



**September 24, 2017**

**25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

6<sup>pm</sup> + Louis DeCaire – Frank & Becky Ball

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

9<sup>am</sup> + Therese Mathews – Mother Eileen & Cousin James

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> at Raincrest**

10<sup>am</sup> Intentions of Barb - Louella

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

9<sup>am</sup> + Mary Kingerski – Anna

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>pm</sup> + Bob Botsford – The Family

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)**

9<sup>am</sup> Intentions of All Parishioners

11<sup>am</sup> + George Paulenko – The Family

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**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st reading: (Isaiah 55.6-9)**

**2nd reading: (Philippians 1.20-24, 27)**

**Gospel: (Matthew 20.1-16)**



**In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:**

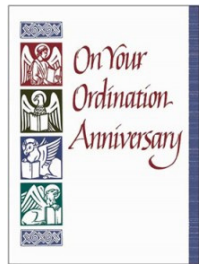
Eva Mattson, Arlene Steinke, Ewan MacKintosh, Rosalie Cousineau, Shirley Fraser, Nick Mutz, Kari Urquart, Ernie McColeman, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Dianne Pattison, Noella & Rick Hamilton, Laurent Smits, Father Michael Mitchell, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Ismael Albao

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's  
Weekend Of*

*September 17<sup>th</sup> - \$2899.08*

*Counting Teams*

*September 25<sup>th</sup> - Linda*



**Mark your calendars!!!**

Fr. Alan is celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> after 5 pm Mass.

Everyone is invited to join us for supper & celebration!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

We will be continuing the Children's Liturgy Program this year. We need to find out how many children will be attending. The program is for children in JK – Grade 1. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

We are looking for 2 volunteers to join St. Mary's Parish Council. Please contact Father Alan or the Parish office if you are interested. Thank you.



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**PARISH NEWS**

**In your prayers, please**

**remember those who are sick:**

Jan Adams, Linda Anderson, Greg Perreault, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Jan Glueheisen, Phyllis Johnson (Bruyere), Ron Mainville, Kayla Bruyere, Father Milton McWatch

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekend of

September 17<sup>th</sup> - \$ 468.56

**What's going on?!**

September 26 – CWL Executive – 1:30pm

September 26 – First Communion meeting – 7:00pm

September 28 – EDGE night – 6:30-8:30pm

October 1 – CWL Rosary for Life & LifeChain – 2:00pm

October 3 – K of C Meeting – 6:30pm

October 4 – CWL Mass & Potluck - 6:00pm

October 7 – Father Alan's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**JOB OPPORTUNITY – Parish Youth Ministry Director**

Our Parish is looking for a person interested for this position. It will be a paid job starting with 6 hours per week. This time can be adjusted as needed. The Youth Ministry Director's duty is to organize, supervise and promote parish based youth activities held on or off parish property. The Director will collaborate with a team of youth leaders to carry out a Comprehensive Youth Ministry Program. Anyone interested my bring their Application Letter and Resume to Father Alan through the Parish Office no later than September 24, 2017.

**THANK YOU**

**First we would like to thank Father Alan for all his support, encouragement and guidance for all the ministries in our Parish. We also wish to thank everyone for the overwhelming outpouring of love and appreciation at our farewell celebration on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who planned it and worked hard to make it happen. We know how much work it took. It was a wonderful dinner with great speakers and talented entertainment. There are so many gifted people in our parish. We are grateful for your presence, kind words, cards and gifts. Special thanks to those who travelled from far to say good-bye. We never expected such a response. We leave with sadness but with gratitude and wonderful memories of the lifelong friendships and times of encounter with a truly amazing God. It was truly a privilege and honour to serve in this parish and the Diocese. Please pray for us in the next leg of our journey. Keep your eyes on the prize, Jesus, and we will continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide each of you on your journey. We will see you next June. Together at the Altar, Deacon Bob & Betty Grynol.**



### EDGE: Youth groups for grades 6-9

The EDGE youth group had a great first night last Thursday! We had an Amazing Race around the church where the youth had challenges to complete. They learned how to work together and problem solve as some of the challenges were pretty hard! Thanks to the amazing snack provided by youth parents! We are going to have an Awesome Year!! Thanks to the new leaders who helped with this great first EDGE night!



LIFE TEEN  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

### LIFE TEEN Youth groups for grades 9-12

High Schoolers are welcome to LIFE TEEN which runs once a month on Saturday nights following our Youth Mass. Look for more news about the LT kickoff coming your way on **Saturday September 23!** Our youth programs provide a fun, safe place for youth to find a welcoming Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Have questions? Send an email message to [stmarys@jam21.net](mailto:stmarys@jam21.net) or call Marie, Interim Youth Minister at 274-5105. Edge (\$80) and LifeTeen (\$160) registration. If you missed the registration weekend, no worries, you can register any time!!

### Youth Events in September

28 – Edge night

Looking ahead to October 15 at 5pm – Spaghetti Dinner (major fund raiser for the Youth programs) **Tickets \$12 on sale now!!**

### Try Our Homemade Salsa - Mild/Medium/Hot



125ml - \$3.00

250ml - \$5.00

500ml - \$8.00

Family size - \$15.00

All proceeds go to St. Mary's Youth Group activities. Thank you for your support!



October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will be praying the rosary 20 minutes before every weekend mass in October. We will have a schedule of the groups leading the prayers posted at the back of the church.

RCIA

Right of  
Christian  
Initiation  
of Adults



Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? We invite you to join us! Join us at an upcoming RCIA meeting or call to find out more. For more info contact the parish office at 274-5233. The doors are open! We will be starting the program Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 after 6:00pm mass.



### LIFE CHAIN 2017

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be holding our annual Life Chain Event. It is one hour of prayer and public awareness against abortion and euthanasia. We will ask for God's divine intervention for the healing of our communities and nations around the world. It will start with a Rosary for Life at 2pm in the church. Then we will pick up the signs and proceed to Scott Street for Life Chain 2017. **All parishioners are urged to make the effort to attend.**

### Food for Your Journey – The Purpose of Pain

In the apple-growing state of Maine in America, I was visiting a farmer friend and saw an apple tree so loaded down with fruit that the branches had to be propped up to keep them from breaking under the weight of apples. When I remarked about the fruitfulness of the tree, my friend said to me, "Go over and look at that tree's trunk down near the bottom."

There I saw that the tree had been badly wounded by a big gash across its side. The farmer explained, "That is something we have learned about apple trees. When the growing tree tends to run to wood and leaves and not to fruit, we stop it by wounding it, by cutting into its bark. And we don't know why, but almost always the result is that the tree turns its energy to producing fruit."

Could that be a parable for some of us human apple trees in the human orchard?

### A Smile for Your Journey – Then There Was Sister Annie

Last Sunday, Annie's pastor challenged his congregation to be aware of opportunities to testify for Jesus. Now Annie was certainly known for her faith and her boldness in talking about the Lord. She was known to stand on her front porch and for the benefit of her atheist neighbour, shout, "Praise the Lord!" resulting in her godless neighbour's response, "There ain't no God!"

When hard times set in, Annie stood on her porch and prayed, "Praise the Lord! Please God, send me some groceries." The next morning she found a large bag of groceries on her porch, which caused her to shout, "Praise the Lord!"

On cue, her neighbour jumped out from behind a bush and cried, "Hey, don't give God the credit – I bought those groceries, He didn't!"

Annie laughed, jumped up and down, clapped her hands, and shouted, "Praise the Lord! He not only sent me groceries, but he made the devil pay for them!"

### BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study group has resumed the study of Matthew with the DVD of Jeff Cavins on Wednesdays after morning Mass. We welcome newcomers! Lessons can be picked up at the office ahead of time and they will be handed out at each session.



The CWL is in desperate need of knitters to make white only baby booties. Simple pattern & yarn available if needed. This is for our Pro Life project. Please contact Josie at 274-6235 or the parish office.

### Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign

We are half way through this year's Bishop's Diocesan Ministry Campaign. So far St. Mary's has sent in **\$3900.00**, which represents **15.6%** of our goal of \$25000.00. Our Lady of Lourdes has sent in **\$300.00**, which represents **7.5%** of our goal of \$4000.00. Please don't forget to get your donations in for this worthy Campaign. **Donations must be at the Chancery Office before December 31, 2017. Please don't delay!! Thank you for your support!**