



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 7th
 Tuesday, September 8th
 Wednesday, September 9th
 Thursday, September 10th
 Friday, September 11th
 Saturday, September 12th

9:00 a.m.	† Norm McKinney
12:10 p.m.	† Ivan Ansley
7:00 p.m.	† Robert Srigley
12:10 p.m.	† Ted Delaney
12:10 p.m.	† Norm McKinney
9:00 a.m.	† Delina Farkas

LOOKING BACK ON THE SUMMER

We have had another great summer at St. Mary's. We won't talk about the weather but all of the great things that happened over what we presume are the quieter months.

The Bible Camp was once again a great success, wonderfully prepared and energetically presented by a great group of volunteers.

The youth once again went to the Diocesan retreat at the Martyr's Shrine. They ate and prayed and discussed and gazed at the stars.

We welcomed two guest homilists: Deacon Michael Conlin shared with the work of Chalice among the poor of the third world and Father Osvaldo from Argentina discussed the work of church among the poor of Argentina.

At the beginning of the summer we began the distribution of the Parish Photo Directories to general approval by all.

Deacon Luis Calleja arrived in early June and blessed us with his presence, his homiletic skills and his desire to serve. Let us all keep him our prayers as he prepares for ordination to priesthood.

The staff each had an opportunity to take a summer break and recharge themselves for the year ahead.

Sister Marjorie steadily improved and returned to her Mother House.

And of course, masses were celebrated, babies were baptized, and children made their first communion. We also prayed for a number of good and loyal parishioners that the Lord called home.

Now, we get ready for a new parochial year. We look forward to your participation in the life of the parish in so many ways.

WE INVITE ADULTS TO BECOME CATHOLIC

Each year through the process of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) we invite adult members of our parish or those who have just passed by to have a look at Catholic life and worship to become Catholic. If you wish to know more about this process please call the parish.

PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR



Loving and gracious God you have given us life and call us to live fully each day.

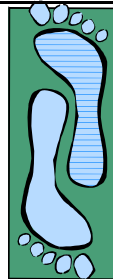
Bless those of our parish who continue their studies this coming week. Bless the innocence of the young, the openness of the teenagers and the independence of those heading off to college and university.

Bless their parents, may they always remember the challenge found in the baptismal ritual that they be, "the best of teachers."

Bless too those who are teachers, administrators and all who support education in all of its forms. May they know that God is with them, making their work holy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION WALKATHON



The regional Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association has a walkathon **NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th** beginning at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's High School. The funds will be used to mental health programs for youth. We encourage your support of this community effort.

YOUTH DINNER NIGHT



Youth Ministry is hosting a **Middle Eastern Cuisine Night** on Friday September 18th from 5:30 to 10:00pm in the Parish hall and kitchen. This is a learning and collaborative cooking event where high school, post secondary, and working youth are welcome to join in on the preparation of traditional Middle Eastern foods. You are welcome to bring friends. Please contact Robin if you are interested in attending, or email at ym4smp@gmail.com or call 728-2985.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Last spring we raised the issue of changing the time of the Sunday 7:00 p.m. mass to 4:00 p.m. There was a number of reasons for this. Robin, our youth minister felt that the evening time hindered rather than helped youth activities. Young people were anxious about homework and the Monday school day. A second reason was the priests were finding it to be an arduous undertaking to have mass times that extended over thirty hours. We invited comment in the spring. We received one email of concern and one family expressed some misgiving. A number of people in passing endorsed the idea, but in a less formal way. At parish council the most emphatic concern was the value of a mass as late as possible for busy families. Those that raised this concern at the same time assured us that they wouldn't be skipping mass on busy weekends if there was not one at 7:00 p.m. **Effective October 4th the 7:00 p.m. mass will be replaced by a 4:00 p.m. mass.**

CHANGING THE FOCUS OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Some six or seven years ago when the Sunday evening mass was added it was done so with the view to creating a mass which was specifically ministered to by youth. This has been a worthy effort, though a bit of a challenge in that the fluid life of the young resulted in a lot of recruiting as young people head off to post secondary education. Often the rosters for particular ministries were pretty thin and this led to a very few having to do a lot.

It is our best guess that we as a parish need five weekend masses and thus the four o'clock mass. It will not however be ministered strictly by youth. We invite parishioners of all ages to consider assisting by reading, being communion ministers and by sharing musical talent. Are we giving up on youth in ministry at masses? Hardly, we will be vigilant to encouraging the young to take particular roles at that mass, but at the other four masses as well.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORIES

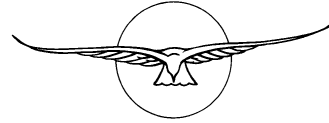


Have you picked up your parish directory? If not, see one of the staff after mass and they can provide you with a copy. You will need to sign off to verify you have received it.

IT'S TIME TO BEGIN AGAIN...

Children's Liturgy: Sunday, September 13th
Coffee and Muffins: " " "
Stay and Play: Monday, September 14th

CONFIRMATION



For young people in grade eight or above the next confirmation will be **November 7th.**

We encourage you to pick up your forms after mass on the weekend and register promptly.

WHAT A BUSY FALL

The period from now until Christmas will include a number of special liturgies and events that we list here so you can take note well in advance.

Sept 26/27: Ministry Fair after all masses
October 4: 10:00 am: Ukranian Mass
October 24: Holy Spirit Parish Monte Carlo Night at St. Mary's Hall
October 31: CWL Parish Bazaar
November 7: Celebration of Confirmation
November 8: Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Hundt.
November 14: Sharing Fair - Just gifts.
November 22: Fr. Frank's 25th Anniversary Celebration Mass at 2:00 p.m. with parish reception to follow.
November 27: Performance of Handel's Messiah
December 6: Knights of Columbus Christmas Party for Parish Children.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS: 55+



General Gathering: Thursday, September 17th, 2 - 4:00 p.m.

Over the past two years our general gatherings have been held Wednesday from 1 - 3:00 p.m. Some persons could never attend because of conflicting commitments on that day. Also, the time frame conflicted with possible funeral receptions. During the coming year these general gatherings will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and usually from 2 - 4:00 p.m.

September 17th will be a time to look ahead to the coming year and to enjoy a dessert social. You can contribute by bringing a dessert to share with 3-4 people.