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

- Parish Mission Statement

Solemnity - Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

November 26, 2017

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Pastor

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Pastoral Associate responsible for Liturgical Music Ministry

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Pastoral Associate responsible for Children's Faith Formation

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Administrative Coordinator

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Monique Gauthier

Living Waters Columbarium - Director of Sales, Marketing & Promotions

Reg & Jane Todd

Custodial

Masses Intentions of the Week

TUESDAY, November 28, 2017

6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Intention: + *Bernard Jackson / Emaline Jackson*

WEDNESDAY, November 29, 2017

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: *Andrew Golden / Laurel Morris*

THURSDAY, November 30, 2017

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

Intention: + *Matilde Sorebillo / Maria Pagdato*

FRIDAY, December 1, 2017

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + *Denise Boudreau / Carol & Gilles Lorteau*

SATURDAY, December 2, 2017

4:30 p.m. Liturgy - First Sunday of Advent

Intention: *In Thanksgiving / Adonamarié Dimapilis*

SUNDAY, December 3, 2017 - First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners

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



Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium:

November 29 - Jeanne Marion

December 2 - William McCallan



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Today we celebrate the feast of an unusual kind of king.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, does not run his kingdom in the standard fashion. Instead of insisting upon the pomp and circumstance that usually surrounds earthly royalty, Jesus has a different focus. He thinks not of himself, but of those he loves. And in today's Gospel, his interest is especially focused on the poor and suffering in our midst.

Our King asks us to care for those in need—the hungry, the homeless, the foreigner, the sick and suffering. But then, he goes farther; he tells us that in caring for these least brethren, **we will be ministering to him!** What an incredible promise. Not only do we carry out the command to love our neighbour when we protect those in need, but we also show our love for Jesus in a direct and concrete way. This love for Christ through others is so real that Jesus actually tells us that our place on Judgment Day will depend on it: "*What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.*" And these will go off to eternal punishment." On the other hand, the "righteous" who ministered to the weak and poor will enjoy eternal life. Our King has spoken loud and clear. Now comes the question of whether or not we are obeying his orders?

Each of us is called to examine how well we are caring for the least among us. Sometimes, this means giving our time and energy for special ministries or missions, but often it means caring for those right in front of us—the sick or suffering in our own homes, families, neighbourhoods, or parishes. Whatever our situation, may we have the eyes to see Christ in our midst and serve him.

Sunday's Offertory - November 19, 2017

Pre-Authorized Giving: (318 households on PAR)	\$ 13,600.00
Noah's Buddies / Youth:	\$ 11.75
Loose:	\$ 1,237.45
Votives:	\$ 268.50
<u>Novena Mass</u>	<u>\$ 319.50</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 15,436.75

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

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus reminds us that when we care for the poor, hungry, sick, tired and lonely, we are loving him. We also remember today that Jesus is the King. If we wish to be in service to the King, then we must be in service to those in need. The image of a king, tells us that Jesus is our leader and model to follow. Jesus is also our family, our brother. In Jesus, God became one of us so we can see how to love and care for one another as God does. We are called to build God's kingdom on earth and to share in that kingdom. To do so, we need to care for the least of God's children and provide food, drink, clothing, shelter, comfort and companionship in order to live full lives. The requirement of God's kingdom is LOVE.



How can you recognize the needs of others and help?

- Pflaum Gospel Weeklies



Stewardship Tips

Christian Stewardship acknowledges that everything we have and hold comes from God. All is given to us for our good and the good of the world. A Stewardship response calls us to return to the Lord the first fruits of all that we have been given. Traditionally for many, this means the first hour of our weekly income. At St. Gianna's, we are asked to consider this measure of Stewardship as the beginning of our annual parish financial support. In Manitoba, the hourly minimum wage is currently \$11.15. Therefore, the starting point for our financial offering should at least reflect this minimum. If the household is a dual income family, then the starting point of our gift would be \$22.30. The goal of Christian Stewardship is to eventually grow toward true Christian Tithing, which means 10% of our total household income.

All gifts that we give to God always comes back manifold!

Parish Directory Photo Sessions - December 1 & 2



If you have not yet had your photo taken for our first Parish Directory, or if you had to cancel your original appointment and were not able to book another session, we have added two more dates: **Friday, December 1** and **Saturday, December 2**. Participation is free of charge and all participants will receive a copy of the completed parish directory. Sessions are held at St. Gianna's Church and take approximately 40 minutes. **Time slots are filling up fast** - sign-up in the narthex after the Sunday liturgies. Your participation is essential!

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New Offertory Cards for the New Liturgical Year



(Pre-Authorized Remittance Program)

We are pleased once again, to offer parishioners a series of personalized offertory cards for the new liturgical year for those participating in our Pre-authorized giving program. These cards can be placed in the Sunday offertory basket as a sign of your commitment to share your gift, as well as a tangible witness of your participation in our pre-authorized giving program. These personalized cards bear your name as well as identify the date of each Sunday of the year. It is our hope that the personalized, pre-authorized offertory card will ensure that each Sunday, our gift is more personal and real, proudly bearing each of our names as the giver of each gift that we bring. **The cards will be available in the narthex next week, in alphabetical order by last name.**

2018 Daily Prayer Books and 2018 Sunday Missals



Daily Prayer 2018 books are available for \$15.00 each. Easy-to-use resource for group and individual prayer. Centres on scripture reading with a reflection, a psalm, intercessions, and closing prayer.



Living with Christ Sunday Missals 2018 are available for \$5.00 each. The Sunday Missal contains complete readings, Mass texts and selected hymns for Sundays and feast days for the entire Church year.

Knights of Columbus Gift Cards Program:



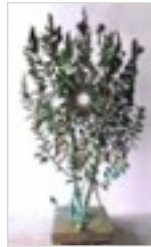
This initiative raises funds for our parish as we receive a 5% commission on each gift card sold. Sobeys, Safeway, Superstore, Foodland gift cards are available for purchase every weekend at the Knights table. We accept cash, debit or cheque.

Children's Faith Formation - Advent Prayer Evening



Children's Faith Formation reminds all children and their families to mark their calendars for the upcoming Advent Prayer Evening on Wednesday, **December 6, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.**

Prayer Ministry Orientation Session - December 11



Our next Information / Orientation Session is on Monday, **December 11th at 7:00 p.m.**

The Perpetual Prayer Ministry invites participants to become part of a growing twenty-four hour a day prayer chain that keeps a prayer vigil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

A Place at the Table Ministries...

Singles in Christ - Pot-luck Event

TO BE RESCHEDULED!

Stay tuned for the New Date to be announced.

Ministry of New Beginnings

This ministry group is providing an opportunity for those who have lived through or are living through a separation or divorce. This group is a place where solace, hope, encouragement and the gifts of our faith are better discovered and appreciated. The next gathering for the Ministry of New Beginnings will be on:

Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Mark your Calendars!

Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation Opportunity:

Tuesday, December 12th	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, December 19th	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Sunday, **December 24 - 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.**
Monday, **December 25 - 10:00 a.m.**

Please plan on arriving early for Christmas Eve, doors will open at 2:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. respectively.



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