

**WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF:
ST. THEODORE, PONSFORD; MOST HOLY REDEEMER, OGEMA;
ST. BENEDICT, WHITE EARTH**

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OCTOBER	Mass	Schedule	Church	INTENTIONS
Weekend: 17	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Theo	++Rose & Melvin Stalberger
18	Sun.	9:00am 11:00am	MHR St. Ben	++Vince & Nydia Lefebvre The People of the Parishes
19	Mon.			NO MASS
20	Tues.	8:30am	MHR	++Theodora & Richard Warren
21	Wed.	8:30am	MHR	Special Intention
22	Thur.	8:30am	MHR	+Deceased Members of the Kraker Fam.
23	Fri.	8:30am	MHR	+Lucy Lorsung
Weekend: 24	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Theo	The People of the Parishes
25	Sun.	9:00am 11:00am	MHR St. Ben	+Clayton Lehrke ++Ione & Walter Eilers

***ST. THEODORE - PONSFORD**

*Contact People: Paul Joyce - 237-4203
*Parish Council Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month
*Praying the Rosary: Every Saturday 25 minutes before Mass.

***MOST HOLY REDEEMER - OGEMA**

*Donated Receipts: "We Care" \$368.89
*Church cleaners for October: Ann & George Solmon, Sherry & Hank Zima, Mindy & Jason Lunde, Kristi & Joe Bellefeuille.

***ST. BENEDICT - WHITE EARTH**

*Donated Receipts: "We Care" \$333.34
*Church Cleaners for October: Kibby Sullivan Family & Jeri Jasken Family.

***TRI-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH 10:00AM, AT MOST HOLY REDEEMER, OGEMA. All Parish Council Members and Trustees from the 3 parishes are encouraged to attend.**

***OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

In honor of this Month of the Rosary, we shall be saying the rosary in Church every Sunday 20 minutes before Mass starts. Please join us if you can. Blessings.

Stewardship	M.H.R.	ST. BEN'S	ST. THEO'S
DATE	10-11-20	10-11-20	10-10-20
ENVELOPE	985.00	299.46	
PLATE	40.00	70.00	
VOTIVE		12.00	
TOTAL	1025.00	381.46	

***Diocesan Annual Appeal** - Parish pledges this year are:

*MHR - Goal: \$5115.00 Pledged: \$3130.00 donors 19
*ST. THEO - \$1647.00 Pledged: \$1520.00 Donors: 10

****"A good laugh is sunshine in the house.**

~ William Makepeace Thackeray

***SECOND COLLECTION** - This WEEKEND we will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

**Our condolences to the family and friends of Leroy Bellcourt whose funeral was last Friday at St. Benedict's. Rest in peace, Leroy.*

***We will be ordering Poinsettias**, to decorate our churches for Christmas, again this year. If you would like to make an order, pick up an order sheet in the back of your parish, fill it out and submit it **before November 1st** (which is coming up fast). Thank you!

***All Souls Day Intentions**

Monday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. We invite you to inscribe the names of your loved ones who have died in our All Souls book at the entrance of our churches. People viewing Mass at home may call or mail us their 2020 intentions. All intentions will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.

***PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Andy Dorman, Max Voss, Jim St. Clair, Ryan Syverson, Marie Haverkamp, +Leroy Bellcourt, Thelma Shall, Mary Stech, Jim St. Claire, Tom Teiken, Jesse & Cherie Johnson, Toney & Melody Parker, Linda Anderson, Paul Joyce, Chris Fairbanks, Hallie Clark, Sandy Levy, Poncho Williams, Carol Tibbetts, Maureen Sullivan, Connie Warren, Amelia Bray, Gloria Warren, Trula Teiken, Catherine Nelson, Wilma Fielder, Yvonne Foote Gunderson, Tim & Marilyn Willenbring, Liz Anderson, Linda Gullard, Joan & Glenn Taylor, Karen Mortenson, Ralph Olson.

Please call the parish office to add or remove someone from our prayer list.

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

– Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

***2020 FALL VIRTUAL GRIEF CLASSES offered by HOSPICE OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY**

Losing a loved one through death can be one of the most difficult experiences in a person's life. Learning about grief and being around others who have experienced a similar loss can provide some comfort.

All classes are offered virtually this fall.

All programs are free and open to the public, but registration is required prior to each class date. Register for classes online at www.bit.ly/griefclassregistration or call 800-237-4629 and ask for the grief support department.

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF – Thursdays, Oct. 22 & 29 from 6-7:30pm.

GRIEF 101: HOW TO HELP OURSELVES & OTHERS – Monday, Nov. 2 from 1-2:30pm.

GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS – Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 1-2pm or Monday, Nov. 16 from 6-7pm.

***DAVID-DONEHOWER FUNERAL HOME**

THE CARING CUP – Please join us twice a month for coffee, treats & friendship as we face the challenges of life after loss together. The 2nd and last Wednesday of each month 9am-10am at the David-Donohower Funeral Home. (No prior registration required)

GRIEF SHARE: This is a grief support group that meets weekly for 13 weeks, with a caring, warm environment that will help guide and support you on your journey through grief. Mondays, October 5-January 11, 3-5pm at DDFH, 609 US Hwy. 10 East, DL. Registration is required.

Contact: Valerie@daviddonehower.com or 218-847-4147.



Pope John Paul II made history in 1978 by becoming the first non-Italian pope in more than 400 years. (Feast day October 22nd.)

"As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live." ~ St. Pope John Paul II

***As the weather begins to get colder and snow is inevitable, Most Holy Redeemer is looking for someone to do snow removal this winter.** If you or someone you know is interested please submit a bid or call Fr. Dan. Thank you.

"The world lives unmindful of the sufferings of Jesus, which are the miracle of miracles of the Love of God" ~ St. Paul of the Cross – Oct. 20

***CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

Religious Education Our 2020-21 program began last week! Materials were sent by postal mail last week for the first in our series of "Family Conversations." The monthly calendar and weekly conversation guides are also available on www.whiteearthcatholiccommunity.com. Click on the Religious Education tab. Visit the Tekakwitha Center's Facebook page and the REMIND APP for additional resources you can use at home. We welcome new families into the program at any time. Contact Janet at 218-473-2101 or 1112sta@arvig.net for information or to register.



***MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

We desire to serve you "in sickness and in health". Please call the parish office @ 983-3261 or O.M.I. residence at 473-2005, if you or a loved one would like a visit at home or the hospital.

***PARISH INFORMATION**

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Cindy Hulst, 218-281-7895 (Safe, confidential line, 24/7

E-mail: chulst@crookston.org

White Earth Suicide Support Hotline: 888-261-8691

***Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Twenty minutes before weekend Masses or by appt.

***Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the Priest one year in advance of the wedding.

***New Parish Members or Newly Married:** The Parish community welcomes you! Registration forms can be found in the back of church or you may call the Parish Office to register.

***Baptisms:** Please make arrangements with the Priest or call the Parish Office.

Always be ready to give an explanation for your hope (1Peter 3:15)

L.J.C. et M.I.

Oct 18, 2020

From Respect Life to Celebrate Life

All the signs are here. Winter is not far. As the life we enjoyed in our Minnesota summer disappears before our eyes, we naturally reflect on our own passing from this life. The freezing nights and possible snow remind us now is the time to get ready, if we are not already.

This month is dedicated to the respect of life and we have celebrated it in many ways. Though our primary concern is human life it does not belittle or exclude all other forms of life and even inanimate nature itself. This responsibility, the God-given responsibility, extends to all of creation and to the legacy we shall leave for future generations.

In two weeks, we shall celebrate the Feasts of All-Saints and of All-Souls Day. The last month of the Church calendar, November, is dedicated to the dead. We remember our deceased loved-ones but equally the souls in purgatory, who have no one to pray for them.

And to borrow from a famous newspaper article on Christmas, "Yes, Virginia, there is a 'Purgatory'", a hope and faith-filled purgatory.

Society's understanding of the end of earthly human life has changed in many ways. This can be seen in the ever-greater variety of end of life rituals. Many people speak of quality of life as the criterion for living. The quality many speak of is no longer a gift from God or the human values that enhance life in all its stages, but a subjective determination of what the individual (or society) thinks and imposes. Think of all the children denied life because society says that their handicap would be a burden. By whose and by what quality of life are those making the decision judging. Be they God? To know the future?

One term used often for the end of life ritual is a "Celebration of Life." It is a beautiful concept but it is ambiguous, its meaning being understood in different ways depending on who is using it. It is often used to replace traditional ways of celebrating a person's passing from this life.

Celebrating someone's life is wonderful. But what life are we speaking of? As Christians we believe that through baptism we have already died with Christ and presently share in his divine resurrected life. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, who abides in us. St. Paul reminds us that we do not clearly see our life as it is in God while on earth, but after death we shall see and be seen as we truly are.

If we limit our celebration to the human life that has now ended, it may be wonderful to remember but that life is over. As a song popular in the 1960's said "Is that all there is, my friends. Then let's keep dancing. Let's break out the booze and have a ball if that's all there is." (by Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller) What future or hope or consolation is there in celebrating what is now gone?

But God created us for a future life. It is built into the very nature, the genetic makeup of humanity. From the earliest times of human consciousness, people have yearned for something beyond death. The respect paid the dead and the presence of food or articles to be used in an afterlife testify to a generalized, if not always clearly articulated, search for meaning after human death.

Our Catholic respect for life leads us to the respect of both the deceased person and of the human body that remains, a body that shared while alive on earth in the very person of Christ and was a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Our respect for life leads us to celebrate first and foremost the salvation that Christ gives us, the eternal life with God. And so we celebrate All Saints Day, all those who now share in heaven in the fullness of eternal life with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Christ came to save all mankind. If we as Baptized Christians share already in this life on earth, this same life will be offered in God's grace to all humans to accept or reject at the time of death.

Christ tells us to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. No-one by their own merit can equal God but we are called to accept and participate in Christ's salvific action. For God created us free and he respects our choices. Persons who absolutely and definitely refuse God's grace will enjoy if they can their choice of hell. But for all the rest, God offers the means with our participation for us to become as Christ said perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect.

The whole Body of Christ, those living with God in heaven, those becoming free from sin's effects in purgatory, the Baptized living on earth, and Christ as the head, all work together as one Body for the health and growth of that body and of all who will become part of that body once in heaven. So, yes, purgatory is real and is part of the Body working together for the health of all its members. It is a time and place of hope, a celebration of life that looks to an assured future with God. It is why we pray for the dead and celebrate All Souls Day.

This year, as every year, we shall put out a Book of Remembrance where you may inscribe all the deceased for whom you would like the community to pray during the month of November. But we would like to set up with it a living celebration of all those who have died in our community during the last year, from Nov. 1, 2019 'til today. We would like to have a small picture (5x7 size) or one of the memorial cards offered at the funeral service. It would need to be brought to the church or tri-parish center in Ogema by Nov 28 to give time to set up a display. If you want the article back, please clearly put your name on the back so you can pick it up at the end of the month.

Thank you.

As other holy-day celebrations, esp. Christmas, are coming, you will find this week in church a sheet to order flowers to help decorate. Because of covid restrictions, we do not know yet how we shall be celebrating in our parishes but if you would like to participate in contributing to the floral decoration, please fill out and return the sheet. Thanks.

Fr Dan