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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16| 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18| Matthew 25:1-13 **November 8, 2026**

Mass Schedule

Saturday
5 p.m.

Sunday
9 a.m.

No weekday Masses while Fr. Rajan is away

Mass Intentions

Sat	Nov 7	✞Teresa Wielgosh by Al Wielgosh and Family Special Intention by S. Wojcik
Sun	Nov 8	✞Don Kubish by Virginia Kubish
Tues	Nov 10	✞For all deceased priests of St. Mary Parish
Wed	Nov 11	✞Wladyslaw Wojcik and all deceased members of the Wojcik Family by S. Wojcik and Family
Thurs	Nov 12	✞Frank and Pauline Wojcik and deceased children by Stanislawa Wojcik and Family
Fri	Nov 13	✞Anton and Nellie Gmiterek by Joyce Gmiterek and Family
Sat	Nov 14	✞Lawrence Lazarko by Irene Lazarko

****While Father is away, he will continue to celebrate Mass for these intentions**

COMMON SENSE - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matthew 25:1-13

In the parable of the wise and the foolish virgins, both went for the wedding feast. Both had carried their lamps. Both fell asleep and later woke up. The only difference was the foolish did not carry the oil along with them. What makes the lamp burn is the oil. Without the oil a lamp is of no use. The foolish virgins lacked common sense. They took their lamps but failed to take oil in them. Common sense, in this context, is the practical wisdom to realize the need of oil for the lamp. The parable reminds us of the consequences when common sense is absent, we end up making blunders.

Common sense is the compass of practical wisdom, guiding us through our daily life. It is deeply rooted in practicality. It enables us to assess the situation and make right decisions. Let us not be like the foolish virgins who found themselves unprepared when the moment arrived. Instead let us cultivate the common sense to foresee the challenges and be prepared to face them. In our day-to-day life we use our common sense, but we also need to use our common sense in our spiritual life as well. Which at times we fail to do. Regretting later does no good. Using common sense can help us avoid many mistakes.

We too, like the virgins go to meet the Lord on Sundays for the Eucharistic feast. It's not enough to carry our heart's lamp, we need to carry in it the oil of love. Because a heart without love is like a lamp without oil. At times our Eucharistic celebration becomes a passive presence (like the foolish virgins) without the oil of LOVE. The foolish virgins must have gone to the wedding only because they were invited, unlike the wise virgins who went to meet the bridegroom. Our Sunday Mass should not be a mere fulfilment of an obligation. But an act of loving encounter with the Eucharistic Lord. The foolish virgins too were present but failed to participate. Mere presence at the Mass is not enough, devout participation is needed.

+ In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Rajan Thomas, IVDei



Announcements

Father Rajan Will Be Away - Nov 9 – Dec 16

Father will be travelling to India to defend his PhD thesis, and he needs our support. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels, a successful thesis defense, and God's guidance and strength.

CWL Meeting

The next CWL meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m.**

Knights of Columbus Charity Dinner

Supporting the Communities of Poplar River & Berens River
Friday, November 13, Garson Centennial Community Centre Doors Open: 5:00 p.m. Dinner Served: 6:00 p.m. Tickets: $20 - Helping provide food, clothing, school supplies, and everyday essentials to families and elders in two northern Manitoba communities.

CWL Sunday

Join us for **CWL Sunday** on **November 15 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass**. Members of the Catholic Women's League will participate in the liturgy as lectors, gift bearers, and collection ushers. Following Mass, refreshments will be served in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and conversation.

Perogies!!!

Volunteers are needed on **November 17 and 18** to help prepare and make perogies. $7.00/doz. quantities are limited, so order early! Call or text Jan Law at **204-266-2565**. Pick-up is in the church basement on **Wednesday, November 18 at approximately 1:00 p.m.**

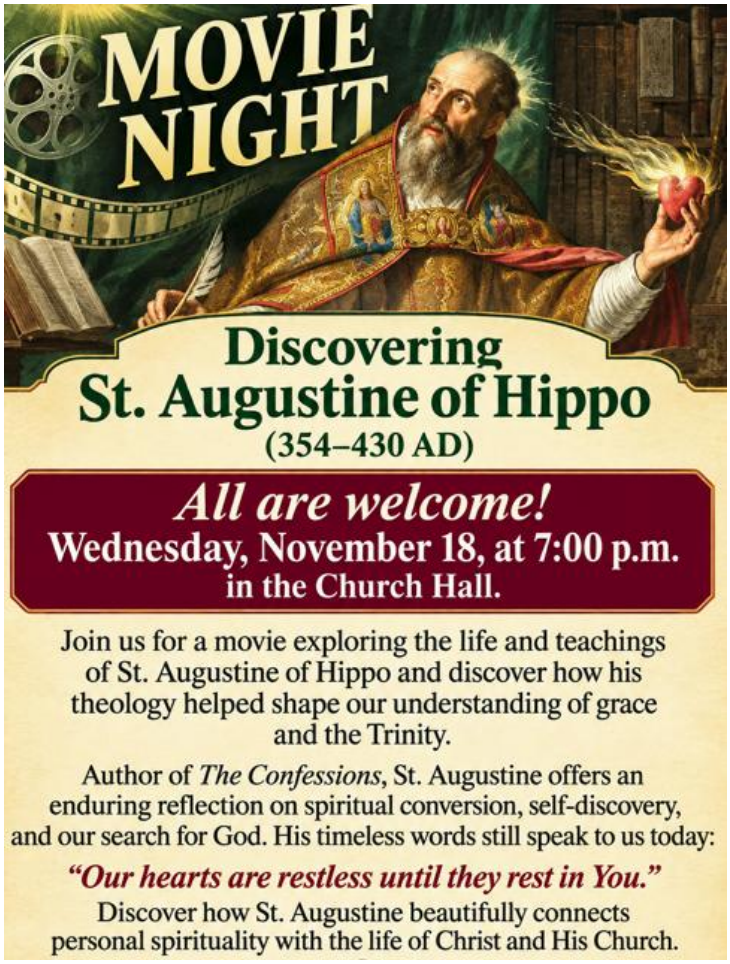
🎄 'Christmas on Park' Carolers Needed 🎶

Volunteers are needed to help spread Christmas cheer by singing carols during '**Christmas on Park'** on **Friday evening, November 20**. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to share the joy of the season through song.
A practice session will be held on **Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church.
If you are interested in participating, please speak with Shauna after Mass, call **431-343-0038**, or simply come to the practice session!
Help us make this community celebration a joyful and faith-filled Christmas event!

Prayer Requests

In our Thoughts & Prayers, Let Us Pray for:

Zenon S.
Connie Quenett
Shireen Nevistiuk
Cecelia Szajewski
Theresa Buss
Sandy Denchuk
Teresa & Michele Melillo
Families facing health and mental health challenges





➢**For immediate parish requests (November 9 to December 16): contact** Shauna 1-431-343-0038. ➢ **For Mass Intentions, or to add someone to the Prayer List contact:** Tammy, Administrative Assistant, Parish Office (431) 458-5620 info@stmarybeausejour.com . ➢**To receive Communion at home, contact:** Maria, Outreach Coordinator – (204) 268-9337