-253-8586

Special Activities: Judy Broad [403] 253-8697

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 (403) 281-5421

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

Spirit Seekers - Sheila Obrigewitsch, (403) 255-4314

Liturgical Ministry

Liturgy Committee – Sheila Padley (Chairperson) (403) 259-2489

Sacristans – Mary Sylven, (403) 252-5245

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

Collection Counting: Jan Gallant [403] 253-2251

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 – Anna Tremblay



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PASTORAL TEAM

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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 – 4:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM — 3:00 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 once/month. Please contact Jan in the parish office.