

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

This week of prayer began on Wednesday, January 18th and continues through Wednesday, January 25th. Everyone is invited to join with Christians around the world praying “that all may be one... that the world may believe” (John 17:21). On Friday afternoon, we met for a unity service at Holy Redeemer Church. All are invited to our second service at **First Baptist Church on Sunday, January 21st at 7:00pm.** We are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item, which will be donated to the Garson Community Food Bank, along with any free will offerings that are made at the service. **Come, join us, and bring a friend.**

Pasta Dinner on Sunday, January 21st at First Baptist Church, hosted by Grace United Church. From 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. \$12 for adults. Come join us for supper prior to the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity.

It is Mardi Gras time

again! February 11th, after Mass. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Fun will be had by all. We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Debi Simone at 705-691-3448.



CONFIRMATION: Last chance to register! The preparation is beginning soon. If you seek to be Confirmed this Spring, please speak to Fr. Michael as soon as possible about it.



Silent Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola

Theme: *The Name of God is Mercy*

Where is God in our rather dark and scary world? How should we respond to the fearful and threatening pressures we face? How can religion heal the world, or is religion the problem? These questions have been in the hearts of many. Many people feel estranged or distant from God, especially when God is so often invoked or portrayed in violent or judgmental ways. When we return to the treasures of our tradition with searching and open hearts, a comforting but challenging picture emerges. The golden thread uniting both the Old and New Testaments consist of the passages that proclaim mercy as God’s essential nature. During this retreat we will pray with these passages for enlightenment, hope, and transformation on our spiritual journey.

Dates: From Friday March 2 (7pm) to Sunday March 4 (1pm) 2018

Director: Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J.

Cost: \$230.00 live-in/\$130.00 commute

Theology Perking—all are welcome:

The Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting an evening of Theological Discussion:

St. Joseph’s Residence, 29 Second Av. South.

Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Tony Chezzi on the following topic: “Scholars continue to debate about who Jesus was, what he said, and what he did. This evening we will take time to examine the context of first century Palestine and the traditions associated with Jesus to assist in making an informed assessment about how we might characterize this first century figure.”

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 21st, 2018



WEEKDAY MASSES:

9:30 am See inside for this week’s schedule

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 pm. St. John the Evangelist

Sunday 9:00 am. St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday 10:30 am. St. John the Evangelist

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE REGARDING:

- Home Visit & Communion or Anointing of the Sick
- Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

FOR BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:

Please speak with Fr. Michael at any weekend Mass (6 months minimum needed for Marriage)

Mass Schedule

January 22 – January 28, 2018

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday January 22		No Parish Mass
Tuesday January 23	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday January 24	9:30 a.m.	For Joseph Liutkus By Marie Bardswich & Family
Thursday January 25	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Friday January 26	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Saturday January 27	4:30 p.m.	For Mel Hrytsak By Phil Hrycak
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sunday January 28	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday January 28	9:00 a.m.	For Mary Patricia Dovigi by William & Frances Hayes

The Catholic Women's League

The weekly CRAFTS group continues to create their handiworks in the Parish Hall following Mass every Wednesday morning. They continue through lunch and into the afternoon, and are always happy to welcome new participants.



MADE FOR MORE: DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018

All high school aged youth are invited to participate in the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2018 "Made for More" on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Join high school students from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker: Ken Yasinski. The registration fee is only \$20! St. John's will pay this fee for any of our Garson youth who attend. Register online at:

www.stjeromeparishssm.comdcyc2018

This event is presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board and the Knights of Columbus Council 932.

Upcoming events:

PARISH MISSION: February 26-28th.

The New Evangelization Summit. Apr. 27-28

National March for Life. May 10th.

More information on these events will follow in the weeks ahead.

STILL AVAILABLE FOR FREE: We have a number of old Easter candles which would be perfect for melting down and repurposing, for those who are so inclined. If this is of interest to you, please speak to Marilyn Schroeder or Fr. Michael about them. Final notice.

Theology on Tap

An event for young people, ages 19 to 35.
January 31, 2018, 7:00 pm

The Laughing Buddha

Guest Speaker: Roland Muzzatti

Topic: TBA

Details posted on Theology on Tap Sudbury.

New Office Hours: With the departure of our Parish secretary, Fr. Michael will look after the office for the time being. Since he celebrates Mass at 9:30, he will try to be present in the office from 10am—Noon, Tuesday through Thursday, each week. Outside of that, he can be reached by e-mail, or you can leave a voice message at the office number.

YOUR SUNDAY OFFERINGS for January 14, 2018

St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes: \$1,899.00 Loose: \$87.00 Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$921.50 Initial: \$110.00
Mary, Mother of God: \$75.00 Christmas \$20.00 **Total: \$3,112.50**

St. Bernardine of Siena

Total: \$315.00

Thank You