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

Responsorial Psalm 112: “Light rises in the darkness – for the upright.”

Visiting the Sick: Please let us know who is ill, at home or in hospital so that we can visit and offer the sacraments.

St. Theresa’s Parish News:
If anyone has any personal petitions, you can place them in the box at the back of the church. They will not be individually read but prayed for generally.

Bible Study will take place each Wed at the Lion's Manor Rossburn, 12-1pm.
We will be studying the Sunday readings. Please bring your Bibles, if this is your lunch time you are welcome to bring your lunch! Everyone welcome!

Regarding the Whole Life Confession, we have the books on hand, total of 10 for now, please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to participate or if you have any questions. We will begin on the week of January 19th. This will prove to be a most beautiful Lenten Exercises! Lynda Ryshytylo 859-2760.

Those working on their Whole Life Confessions will be meeting every 2 weeks after mass briefly, first meeting Feb.9.

K of C meeting at St. Theresa’s Parish, Tuesday, February 11th, 7:30 pm

St. Theresa’s Finance Report 2020		Month of January	
REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Jan1 collection	\$1,065.00	Hydro	\$501.00
Jan 5 collection	\$1,305.00	St Joseph The Worker (shared expenses)	\$2,000.00
Jan 12 collection	\$995.00	Sims & Co. (cemetery subdivision legal)	\$1,274.17
Jan 19 collection	\$475.00	Rossburn Municipality (water & sewer)	\$79.80
Jan 26 collection (includes gst refund \$93.36)	\$686.36		
Year To Date Revenues	\$4,526.36	Year To Date Expenses	\$3,854.97

For a donation envelope set contact Raymond Lysyshin at 204-859-2409 or 204-859-2134

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:
There is a sign-up sheet for First Communion at the back of the church on the confessional door. Classes will begin in March and the actual date is yet to be determined. Please sign up or if you know of someone wanting to receive this sacrament please let them know. If you have any questions see Glenda or call me at 1-204-821-5216. Thank you.

2020 Coffee Sunday Schedule- copies of the new schedule now available! Parishioners please pick up a copy so you can check when your group will be doing Coffee Sunday this year. If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact Julie Zimmer or the parish office.

Please Note:
-There will not be Children's liturgy on the 16th as it is a long weekend. We will resume on the 23.
-The Tax Receipt you should be receiving for your Sharing God’s Gift’s – will be coming from the archdiocese of Winnipeg.
- Tuesday, February 25, Parish Council evening Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

A Riddle...
The late Cardinal Richard Cushing once told of an incident from his days as a parish priest. Summoned to give last rites to a man who had collapsed in a store, Cushing knelt beside the man and began with the traditional question: “Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?” The man opened one eye and said, “Here I am dying, and he asks me a riddle.”

February 9, 2020 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Stewardship
“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)
The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don’t put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

Pope Francis Message: “Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the god of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.”

THANK YOU to all our parish children in St. Theresa’s & St. Joseph’s for the coins they put in the treasure chest each Sunday.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Day of The Sick (February 11th)

Saturday Feb. 8 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Marie Bisson req. Simone
Sunday Feb. 9 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Frank Kaskiw req. Nellie Kaskiw

Monday to Friday: No Masses – Father Paul away, Holiday

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Feb. 15 7:30 p.m. Russell: *Liturgy of The Word & Communion*
Sunday Feb. 16 9:00 a.m. Russell: *Liturgy of The Word & Communion*
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: *Liturgy of The Word & Communion*

We wish Father Paul a wonderful holiday as he leaves this Sunday, February 9th. He plans to be back Friday, February 21st. During his absence, Deacon Darin Douglas will come to celebrate Communion Service with us. If you need to contact clergy please contact Deacon Darin Douglas, 204-532-2157.

The Myriam Family Sisters warmly welcome anyone to their home in Regina, Saskatchewan during scheduled activities/prayer times. The sisters come to Russell St. Josephs parish during the summer children’s camp. You are welcome to visit their home, learn who they are, know their mission and experience it! Bible activities for children/youth, experience adoration or if you need a time of retreat. Mass, pot-lucks, songs, short talks and prayer. To see scheduled events please see the poster at the back of the church. **(see poster at back church)**

Personnel Announcement in The Archdiocese: Deacon Conrad Plante becomes Pastoral Administrator *pro term* of St. Jude's Parish in Erickson, St. Alphonsus’ in Minnedosa and Sacred Heart in Elphinstone, for four months.

Can you feel the pain in my heart too? Honoring the Mystery:
Tuesday, March 24, 2020 – lower level St. Boniface Cathedral. A workshop designed for caregivers who are supporting persons who are ill or palliative and healthcare professionals working in hospice, palliative care, and bereavement programs. One can register for the morning session, afternoon session or both. For more information visit www.cham.mb.ca and click on the Formation menu.

*****Ash Wednesday** is coming **Wednesday, February 26** and marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. Both Russell & Rossburn will have services at **7:00 p.m.** with the distribution of Ashes. Deacon Darin will be celebrating with Russell

Reminder: Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Most are aware of the Federal Government's proposed changes to the Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) Act. While the time for completing the government questionnaire has passed, there is still an opportunity to let your voices be heard. The Minister of Justice has indicated that he wants to present a bill to Parliament in the middle of February - you can send a letter to, or visit, your Member of Parliament until such time. See the attached letter template put together by our Office of Social Justice. You may also find it on our Archdiocesan website: www.archwinnipeg.ca.

Guide My Life

God, I know that you are with me always, but sometimes I feel alone. Please help me to know that you are always there. Especially when life is hardest. Give me courage to stand up for what is right, even in the face of peer pressure. Help me to understand that in times of pain, there is a lesson to be learned that will make me a fuller person. Allow me to see my inner beauty, when society pushes me to believe the opposite. Help me to be strong for those who need me; and when my strength fails, carry me until I can walk again. Amen

S. Johnson

Dear Padre,

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve “as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community” (“Built of Living Stones,” 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments—both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. “Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 288).

Nevertheless, “floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table” (*GIRM* 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It’s forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Christian life has to be a life that must blossom in works of charity, in doing what is good. But if you have no roots, you cannot blossom, and who is the root? Jesus! ... “What blossoms a tree bears come from what lies underneath it.” Never cut off Jesus’ roots.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 21, 2018

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 10
Saint Scholastica,
Virgin

1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13
Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 11
Weekday

1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30
Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 12
Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1–10
Mk 7:14–23

Thursday

FEBRUARY 13
Weekday

1 Kgs 11:4–13
Mk 7:24–30

Friday

FEBRUARY 14
Sts. Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop

1 Kgs 11:29–32;
12:19
Mk 7:31–37

Saturday

FEBRUARY 15
Weekday

1 Kgs 12:26–32;
13:33–34
Mk 8:1–10

Sunday

FEBRUARY 16
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15–20
1 Cor 2:6–10
Mt 5:17–37 or
Mt 5:20–22a, 27–28,
33–34a, 37

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 58:7–10

1 Cor 2:1–5

Mt 5:13–16

You Are Really Something!

The description of the disciples found in today’s Gospel is an impressive compliment—and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don’t turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn’t that what we also claim to be—his followers? Haven’t we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, “You are really something!”

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In what ways do you already enrich or enlighten the lives of others?
- ★ In what ways is this compliment a challenge for you?

[Jesus said,] “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

MATTHEW 5:16



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