

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

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SEPTEMBER	Mass	Schedule	Church	INTENTIONS
Weekend: 12	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Theo	+William Henry
13	Sun.	9:00am 11:00am	MHR St. Ben	The People of the Parishes +Harriet Stech
14	Mon.			NO MASS
15	Tues.	8:30am	MHR	+James (Jimbo) Warren
16	Wed.	8:30am	MHR	+Deceased Members of the Clark Family
17	Thur.	8:30am	MHR	++Ed & Mary Doty
18	Fri.	8:30am	MHR	Susan Richards - Health
Weekend: 19	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Theo	The People of the Parishes
20	Sun.	9:00am 11:00am	MHR St. Ben	++Milo & Hazel Hoban +Sonny Lerche

**\*ST. THEODORE:**

\*Contact People: Paul Joyce – 237-4203  
\*Parish Council Meeting: Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - After Mass  
\*Praying the Rosary: Every Saturday 25 minutes before Mass.

**\*MOST HOLY REDEEMER**

\*Donated Receipts: "We Care" \$1019.45  
\*Cemetery – Fall clean-up, please remove all flowers and decorations from the gravesites asap. Thank you.

**\*ST. BENEDICT:**

\*Donated Receipts: "We Care" \$1875.26

Stewardship	M.H.R.	ST. BEN'S	ST. THEO'S
DATE	9-06-20	9-06-20	9-05-20
ENVELOPE	1650.00	209.46	300.00
PLATE	341.00	66.00	40.00
VOTIVE		3.00	
TOTAL	1991.00	278.46	340.00

**\*Diocesan Annual Appeal – as of August 14**

Parish pledges this year are:  
\*MHR – Goal: \$5115.00 Pledged: \$3080.00 donors 18  
\*ST. THEO - \$1647.00 Pledged: \$1520.00 Donors: 10

**\*SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

This year, due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was impossible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Holy Land. At the request of Pope Francis the 2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the HOLY LAND will be taken up the weekend of September 13, 2020.

The special collection for Latin America was scheduled also, Bishop Hoepfner is asking parishes to take up the collection for Latin America the following weekend of September 19-20.

**The Collection for the Church in Latin America** supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Carribean, including outreach to Venezuelan families affected by emigration, Haitian youth, and indigenous Peruvians in need of evangelization resources in the Quechua language. Your generosity helps to ensure success of the collection.

\*Some people have already given to the Good Friday Collection, don't feel obliged to give again. Thank you.

\*After Wednesday mornings frost (brrr) 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.

**\*PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

+Bill Beutler, +William Henry +William Jackson, +Lola Christianson, +George Libby, +Lucy Lorsung, Jim St. Clair, Ryan Syverson, Marie Haverkamp, Leroy Bellcourt, Bob Solmon, +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, Della Abrams, Dave Mertens, Connie Warren, Brad Beaupre, Amelia Bray, Gloria Warren, +Jeff Bellcourt, Trula Teiken, Catherine Nelson, Wilma Fielder, Yvonne Foote Gunderson, Tim & Marilyn Willenbring, Liz Anderson, Joel Rivera, Linda Gullard, Joan & Glenn Taylor, Karen Mortenson, Ralph Olson, Ken Leu.  
**Please call the parish office to add or remove someone from our prayer list.**

**\*INVITATION TO JOIN THE SEASON OF CREATION**  
(September 1 – October 4, 2020)

Please join us each Wednesday, 16, 23, 30 at 6pm for a Holy Hour of Adoration at Most Holy Redeemer in Ogema. We shall pray with our Brothers and Sisters around the world for the wellbeing of our planet and the future of today's children and grandchildren. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**\*Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.**

**\*ROSARY FOR LIFE** – St. Ann Church, Waubun  
Monday, September 14 @ 3pm, people are welcome to attend or participate at home via Facebook.

**\*\*For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)**  
*This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that he intended for you.*

**\*White Earth Home Health** provides free Covid-19 rapid anti-body tests and health information at sites rotating throughout the reservation. It's fast and easy. Call 218-936-2378 to find out where they are testing and to get on the schedule.

**\*People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and the back of the church.**

**\*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](http://www.bit.ly/griefclassregistration) or call 800-237-4629 and ask for the grief support department.  
**\*GRIEF DURING A PANDEMIC** – Thursday, Sept. 24 from 1-2:30pm or 6:30-8pm.  
**\*GUIDED MINDFULNESS FOR GRIEF** – Thursday, Oct. 1 from 6-7:30pm.



**St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
Although he was one of the most powerful men in Rome, Bellarmine lived an austere life. He gave most of his money to the poor. Once he gave the tapestries from his living quarters to the poor, saying that the walls wouldn't catch cold. While he took little regard for his own comforts, he always saw to it that his servants and aides had everything they needed. (Feast day Sept. 17)

**\*CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

All of us are responsible for our growth in knowledge and practice of our faith. The Tekakwitha Center serves us and our parishes by providing resources and support. For the foreseeable future, faith formation will happen primarily in the home with support from the Center staff. We are accepting registrations for our 2020-2021 program. We are asking families already in the program to update their contact and other information if changes have occurred. Contact Janet Lhotka at 473-2101 or send email to [1112sta@arvig.net](mailto:1112sta@arvig.net). Visit the Tekakwitha Center's Facebook page and Remind app for resources you can use at home.

**\*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 in the hospital.

**\*PARISH INFORMATION**

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:**  
Cindy Hulst, 218-281-7895 (Safe, confidential line, 24/7  
E-mail: [chulst@crookston.org](mailto: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.

**\*Please remember these ongoing Parish fundraisers:**  
**\*Receipts from Central Market** must be stamped with the WE CARE symbol and turned in within the next 9 months. We receive 0.5% of the total amount.

**\*Inkjet cartridges from your computer printer.** Put in the box in back of church. Thank you!

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

L.J.C. et M.I.

Sept. 13, 2020

### **COMPASSION IN THE SEASON OF CREATION**

As I sit at my desk in Ogema I cannot help myself from thinking back 19 years. Tomorrow will be September 11. I relive it every year.

I vividly remember where I was and what I was doing the moment in 1963 I learned of President Kennedy's assassination. I equally remember that morning of September 11, 2001, in Willimantic, Ct, coming back from getting the mail, in time to see live the second plane crashing into the tower, and the phone call that followed. This was different from President Kennedy's death as striking as it was. My nephew Shawn and his girlfriend were on that second plane. The call was from his father, my brother Pat. I would spend the next hours helping him and his wife Margaret in personally calling our extended family and friends.

The difference is between remembering and reliving and how we relate and choose to commemorate the historic moment and its aftermath.

Pearl Harbor was a similar attack on American soil with massive loss of life. We remember it as "a Day of Infamy." The attack on the Twin Towers and the failed attack on DC are simply called September 11 or "Patriot Day."

I must confess I have mixed feelings with calling it "Patriot Day."

I certainly honor and celebrate all the heroes who brought down the third plane or who ran towards the danger that morning, often giving their lives to save others. They must never be forgotten. They and their families deserve and need the continued appreciation and support of our great nation.

But in highlighting their greatest moment, the martyrdom of the 2,996 deceased and over 6,000 injured seems a little eclipsed. Is it perhaps easier as a nation to celebrate the heroism than to open the wounds of compassion. Compassion from the Latin "cum" + "patior". Compassion, "to suffer" + "with."

Many, who have to deal repeatedly with great hurt and loss, often become inured, hardened to be able to continue their service. Others, with a special gift of God's grace, continue to share in the suffering that lives on. They have a ministry of compassion.

Next Monday and Tuesday, we celebrate the feasts of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows respectively.

Around the time of the Council of Nicea, 325 AD, St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine and a catholic convert, is reported to have gone on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the site of Christ's death. She would have miraculously found the true cross of Christ and brought it back to Constantinople. From thence pieces of the cross have been disseminated throughout the world and are venerated. And millions of modern pilgrims still visit calvary and the tomb of Christ.

Tomorrow a solemn gathering and celebration will be held and broadcast at the site of the Twin Towers.

In the Gospel of St. Luke (2:33-35), Symeon prophesizes at the presentation of Jesus in the Temple that Mary will suffer with her Son. Her heart will be pierced by a sword, not literally but through her suffering alongside her son.

This has been called by many names, including the Seven Sorrows or Seven Dolors of Mary. Seven is symbolic of completion or fullness. Tradition has often identified seven instances of Mary's suffering with her Son beginning with their fleeing to Egypt to save the baby to Mary receiving the lifeless body of Jesus taken down from the cross.

One of the earliest titles was Our Lady of Compassion. She suffered with her Son. She shared with him in his suffering. She joined with him in the ultimate sacrifice of his life for the salvation of humanity. This was indeed the final offering of her "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to His will."

The compassion of Our Blessed Mother for her first-born Son continues in her love for each and everyone of us. She never abandons us in our pain. As Queen of Heaven and Earth, she is always at her Son's side interceding for us.

During this Season of Creation we are invited to join in her compassion for the living and the dead.



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