

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 13, 2010

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 Nathan, the prophet, publicly denounces David's sin, and prescribes for David's household the punishment he himself decreed in an analogous case. David's sin, committed in the dark for none to see, was exposed to all in the light of day. The depth and breadth of David's sin was met by the depth and breadth of God's desire to be merciful. Nathan proclaims God's forgiveness of David, whose life was spared and whose descendants would receive a Saviour to rescue them from the punishment due to sin.

Second Reading: Galatians 2:16, 19-21 Paul proclaims that the cross of Christ accomplishes in the life of believers what attempts at fidelity to the law of Moses could never accomplish. Believers are made righteous before God by the self-emptying death of Christ. In surrendering our lives to Christ and uniting them to His sacrifice on the cross, we place our trust not in ourselves but in His love for us.

Gospel: Luke 7:36 - 8:3 Jesus tells a parable to the Pharisees so that the life of a forgiven woman would be a parable for us all. The Pharisees' insight that the person who was forgiven more will love the one who forgives more is taken up by Jesus in announcing the forgiveness of the woman's sin. Her act of generous love toward Jesus in washing His feet with her tears and drying them with her hair indicates that she has already known in Jesus what He announces – forgiveness. Jesus has forgiven our sins by His death on the cross. What does that forgiveness invite us to today? (*Sourcebook*)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Saturday, June 19, 2010, will mark the conclusion of the *Year for Priests*. His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI invited the Universal Church to pray for priests through the intercession of St. John Marie Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, to mark the 150th anniversary of his death. It has been a long-time tradition in the Archdiocese to honour the priests celebrating significant anniversaries in the priestly ministry. In recent years, in the month of June, we have gathered as a "presbyterate" for supper and to toast our Jubilarians. The clergy gathering is being planned for the Fall. This year we have nine priests in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg celebrating their Jubilees. Msgr. Chartrand, your former pastor, and Fr. Joseph Caruso are celebrating 60 years of priesthood. Msgr. Patrick Morand, Msgr. Louis McCloskey (also a former pastor), and Fr. Art Seaman are celebrating 50 years of priestly service. Msgr. Michael Moore (St. Ann's) is celebrating 40 years of ordination. Frs. Gerry Ward (St. Boniface Hospital), Paul Tinguely (St. Charles), and Wayne Morrissey (St. Michael's Gimli), are celebrating 25 years of ordination. I am grateful for the gift of their service to the many parishes of the Archdiocese that they have served and I pray that the Lord may bless them abundantly in thanksgiving for their dedication. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to celebrate their anniversaries this year. May the intercession of St. John Marie Vianney continue to inspire them as they journey in faith.

(*Fr. Gerald*)

Mass & Anointing of the Sick: A Mass and Anointing of the Sick will take place on June 16 at 2:00 pm in our parish, followed by coffee/tea and dessert in the Narthex. This is hosted by the St. James-Assiniboia Catholic Women's League. If you are able to bring someone who otherwise would be unable to attend, please do so, and let Fr. Gerald, Deacon Gary, or Kitty know so that we have an idea of how many for the reception. (832-7175).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Aline Herner; Madeleine Dusessoy; Ruth Kuch; Karen Kirkpatrick; Lloyd Moist; Marlene Scheffler; Allan Egan; Eleanor Kapitany; Stella James; Dolores Mulaire; Shirley Payment; Jean Foley; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Luhowy; Judy Horn; Karen Cruickshanks; Geraldine Turner; Jack Egan; Mike Falavena; Livia Johnson; Jenó & Maria Farkas; Philip Monias; Stephanie Phillips

C.W.L. Members: The newsletters and prayer calendars for June-September are in the Narthex. Please pick up as soon as possible so that you can pray daily for the members listed each day.

Monthly Collections Report:	Actual	Same Period Last Year	
May, 2010	\$20,410 (5 weeks)	\$24,051 (5 weeks)	(\$3,641)
Year to date, 2010	\$100,283 (22 weeks)	\$111,555 (22 weeks)	(\$11,272)

Rummage Sale: Our final sale for this year is June 18 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Workers are needed for set-up and during the sale. We are gratefully accepting rummage, especially jewellery.

Stewardship Reflection: Christ died on the cross for us. As baptized Christians we no longer live for ourselves, but for Christ who lives in us. It's simple really... discipleship and stewardship mean living a Christ-centered life as opposed to a self-centered life. Pray about it; what does this mean in your life? (Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca)

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: 10 Most Wanted Items – Canned Fish and Poultry - tuna or salmon (packed in water), chicken or turkey; Canned Fruit and Vegetables (packed in own juice); Canned stew, chili, brown beans; Peanut Butter; Baby Food - jars of chicken, beef, vegetables or fruit, infant cereal such as oatmeal, barley or rice, formula with added iron (*while donations of infant formula with added iron are needed, Winnipeg Harvest supports breastfeeding); Whole grain pasta/whole wheat pasta; Rice - brown, converted or parboiled; Canned spaghetti sauce or tomatoes; Cereal - high fibre, non-sugar coated; Canned soup - lentil, pea, vegetable. Please share what you can spare of these non-perishable food items which reflect recommendations in Canada's Food Guide and are supported by Manitoba Dietitians.

Experience the Benefits of Becoming a Homestay Family: St. Charles Catholic School has had the opportunity to host four Grade 8 students from Mexico this year. If you are interested in accommodating a student from Mexico for the upcoming 2010/2011 school year, please contact Lorne or Adriana Zagrodnik at 889-7522. Families would be paid \$600 per month for their support. Through your help, the school would have a more diversified student body at the middle years level and it's a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet some new friends from Mexico, experience a different culture, practice another language and gain a more global perspective.

St. Charles Catholic School's 10th Annual Robert Morrison Texas Scramble Golf Tournament, Glendale Golf and Country Club; Tuesday, June 15; 11:00 am Lunch; 12 Noon Shotgun Start. \$150 per player or \$600 per team of four. To register please visit www.stccs.ca or call Marcel Mollot 837-8073. Sponsorship opportunities available – prize donations gratefully accepted.

New Director of Catechetics: The Archbishop announces the appointment of Judy Vermette as the new Director of Catechetics and Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. This appointment will be effective August 3, 2010. Judy comes to us from St. Bernadette's Parish, Archdiocese of St. Boniface, where she held the position of Pastoral Associate. Judy also has several years experience coordinating their parish catechetical program. We look forward to welcoming Judy at the beginning of August.

"A Swing & A Prayer" Golf for Vocations, *Breezy Bend Golf & Country Club*, **Monday, July 26, 12:00 pm Shotgun, Early Bird Entry Fee \$169 before June 15th, \$199 after June 15th.**

You don't golf? That's ok! You can still help. We are in need of prizes. You, your company or organization could sponsor a hole or an event. For more information on Sponsorship Opportunities contact: Dan Potvin, Director of Stewardship & Development, 452-2227 ext. 228 or e-mail danpotvin@archwinnipeg.ca. A registration form is available from our website: www.archwinnipeg.ca

Retreats at St. Benedict's this summer: A number of retreats are being offered this summer at the Retreat & Conference Centre, 225 Masters Ave. There are three centering prayer retreats: Intensive Centering Prayer, Post-Intensive, and Advanced. These retreats are for those who have been doing centering prayer for at least six months and who would like a deepening experience. They run concurrently July 2 - 9. There will also be a week-long **silent directed retreat**. This is open to all who would like to spend some days (3-7) in silence and prayer with daily meetings with a spiritual director to share. This retreat will run July 2, 7:00 pm through July 9 at noon. Or any part of this time. To register, go online at www.stbens.ca and click on Programs/July, or phone 204-339-1705.