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MASS TIMES

Monday–Friday — 7:45am
Saturday — 7:45am, 4pm
Sunday — 7:45am, 10am & 12pm
Thursday—10:30am at Catherine Place

RECONCILIATION

Monday–Saturday — after the
7:45am weekday masses.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Friday — 8:30am – 12pm
**Closed on Mondays, Weekends and
Holidays.**

Coordinator of Parish Life

Sister Charlotte Leake, S.N.J.M.

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20.10-13

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 69

R. "Lord, in your steadfast love,
answer me."

2nd Reading: Romans 5.12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10.26-33

Parish Bulletin

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 21, 2026

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It shouldn't surprise us that when Jesus sent his Apostles out to preach, he told them to go only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel". Although Jesus came for all people, he held a deep love for Israel.....his own people.... because they were God's chosen ones. And he wanted to fulfill God's promises to them.

Jesus likely had another reason for restricting the Apostles to their own people first. They were new at doing this, so it would be easier to start with their own brothers and sisters in the faith who had grown up with the same rituals and traditions. They wouldn't have to deal right away with the complexities of other religions and philosophies. They could concentrate on the basics of getting the Gospel out to them.

And just as the Apostles had to start somewhere, so do we. Why not start with our own families, our own communities, the people we already know, and who already know us. The mission to those in our midst is just as important as missionary work far away. If we don't bring the gospel into our own homes, who will? If our neighbour does not discover Christ in us, where will she or he find him.

We may think it is impossible to witness to people who know us, especially those who know us well. What did Jesus say: "A prophet is never respected in his own country." And when we need speakers for a conference, do we not frequently look for someone from far away? Somehow we presume they have more credibility than our local folks.

But when we are with family and friends, we don't need to be perfect. We may not have the most persuasive words or even the most consistent 'track record'. But we do have love, our love for them, and their love for us.

So today, look for the openings that the Spirit will give, and just share what's in your heart.

Blessings in the holy names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

Sister Charlotte Leake, S.N.J.M., *Coordinator of Parish Life*

Did You Know....

What is a PPC?

- ◆ A Parish Finance Council (PPC) is a consultative body in a parish that serves to advise the parish priest in all that concerns temporal administration.
- ◆ A PPC is a consultative, faith-filled group of parishioners who work in co-responsibility with the Parish Priest on Pastoral issues.
- ◆ The PPC is representative of and speaks on behalf of the faithful of the parish.
- ◆ It discerns the needs of all the members of the Parish community and offers the Pastor insights and wisdom towards effective Pastoral planning.

Food Bank News—Where Your Money Goes

As the coordinator of the Holy Cross Food Bank, I would like to share some specifics with you about where your monthly donations go. Firstly, before I share this information, I sincerely thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in giving some of your hard earned income to those who are struggling to put food on their table as grocery prices continue to escalate; some items on a weekly basis.

Know the monthly collection has financed Bradbury's hot meals every Monday throughout the year for our patrons. Our clients love these delicious meals and cherish the fellowship and community.

Now as Manitoba Harvest is faced with increasing demand for food items and more people are going hungry, we are relying on your monthly food bank donations every week. I have had to look for alternate sources to supplement what we don't get. For example, for 6 months now we haven't received any bread from Harvest, a bare bones staple I am purchasing along with several other items. There are several weeks where we have received no meat or protein at all.

Prior to Covid, we got to see the same patrons every two weeks. Now we have close to 400 patrons who are only allowed to come once a month. On most days we aren't sending them away with enough food for one full meal. I have made the decision to access some of the monetary donations you have all generously given to purchase more groceries. I came up with a list of 21 items and reached out to local businesses in the community to see what they are willing to do to give us discounts for buying in bulk. Some of those items include canned and frozen fish as many of our clients do not eat pork or beef. Other items include oatmeal, pancake mix, peanut butter, cheese, butter and flour. The businesses include Mariner Neptunes, Co op in Southdale, No Frills and G and L Wholesale.

To give you some specific examples, I have been able to purchase Basa fish for \$5.00 a bag, butter for \$3.99 a pound and bread for \$2.00 a loaf. Establishing relationships with these businesses have already yielded much fruit. Neptunes has donated hundreds of dollars in spices for our clients. Coop has donated hundreds of dollars worth of whole wheat flour. Please keep these businesses in mind when you are purchasing food for your own families. They have been incredibly generous and welcoming to help feed the vulnerable in our community.

I am assuming this trend of having to purchase more grocery items to supplement what we don't get will continue in the coming months. I feel it is necessary to let you know where your money is going, how it is being used and the direct impact you are having on so many people living in poverty. Once again, sincere thanks to ALL of you for contributing to this vital monthly collection. While prices continue to fluctuate and I continue to search out the best bargain, know one constant is for sure. You will be blessed for listening to the words of Christ and living out the gospel with this corporal act of mercy.

Be assured that the work we are doing at Holy Cross is being noticed by surrounding parishes and churches both locally and in rural Manitoba. Several have mentioned we are a shining example of Christian charity. Finally, if any of you are interested in coming to see how we run the food bank and meet some of our patrons, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I will make it happen. Also if anyone is retired and has an hour a week to volunteer to help out with some of the pick ups, it would be a tremendous help.

Again, thank you for all you do in supporting this critical essential service. Heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone of you.

Blessings,

Marianne Savard, *Holy Cross Food Bank Coordinator*

The Word of God Nourishes and Heals Our Soul, Body and Life Giving Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry Inc.

The Word of God Nourishes and Heals Our Soul, Body and Life Giving Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry Inc. invites everyone for Healing Evangelization. **Please join us on Sunday, June 21 at 1:00pm in the Church Annex.** Come, join, and be healed by Jesus.



Manitoba Passion Play – July 3, 4, 5 & July 12, 13, 14, 2026

The Manitoba's Passion Play is celebrating it's 26th anniversary this year. **This amazing production will be presented during the first two weekends of July 3, 4, 5, and July 12, 13, 14.**

The Passion Play gives an account of the suffering of Jesus Christ during the last days of His life. We briefly touch on Jesus' birth and childhood and then move on to His ministry.

Presented at the Oak Valley Outdoor Theatre in LaRivière, Manitoba, starting at 7:30pm every evening, everyone can witness for themselves this theatrical production of the life of Christ here on earth over 2000 years ago. Appropriate for all ages, the tranquil outdoor setting and the angelic live orchestra brings them to a place of contemplation and appreciation.

For poster, [click here](#)

Mass Intentions June 20–28, 2026

Saturday, June 20: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday, June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am + Fr. David Brabant by Our Lady of Holy Cross—Legion of Mary
 10:00am God's intervention for dispute resolution by Raymond Nnamdiu
 12:00pm + Manuel Amable by the Amable family

Monday, June 22

7:45am + Joseph Man by Maria Camana

Tuesday, June 23

7:45am + Robert and + Martha DeGagne by Tom DeGagne

Wednesday, June 24: Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

7:45am + Milena Jasnic by Caroline Bremault

Thursday, June 25

7:45am Pray for my enemies by Maria Grazia Verrelli

Friday, June 26

7:45am Special Intentions by Perry Cox

Saturday, June 27

7:45am + Margaret Kennedy by Michael and Arlene Soenen

Saturday, June 27: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Agathe Benoit by Rita and Nick Tan

Sunday, June 28: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners
 10:00am + Fr. David Brabant by the Holy Cross CWL
 12:00pm + Serge Bohemier by Paul and Adeline Carbotte and family

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV — June 2026

For the values of sports: Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Stewardship

June 21, 2026 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever does not acknowledge me before others I will not acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Matthew 10: 32-33

Acknowledgment of God is recognition of what God has done for us. To fail to recognize that all we have and are is His gift is not to recognize Him.

Holy Cross School

Summer Blessing for the End of the Year

*Heavenly Father,
 As we gather together as a parish community,
 we thank You for the gift of this school year now ending
 and for the many blessings You have poured upon our
 Holy Cross School family.
 Bless the students as they begin their summer days.
 Keep them safe in their travels, at play, and at rest.
 Fill their hearts with joy, kindness, curiosity, and peace.
 Bless the teachers, staff, and administration
 for their dedication, patience,
 and loving care throughout the year.
 Renew their spirits with rest and refreshment.
 Bless the families and parish community,
 that during these summer months
 we may continue to grow in faith, hope,
 and love together.
 Help us to see Your presence in sunny days,
 quiet moments,
 acts of friendship, and the beauty of creation.
 May Mary, our Blessed Mother, watch over them,
 and may Jesus remain at the center of all that they do.
 Guide them safely back together in the fall
 ready to learn, serve,
 and celebrate Your goodness once again.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.*



Happy Birthday!!!

Happy Birthday wishes, prayers and blessings to everyone celebrating their birthday in the month of June.
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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

Congratulations and blessings to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of June.

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CWL Corner

The annual CWL drive for **NEW** baby items, in Support of Thrive Community Services (formerly Pregnancy Distress)

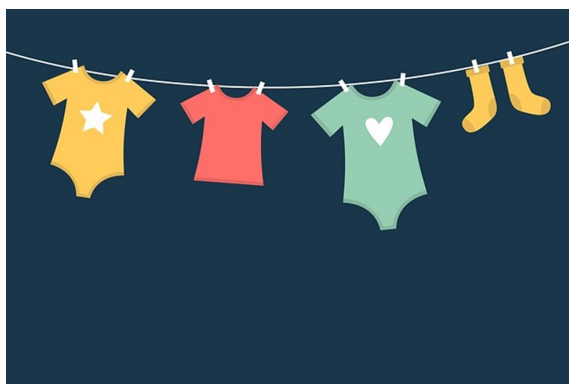
BEGINS Mother's Day May 10th

ENDS Father's Day June 21st

ITEMS NEEDED Sleepers & onesies (0 to 12 months), diapers, baby caps, bibs, wash cloths, bodywash, moisturizer, diaper cream, baby wipes

COLLECTION POINTS Back of the Church & Annex

**Thank you for your generosity,
but we can only accept NEW ITEMS.**



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**Sunday Offerings
June 14, 2026**

Loose	\$473.00
Envelopes	\$2,055.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,097.50
TOTAL	\$3,625.50

**Thank you for your generosity.
Please no foreign currency.**

*Give generously to God and do so without a grudging heart;
then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your
work and in everything you put your hand to.*

Deuteronomy 15: 10

Summer Holidays Are Almost Here—***Please Don't Forget Us!***

The Church continues to operate during the summer months and still needs your support. **Consider giving your Sunday offerings before you head out to enjoy your holidays!**

There are several ways you can do this:

you can leave us your post-dated cheques in your Sunday envelopes or by dropping them at the parish office, by Interact e-transfer using the email address office@holycrossparish.ca, or make your donations via **pre-authorized debit**, directly through your bank account.

For more on this program, please visit our Parish website at: holycrossparish.ca and click on the 'Give online' section, then click on 'Automated Bank Withdrawal' or email us at office@holycrossparish.ca for a sign-up form.

Thank you for your continued support and have a happy and safe summer!

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Family Summer Camps 2026

The Catholic School of Evangelization (CSE) invites your family to join us for an extended weekend of **fun, faith, and fellowship** as we explore how family values, rhythms, and priorities can make space for God in everyday life. Games, prayer, family sessions, beach time, and more await!

Location: Catholic School of Evangelization (CSE), St. Malo, Manitoba

Camp Dates

- **Camp 1: July 9–12, 2026**
- **Camp 2 (French): July 16–19, 2026**
- **Camp 3: July 30 – August 2, 2026**

Schedule: Thursday, 6:00pm – Sunday, 3:00pm

Register or Ask Questions Today

Website: CatholicWay.net/camps

Email: Nicole@catholicway.net **Phone:** 204-930-9486

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The Week Ahead June 21—27, 2026

	Sunday June 21	Monday June 22	Tuesday June 23	Wednesday June 24	Thursday June 25	Friday June 26	Saturday June 27
Morning	9:15am Legion of Mary 11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place		
Afternoon	1:00pm The Word of God Nourishes and Heals		1:30pm Holy Cross School Closing of the Year Mass				
Evening					7:00pm Youth Group		