

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth



SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:55am-12 Noon

Program for 3- & 4- year-olds
Grades K-8 Program
for the children of registered parishioners



CONFIRMATION

For Grades 8-12: Enquire at the Parish Office in September



YOUTH EVENTS

Lynne, youth@stignatius.ca



CHRISTIAN INITIATION

OF ADULTS: Enquire at the Adult Education Centre if interested in joining the Catholic Church.



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrange 12 months in advance.



SICK CALLS: Request through the Office. Someone will gladly visit the sick.



PRAYER, REFLECTION, &

LEARNING: in the Chapel, Mon-Thurs 11:30am-4:00pm



HEALING PRAYER

MINISTRY: for prayer, call Michele, :204-663-6727



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm

Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Sirach 27: 30 – 28: 7	Romans 14: 7-9	Matthew 18: 21-35

COMMUNITY & FORGIVENESS IN MATTHEW 18

We live in various communities as part of our lives and identities: church, civic, family, school, ethnic, political... But the whole notion of community has become rather fragile for us. What does it mean any more to be part of a group, to live life with others, not only with yourself? The idea of community has lost some meaning for us in our subdivided, automobile-centred, cell-phone talking and texting, internet-surfing, politically contentious, privatized world. Matthew 18, which we have been reading these last two weeks, tells us about what it means to be a part of a particular community, the *ekklesia*. We might get a better sense of this word if it were translated as assembly or gathering. It is a word about community, not about institution or religion, as church often connotes.

Matthew seems to be describing a community of disciples who walk a fine line between two extremes: on one hand there is the possibility of a hard-driving community of high-achievers and perfectionists who tolerate no faults and “excommunicate” those who make mistakes on the path to furthering their goals – and at the other extreme, a laid-back, tolerant, friendly group that welcomes all and doesn’t expend the effort to distinguish excellence or even to visualise common goals.

At first reading, Matthew’s Gospel sounds harsh. Jesus has high expectations of his followers, the highest, higher than the Pharisees had of others. They were to seek the highest kind of human living, righteousness as Jesus himself lived it. But then you arrive at the corrective in Chapter 18. In the midst of a community with high expectations, there is an abundance of forgiveness. Jesus, in describing what to do when someone in the church sins, tells us this was never supposed to be an ideal community where everyone gets it right all the time. It was always about real folks, real problems, real struggle, real faults and failures....

We are to strive for the highest form of human living; go for gold in our lives of service, faith, love, and relationships. But we must always be about forgiveness, not rigid moralism; about grace, not impossible expectations; about acceptance of one another, because we know we are all on the same mysterious journey. All of this is true and possible because we gather in the name of Jesus, and where Jesus is, there is grace and mercy.



“Where two or three are gathered in my name...”
(Matt 18)

– Condensed from a sermon on Matt 18 by Michael Coffey, computer scientist and Pastor of First English Lutheran Church, Austin, TX.

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ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for children of registered parishioners.

Principal: Jeannine Pistawka
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Adult Education Centre & Lending Library: 204-453-9243
Co-ordinator: Valerie Forrest
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Manager: Chris Janes
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:	5:00pm
Sunday:	No 8am
	9:00am
	11:00am
(Spanish)	3:40pm
	9:00pm

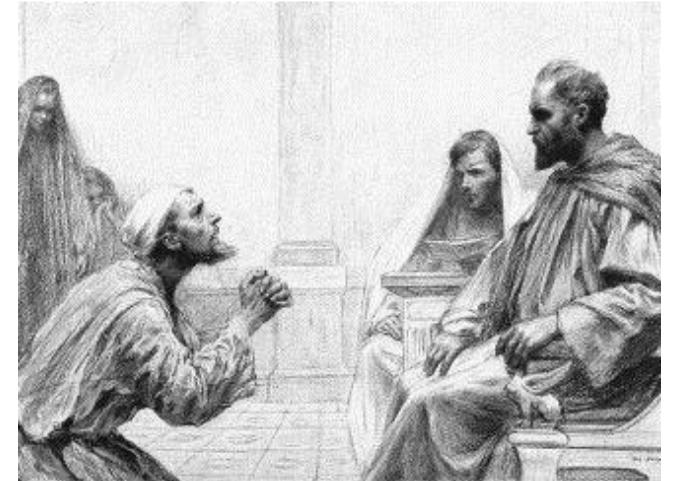
WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon:	7:15am (& Communion Service 11am)
Tues-Sat:	11:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fri Sept 22 nd	No Friday confessions in September
Sat 23 rd	9:45 - 10:45am Fr Obrigewitsch
Fri 29 th	No Friday confessions in September
Sat 30 th	9:45 - 10:45am Fr Obrigewitsch

The Community of St Ignatius



The Unmerciful Servant begs for Mercy (Matt 18)

17 September, 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 September 2017 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday School resumes this Sunday 17 September. Registration is still possible.

Get-togethers over Coffee and Donuts resume this Sunday 17 September after 9 & 11am Masses.

St Ignatius Environment Committee meeting Wednesday 20 September, 6:30pm in the Ed Centre. All are welcome.

Toastmasters Open House, Wednesday 20 September, 7pm in the Parish Main Hall. For info email Catriona catyou@shaw.ca All are welcome. Refreshments provided.

Canadian History from an Indigenous Perspective, Thursday 21 September 7pm, St Kateri Tekakwitha Aboriginal Catholic Parish, 548 Home Street (corner Ellice & Home). This is the second of two gatherings of the Ongoing Truth & Reconciliation Dialogue. Led by Niigaan Sinclair, who is Asst Prof at U of M, an Anishinaabe, and a regular commentator on Indigenous issues on CTV, CBC and APTN. All invited. Free admission. To register, email Sr Thuong, maithuongrndm@yahoo.com

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) starts Tuesday 26 September. For those interested in becoming Catholic, and for Catholics wanting to learn more about their faith. Contact Val at the Education Centre, 204-453-9243 or adult.education@stignatius.ca

Sign-up forms for Reach Out & Respond (ROAR) participants from 1 October to 30 June, are available at the back of the church. Please consider participating in one or more of these special opportunities to assist at Mass.

FOR SEPTEMBER...

- **Summer Weekend Mass Schedule continues through Saturday 30 September. No Sunday 8am Mass. The office and church will close Mondays at noon through 25 September.**
- **Reconciliation also remains on Summer Schedule through September: Saturdays 9:45am only.** Friday confessions resume on 6 October.

Knights of Columbus: Fish Fry, Friday 6 October, 6pm in the parish hall. Tickets: adults \$10; children 12 and under free. Tickets available from the office or one of the Knights. Free child care.

World-Wide Marriage Encounter (WWME): Weekend of 13, 14 & 15 October at St Emile Parish, 552 St Anne's Road. Registration fee: \$75/couple. For info email wme.wpg@gmail.com or call Mel, 204-599-6349.

Financial Report

Sharing God's Gifts: Brochures at the back of the church illustrate what wonderful acts of mercy and works of love our contributions assist our Archdiocese to accomplish. Our assessment for 2017 is \$59,000 of which we still owe \$32,649. To help us meet the target by the end of the year, we will continue taking a second collection on alternate Sundays. Please make cheques payable to the Parish, earmarked to "Sharing God's Gifts" – and print your name and envelope number *clearly* on the Sharing God's Gifts envelope.

St Ignatius Statement for this week: To our regular Sunday collection you gave in support of our parish, school, and church: \$11,581. To Sharing God's Gifts you gave \$1,709. To the Poor Box & Agape you gave \$25. Thank you for your generosity.

Please consider using Pre-Authorized Payments (PAC) for your contributions to the church: an easy way to donate, which ensures our church can pay its bills through the summer months when many are away. **To start a new PAC or increase an existing one, please fill out a form available from the Office.**

Lecture Series: *The New Testament from a Jewish Perspective*: Two remaining Tuesday evenings: **19 & 26 September**, 7pm at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, 85 Kirkbridge Drive. Presenter: Dr Ruth Ashrafi. Free admission; donations accepted. Co-sponsored by Winnipeg Bat Kol Tri- Diocesan Committee. For info see the Church bulletin board.

- *Orthodox Jewish reading of the Gospel of Matthew*, 19 Sept, Responder: Rev Dr G Taylor
- *Between Jerusalem & Athens*, 26 Sept, Responder: Rev Stepan Bilynsky

Thanks to all who participated in the Festival of Friends and the feast of our Patron, St Ignatius of Loyola, last Sunday. It was successful and well attended. Special thanks to the wonderful coordinators, volunteers, Knights, and food providers.

The D&P Committee warmly thanks parishioners for their generosity and moral support through the highly successful Fall Advocacy and ShareLent campaigns. Please consider strengthening this Ministry by joining our Committee. Info: John Conci, 204-488-8474.



Sirach (artist's conception)

Mass Intentions for Week of Sept 18th – 23rd

Mon	Sep 18 th	7:15am	+Angelo DeGrazia
Tues	19 th	11:00am	+Frank Cvitkovitch
Wed	20 th	11:00am	+Kazimier & Cecilia Gira
Thu	21 st	11:00am	+Jim Probetts
Fri	22 nd	11:00am	+Gilbert David
Sat	23 rd	11:00am	+William Ryan