

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 4, 2018

Proclaim the Gospel by your everyday words and actions.

Sat, Feb 10 5:00 pm Wendell & Jean Miller by Frank & Nancy Tremblay
 Jean-Marc Lamothe by Yolande Lamothe
Sun, Feb 11 9:00 am For the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am Claude Mantha by Cecile Mantha
 Sam Giustra by Domenic Muratore

PRAYER LINE: *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: *Richard (Butch) Pigeau*



Sunday, January 28, 2018 \$4 193.25
Thank you for your generous contributions!

Baptism

We welcome to our parish family *Thomas Bernardi, Wesley Fallon, and Sofia Perrotta* who were recently baptized. We give thanks and praise to God for the new life in Christ bestowed upon these children.

Embracing Stewardship

When Simon and his companions found Jesus, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

Mark 1:37

People today continue to search for Jesus, for his message, his encouragement, his presence. As stewards, our task is to make Jesus present by what we say, what we do, how we act, how we support, how we love.



WISDOM QUOTE:

"Helping someone is what life is all about."
 Willie Stargell

Countdown to Lent
Ash Wednesday is coming!
Lent begins February 14th



Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer. During Lent, we work to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.



No Scents Makes Sense!

Many of your fellow parishioners suffer from allergies to hairspray, after shave, perfume, eau de cologne, etc. Please think of those around you as you prepare for Mass so that they too, may enjoy coming to church each week.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb 5-11	
Monday	1 Kings 8.1-7,9-13; Mark 6.53-56
Tuesday	1 Kings 8.22-23,27-30; Mark 7.1-13
Wednesday	1 Kings 10.1-10; Mark 7.14-23
Thursday	1 Kings 11.4-13; Mark 7.24-30
Friday	1 Kings 11.29-32;12.19; Mark 7.31-37
Saturday	1 Kings 12.26-32;13.33-34; Mark 8.1-10
Sunday	Leviticus 13.1-2,45-46; 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1; Mark 1.40-45

Prayer for Families

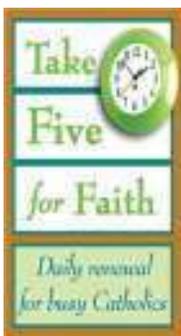
Jesus, healer and lover of the broken hearted, help us to lay our broken hearts at your feet. Teach us to trust you, to face our suffering with courage, and to trust you can meet us there and give us what we need. Amen.

Schedule of Events

- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
Wed 9:30 am Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meetings (Parish Hall)
Thu 6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
Fri 5:00 pm Marriage Prep (Parish Hall)
Sat 9:30 am Marriage Prep (Parish Hall)
Sun 12:00 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!

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. Registration fee is only \$20! Register online at www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018 or pick up a Registration Form at your church or by visiting your high school Chaplain. 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.



Let’s magnify our unity

These days the game seems to be to capitalize on differences. Do you belong to the other (morally reprehensible) political party? Are you a member of the wrong religion—or no religion at all? Are you part of that bone-headed (fill-in-the-blank) generation? Are you less American than I am because of X, Y, or Z? Saint Paul chose a more challenging method of dialogue. He sought common ground: Are you from the Jewish or the Greek worldview? So am I! Are you a sinner or believer? Me too! Join the human race, and find family everywhere.

“I have become all things to all, to save at least some.”

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CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women’s League **General Meeting** will be held on *Thursday*, February 15th at 7:00pm. All members welcome.



The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter’s Parish.

Best Lent Ever

Don’t give up chocolate this Lent. This year, do something different. Join our parish for **BEST LENT EVER**, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, beginning Ash Wednesday, you will receive an email with:

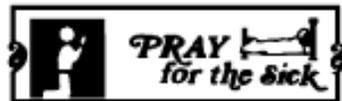
Inspirational Videos

Practical Tips

Encouraging Stories

Discover how to open your heart to God and do more than just give up chocolate for Lent – have your Best Lent Ever! Sign up today at DynamicCatholic.com/40Days

World Day of the Sick February 11, 2018



The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church.

February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

To Mary, Mother of tender love, we wish to entrust all those who are ill in body and soul, that she may sustain them in hope. We ask her also to help us to be welcoming to our sick brothers and sisters. May our prayers to the Mother of God see us united in an incessant plea that every member of the Church may live with love the vocation to serve life and health. May the Virgin Mary intercede for this Twenty-sixth World Day of the Sick; may she help the sick to experience their suffering in communion with the Lord Jesus; and may she support all those who care for them.

Pope Francis

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26th Anniversary of World Day of the Sick



February 4, 2018

To all parishioners of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Re: Call for conscience campaign

Dear friends,

In 2017, many Churches across the province were involved in the “Call for Conscience” campaign to advocate for the protection of conscience rights of doctors, nurses and other health care professionals who are asked to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia. Despite more than 30,000 letters sent to Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s), this campaign did not achieve its desired goal: legislation that would protect health care workers from being forced to participate in causing the death of their patients. Health care workers in Ontario are being forced to choose between their careers and their conscience.

Ontario remains one of the few jurisdictions in the world without adequate protection for conscientious objectors. As a provincial election will be held this June, we need your help to highlight this issue for MPP’s and those seeking office. The 2018 Call for Conscience campaign pursues the following goals:

1. To renew the call to protect the right of health care professionals to abstain from any involvement in causing the death of their patients.
2. To provide protection for faith-based facilities that do not wish to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia.
3. To ask elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s) and those seeking office to increase access and funding for palliative care in Ontario.

I encourage you to participate in this campaign by contacting MPP’s and candidates in your riding, as well as leaders of the Parties, to express your concern. You will find helpful information and documents, as well as sample letters at bit.ly/ONCFC2018 . Your Pastor will also make available to you copies of the sample letter that you may use. Another way of supporting the campaign would be to sign up on the Coalition for Health Care and Conscience website at www.canadiansforconscience.ca. You would then receive monthly newsletters.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcel Damphousse".

+Marcel Damphousse
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

Vic Fedeli, MPP
Constituency Office
165 Main Street East
North Bay, Ontario P1B 1A9

Dear MPP Vic Fedeli:

As Ontario prepares for an election shortly and as my current MPP (or candidate in my riding), I would like to ask for your commitment to protecting the rights of health care professionals and facilities in our province. I am also deeply concerned about the most vulnerable among us, in light of the legalization of assisted suicide in Canada in June 2016.

Specifically, the conscience rights of health professionals need to be protected through provincial legislation. The current care coordination service operated in Ontario, unlike those in other jurisdictions, still forces doctors to provide referrals, thus participating in the procedure. Five doctors are currently challenging the policies of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario that require them to choose between their conscience and their careers. We should be protecting these physicians rather than forcing them to fight for rights guaranteed in the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Advocates of euthanasia/assisted suicide are lobbying strongly to force any publicly funded health care facility to offer euthanasia/assisted suicide. While no medical procedure is offered in every facility across the province, proponents are demanding this of facilities that have deeply rooted principles that will not allow them to kill their patients.

Finally, with only 1/3 of Canadians having access to quality palliative care, we should not be surprised to see a dramatic increase in euthanasia/assisted suicide cases. Studies show that people are fearful of pain and loneliness. Both of these issues can be directly addressed by palliative care. I believe that if all Ontarians had access to quality palliative care, many would not pursue assisted death.

Your position and that of your party will have a direct impact on my vote this June. I am respectfully asking you the following:

1. Will you support legislation to protect doctors, nurses and other health care providers who are being forced to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia through making a referral?
2. How will you protect facilities from being forced to offer euthanasia/assisted suicide on their premises?
3. How does your party plan to address the lack of quality palliative care in our province?

I appreciate you addressing these concerns directly and look forward to your reply. Know that I very much respect the important role that our elected officials play in serving the citizens of our province.

Thank you.

February 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our first reading relates the suffering and despair of Job. In the second reading, Saint Paul tells us we must not keep the Good News to ourselves, but we are called to share it with those we meet. In the Gospel, we hear that Jesus comes to bring healing and peace to all those he encounters. In the Gospel, we hear that the Good News of Jesus is spreading to many towns and villages. Jesus tells his disciples that he has come for the purpose of preaching and teaching. That is our purpose as well. Let us strive to spread the Gospel in our everyday lives.

Pro-Cathedral Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Dinner – Tuesday, February 13. Join us the night before Ash Wednesday for a delicious meal! From 5:00 to 7:00 pm (General Seating) \$7.00 /Adults; \$4.00 / Children Under 12 Years of Age; \$20.00 / Family. All tickets sold at door and everyone welcome!!!

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North Bay Right to Life/Pro-Vie 27th Annual all you can eat Spaghetti & Meatballs/ Lasagna Dinner Sunday, March 4 at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Adults/\$12, Children 3-10 years/\$5, take-out/\$8. For tickets call: Nancy Tremblay 472-6099, Harley 752-4105, Jeannine Lebel 724-3424 or JP Lamarche 476-0953. A silent auction will also be held that night.

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs).
St. Joseph's Motherhouse first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and Pro-Cathedral First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. He waits for us. Hours of Adoration: Monday and Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm; Tuesdays 12 noon to 7 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Gisele Champagne at 497-1911.

CLAY- (Catholic, Love, Attitude, Yes!): A Youth Program for JK to Grade 7, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Gregory's School Gym, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others) is a Catholic Youth Group designed for grade 8-12 students with a mission to bring other teens to know Jesus through testimonies, talks, skits, and games. Friday nights at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Gym from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. For more information, contact Sam at 496-0456.

The bitter cold weather is upon us and the **North Bay Warming Centre needs your help** at their new location at 480 Fisher St., Suite 100. Contact Karrie at warmingcentrenbay@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/NorthBayWarmingCentre/

Silent Lenten Retreat "The Name of God is Mercy" at Villa Loyola Friday, March 2 7 PM to Sunday, March 4 1:00 PM Director: Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J., cost \$230/live-in or \$130/commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext. 0 Monday to Friday or email at loyola@isys.ca. 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. During this retreat we will pray with these passages for enlightenment, hope, and transformation on our spiritual journey

North Bay Community Blood Donor Clinics are held each month in North Bay and blood donations are needed especially during the summer to meet patient needs. Please book your appointment at www.blood.ca or call 1-888-236-6283 **Next Clinic February 20 & 21 at Best Western on Lakeshore Drive**

Calling all Women to the Great Canadian Bible Study with the women of First Baptist Church. Topic: Lessons on Mary Magdalene. Saturday, 24 February from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon beginning with breakfast. Free will offering of toonies will support literacy classes for women in Rwanda. Contact Sue Foote at 497-3382 or suzie@foote-ca.com to register – invite your friends!

Volunteers needed for Family Enrichment Program for parents and their preschool children. Volunteers care for our infants, toddlers and preschoolers Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9:15 am to 11:15 am. Located at St. Joseph School 570 First Avenue East. Call 472-2152 for more information.

Free Literacy and Numeracy Adult Classes with Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Alternative & Continuing Education for adults aged 19 and older. Improve your reading, writing, math and computer skills; upgrade your skills for secondary school credit, employment, college, apprenticeship or for a greater sense of independence; develop a personal learning plan and work at your own pace. Attend full or part-time. Enrol anytime – continuous intake all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit www.npsc.ca for information.

Pilgrimage to Poland April 28 – May 14, 2018 includes special moments not readily available to other groups such as conferences with the Sisters at the Convents, visit to the Archbishop's Residence in Krakow, seeing where Mary left her footprints in Lichen, visiting Plock where Jesus appeared to St. Faustina. All inclusive cost \$3300 single and #3150 for couples. Information: sbielec@sympatico.ca or 613-792-4272

Sisters of St. Joseph Present:

Lenten Renew Opportunity 3 Consecutive Fridays February 16 , 23 and March 2 McColgan Room St. Joseph's Motherhouse from 1:30---3:30 PM. "Conversion: Following the Call of Christ" Through the inspirational stories of six ordinary Biblical figures, the DVD Presentations by Bishop Robert Barron can help us understand the power of an encounter with Christ and help us recognize where Christ may be calling us personally. Facilitator Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj . Suggested Offering \$30:00 for the series. Register by calling 705-474-3800 ext. 213

Christian Meditation: Each Tuesday at 1:30—2:30 pm in Holy Family Chapel. This contemplative prayer is a way to self-knowledge, self-acceptance & awareness of all that God can do in our lives when we allow it.

Taize Prayer: Taize Prayer is held the 3rd Thursday each month, from 7:00—8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. The intention of this prayer is for the "Gift of Reconciliation", wherever brokenness exists. This includes song, scripture, and silence. All are welcome.