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“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”

- Parish Mission Statement

Eighteenth & Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5 AND August 12, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 6-12

MONDAY, August 6, 2018

No Mass

TUESDAY, August 7, 2018

6:00-6:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: Chesia Senicki & Bela Lorinc / Chesia Senicki

WEDNESDAY, August 8, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Memorial - St. Dominic

Intention: + Michael McCallan / Adel McCallan & Tish O'Keefe

THURSDAY, August 9, 2018

1:30 p.m. Liturgy at Lindenwood Terrace - Ferial

Intention: + Wanda Kilm / Regis & Wendy Labossière

FRIDAY, August 10, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Feast - St. Lawrence

Intention: + Donald Robert Kramer / Mildred Njegovan

SATURDAY, August 11, 2018 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Liturgy - Intention: + Blanche & Peter Todd / Reg Todd

SUNDAY, August 12, 2018 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: + Gerry Mulcair / Rebecca Skinner

11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 13-19

MONDAY, August 13, 2018

No Mass

TUESDAY, August 14, 2018

6:00-6:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: + Donald Robert Kramer / Mildred Njegovan

WEDNESDAY, August 15, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Solemnity - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intention: + Dwight Solon / Wendy & Regis Labossière

THURSDAY, August 16, 2018

No Mass

FRIDAY, August 17, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + Sean O'Keefe / Rob & Tish O'Keefe

SATURDAY, August 18, 2018 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: + Marcel Just / Larry Gagné & Lee Hopper

SUNDAY, August 19, 2018 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: + Lina Faustino / Larry Gagné & Lee Hopper

11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 5



In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. "What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"

How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If I only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "the bread of life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 12



Have you ever approached a hushed group and were certain they were talking about you? It's an uncomfortable feeling to catch people murmuring about what you did, said, or didn't do. It breeds division and exclusion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to just the opposite.

The reading opens with the crowds "murmuring" their doubts about Jesus after he has proclaimed himself the Bread of Life. "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph ... how can he say 'I have come down from heaven?'" In his response, Jesus brings up the Israelites and the manna God brought them in the desert. If you turn back to the story in Exodus, you'll see another similar word: *murmuring*. As the going got tough, the Israelites doubted Moses and God's plan to protect and care for them as a chosen people. Here, Jesus proposes a difficult theological concept. Jesus himself is "the living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world."

This is not an exclusive concept. "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Why? Because "the Father who sent me draw[s] him." The next time you're at Mass, take a few moments to watch the communion line. Young and old, families and singles, diverse races and cultures and stories ... we are all drawn to the Eucharistic table. Catholic doctrine may require faith, but it is a faith possible for anyone who seeks truth. Christianity does not hide behind locked doors in an exclusive clubhouse, whispering behind the backs of nonbelievers. Jesus compels us to share the love of God the Father for his children, that we one day be joined with Him and "live forever."

KIDS' CORNER

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 2018

Just one day earlier,

Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over five thousand people. In today's Gospel, some of those people came looking for Jesus, hoping to get another free lunch. They didn't understand that Jesus wants all people to believe in him. Through faith in Jesus, you can live forever. In heaven you will never be hungry or thirsty again.



Dear God, fill me up with love for Jesus. Amen.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 12, 2018

In this Gospel reading, Jesus compared himself to manna. A long time ago God's people ate manna in the desert, because there was no other food to eat. By sending manna falling from the sky every morning, God taught his people to trust him. Manna tasted good, and it kept them healthy. God took care of them and gave them all they needed. Then, hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus down from heaven, so people could have everlasting life with him.



Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus down from heaven so that we can look forward to living with you forever in heaven. Amen.



Thank you to all parishioners who have renewed their Stewardship of Treasure Commitment for 2018.

Sunday's Offertory - July 29, 2018

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Noah's Buddies / Youth	\$ 1.00
Loose:	\$ 941.75
Votives:	\$ 290.75
<u>Novena Mass</u>	<u>\$ 507.85</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 15,741.35

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement: \$20,000.00

Ordination of Deacons for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg

On **Thursday, August 30th** 2018, the Archdiocese will celebrate the Ordination of seven men to the Ministry of Deacon. These men have been in formation for this ministry of service since 2014. They come from a variety of parishes within the archdiocese and once ordained, will serve in their parish as well as carry out additional ministries within the greater archdiocese.

Dr. Gilles Lorteau, a parishioner of St. Gianna's, is one of these men to be ordained. All are invited to attend the ordination which will take place at **7:30 p.m** at **St. Mary's Cathedral**.

Who is a deacon?

A Catholic deacon is an ordained minister who shares in the apostolic work of the Archbishop. The title "deacon" comes from the Greek word "diakonos," which means "servant." The vocation of deacon carries the profound responsibility to pour out one's life in service to others, just as Christ who came "not to be served, but to serve."

Why does the Church need deacons?

The Second Vatican Council emphasized the Church as Servant to all humanity, in its every condition, weakness and need. As a response to this vision, the Church restored the order of deacons as a concrete sacramental sign of our Lord Jesus Christ, in and at the service of the world. Through his ministry, the deacon serves as a reminder and a challenge to all the baptized, who are called to imitate Christ in their care for others. As Blessed John Paul II said, "the service of the deacon is the Church's service sacramentalized."

What do deacons do?

Through their ordination, deacons share, to a lesser extent, in the threefold apostolic ministry of the bishop: a ministry of Word, of Sacrament, and of Charity. Deacons share in responsibility of teaching and preaching the Gospel, they preside at celebrations of baptism, funerals, matrimony and they visit the infirm, the imprisoned, and the needy. They do not celebrate Mass, hear confessions, or anoint the sick.

Do all deacons eventually become priests?

No. The diaconate was restored as a permanent order, not simply a step to becoming a priest. Men who are preparing for the vocation to the priesthood are ordained to the diaconate first, in which case they are called transitional deacons.

What is the difference between a deacon and a priest?

Deacons are ordained "not for the priesthood, but for service." The permanent diaconate is not a lesser version of the priesthood, but a unique vocation unto itself. Unlike a priest, a deacon may have a wife, a family, and a secular job; they are particularly called to bring Christ's service outside of church buildings and ecclesial structures, into their workplaces and family lives.

Welcome Fr. Kelly Wilson - Parochial Vicar

We welcome Fr. Kelly Wilson to our faith community and pastoral team in his new assignment as Parochial Vicar (Assistant Priest) at St. Gianna's which began on July 3rd, 2018.



Fr. Kelly was ordained in 2014 and has served as Parochial Vicar in St. Vital Parish, Winnipeg and St. Augustine's Parish, Brandon. In addition to his assignment at St. Gianna's, he will also serve as Director of the Synod Implementation for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg.

New Parishioners Orientation Session - August 8

Our next New Parishioner Orientation Session has been scheduled for **Wednesday, August 8th** at **7:00 p.m** in the narthex. This 90 minute session provides a wonderful way to learn more about our parish community, the opportunities for faith formation and ministry involvement, as well as to learn about the unique charism that we hold as a community of Christian disciples under the patronage of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. To pre-register for this event, please fill out a membership request form found on the visitor's information table and hand it to one of the ministers of hospitality or include it in the Sunday Offertory. We are eager to welcome and count those who worship with us as registered members of our parish community.

Missing in Action

If you or someone you know finds themselves with an extended hospital stay or homebound for a significant period, please let Fr. Darrin know and a pastoral visit with communion and/or anointing of the sick can be arranged. In addition, if you know of someone who has wandered away from church practice and you feel a visit from Fr. Darrin may be a valuable option, please take time to share this with him.



Knights of Columbus Gift Cards Program:



Sobeys, Safeway, Superstore, Foodland gift cards are available for purchase every weekend at the Knights table. This initiative raises funds for the parish as we receive a 5% commission on each gift card sold. Earlier this month, our Knights presented the parish with a cheque for \$6,200.00, the return for all gifts cards sold over the past year. Since we all need to buy groceries, especially if you already shop at these locations, than participating in this program is a win-win situation for you and our parish!



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