

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Sept. 22nd	9:00 a.m.	Brian Lewis; Peter Warren; Mary Delaney;
Tuesday	Sept. 23rd	9:00 a.m.	Francis Hedderson; Ann Reid; Catherine Bowdring
Wednesday	Sept. 24th	9:00 a.m.	Kathleen Hondros; Shirley Jackman; Bill Clarke
Thursday	Sept. 25th	9:00 a.m.	Matthew George; Betty Kavanagh; James Hickey
Friday	Sept. 26	9:00 a.m.	Veronica Dwyer; Gus Stoyles; Dora Dunn; James & Christine King & Dec. Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
Sept. 27th	5:00 p.m.	Dan, Vera, Colleen & Colin Dwyer; Kareem Farhat & Dec. Members of Roberts & Metcalfe Family; Margaret, Albert & Nicky Ash & Jack & Shirley Snow; Ralph Skehans; Regina (Hammond) Hickey; Alice Carroll; Stan Carroll; Bob Quigley; Peter Lake; Edward John Cole	
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased	
Sept. 28th		St. Michael's Parish	

Collection for Week of Sept. 13th & Sept. 14th, 2008

Offertory -109 Envelopes-----	\$1,192.00
Dues – 1 Envelope-----	25.00
Donation in Memory of Frank & Muriel Hammond-----	30.00

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Readers:	Amanda Curnew & Karen Seward
Sept. 27th		Eucharistic Ministers:	Helen Pitts; Jody Whelan; Fred Carroll; Raymond Whelan
		Presentation of Gifts:	Betty & Kevin Quigley
		Ushers:	George Hickey; George Jackman; Keith Pitts
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	Valerie Gorman & Sharon Hammond
Sept. 28th		Eucharistic Ministers:	Sarah Burt; Connie Cole; Sister Phyllis; Geraldine Fitzgerald
		Presentation of Gifts:	Beverly & Sidney Rees
		Ushers:	Ray Kennedy; Charlie O'Brien; Ray Whalen

Welcome

We would like to thank Fr. Francis Roche for celebrating with us this weekend.

Needs of the Canadian Church Collection –Sept. 28th, 2008

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops asks all Catholics to give generously to the continuing work of the Bishops. This work requires research and expert advice on various topics in order to provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of subjects. This research requires staff, time and money. Your generosity enables the bishops to speak out and give the leadership received.

St. Michael's Fall Fair

Our Parish will soon be preparing for the Fall Fair in November. If you are planning to make a donation of Baked Goods, Knitted Goods or Crafts etc., now is the time to prepare. We have a lot of gifted individuals in the community who can help make this fall fair a great success. Thank you for your support.

Invitation for Your Parish Ministries

During the coming weeks, you are invited to register for the many ministries of your Parish that you would like to participate in. We are now getting ready to renew our list for the beginning of November. Families are getting back on schedule and it is time to see what you can offer your church for the coming year. If you wish to sign up for a ministry, the ministry lists are available at the back of the church. You may drop your form off at the sacristy. Please take time to reflect on how you can use your many gifts and talents in your parish.

Home Religion Program

Have you registered your child for the Home Religion Program for the coming year?

The religious education for our children is the sole responsibility of the parents/guardians. The role of the parish is to provide the religious materials and coordinate the families to participate in the program. **Registration Forms are available at the Parish office or at the back of the church.** Please complete the form and submit a fee of \$10.00 for each program so that the parish can purchase the materials required for each child. Pass along the news to your neighbor, especially families who do not practice their faith or attend Mass on a weekly basis.

Youth Ministry

On the weekend of **Sept. 27/28**, Linda Maher, our Archdiocesan Coordinator of Youth Ministry will be joining us for our Eucharistic celebrations and speaking to us about the importance of youth ministry. A component of Linda's visit will be to invite youth, youth adults and adults to participate in enhancing our ministry with youth here at **St. Michael's Parish**. Please pray about this important invitation to you to help the youth of our faith community deepen their relationship with God through ongoing, planned social, spiritual and service events and activities. May God bless your discernment of this invitation to you and our faith community.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the month of October we will begin the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This will take place at Sunday Mass in the liturgy room downstairs. I invite parents and volunteers to assist with this ministry. The materials for the children's liturgy will be provided to you. Please let Fr. Jim know if you are interested in sharing in this ministry or call the Parish office.

Belvedere Orphanage Fund

This is a special fund which is available for female orphans or half-orphan. Applications are available at the Parish office. The following conditions apply if you seek to receive support: 1. Recipient must be a female orphan or half-orphan; 2. Recipient must be in need; 3. Need is to be interpreted broadly and not confined to Education; 4. The recipient must be 18 years old or younger. Persons beyond 19th birthday are ineligible. 5. Application must be made through a member of a religious congregation, or a parish priest; 6. The party making application for the recipient must verify that she is a needy orphan or half-orphan. The deadline for the application is **October 10, 2008**.

October – Month of the Rosary

During the month of October, we will pray the **Rosary 15 minutes before weekday Mass**. In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. Families are encouraged to pray the Rosary during the month of October and I invite all parishioners to join with us for this time of prayer.

Concert of Hope

The Eating Disorder Foundation of NL, will be holding a "Concert of Hope" to raise much needed funds to help the foundation to continue and improve its support programs. This will be held at the Arts & Culture Centre, St. John's with entertainment to be provided by the Masterless Men and Shanneyganok on Wednesday, October 15th, at 8:00 p.m.. Tickets on sale at the Box Office at the Arts & Culter Centre.

MARRIAGE*6 months notice required***PREPARATION PROGRAM – Must be completed before the wedding takes place. MARRIAGE INFORMATION:** Are you aware that Catholics are obliged to marry in the Catholic Church? If they marry elsewhere without permission, the marriage is not recognized by the church. Permission is available and readily granted provided that both parties are free of impediments and fulfills the church's requirements for marriage. Please speak to your Parish priest for information and to apply for permission. You may also contact the Pastoral Centre at (709) 726-3660.



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 21st, 2008

Trust in God's Wisdom: Isaiah 55:6-9
"My thoughts are not your thoughts."

It's hard to figure God out. Looking around creation we see beautiful places alongside areas of devastation. We meet charitable people but also others who are unkind. We see the mansions of the rich and the streets of the homeless. One family prospers. Another suffers multiple tragedies.

What was God thinking by creating such inequality?

Our own lives are also filled with both blessing and sorrow. Momentary incidents have forever shaped us. Friends have rescued us. Death stalks us. It's hard to figure out what God has in mind.

God spoke to Isaiah, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." You can say that again! As hard as it is to read the mind of God, God does not choose to act the way we think a divine, loving Being should.

Through the prophet, God does not apologize for the way things are. Instead, God simply tells us we will never quite figure it out. The best we can do is to turn to God for mercy.

To accept divine wisdom requires faith and humble admission of our own inability to know God's plan. It also takes trust that God will ultimately bring about the good that awaits all creation.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

The Lord says: My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Second Reading: Philipians 1:20-24, 27

To me, living is Christ

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Are you envious because I am generous?