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The Roman Catholic Parishes  
of  
St. Joseph & St. Agnes  
“PEACE BEGINS WITH A SMILE”  
(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)  
15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT  
THE SOWER

**Parish Council**

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Chair Person       | Lila Schneider      |
| Vice Chair         | Vacant              |
| Deanery Rep        | Bob Kardash         |
| Ecumenism          | John Dean           |
| Liturgy            | Cheryl Behrns       |
| School of Religion | Bill Rieger         |
| Social Justice     | Jodi Eberle         |
| Stewardship        | Gwen Herman         |
| Pastoral Care      | Ken & Diane Fahlman |
| Parish Council Sec | Roseann Anderson    |
| Youth Ministries   | Vacant              |
| Parish Coordinator | Vacant              |

**Finance Council**

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Chairperson          | Bob Kardash     |
| Accountant/Treasurer | Cathy Poelzer   |
| Building & Grounds   | Mike Schneider  |
| Members at Large     | Russel McCallum |

**Representatives**

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CWL President       | Lynne Kardash         |
| Knights of Columbus | Lawrence Brisbois, GK |

MASSES WILL BE  
CELEBRATED  
SATURDAY @ 7:00PM  
SUNDAY @ 10:30AM

**MORNING MASS:** 8:00 Am Tuesday to  
Friday (Adoration after Mass until  
9:00Am).

8:00am **First Saturday** of the month with  
Adoration



Pope Francis' July 2023 Prayer Intention:

*For a Eucharistic life – we pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transformation human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.*

From today's Reading

On the face of it, it might seem from today's Gospel that Jesus taught in parables in order to prevent his hearers from understanding. But such a purpose is completely alien to the character of Jesus. Jesus used parables as an effective way of teaching. Those who were open to him received more. Those who had closed their minds against him received less. The fault lay not with Jesus but with the receiver.

The early Church adapted the parables to the new situation in which they found themselves. The shorter form is most likely the original form of the parable. The explanation reflects the missionary experience of the early Church. It accounts for the relative failure of the message of Jesus. The shallow mind, the hard heart, worldly preoccupations, persecution these are precisely the obstacles that have frustrated the growth of faith. As the First Reading suggests, the rain always produces positive results; eventually somewhere the earth responds and becomes fruitful. So God persists with his word until he gets a response.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Catholic chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs, to pray, to provide a friendly face and comforting presence, to talk about people's fears and concerns, to bring Communion, and to contact a priest for anointing of the sick. Pasqua Hospital, 306. 519 1380. General Hospital 306. 519 1405 Wascana Rehabilitation Centre 306.306. 530 6511



ST JOSEPH PARISH

**Welcome all  
Parishioners & Visitors**

Please Note: Parishioners follow many coming events at  
<https://stjosephbalgonie.ca>  
 Or phone the office @ 306. 771 2387  
**Confession is available up to 15 Minutes before Saturday Mass.**  
**(NO CONFESSION BEFORE or AFTER SUNDAY MASS)**  
**or by appointment**

**Hall rental contact:**

Ms. Margaret Kiel  
 Phone: 306.771.4230  
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**June 25 2023 20th Anniversary Celebration**

Auction Proceeds	\$ 2,655.00
50/50 Ticket Proceeds	715.00
Event Tickets Sold	3,470.00
Bar Proceeds	200.00
Donations	580.00
<b>Total Funds Raised</b>	<b>\$ 7,620.00</b>

	\$
Catering Costs	1,715.00
Bar Costs (Estimate)	546.00
Misc Costs	152.43

	\$
Catering Costs	1,716.00
Bar Costs (Estimate)	546.00
<b>Total Costs -----</b>	<b>\$2,413.43</b>

**Net fund raised: \$5,206.57**

**Donating Note:** Acceptable cheque payee names on donation cheques are as follows:

**St. Joseph Parish, or St. Joseph RC Church,  
or St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church.**

Please use one of these acceptable payees when writing your donation cheques to the Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Joseph.

New Options For Donating to St. Joseph Parish  
 Please visit our parish website:

[www.stjosephbalgonie.ca](http://www.stjosephbalgonie.ca)

Under Giving and Sharing button, click on Donate button for

**Donation Options:**

**Paypal or Credit Card or Debit Card.**

Please indicate if Donation is for Operating or Building Fund

**We now offer E-transfer**

Please email donation to:  
[Stjosephbalgonie@gmail.com](mailto:Stjosephbalgonie@gmail.com)

**June 3, 2023 Garage/BBQ/Spring Roll Sale**

Garage Sale Proceeds	\$ 1,034.60
BBQ/Spring Roll Sale	<u>4,280.25</u>
<b>Total Proceeds</b>	<b>\$ 5,314.85</b>
Garage Sale Registration	\$ 10.00
Food Costs	<u>2,085.17</u> 2,095.17
<b>Net Funds Raised</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,219.68</u></b>

**July 16, 2023**

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." -Matthew 13:22*

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

**July 23, 2023**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." -Matthew 13:24, 37-38*

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

**July 30, 2023**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." -Romans 8:28*

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

**August 6, 2023: The Transfiguration of the Lord**

*"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'" -Matthew 17:5*

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

**August 13, 2023**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." -Matthew 14:29*

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

**August 20, 2023**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." -Romans 11:29*

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

**August 27, 2023**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" -Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ARCH REGINA CONGRESS 2023  
and Archbishop’s Appeal Kickoff**

**“Abundant Trust: Embracing God’s Generosity”**  
*A gathering for priests, parish staff members, any member of pastoral or finance councils, Archbishop’s Appeal volunteers, ministry volunteers, and anyone who is interested in the life of the church.*

More details will follow in the coming weeks!

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

**8:30 AM:** Mass – Holy Child Parish

**9:15 AM:** Registration – Holy Child Parish

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM:** Arch Regina Congress – Holy Child Parish

**Keynote Speaker:** Lisa Canning “The Possibility Mom” – [lisacanning.ca](http://lisacanning.ca)

**Breakout Sessions:** Youth, Ecumenical, Appeal  
*More info on the sessions will be available in August*

Hosted at the following Locations:

Holy Child Parish and St. Theresa School

Proudly sponsored by the Archbishop’s Appeal

*More details come to come; updates will be posted on our event page [bit.ly/ArchCongress](http://bit.ly/ArchCongress)*

**Go Make Disciples**

Take your faith to the next level with the Archdiocese of Regina's Lay Formation Program! Our program provides solid teaching on theology, ethics, scripture, and more, as well as opportunities to deepen your spiritual life and develop leadership skills for parish and community service. We are currently accepting applications for our fall intake. For more information on how to register, contact Deacon Eric Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext 6724 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca).

**September 3, 2023**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”-Matthew 16:26*

St. Francis of Assisi said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

**September 10, 2023**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...”-Ezekiel 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

**September 17, 2023**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“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.

**September 24, 2023**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last”.- Matthew 20:16*

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

**NEW PARISHIONERS/ CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please complete this form and place in the collection basket

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- New    Change of Address    Wish to have Church Envelopes    Wish Home Visit