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PARISH CONTACTS

Finance Council:	Kevin McCulloch/ Peter Smith
Parish Pastoral Council:	Johnston Smith
School Board:	Mariella Di Santo & John Osler
Ministers of the Word:	Leann Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist:	Joe Brekelmans
Altar Servers:	Keith Mathewson
Catechism:	Parish Office
Spiritual Journeying:	Margaret Kingdon

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE (May 19/20 to Sept. 29/30*)

Masses on the Lord's Day:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

**Dates and Times subject to changes. Regular schedule resumes Oct. 6.*

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

(Sundays, October to May)

Grades 1-6: Weekly 10:40am in the school
Grades 7-8: Bi-weekly 10:40am in the school

SHARE THE WORD

(Sundays, October to May)

Ages 3-6: Bi-Weekly during the 9:30am Mass

PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Father Mark A. Tarrant, Pastor	ext 213
Deacon Joseph McLellan	
Laura Carreiro, Principal	ext 242
Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate	ext 217
Genevieve Makinson, Financial Administrator	ext 211
Eddie Melo, Building Operations	ext 220
Debbie Dusanek, Parish Admin. Assistant	ext 210
Deb Bernier, School Admin. Assistant	ext 241

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00pm to 1:00pm

For admittance to the Church or the School Office during office hours, please use the intercom button located at the Renfrew School Entrance, the Courtyard or the Parking Lot door.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:15 to 4:45pm (or by appointment)

Sacrament of the Sick: At home or in the hospital. Please call the Parish Office.

Baptism of Infants: Usually celebrated with the Community on the Day of the Lord. We encourage parents to participate in the preparation process as early as possible. Please call the Parish Office.

Initiation of Adults/ Children: Please call Parish Office for more information.

Sacramental Preparation for School-aged

Children: Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is provided through our Parish Community. Information is available through the parish office, on line or in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning to get married at St. John Brebeuf must contact Father Mark (ext 213) at least one year in advance. Marriage preparation and Church attendance is expected and required.

Funerals: Please speak to Fr. Mark **before** meeting with the Funeral Home.

Catholic Women's League: Meets at 2:00pm on the third Sunday of the month (September to June).

Knights of Columbus Council 1107: Meets at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month (September to June).

Grand Knight - Mike Garlinski 255-5195

SEPTEMBER 8/9, 2012: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Signs of the Kingdom Fr. James Smith

Life was hard in Jesus' day, even for healthy people. A large percentage of the population died at birth, many more in childhood and maybe half by their teen years. The life expectancy was 35. Those years were plagued by poverty, hard work and sickness.



And to have a permanent disability was doubly difficult. Blind people could not look after sheep or be carpenters or plow the fields. Mute people could not hawk fish for sale. They depended on relatives or the alms of other poor people. Even more debilitating was their social and religious situation. In those days, disease was considered a judgment of God for sins: The greater the handicap, the greater the sins. Such people were ostracized from society. And even more painful, physically challenged people were barred from religious gatherings. Who wanted sinful people making that pure congregation sick?

To get a real sense of this parable, imagine yourself unable to hear birds or children laughing or someone whispering "I love you." Imagine yourself unable to speak a word of kindness or disagreement, to sigh a prayer, to say "I'm sorry" or "I forgive you." Imagine yourself locked in your own silent little world, with no means of escape.

And imagine that nobody sympathizes with you as an innocent victim of fate or genetics. No, they consider you a victim of God's wrath; they think you are getting exactly what you deserve, if not for your own personal sins, then as an inheritance from your sinful parents. One way or another, you are unwelcome company. You stand out in your village of 300 people; you are notorious.

But you must have somehow gained a few friends, because they brought you to Jesus and even begged him to cure you. Then Jesus, instead of following his usual pattern of simply declaring you cured, went through the typical gestures of contemporary miracle workers. Maybe he did that so you, a pagan unaccustomed to faith healing, would know what was going on. But you didn't really care how Jesus did it. You are happily cured. End of story.

Well, it may be the end of your story, but it's only the beginning of Mark's story. Jesus' healings were not for his own benefit — or even primarily for the benefit of the one healed. The miracles of Jesus were outward, physical signs of inward, spiritual reality.

Jesus was not a superman from another planet. Jesus was a son of Israel, steeped in its secular and religious heritage. He was not an independent healer; he was from a long line of miracle workers. Jesus was the culmination of Israel's history, the last and greatest prophet whose miracles would usher in God's kingdom.

And if that seems like a lot to get out of the simple healing of a poor deaf and dumb peasant, then hear today's first reading again: "Your God comes in vindication, God comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared." Jesus is the fulfillment of that prophecy.

But Jesus was always ambivalent about healing people. Of course, he wanted to do it because he felt sorry for sick people. Who would not cure someone if he could? Yet, the miracles were problematic because they brought him notoriety. That is why he kept telling people not to spread the word. But they did, naturally.

We, like them, get distracted by the amazing physical cure while neglecting the more amazing reality that cure signified. We, like them, are more interested in physical happiness than in spiritual joy; more concerned with our own turf than with God's kingdom. Karen Johnson Reprinted with permission from Celebration

Christian Outreach: Winnipeg Harvest has issued an urgent plea for food donations. Most needed items include: **canned fish and poultry, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, rice, pasta and cereal.** Winnipeg Harvest feeds 55,000 Manitobans each month. Half of those receiving food are children. Donations are accepted at the main church entrance.



Tools for School: Tools for School is Winnipeg Harvest's annual School Supply Drive, established to help ensure that Winnipeg school children receive the educational supplies they need to achieve success in the classroom. Most needed items include: **Pencils, Pens, Notebooks/Exercise Books/Scribblers, Crayons, Pencil Crayons, Scissors, Erasers, Non-Toxic Markers and Highlighters, Geometry Sets, Ruled Loose-leaf Paper/Lined Paper, Rulers, Calculators, Glue Sticks, Binders, Duo-tangs, Pencil Cases, Backpacks.** Donations accepted at the main church entrance. For more information, visit: <http://winnipeg Harvest.org/tools-for-school>

Knights of Columbus #1107: Purchase Sobeys Gift Cards, (\$25, \$50 or \$10) after weekend Masses. Cash, cheque, debit, Visa and MC accepted. Redeemable at **Sobeys, IGA and Price Choppers.** Help the Knights to help our church, school and community, or indicate that you would like to donate your gift card to **Winnipeg Harvest** and they will issue you a tax receipt.



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Saturday, Sept. 8	Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Sept. 9	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +John Fulop
Monday, Sept. 10	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Sept. 11	Weekday Ferial 9:15am: +John Chochla
Wed., Sept. 12	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Frank Wolfe 10am: Adult Faith Formation 7pm: Mass w/K of C 7:30pm: K of C Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 13	Memorial: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church 9:15am: +Barbara Allary
Friday, Sept. 14	Feast: Exaltation of the Holy Cross 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Mary & Bill Adair
Saturday, Sept. 15	Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, Sept. 16	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +Tillie Schneider
Monday, Sept. 17	Weekday Ferial No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina

Front Seats:

Catholics are known for not sitting in the front seats at liturgy. What difference does it make? It does make a difference. If we are a celebrating family, if we try to extend hospitality to one another, if we are sensitive to those who come late, if we are trying to participate in an action that is truly ours, then we will fill the front pews as we come in. This makes full, active participation in the Liturgy easier, because it puts us closer to the focus of the action. It is our action. The closer we are, the more it feels like our action. It also leaves room for late-comers to take a seat without disturbing those already present.

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Registration for Sunday School and Sacramental Preparation:

Registration is underway for the 2012-2013 children's faith formation programs: catechism classes (Grades 1-8), First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (grade 2), Confirmation (Grade 9), and Share the Word (Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-5). Pick up your registration form at the church entrance, or visit the Faith Formation section of the parish website www.sjbcommunity.ca. Parents are invited to our first session on Sept. 30 at 11:00 a.m. in the school gym.

Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? We are returning to seasonal Baptismal Weekends. Our next Baptismal Preparation Session will be in the fall leading to the September 29/30 Baptism Weekend. For information, please contact Tom Bailey-Robertson at 488-4467 (Ext. 217).

Thank You:

It is not that often when a construction project happens in a parish that we are able to have actual parishioners involved in one of the trades. This time has been different. Our own Ross Di Nicola of DiNicola Enterprises was the contractor hired to replace the floors in the parking lot entrance and hallway, as well as the new floor in the link. Thanks Ross for your amazing attention to detail and the quality of work! Well Done!
~Fr. Mark

CWL Fall Meeting & Workshop:

All Catholic women aged 18+ are invited to the CWL Winnipeg Diocesan Council's Fall Meeting & Workshop, **Saturday, Sept. 29**, St. John Brebeuf Parish. Come and **Catch the Fire of Enthusiasm** as we learn about the Spiritual Dimension of the CWL. Registration begins at 9am. All attending must pre-register. Please call Georgina at 204-488-2463.



St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings: Sept 1/2: \$3445.00


Let us Pray for our Sick and Homebound:

Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed, (James 5:15)

Gisèle Bertalanffy, Erlinda Blanco, Helen Borody, Frank Cielen, Allison Filmon Carvey, Mario Di Fonzo, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Leslie Hiebert, Kay Hunt, Marvin Lavitt, Stella Ledger, Kelly M., Romulo Magsino, Jim Mahon, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, Catherine McLeod, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Eric Moscarella, Armand Poirier, Louise Soubry, Jack Tarnava, Tom Stefanson, Julia Van De Spiegle, Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods



If someone in your family is ill and requests the prayers of the parish community, please contact the Parish Office. To have names published, we require permission requesting that their name be added or removed from the prayer list.

 **Visiting us today? Welcome!** If you are new to our area, and are seeking a new parish family, we invite you to join us. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin boards at the main entrances. Please complete and drop in the offertory basket, or forward to the Parish Office. www.sjbcommunity.ca

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