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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
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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026

1st Reading: Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 86

R. “Lord, you are good and forgiving.”

2nd Reading: Romans 8.26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13.24-43

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12++

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 119

R. “Lord, how I love your law!”

2nd Reading: Romans 8.28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13.44-52

Parish Bulletin

16th & 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 19 & 26, 2026

Sunday, July 19, 2026—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Throughout time immemorial, stories have been used to tell and share our history, our lives and our faith. Today Jesus talks in parables using various images for the kingdom of heaven. He used stories because it was a great way for those listening, to hear the words letting them pierce the heart.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds: what does this mean for us today? The wheat grows but then the Enemy (the Devil in this case) comes, the weeds suffocating and impacting the growth of the wheat. The owner of the garden told them not to cut the weeds so the wheat didn't get lost, but to wait until it was time for the harvest. Why is this important?

First, Jesus is using this parable to remind us that even though we may produce good fruits, sometimes, darkness (sin) will come and stifle the growth of the fruit and we become lost. Second, we expect that God will come through when WE want Him to do instead of waiting patiently for His will to be done. God is always with us but sometimes his answer is slow because he wants to show us how loving He is, like a Father who both disciplines and loves. We are blessed when we listen to the Word of God and His Holy Church.

Third, this parable teaches us that hardship can be very necessary to our salvation and that we Christians need not fear it. As great as the power of hell is, the power of God is even greater” (Blessed Franz Jagerstatter).

God wants for each of us to receive His mercy and be just, kind and humble before him. As St. Paul says in the second reading today, the Holy Spirit who knows the desires of our heart, will help us to pray “because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God” (Romans 8:27).

May we bear good fruit that will last!

Christophe Maguet, *Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council Member & Parishioner*

Sunday, July 26, 2026—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus described a treasure buried in a field and a prized pearl. But beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Gems are just pressed rocks. Pearls are just irritants to oysters. In the eyes of some beholders, Jesus was just a Jewish teacher who caused a minor stir in first-century Palestine.

From the moment he first appeared to this very day, people have been giving up everything they had to follow him. There was nothing extraordinary about Jesus. He dressed simply and never tried to draw undue attention to himself. The son of a carpenter, he probably had callouses and dirty fingernails. What's more, he had a habit of making friends with lepers, prostitutes, and other undesirables. Why would so many people be attracted to him? It was his inner life: the love, the compassion, the mercy that drew people to him.

Each of us are God's treasure. Relentless in his pursuit of us, God woos us tirelessly. He speaks to us in a thousand different ways, trying to capture our attention and our imagination. He even went so far as to send his own Son, who sac-rificed his life to obtain us as his treasure. It was a costly sacri-fice indeed, but this only shows how valuable we are to him.

God's life in us is that treasure. And he wants to show us just how valuable it is. He wants us to understand it with such depth and clarity that he won't hesitate to help us throw aside anything that keeps us from experiencing the fullness of his love.

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

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

A Friendly Reminder...

- Donation envelopes from another parish will be sent back to that parish as per the protocol of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface.
- When using a donation envelope in the Church or Adoration Chapel, **please fill out ALL the information legibly in order for a tax receipt to be issued.**
- We have noticed that parishioners are still using their previous year's donation envelopes. **If you do not want a new box of envelopes, please scratch off the envelope number and date and indicate the current date.** Your old number might be assigned to another person for 2026 and that person will receive an income tax receipt for a donation which you have made.
- When sending an e-transfer for a donation or any fees, **please indicate your first and last name AND indicate in the transfer details section what the e-transfer is for.**

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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, July 19 at 1:00pm in the Church Annex.**

Medjugorje Prayer Group

The next prayer meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00pm** in the Church. All are welcome!

Friends of the Holy Eucharist

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to experience the power of the Eucharistic Lord with the *Friends of the Holy Eucharist*.

Place: Holy Cross Church, 252 Dubuc Street

Date: **August 3, 2026**

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.

7:00pm Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary for Priests and Vocations.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be **closed on Monday, August 3 for Terry Fox Day**. We will **reopen on Tuesday, August 4** during office hours.



CWL Corner

GREY CUP POOL SCRATCH FUNDRAISING TICKETS are now available. These tickets make for great gifts and sell out fast! Tickets are: \$5.00 with a grand prize of \$1000.00 (total of 8 chances to win cash prizes) and \$2.00 with a grand prize of \$150.00 (total of 8 chances to win cash prizes). If you would like to purchase tickets for yourself please reach out to any CWL member. If you would like to take some bulk tickets (not prepaid) to sell to your friends or family please contact Nicole Gougeon, phone 204-254-4659 (landline) or email nicolegg1@mymts.net. Your support of our fundraiser helps us to make donations to Holy Cross Parish and other various charitable organizations.

Norwood Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's service organization, practicing Catholics 18 and over, who are here for the church and community's needs. We have a life, disability insurance and investment opportunities, we are rated one of the best insurance providers. We have been with Holy Cross Parish over 65 years. Our church representative is Bryon Burvill (204) 233-7904. We are in need of new members to help us reach our objectives.

Marian Movement of Priests Pilgrimage



On **Saturday, September 12th**, the Marian Movement of Priests group is inviting all to participate to a short pilgrimage to Blessed Sacrament parish in preparation for our patronal feast.

Father Gerry Sembrano, spiritual director for MMP Manitoba, will preside the Holy Mass at 9:30am with many other priests and give us a mini-retreat on Mary and her messages

with adoration and confession.

A Marian exhibition will be there as well, ending with a potluck lunch.

Let us prepare spiritually to enter our festivities of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

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Coffee and Fellowship



The coffee and fellowship after the 10:00am Sunday Mass is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in the fall.

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Bradbury's

Bradbury's, our Monday night meal, is on hiatus for the summer. It will resume on Monday, September 15, 2026 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the basement hall.

Mass Intentions July 18–26, 2026**Saturday, July 18: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm For the intentions of all parishioners

Sunday, July 19: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am + Anna Bano by Maria Grazia Verrelli

10:00am + Fr. David Brabant by Caroline Bremault and Nick and Rita Tan

12:00pm + Marc Joyal by Charles

Monday, July 20

7:45am + Agathe Benoit by Joseph Benoit

Tuesday, July 21

7:45am + Rosina Rigato by Maria Grazia Verrelli

Wednesday, July 22: Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

7:45am Elisabetta Rigato for blessings in the holy spirit by Maria Grazia Verrelli

Thursday, July 23

7:45am + Reine DeGagne by Tom DeGagne

Friday, July 24

7:45am + Agathe Benoit by Joseph Benoit

Saturday, July 25: Feast of Saint James

7:45am + Marianito and + Miguella Carandang by the Carandang family

Saturday, July 25: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Charles and + Louise Allard in thanksgiving by Lucille and Jerry Lysy

Sunday, July 26: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am For the intentions of all parishioners

10:00am + For the repose of the soul of Philippe Ouédraogo by Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon

12:00pm + Florence Yack by Blanche Bouchard

**Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV —
July 2026**

For respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Stewardship**July 19, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when fully grown it is the largest of plants." Matthew 13:31-32

You should never be discouraged by a seeming lack of resources. Your smallest gifts and acts of kindness joined with God can have a great impact.

Mass Intentions July 25–August 2, 2026**Saturday, July 25: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm + Charles and + Louise Allard in thanksgiving by Lucille and Jerry Lysy

Sunday, July 26: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am For the intentions of all parishioners

10:00am + For the repose of the soul of Philippe Ouédraogo by Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon

12:00pm + Florence Yack by Blanche Bouchard

Monday, July 27

7:45am + Rosina Rigato by Maria Grazia Verrelli

Tuesday, July 28

7:45am Elisabetta Rigato for blessings in the holy spirit by Maria Grazia Verrelli

Wednesday, July 29: Memorial for Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7:45am Birthday blessings for David MacDonald by Pam and Barry Murphy

7:45am + Gloria Murphy by Pam and Barry Murphy

Thursday, July 30

7:45am + Agathe Benoit by Joseph Benoit

Friday, July 31: Memorial for Saint Ignatius of Loyola

7:45am Carla and Georges Gervais by John and Susanne Scatliff

Saturday, August 1: Memorial for Saint Alphonsus Liguori

7:45am Healing, salvation and conversion for Daniel Marco by Maria Grazia Verrelli

Saturday, August 1: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Sofia Fernandez-Couto by Pam and Barry Murphy

Sunday, August 2: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am Paul and Shelly Girardin by John and Susanne Scatliff

10:00am For the intentions of all parishioners

12:00pm + John Kosa by the family

Stewardship**July 26, 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Matthew 13:44

Many times we conceal treasure within ourselves. To what extent will we go to develop the treasure buried within us?

Marriage, Family and Life



6th World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly- July 26

Inviting the faithful to honour, accompany, and learn from older generations as witnesses of hope, faith, and love.

This year's theme is: "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15)

"The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly

members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them." - Pope Leo XIV

[Click here](#) for message from Pope Leo XIV

[Click here](#) for Pastoral Toolkit



Free Marquette Method Teaching

Looking for a method of Natural Family Planning (NFP) that is highly effective, easy to use, and follows church teachings? I am offering free Marquette Method teaching to couples in all stages of life while finishing out my teaching certification.

Please contact: Marlaena Guenther at mguenther.nfp@gmail.com for more information or to sign up!

Brochure: [Click here](#) Marquette Flyer: [Click here](#)

Marriage Tips

- Personality is like eye color – there's not a right or wrong kind. It's also not crucial that couples be the same. Often, however, arguments start when we expect our spouse to think and act just like us. Be open to your spouse's differences.
- What's your favorite religious or spiritual book other than the Bible? Why has it touched you so? Has your spouse also read it? If your favorite is not the same, time to try a new book!
- The lay movement Teams of Our Lady asks its members (married couples) to have a "sit down" once a month, where husband and wife set aside time to give each other undivided attention and share what's on their hearts. Could this practice benefit your marriage? Interested in finding out more about Teams of Our Lady? Visit: www.teamsofourlady.ca
- "Your sins I remember no more." (Is 43:25) We humans hold grudges – but that is not the way of God, the way of love. Let go of an annoyance or fault of your beloved today. Don't bring it up again.

Reflections for the Separated & Divorced

Feeling weak under the heavy weight of your cross today? Never forget that God gave you this particular cross – He know it will transform you... if you allow it to happen. "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

- *A Road to Healing*, Lisa Duffy



Happy Birthday!!!

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

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

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Christ the King Parish – Mini-Folklorama Event – August 15, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This summer, once again, we will be celebrating the richness of our parish's multicultural community in our Mini-Folklorama on **Saturday August 15th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

This event is part of our four major events in the Liturgical Year where, in a sense, we pull out all the stops to produce, by God's inspiration and help, an event to unify us through diversity—our theme: "Unity through Diversity." The date, as most of you will note, coincides beautifully with the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, Our Blessed Mother will be honored and celebrated in this special way.

As a family of God, we walk together, sharing our gifts and cultures with one another and, in keeping with our theme this year, A Year of Service, offering our talents and treasures to serve each other in love and joy.

We warmly invite everyone to participate—at no cost. You can sign up to share:

- * a cultural dish,
- * a traditional performance, or
- * a folk dance from your heritage.

A sign-up sheet is available on the counter at the parking lot entrance. We also ask for your help with setting up, serving, or cleaning up afterward. You are also invited to speak with one of the members of the Ad Hoc Committee: Shyju Vincy (our seminarian), Yvette, Florie, Emma & Mary. Or you can email the Parish Office directly at contact@ctkp.ca and your email will be forwarded to them. Let us continue to grow in unity and hope as we celebrate the many cultures that make our parish a truly joyful and welcoming home. We look forward to celebrating with you! For poster, [click here](#).



Prayer & Life Workshop – September 9, 2026

"Abide in me, and I in you... I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15, 4,5

We are pleased to invite you to the Prayer & Life Workshop.

Discover a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer and reflection.

Join us for a unique journey into prayer, where you will learn how to set aside sacred time each day to meet the Lord, meditate on His Word, and deepen your friendship with Him.

Discover how prayer can become a source of peace, direction, and joy in your daily life.

Information Session

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Timothy Parish - 135 John Forsyth Road, Winnipeg, MB, R2N 1R3

More information: 204-869-8175 | manitoba@tovpil.ca For poster, [click here](#).



JUBILEE YEAR of St. FRANCIS of ASSISI (1226 ~ 2026 - 800th ANNIVERSARY) Feast Day ~ Sunday, October 4, 2026

Save the day ~ Mark your calendars! St. Francis of Assisi Parish invites you to "Come and See" (John 1:39)

1:00 PM ~ Prayers, Veneration of Relic

2:00 PM ~ Mass celebration presided by

His Grace Archbishop Albert LeGatt

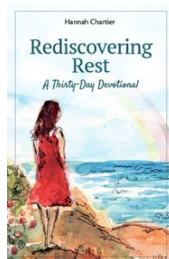
4:30 PM Reception [light lunch & beverages]

R.S.V.P. ~ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2026

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Please join us for this wondrous occasion. **FOR POSTER, [CLICK HERE!](#)**

Local Catholic Author releases Rediscovering Rest: A Thirty Day Devotional



Written by local author and mother Hannah Chartier, and published by Novalis, Rediscovering Rest is an invitation to take Jesus at his word: He says "Come to me all who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest."

Our current culture glorifies productivity above rest.

We are all tired in at least one area of our lives—physically, mentally or spiritually, probably all three! How can we shift the orientation of our hearts from seeing rest as something we get one or two hours a week, to something we can live out each and every moment? Through short, daily devotional readings this book gives you practical ways to integrate scripture and wisdom from the saints into your life.

Copies can be purchased for \$20 at www.rediscoveringrest.ca

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Results of the Good Shepherd Campaign – 2025

The 2025 Good Shepherd Campaign "For the Life of the Church" raised \$367,513, or 95% of our goal of \$400,000. This impressive sum exceeds the results of the last two campaigns, which reached \$314,511 and \$305,532 respectively.

You have responded well to our call, and especially to the call of the Spirit, because your gifts are a manifestation of God's grace. On behalf of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, I sincerely thank you for your generosity. And for your great confidence in the future of the life of the Church.

This spring we saw the ordination to the transitional diaconate of two of our seminarians, Vincent Nguyen and Joseph-Martin Ngoc Hien Pham. They will be ordained priests next spring. This is the fruit of your donations!

Apart from these two, we have seven other seminarians along the way:

- Joseph Emmanuel Mukena (Congo) in his fourth year of five years
- Shiju Vincy (India) is doing his internship year at Christ the King
- Valentin Dilenga (Congo), after a year of learning English, is entering the first of these five years of formation for the priesthood.
- The same goes for Anthony Hoang (Vietnamese) in Canada since 2017.
- Vincent Dubé (Saint-Martyrs) is starting his first year of philosophy.
- Kirk Holyk (Christ the King) and André Fillion (Ste-Anne) are beginning a preparatory spiritual year at Serra House in Toronto.

With these nine seminarians currently on the journey, we are preparing for the 2026 Good Shepherd Campaign. The need is there, but it must be said that in the last 4 years we have seen the ordination of 10 priests!

With the Good Shepherd Campaign, we can therefore continue our pastoral efforts today and thus ensure the life of our diocese in all its members for years to come.

Finally, I am very grateful to our seminarians and priests who are responding to the call of their vocation. Together, we can all continue to work for the life of the Church.



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Thank you once again for your generosity and for your prayers for these young men. Think about your donation to the Campaign this year, which will be launched in October.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones and keep you close to his heart.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.



+Albert LeGatt
Archevêque de Saint-Boniface



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Corpus Christi at Holy Cross Parish

On June 7th, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Holy Cross Parish conducted a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the surrounding neighborhood.

It was well attended, on a nice and sunny day, a beautiful witness of our Faith to all.

This was followed by a lovely potluck in the Parish hall.

Many thanks and graces to all who participated!



Sunday Offerings July 5, 2026

Loose	\$332.47
Envelopes	\$2,685.80
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,097.50
TOTAL	\$4,115.77

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

Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.

Deuteronomy 15: 10

Sunday Offerings July 12, 2026

Loose	\$538.65
Envelopes	\$2,785.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,097.50
TOTAL	\$4,421.15

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

All shall give as they are able, according to the blessings of the LORD your God that He has given you.

Deuteronomy 16: 17

The Week Ahead July 19—25, 2026

	Sunday July 19	Monday July 20	Tuesday July 21	Wednesday July 22	Thursday July 23	Friday July 24	Saturday July 25
Morning	9:15am Legion of Mary 11:00am CWL Meeting	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place		
Afternoon							
Evening			7:00pm Medjugorje Prayer Group				

The Week Ahead July 26—August 1, 2026

	Sunday July 26	Monday July 27	Tuesday July 28	Wednesday July 29	Thursday July 30	Friday July 31	Saturday August 1
Morning	9:15am Legion of Mary	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place		7:45am Mass followed by First Saturday Devotions
Afternoon							
Evening							