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**Sunday, October 15th, 2017**  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... Tell those invited: 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'"* — Mt 22:2, 4bc

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Sat. Oct 14	9-10am	<b>Reconciliation</b>
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Oct 15	9:30am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Linda Filbert & Family)
	11:00am	✠ John & Teresa Sporbeck (Ted Uranowski & Family)
Mon. Oct 16	9:30am	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation Cancelled</b>
Tues. Oct 17	9:30am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Wed. Oct 18	9:30am	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
Thurs. Oct 19	9:30am	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
Fri. Oct 20	9:30am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Sat. Oct 21	9-10am	<b>Reconciliation Cancelled</b>
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Oct 22	9:30am	✠ Martin, Teresa & Joe Bajuk (Frank & Ivanka Plesko)
	11:00am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**

**October— Month of the Rosary:** The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. This is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary everyday. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is the best method of honouring Mary.

**Confirmation Prayer Partners**—Thank you to those who have signed up to be a prayer partner for our 7 Confirmation candidates. Confirmation which will take place in our parish on **Saturday, November 11th at 5pm**. Your prayerful commitment will be a rich spiritual blessing for you as well as for the student.

**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?"* Today's Gospel parable is unsettling in several ways. The various images of rejection, mistreatment, and violence paint an unpleasant picture. Guests refuse to come to a feast, servants are killed, troops are dispatched. The King continues to try to fill his dinner hall, and then when someone finally does show up, the King throws him out for wearing the wrong clothes. What is going on here?

The message would have been a poignant one for his Jewish listeners. As the chosen people, they were the first to receive the "invitation" to share in the kingdom of God. But the chief priests and elders were uninterested in accepting Jesus and his authority; thus they didn't show up for the feast. But what about those who did come? Something is expected of them as well. Donning a "wedding garment" is like being properly prepared to enter God's kingdom. Just showing up isn't enough.

Here it's important to pay attention to the details. The King first calls his poorly dressed guest "friend." The approach begins with mercy and kindness. But the man gives no defense for himself, and displays no desire to change. It's as if he doesn't really care to be there at all.

The question this raises for us is whether or not we are "dressed" appropriately. We may hang around the banquet hall—going to church, professing to be Christian—but are we sincere guests of the King of kings? Do we truly accept Christ's teachings and live by them, or are we just showing up? The splendors of the invitation Christ gives us should not be taken for granted. We are called to share in a royal feast. May we all be grateful guests.



**All Souls' Day- Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017:** Everyone is invited to write the names of deceased loved ones on the **special envelopes (if you wish to make a donation)** available at the back of the church or

write the names on the sheet of paper. Place the envelopes in the offertory over the next few weeks or bring to the parish office. The names will be written in a **Book of Remembrance** which will be on display as a reminder to pray for those who have passed before us and left an impact on our lives. **Please print the names clearly. If making a donation, include your name and offertory number.**

**Offertory September 16/17, 2017**

68 Envelopes	\$1, 540.00
Loose Collection	\$ 106.75
Total Offertory	\$1, 646.75

**Offertory September 23/24, 2017**

76 Envelopes	\$2, 003.95
Loose Collection	\$ 189.50
Total Offertory	\$2, 193.45
Special Collection	
Needs of Church in Canada	\$ 593.75

**Offertory September 30/October 1, 2017**

73 Envelopes	\$2, 255.00
Loose Collection	\$ 110.80
Total Offertory	\$2, 365.80

**Offertory October 7/8, 2017**

66 Envelopes	\$1, 628.80
Loose Collection	\$ 102.40
Total Offertory	\$1, 731.20
Needs of Church in Canada	\$ 35.00
Diocese of Keren	\$ 40.00
Syrian Refugee Fund	\$ 200.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 370.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 891.15

**Looking for an amazing Bible Study?**

Discover the "big picture of the Bible", as St. Ann's hosts Jeff Cavins' popular video series, "The Great Adventure: A Journey through the Bible." This exciting study will take your understanding of Sacred Scripture and your Catholic faith to entirely new levels:

The first session of this 24 week, two part series will be offered on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm starting Oct 3, 2017 and will run to Dec 19, 2017** in the Parish Hall; the second part will resume in January of 2018. Cost is for materials only: student workbook is \$48.99 + tax. Please register by calling the Parish office or by e-mailing [stannsfewick@cogeco.net](mailto:stannsfewick@cogeco.net). Anyone needing financial assistance to purchase the student workbook should send an email to the above email address.

**World Mission Sunday: Theme: "Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith."**

Next Sunday, our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and donations will support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please show your generosity as much as possible during this collection because it provides assistance to the young dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use those attached to today's bulletin. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish". Thank you.**

**Catholic Women's League**

**Upcoming Events...**  
**Annual Bazaar will take place Nov. 18th., 10am-1pm.** The fall bazaar fundraiser will include a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available in the office. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

The CWL is asking for assistance making the pierogies. We will meet on **Tues., Oct 17th @ 9am** to peel potatoes and make the filling. The following day, on **Wed., Oct 18th at 9am**, the dough will be prepared and the pierogies completed. If you can spare a couple of hours, please help with this part of the event. **The next dates are Oct 24th & 25th. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.**

**More information to follow in coming weeks regarding the bazaar and how you can assist.**

Also, The CWL is collecting socks for the homeless. Their theme for this month is **Soctober**. For the rest of October, we encourage parishioners to hang the socks on the "clotheslines" on the staircase entering the church.

**CWL Membership:** We would like to INVITE ALL LADIES OF OUR PARISH to join or renew as members of our Catholic Women's League. Memberships are due as soon as possible for the coming year ahead. Please submit your envelope in the collection plate at mass or to the church office no later than the end of November as all information and money must be sent to our national office. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated Nov. 5th or you may use a plain envelope. FEES ARE \$25.** Please ensure your FULL MAILING ADDRESS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS is included on your envelope with your payment. If you are joining us from another parish, please include that info as well as the year that you joined. We look forward to your active participation in our league!

**Parish Calendar**

<b>October.....</b>	
<b>Oct 16-20....</b>	Weekday Masses cancelled
<b>Oct 16....</b>	Holy Hour Cancelled
<b>Oct 21....</b>	Confessions cancelled 9-10am
<b>Oct 23-25....</b>	Weekday Masses cancelled
<b>Oct 23....</b>	Holy Hour Cancelled
<b>Oct 22....</b>	Special Collection— World Mission Sunday
<b>Oct 23....</b>	Holy Hour cancelled
<b>Oct 29....</b>	Youth Mass during 9:30am Sunday Mass
<b>Oct 30....</b>	Holy Hour Cancelled
<b>Oct 30 &amp; 31....</b>	Weekday Masses cancelled
Every Wednesday: Confirmation classes 4-5:30pm; Youth Ministry 6:30-8:30pm (Grades 5-12)	
<b>First Eucharist:</b> An information and Registration evening will take place on <b>Wednesday, November 8th at 7pm</b> in the parish. All parents/guardians of children planning to receive the sacrament, are expected to attend.	

**Youth Ministry**

**Wednesday October 18th** -- Pray the Rosary, "Who is Mary & what does she teach us?", small group discussion, games and snack! Registration due for Regenerate(d)  
**Wednesday October 25th** -- Celebration of the Feast day of Pope St. John Paul II - The Pope who loved Young People! - snacks - games!

**NEW!!**

**High School Youth Nights! Starting Sunday, October 15th @ 6:30 pm -Our first ever Teen Ministry Night for high school students!**

We are very excited to announce that St. Ann's is starting a monthly Teen Ministry program together with St. Alexander Parish in Fonthill. We are going to be hosting our teen program one Sunday a month and alternating between St. Alexander Parish and St. Ann's. Our youth group will include high school students from Notre Dame, E.L. Crossley, Lakeshore Catholic, Ridley College, and more. Come out, meet some new friends, and reunite with some old ones! This night is all about teens growing closer to Christ! I am happy to drive any students from St. Ann's to St. Alexander who need a ride. We will meet in the Parking lot at 6:00 pm. If any other parents are able to help me with the driving please let me know. **Bring a friend!** Please RSVP and let me know who can attend!  
**Genevieve Broadley—St. Ann Youth Ministry Co-ordinator**  
 Mobile: 289-219-4233 OR [gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org](mailto:gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org)  
**Sunday, October 29th, 9:30am Mass**—Our Youth will participate in the Sunday liturgy and speak briefly about their youth ministry activities.

**Notre Dame College School in Welland will hold its 42nd Annual Pilgrimage**

for the Developing World on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Notre Dame community invites and encourages alumni and friends to be part of this special Notre Dame tradition. Registration at 8:30, Departure prayer at 9:00 am; Pilgrimage Eucharist at approximately 1:00 p.m. If you can't be there, please consider a donation which can be made online at [www.notredamewelland.com](http://www.notredamewelland.com), or to a student in your parish.

**Diocesan Anniversary Mass** - Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th anniversary in the year 2017 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, **Monday, November 27, 2017, 5:30 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. To register and to receive a formal invitation from Bishop Bergie, contact the parish office to fill in a form by **October 20. A dinner will be held at Club Roma, St. Catharines, at 7:00 pm.** Details of dinner cost will be included in the formal invitation.