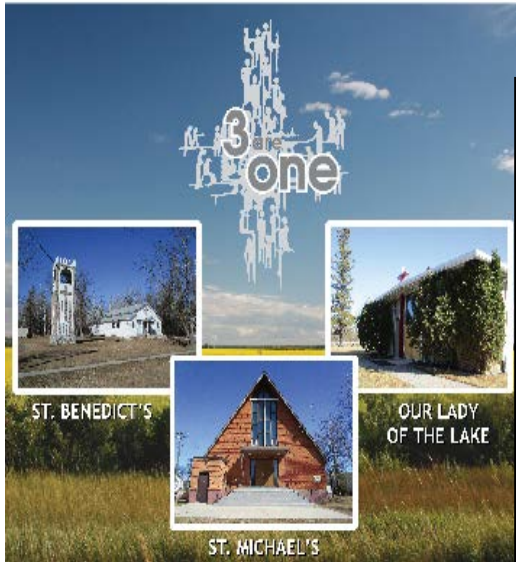


Our Parish Bulletin

May 6, 7, 2017 Year A



From the Pastor's Desk: Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A.

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit".

Every Year, the fourth Sunday of Easter is dedicated to Christ the Good shepherd, otherwise known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Very peculiarly, the liturgy of the word gives us beautiful metaphors or imageries of Jesus as the sheepfold, the gate and the shepherd.

In the first reading from Acts of the Apostles, it's very interesting to note the courage, enthusiasm and joy of the apostles led by Peter as he stood before the crowd, proclaimed, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified ". What a powerful testimony of the truth of the resurrection! The transparency of this witnessing brought 3,000 people into relationship with Jesus through baptism. These understood at least implicitly, that Jesus was the gate to eternal life. The Psalmist in the popular psalm 23, re-echoes the image of God as Shepherd. "The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want...", a song and prayer of complete self abandonment and trust in His divine providence.

The same St. Peter, in the second reading says, "by his wounds you have been healed...for you were going astray...but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls", a recognition by Peter of Jesus' incredible relationship, compassion and mercy for the people.

Let us remember that from the get go, Jesus' ultimate aim and desire is to call us into relationship with him and Father and the Holy Spirit. He says, " I am the way, the truth and life, no one goes to the Father except through me". So, does it not make sense to you, when you hear Jesus say in the Gospel today, "...anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit"? Jesus tells us today, that he is the gate for his sheep. Who are the thieves and bandits? When Jesus performed healings and miracles destined to create compassion, mercy and relationship and communion among the people healed and their community, the Pharisees, due to their selfish agenda, fail to accept Jesus' work of power. They show themselves to be thieves and bandits "because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus'. In this beautiful metaphor, Jesus is inviting us his children and listeners to follow him for he is the way to abundant life and to follow the shepherds who are faithful to the Good Shepherd. To lead the sheep of Christ, Jesus demands good relationship, a prerequisite for faithful Christian leadership in the community. Such relationship means that the shepherd must know his sheep and the sheep know him. And above, as Pope Francis says, the shepherd must "smell like the sheep". Therefore, we, who are Christian leaders are to follow the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd. SHALOM!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken". - St. Francis Xavier.

New to one of our Parishes? If so, welcome! If you would like to become a member of our parish, please fill out a Parish Registration form found at the entrance of the Church and put it into the collection basket.

Need Prayers: Request prayers through our Living Links Prayer Chain by writing your requests in the Footprints Book at the entrances of our Churches or calling Germaine Gougeon 204-642-9943. Please ensure the person is aware they are being prayed for.

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Preparation is required prior to the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage.

♦At least six months notice is required for an intended wedding.

♦For Baptism contact Fr. Mike in good time.

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http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php

Mass Times:

Sat. May 6 5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.
Sun. May 7 9:00 am St. B. – Fr. Art
9:00 am OLL – Fr. M.
11:00 am St. M. – Fr. M followed by
Lasagna lunch

Mon. May 8 No Mass
Tue. May 9 10:00 am St. Mike
Wed. May 10 10:00 am Betel – Fr. M.
6:30 pm CWL Mass then meeting
Thur. May 11 10 am OLL
Fri. May 12 10:00 am St. Mike – Fr. M.

Sat. May 13 5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.
Sun. May 14 9:00 am St. B. – Fr. M.
9:00 am OLL – Fr. Art
11:00 am St. M. – Fr. M.

During the month of May at OLL the Rosary will be said at 9:30 am before Mass.
▶ *Not of our Faith?, please join in our Communion Procession to receive a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing.*
▶ *The Sacrament of Reconciliation available after weekday Masses at 10:30 am., before or after 5:30 pm. Mass on Saturdays OR call Fr. Mike for an appointment.*

March for Life – Thurs. May 11 – 11:30 at the Leg. Bldg. You are invited to attend Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, or a service for the Unborn in the Buntain Chapel at Calvary Temple. The March will begin at 11:30 am. The walk will begin at noon and will be followed by speakers and closing remarks. Take a Stand! Be a Voice! [We encourage homemade signs that are focused on the value of life without any graphics or negative content.]

Mass Intentions: May 7 St. B. † R.I.P. Marie Louise Langlois req. by Rena Plischke
May 14 St. B. † R.I.P. Ernest Caron req. by Rena Plischke

If you would like to be added to any of the church help lists e.g. readers–greeters-cleaners-counters, etc. contacts are: [phone prefix 204]
St. Benedict’s: Joan Materuk – 642-8751
St. Michael’s: Angela Zalevich – 642-5315
Our Lady of the Lake: Liz Anderson-389-5251
Also ...**CWL** – Mary Desveaux 642-7733
Camp Morton Ladies Aid Rose Marie Hess 642-8678
NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ANY GROUP!

The Camp Morton Ladies Aid ...The amount made still pending - will be reported next week.

K. of C. meeting – Monday May8, 8 pm
OLL PCC – Tue. May 9. 6 pm
CWL Meeting – Wed. 6:30 pm Mass followed by meeting
March for Life – Thurs. May 11 11:30 pm Wpg.
St. M. PCC – May 25. 6:30 pm

A partnership with God is parenthood,
What strength, what purity, what self-control,
What love, what wisdom should belong to them,
Who help God fashion an immortal soul.

Next week is Mother’s Day
there are orchids and roses – choose what you may;
but dandelions make the best bouquet!

Hospodar/Caretaker required for Ukrainian Park located 1 ¼ miles north of Camp Morton on PR222. This is a seasonal position. Generally May long weekend to Oct. long weekend – weather dependant. Contact Ken at 1-204-416-0050 or Kzulyniak@gmail.com for further info.

Bulletin Reflections for May 7th, 2017 - 4th Sunday of Easter
Peter's transformation by the Holy Spirit is nothing short of amazing! He immediately goes out and calls the people to repentance with zeal and confidence. This is a man who was once so afraid he even denied knowing Jesus. Repentance is to change the course of our entire lives. As good stewards of the faith we profess, we too can give people an opportunity to change the course of their lives. When we share our faith with others we offer them the greatest gift they could ever receive! Each of us are agents in the New Evangelization. Good stewards are bold yet gentle in sharing their faith. Always careful to avoid condemning or criticizing. *It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows but "by attraction".* (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel) Let the light of Christ in you shine and you will be attractive to others.

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS-2017 ... St. Michael’s: \$7,460; OLL: \$3,230; St. B.: \$3,160
to Apr. 10/17 \$1,713.50-22% to Apr. 30 \$1,180.00-37% St. B. to Mar. 12 \$784.00-25%

St. Benedict’s Cleaning Schedule - 2017 Please note – different from last week!

May 10-15 M. Malak/J. Vouriot **May 17-22** J. Materuk/B. Franz **May 24-29** P. Tremblay/E. Hill
June 05-10 P. Barnesky/F.Petrowski **June 12-17** J.Banera/M. Pytel **June 19-24** R.M.Hess/D.Trottier

Deacon's Corner: PASS THE BISCUIT - FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

When I was a child, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school.

I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your momma put in a long hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides a burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each others faults and choosing to celebrate each others differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. So please pass me a biscuit. And yes, the burned one will do just fine! And please pass this along to someone who has enriched your life. I just did!

Life is too short to wake up with regrets! Love the people who treat you right and forgive the ones who don't, they could just be having a hard day. Remember, There is nothing better than other people praying for you. We're not getting older, just getting closer to home! The instructions are to pick four people You want God to bless. I pick you. Please pass this to at least four people you want to pray for. This prayer is powerful, and prayer is one of the best gifts we receive. There is no cost but a lot of rewards. Let's always pray for one another.

The prayer: Father, Thank You for each and every day You have blessed us here on earth. Thank You for Your tender mercies. Thank You for giving us friends and family to share joys and sorrows with. I ask You to bless my friends, relatives, brothers and sisters in Christ and those I care deeply for, who are reading this right now. Where there is joy, give them continued joy, Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence. Where there is need, fulfill their needs. Bless their homes, families, finances, their goings and their comings. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you share this with more than four people, you are truly blessed to have such friends.

Blessings, Love, Light and Laughter

On-going Activities:

Our Lady of the Lake (OLL): ► Coffee Sunday every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass ► Sunday Scripture Study after Thurs. 10 am Mass ► Bible Study Wed. evening. 7-9 pm. All that is required is an open heart and a desire to know more about your faith. A willing spirit to hear other people's points of view and to share your insights and any questions you may have. No prior experience or knowledge is necessary. The group meets in Sandy Hook, is open to all. Call Deacon Philip 389-5824 for a ride or more info.

► **St. Michael's (St. M):** ► Rosary said every Sunday at 10:30; Prayer & Healing Ministry offers on the spot prayers/sacrament of anointing by the Pastor after Sunday 11:00 am Mass. Contact Karen 642-8456 to arrange.

► First Sunday of the month, Lunch Sunday (after 11:00 am Mass)

► Third Sunday of the month, K. of C. Pancake Breakfast \$5 (after 11:00 am Mass)

► **Hall Rentals:** Parishioners & their families \$50, Outsiders \$75. To book call Angela Zalevich 204-642-5315.

► **St. Benedict's (St. B):** ► Rosary every Sunday at 8:30 ► Mon. 7:00 pm Bible Study/Faith Sharing now is Letter of James. For info. Call Deacon Philip 389-5824

Δ The **CWL are collecting "TABS FOR SPECIALIZED WHEELCHAIRS"**. Containers for aluminum can tabs are located in the entrance of each church.

Δ **Fundraiser- Sobeys Gift Cards** are available at OLL (after Mass). Use as cash at **any** Sobeys store.

The business cards shown belong to parishioners who have chosen to advertise their services in our bulletin. If you would like to advertise your business, please contact Don Hurak at 204-642-7834.

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