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St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB St. Theresa's Parish Rossburn, MB

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 18): I love you, O Lord, my strength.

St. Joseph The Worker News:

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in hospitals, care homes, or in their homes & those who care for them. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Anointing, Confession, or Holy Communion – please call the parish office & leave a message: 204-773-2924.

Praying with Pope Francis November: *For anyone who has lost a child:* We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov 2 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart of Mary**
 + All deceased friends & family members of the Sabourin family req by The Sabourin family
 7:30 p.m. Russell + For Michael Carloman req by Brian Pareja

Sunday Nov 3 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Norma Kaskiw req by Clarence Kaskiw

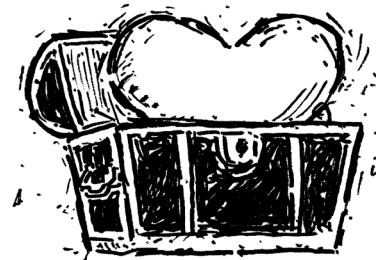
Monday Nov 4 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Nov 5 No Mass

Wed Nov 6 10:30 a.m. **Russell Personal Care Home**

Thurs Nov 7 No Mass – Meeting for Core group of adult faith formation

Friday Nov 8 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
 10:15 a.m. **Rossburn Personal Care Home**



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov 9 7:30 p.m. Russell + Delbert & Denis Deschamps req by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Nov 10 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 For all parishioners req by Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + For Frank Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family

**If there are any children in grade 3 or older who would like to become an altar server, please contact Jamee Tibbatts at (204)821-6546 or email her at jamee_stasiuk@hotmail.com

****First communion** began at 10:00 a.m. last Sunday after 9 a.m. mass. If there was anyone who didn't get their name on the list, please let Glenda Stasiuk know. Thank you.



There is a CWL meeting on Tuesday Nov 5 at 11 o'clock in the church basement. We will be going out for lunch following the meeting.

Russell & Area Food Connection's Basket is located at the church entrance for your food donations. Please help those less fortunate in our communities.



Coffee Sunday is today, Sunday, November 3rd after 9 am Mass and *everyone is invited!* Pat Orsak's group will be busy in the church kitchen handing out the coffee and juice and providing us with some delicious goodies! Coffee Sunday is part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks. **We hope to see you there!**

***A new schedule for "Coffee Sundays" for 2025 at St. Joseph's will be made shortly. If you haven't already done so and would like to be added to a group, please contact Brenda Robin at 204-564-2646 or her cell at 204-937-0270. Coffee Sunday is part of the Ministry of Hospitality. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE – St. Joseph's will be holding our **Annual Parish Advent Potluck Party** on Saturday, **November 30th, 2024**. Please mark your calendars!! **Mass will be at 5 p.m.** followed by a potluck supper, games, songs, and prizes. Donations from this event will go to our local Food Connections. **A meeting is planned for Friday, November 8th at 3:45 p.m. in the church basement to organize this year's party.** We welcome anyone interested in helping with the party to please come out for this short meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Petz at 204-773-3198.

Life Messages

#1: How do we love God? There are several means by which we can express our love for God and gratitude to Him for His blessings, acknowledging our total dependence on Him. We must keep God's commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise, contrition, and petition. We must also read and meditate on His word in the Bible and prayerfully attend Mass and other liturgical functions. If I am going to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, then I am going to have to place His will ahead of mine. This means that I will have to say no to some things that I might want to do. It also means that I will have to make seeking the Lord's will, and then doing it, paramount in my life. Taken together, loving God means we open our hearts, give Him our will, develop our minds, strengthen our will, direct our emotions, use our bodies and deploy our resources in ways that reveal our love for Him in active, loving service of Him in Himself and Him in everyone we encounter.

#2: Loving our neighbor: Since every human being is the child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we are actually giving expression to our love of God by loving our neighbor as Jesus loves him and us. This means we have to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for everyone without discrimination based on color, race, gender, age wealth or social status. If I am going to love my neighbor as I love myself, or, better, as Jesus has first loved me, it will cost me as well! I may have to seek forgiveness when I think I have done no wrong. I may have to sacrifice something I think I need to meet a brother's need. I may have to give up time to help someone. I may have to spend time in prayer for people, go to them, and reach out to them in the name of the Lord.

#3: Questions we should ask ourselves on a daily basis: Is my love for God all that it should be? Do I pray to Him as I should? Am I in His Word as I should be? Are there people or things that have crept in and taken over first place in my life? Is Jesus somewhere down the line after some person, some thing, or even myself? What about my love for others? Is it all it could be? How loving am I to the members of my family, to my neighbors, to the members of my parish community? The answers to all these questions will help us to measure the degree of our love of God, and, with His grace, to adjust our lives accordingly.

☺The child's commandments: A Sunday school teacher was talking to a class of five- and six-year-olds about the Ten Commandments. "Can you give me a Commandment with only four words?" she asked. "I know," said a little girl: "Keep off the grass." The discussion turned to family love and the teacher brought in the Commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother." Then she asked, "What about a Commandment that tells us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" A little boy who had five brothers and sisters was quick to answer: "I know," he said, "You shall not kill." When the class ended, two of the boys began to poke each other. The teacher intervened saying, "Didn't we just finish talking about the Golden Rule?" to which one of the little combatants replied, "Yes but he did it unto me first."

Dear Padre,

Do saints ever smile? That question comes to me every year on the feast of All Saints (November 1) as I look at the pictures and statues in church. The faces are so somber and serious. What are the saints really like?

Artists through the centuries may have portrayed sanctity in very subdued tones. The saints, however, and their biographers tell a different story. The holy men and women who make up the communion of saints are an incredibly fascinating array of diverse personalities. The feast of All Saints celebrates our universal call to holiness. Our challenge is to imitate the characteristics these unique individuals have in common.

Saint Irenaeus (125–202) said that the glory of God is the human fully alive which reflects Jesus’ own words, “I came so that they may have life; and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Saints enjoy life! The nearsighted St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1787), founder of the Redemptorists, sat in the back row of the Naples theater with his glasses off so he could enjoy the music he loved without the distraction of the half-naked chorus line. Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582), caught devouring partridge in the convent kitchen, said, “When I pray, I pray; when I eat partridge, I eat partridge!” Saint Joan of Arc (1412–1431) loved horses, and St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) loved chess. Indeed, saints do smile. They even laugh. ●



Sculpture of a smiling Pope St. John Paul II outside the Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Trnava, Slovakia.

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Monday

November 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:1–4
Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday

November 5
Weekday
Phil 2:5–11
Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday

November 6
Weekday
Phil 2:12–18
Lk 14:25–33

Thursday

November 7
Weekday
Phil 3:3–8a
Lk 15:1–10

Friday

November 8
Weekday
Phil 3:17–4:1
Lk 16:1–8

Saturday

November 9
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17
Jn 2:13–22

Sunday

November 10
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10–16
Heb 9:24–28
Mk 12:38–44 or 12:41–44

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 3, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Deuteronomy 6:2–6 / Hebrews 7:23–28 / Mark 12:28b–34



[The scribe said to Jesus,] “To love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

MARK 12:33

Liking Versus Loving

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“I never met a man I didn’t like.” Will Rogers said that. I can believe he said it, but I have a more difficult time believing he meant it. I don’t think he lied. I just find it hard to believe there could be a person who never disliked anyone.

Loving is something different, although there are many people who talk as if liking and loving are interchangeable. They love ice cream or country music, and they like their friends. One can love, that is, behave in a loving manner, without positive feelings. You couldn’t say that about liking, but about loving you can. Some folks say one of the reasons you should love others and do good for people is because of the good feeling you get when you help someone. The problem

with this is that when you no longer get a good feeling, you stop doing the good things. But as disciples of Jesus, love we must. It’s different than liking.

It seems to me the most difficult people to love today are the anonymous souls, the people we don’t know—the immigrant coming to our land, the person of another religion who prays differently, or those living a lifestyle foreign to us. Jesus didn’t have a problem with loving people like them. ●

Reflect

Who has loved you and who do you find most difficult to love?



YARA NARDI / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is necessary that...the “great commandment,” [love God and our neighbor] resound in us, that it be assimilated, that it become the voice of our conscience. This way, it does not remain a dead letter, in the drawer of the heart, because the Holy Spirit makes the seed of that Word germinate in us.

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