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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34):** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**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.

**Zoom Along with Us** – You can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads and smart phones. **We will resume Sunday Zoom masses on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Praying with Pope Francis August:** For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**Mass Intentions For This Week:**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Aug 24 7:30 p.m. Russell + Myron Andrews req by Michelle & Curtis & family  
 Sunday Aug 25 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Norma Kaskiw req by Clarence Kaskiw  
 Monday Aug 26 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba  
 Tuesday Aug 27 Fr Paul req by Jean Goba  
 Wed Aug 28 No Mass  
 Thurs Aug 29 10:30 Rossburn Adoration  
 11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family  
 Friday Aug 30 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
 9:00 a.m. + Jo-Ann Lundgren req by Doug and Donalda Wishart  
**Deacon Darin's 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**



**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Aug 31 7:30 p.m. Russell + Myron Andrews req by Michelle & Curtis & family  
 Sunday Sep 1 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + John Ryshytylo req by Iris Kosteci & family

**Congratulations to Deacon Darin** who will be celebrating his 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on August 30<sup>th</sup>!

**The Knights of Columbus** will be hosting our parish BBQ along with St. Mary's Church here at St. Joseph's on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details to follow. **Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. that day**

**Also, our coffee Sundays** will be starting up again in September. Emme and our Filipino parishioners will be providing the food for us in September. It will be nice to once again join together in fellowship.

**Congratulations to Romi Sawchuk and Frankie Sawchuk** and to their parents Cole Sawchuk and Melanie Fouillard! Romi and Frankie were baptized on August 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph The Worker Russell Parish.

The Brandon Serra Club is pleased to announce that we will be hosting our **Annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner on October 2, 2024**. Our guest speaker this year will be *His Grace Archbishop Gagnon*. The evening will begin with Vespers, celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop Richard Gagnon at 5 pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend this event.

**Please note: Our parishes need to know by September 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you wish to attend, please contact the office to book.

**The following is a report from the St. John Cantius Restoration Committee**

Thank you very much for your donation towards the restoration of St. John Cantius (Oakburn Farms) Church.

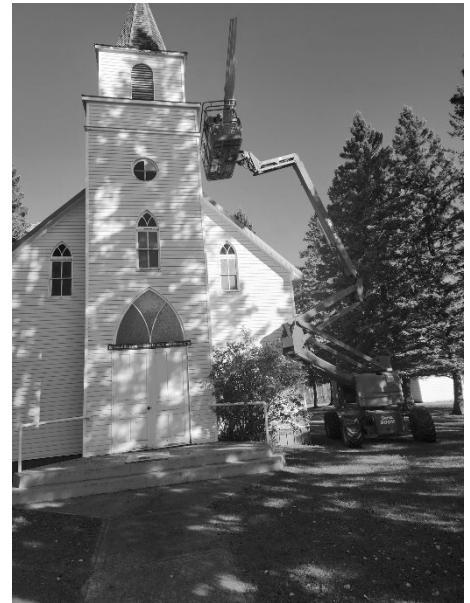
At this time, the committee would like to update the donors on the progress. In October, 2023 the start of the steeple repair commenced. With the use of a crane and a local carpenter, the committee was able to prevent further moisture damage to the steeple of the church by applying tin. It was a late start but more work needs to be completed.

This spring the committee requires a larger crane to complete work at the top of the steeple. While having this equipment, there is a need for repairing and painting the upper windows and some siding.

Donations are still being accepted as the project will continue for some time. If you wish to contribute again, we welcome any financial support. We would appreciate it if you would spread the word to others as the bell tower is in need of repairs too.

Donations are also being accepted for the upkeep of the cemetery for years to come. Please make donations payable to St. Theresa Church, Box 596, Rossburn, MB R0J 1V0. Please indicate where you want the donation to be applied to (St John Cantius Church repairs or St. John Cantius Cemetery fund) and a tax receipt will be issued.

May God Bless you!  
 St. John Cantius Restoration Committee



\* A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" (Fr. Lobo) (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

# Dear Padre,

**A friend claims that various saints have appeared to her. Is this something that really happens?**

Your friend might be experiencing what are called “private” revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way.

Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at *Medjugorje*. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about private revelations: “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history” (CCC 67).

It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God. ●



PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY MARY, MEDJUGORJE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, DIEGO FIORE / SHUTTERSTOCK

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 26 Weekday	August 27 St. Monica	August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	August 29 Passion of St. John the Baptist	August 30 Weekday	August 31 Weekday	September 1 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12 Mt 23:13–22	2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17 Mt 23:23–26	2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18 Mt 23:27–32	1 Cor 1:1–9 Mk 6:17–29	1 Cor 1:17–25 Mt 25:1–13	1 Cor 1:26–31 Mt 25:14–30	Dt 4:1–2, 6–8 Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27 Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**The Lord asks the disciples the decisive question: “But who do you— you!—say that I am?” Who am I for you, now? Jesus does not want to be a key figure from the past; He wants to be an important person for you today, for me today.... Jesus wants to be the God who is close to us!**

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 25, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b / Ephesians 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32 / John 6:60–69



Joshua said to all the people...., “As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

JOSHUA 24:2, 15C

## Taking a Stand Matters

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day I happened to be sitting and chatting with some teenagers. When the discussion turned to parents, expectations, and how they respond, I asked them, “What’s really important to you? What do you value and try not to compromise on?” “Why do you want to know?” one asked. “Just wondering,” I said. Silence. Then one said that being honest was really important to her, that she always tried to tell the truth. Another said “family.” Another, respecting his body, said, “No drugs, no alcohol.” More silence, and then one spoke of her faith and how it really mattered and made a difference in her life. Their conversation then moved on to other things, friends, movies, and what to do later that day.

In reality, I had another reason for asking my question, one beyond a simple inquiry. There is something good about saying aloud what is truly important to us, what we won’t compromise on. Saying it out loud makes it more real, something we can stand for. Some of those teens didn’t say anything, maybe because they had never thought about what their values were. Perhaps hearing others speak up inspired them to think about it, maybe for the first time in their lives. Saying aloud where we stand in life makes a difference.

Jesus reminds us that it is the spirit that gives life, that the flesh is of no avail. Some of those teens have already begun to realize this truth. ●

### Reflect

**What are some values that you do not forsake easily? Why?**