



Вітаємо Всіх до Нашої Парафії! We Welcome You to Our Parish! A Place of Prayer, Family and Community for More than 50 Years

Epistle ~ Romans 5: 1-10

Gospel ~ Matthew 6: 22-33

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Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Evelyn Poleschuk
Sunday (10 a.m.): Christopher Tennant

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Zenya Puchalski
Sunday (10 a.m.): Christopher Tennant

Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Jesus' wisdom is very simple but also profound: anxiety and concern about physical and material needs are not the key to a happy life. God knows what we need. His shoulders are broad enough to carry our burdens. He is fully capable for working out our problems and satisfying our needs. We are His children, and like a good parent, He will see to our needs. And it isn't that God doesn't want us to be rewarded for hard work; but acquiring things in and of themselves very soon translates to greed. Wealth cannot become an object of worship, making us a slave to the almighty dollar. Wealth and material things can never take the place of God in our lives. We are told by Jesus in many ways to care for others as ourselves -- needs that may surpass our own of love, friendship, laughter, compassion, sharing, helping, healing, comforting, nurturing, giving - all facets of the Spirit of God.

~ condensed from a sermon by Rev. Deniray Mueller



Inspirational Words of Wisdom

*"The secret to a happy life
is giving God the first part of your day,
the first priority to every decision,
and the first place in your heart."*

Your Return Gift to God

*Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully,
cultivate them responsibly, share them generously and lovingly with others,
and return them with increase to the Lord.*

Collection for June 2/3

Envelopes: \$1,514.⁹³
Mission Collection: \$58.⁰⁰
Papal Charities: \$90.⁰⁰
Special Projects: \$130.⁰⁰



Liturgical Services for This Week



SATURDAY, JUNE 16

11:00 a.m. ~ Strehlow Baptism
5:00 p.m. ~ **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Linda Douglas

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

10:00 a.m. ~ **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Susan Soldan

Thank you for your generosity! Щиро Вам дякуємо!

June's Mission Collection is designated for **Isthmus** (formerly *Blessings in a Backpack*), connecting hungry children with food to eat on weekends when they would otherwise go hungry. The program has shown to improve children's test scores, reading skills, health and attendance, as well as showing a positive influence on students' behaviour.

Holy Cross Parish News & Activities



Next Sunday, immediately after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, we will proceed outside for the dedication of the **50th Anniversary Legacy Project**. This will be followed by the annual **Parish Picnic** on our parish grounds at which everyone is welcome. We'll have the usual yummy picnic fare — freshly grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and sausages, salad and dessert, and of course, plenty of refreshing drinks to wash it all down. Don't forget the activities for the children, and of course, later in the hall, a few games of bingo for the 'older kids.' ☺ ☺ ☺

Funeral services for the departed servant of God **†Annie Gacuk** (formerly of Thunder Bay) will take place in our church at 10:00 a.m. on **Friday, June 22**, followed by a memorial luncheon in our parish hall. The family invites all to attend.

We will have another "Cabbage Roll Making Session & Sale" before the summer on **Tuesday, June 26**, and are taking orders for **frozen ones only**. Please sign the list posted in the narthex. Deadline is **Sunday, June 24**. Preparation of onions and shkvarky will take place on **Monday, June 18** at 9:30 a.m.; cabbage cleaning/deribbing on **Monday, June 25** at 9:30 a.m.

We are in urgent need of envelope counters for July, October & December. If you can volunteer your services, even on one or two Sundays, it would be of great assistance. Please call Susan Soldan (475-4550) or speak to her at church as soon as possible. New counters will be paired with others with previous experience; help will be provided.

**WE NEED YOUR
HELP**

Readings for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)



Epistle: Romans 6: 18-23

Gospel: Matthew 8: 5-13

As you read each passage, ask yourself these questions, "What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?" and "What are the connections between them?"

This will help make them easier to follow and understand.

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Our annual wind-up is this **Thursday, June 14** at 12 noon with games & entertainment, followed by the usual picnic foods, and prize presentation. *Hope to see many there!*



The next bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, June 20 @ 3:45 p.m.** and return @ 10:00 p.m. As usual, contact Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to book your spot. This is a **free** service for everyone including non-members 18 yrs. and up.



The date for our next pyrohy making is **Tuesday, September 25**. If you would like to place a 'standing order' before the summer break, please speak with Ann Kozlowski or Ann (G) Opaski to do so (their contact numbers are above) to avoid any disappointment in the fall. ☺

Our 2nd annual bus trip to Winnipeg from **September 10 to 13** is definitely a "go." This time, we plan to visit some different venues with the possibility of attending a production of the musical *Mamma Mia!* while there. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting excursion, please inform George Rusnick (577-3361) or Ann (G) Opaski as soon as possible. The bus holds 54 passengers and at the present time, capacity is expected — seats will be snapped up quickly. Non-members (18+) may also participate, so tell all your friends and family members who might wish to come along. It's sure to be another wonderful experience!

*"Do not regret growing older.
It is a privilege denied to many."*



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Attention members! The next date for **retraining** of bingo volunteers originally trained prior to February 2018 is **Sunday, June 10**. All training and retraining sessions take place from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue. FYI: There will be combined training dates during the summer months which will be announced soon.

Our next bingo session is another *matinée* on **Wednesday, June 13**. Speak with Gerry Bullock if you are able to volunteer on that date. Please be in proper attire and at the venue no later than 12 noon. *Thank you for your service and cooperation!*



Tickets for our annual dinner meeting are now available. The last day to get yours is **Sunday, June 17** (Father's Day). We will need to give a final count to the Columbus Centre by June 18.

Love and Service to God since 1960!

5 Things We Can Learn from Lilies

1. Lilies are the planting of God and not man.

God will supernaturally and by His grace plant beautiful things in unexpected places. Lilies grow in some of the strangest environments on earth; the desert, deep shade, the hot sun, and even the Arctic tundra. A lesson we can take from this is that God can grow flowers in every corner on earth. He will cause His wildflowers to grow in places that put up the strongest barriers to Christianity on earth. No climate is too harsh for God to grow things.

2. The study of lilies has proven to be good for the heart.

In Matthew 6: 28-30, Jesus uses the observation and study of the lily as a remedy for worry. Scientists who study the chemical composition of the plant have found strong links between worry, stress, and a narrowing of the arteries of the heart. The substance *convallatoxin* present in the "Lily of the Valley" is similar to the medicine *digitalis*, mainly used for acute and chronic heart failure. Worry is bad for you; learning from lilies spiritually and actually is good for your heart health.

3. Lilies are hardier than you think, and so are you.

The environment in which you live does not determine whether or not you will bloom, but the person you are inside determines that. Better yet, the God who is inside you (if you are a Christian), can bloom in any environment. In the worst of places, you can be an oasis of refreshment.

4. God has placed within lilies the principle of life.

On the lawns of many homes, a lot of wild lilies grow -- some in the most awkward of places, that make it very difficult to mow sections of the grass. Yet every year no matter how tenacious one is in cutting them down, the lilies come back and glorify the yard in the Spring. It is called the principle of life, and the fact of the matter is that the principle of life is greater than the principle of death. Even as God has placed within the lily the principle of life, so has He placed it in you!

5. You can expect regular seasons of refreshment and revival, and your needs will be met.

God waters the lily and provides it with such nutrients as it needs. It doesn't get those things by worrying, but by the gracious provision of an all-powerful God. The lily is just a short-lived decoration on earth, but when we look at the beauty, care and genius that God employed to create them, we can extrapolate a wonderful faith building lesson: If God would put so much care into something that is a throw-away item, how much more will He act on behalf of those He loved so much He sent His son to die for them! When you want something to last you build it more durable, you use greater care with it. That is the main lesson of the lily. God put a lot of care into a decoration; He puts a lot more care into the people that He wants to fill His house.

~ from a sermon by Maurice McCarthy

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Gift Ideas - Still looking for a Father's Day gift for that special man? Drop in to the Pastoral Centre (1222 Reaume St.) Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.) for books, bookmarks, devotionals, journals, calendars, mugs, coffee, coasters, and lots more!

Staal Foundation Open - July 9 -15 at Whitewater Golf Club. Admission: \$10 daily or \$30 for the week; children 14 and under FREE. Go to www.staalopen.ca for ticket sale locations. Still accepting volunteer and caddie registrations, too.





Don't Worry -- Put Your Trust in God

One day a large group of people was gathered around Jesus on a hillside and He began to teach them. "Don't worry about whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear," He said. "There are more important things in life than food and clothes." Then He went on to teach them a lesson about worry.

"Look at the birds in the air," Jesus said. "They don't worry where their next meal is coming from. They don't store up grain in barns. And yet, the Heavenly Father takes care of them. Surely you are worth more to him than a bird."

"And why worry about your clothing?" Jesus continued. "Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, and yet Solomon in all his glory wasn't dressed as beautifully as they are. If God cares so wonderfully for these wildflowers, surely He will take care of you. Why do you show your lack of faith by worrying about these things?"

Does this mean that we can sit around and wait for food and clothes to drop from the sky? No. God provides food for the birds, but He doesn't throw it into their nest. It is up to them to go out and gather their food. God provides clothing for us by giving us jobs so that we will have the money to buy clothes. Sometimes God provides clothes through friends and family who give us clothes. We need to have faith that God will provide, but we do have to do our part as well. Just remember -- our part does not include worry!



Father, we thank You for providing for our every need. Help us not to worry, but to have faith. Amen.

Source: www.sermons4kids.com

*"Consider the lilies and how they grow, blossoming there in the field,
'Tis not for their labour they flourish so, flowers of beauty to yield.
Through the grace of God above, tending all in constant love,
Every want shall be supplied for God the Lord will provide."*

~ from the song "Consider the Lilies" by Natalie Sleeth

**But seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness
and all these things
shall be added unto you.**

(Matthew 6:33)

