



Вітаємо Всіх до Нашої Парафії! Welcome Everyone to Our Parish! ~ A Place of Prayer, Family and Community for More than 50 Years ~



Epistle: Ephesians 2: 14-22

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Gospel: Luke 8: 41-56

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Joseph Myslicki
Sunday (10 a.m.): Andrika Warywoda



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

Your Return Gift to God

Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously & lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

~ OCTOBER 27/28 ~

Envelopes: \$1,510.²⁵ Mission Fund: \$66.⁶⁰
Seminary Fund: \$110.⁰⁰ Special Projects: \$90.⁰⁰
In memory of †Curtis Creed: \$25.⁰⁰
In memory of †Denny Verdenik: \$50.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity ~ Щиро Вам дякуємо!

A cheque of \$272.⁵⁵ will be forwarded to **Thunder Bay Shelter House's 'SOS' Program** from October's Mission Collection.

The Mission Collection for November has been designated for **Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer**, a volunteer organization whose mandate is the provision of toys for children living in poverty and hampers for their families at Christmastime. Visit www.thunderbaychristmascheer.com for more information.

Parish News & Activities



Many thanks to those who shared in the leading and all who took part in praying of the Holy Rosary before the Divine Liturgies during the month of October.

Doing so, we put ourselves in the presence of God (there in the tabernacle) as we await the arrival of His Son, our Lord on the altar as He offers Himself for our salvation in the form of Holy Eucharist. *Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God!*

As a faith-based community, we are currently looking for donations for our **Christmas Cheer Project** to make up personal hygiene packages, as well as any Christmas mugs and candy (leftovers from Halloween are acceptable). There is a box in the narthex for your donated items or you can give them directly to Sherry Opaski or Cheryl Bain. Any questions can be directed to Sherry (767-0253) or Cheryl (623-2178) or you can email either of them at saopaski@gmail.com or cheryllynnbnain@gmail.com. ☺☺



Pyrohy orders for the November 19 making **are now closed** as the maximum amount has now been reached. If you wish to be put on a 'waiting list', please call Walter at 475-3757 or send him an email at warywodaw@gmail.com. Please note: extra product is not guaranteed. The usual schedule for peeling, ball making, pinching, boiling, etc. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Nov 17-19) will be followed. Your help is appreciated.

There will be another cabbage roll making session on December 5 for Christmas and we will be taking orders for **frozen ones only**. A sign-up list will be on the table in the narthex for next weekend. The exact schedule for rolling will be published in a few weeks (when confirmed). Any help will be appreciated. *Thank you!*

Бажаємо Вам чудового тижня! Wishing everyone a wonderful week!

Today's Gospel concerns two miracles: one, the healing of an illness and the other, the overcoming of death. These two miracles are closely linked, for both illness and death have the same origin, the same cause: they are both the result of sin, both entered the world as a result of the sin of Adam. As the Apostle Paul said in his letter to the devout Christians in Rome, 'the wages of sin are death'.



So powerful is this combination of faith and the power of God that it can even overcome death. We see this very clearly in the second miracle, the resurrection of Jairus' daughter. Here was this young girl, twelve years old, dying. We can scarcely imagine the frantic state of mind of her father Jairus, and yet he had faith, for he was seeking out Christ, the Only One Who could heal his daughter. As a result of Jairus' faith and the power of Christ, his daughter was not only healed, but healed from death, that is, actually raised from the dead before the eyes of those who mocked Christ. It is written in the Gospel that, 'her spirit returned to her'. Here is also proof of the existence of the soul. We see that without our souls, our spirits, we are dead.

Today then Christ says to us all: 'Have faith and I will give you all the power that you need to do My will'. Let us heed His words.

~ from a sermon by Archpriest Andrew Phillips

This Week's Liturgical Services

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:00 a.m. ~ Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers of Heaven

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

5:00 p.m. ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

10:00 a.m. ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle Reader: Susan Soldan

Holy Cross Golden Agers



Regular activities take place on Thursday afternoons starting at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon). New members (aged 55 and up) are welcome to join at that time. Membership is just \$10 per year and well worth it. If you wish more information, speak with any current member or pop by to see what we're all about!

On **Thursday, November 15**, eligible members are reminded of the **Free Bingo** featuring special prizes (ooh and ahh) and tasty treats (mmmm). You don't want to miss the fun. Hope to see many present!

The next bus to Grand Portage is **Wednesday, November 21**, leaving the church lot @ 3:45 p.m. and returning @ 10 p.m. This is a **free** service open to those 18 years and up with valid passports. To reserve your seat, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805). Join us for an evening out!



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Our next bingo session at Superior Shores is a matinée on **Wednesday, November 14**. Those who have agreed to work at that event should be there no later than 12 noon.



The next bingo training session will take place at Superior Shores on **Sunday, November 18** from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pyrohy Making will take place on **November 17, 18 & 19**. Members are needed to help peel and prepare potatoes, make potato balls, process dough, pinch, boil, help package and clean-up. Your assistance will be appreciated. The usual schedule will be followed. If you have any questions, please contact Gordie Ibey at 768-0942.

Our annual 'Grey Cup' meeting and social will take place on **Sunday, November 25** beginning at 4:30 p.m. Please plan to attend and share in the food and festivities!

Readings for the 25th Sunday after Pentecost

(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)



Epistle: Ephesians 4: 1-6
(The Unity of the Body)

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37
(The Parable of the Good Samaritan)

As you read each passage, ask yourself these questions, "What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?" and "What are the connections between them?" This will help make them easier to follow and understand.

Undeniable Words of Wisdom

Jesus' miracles are not just a challenge to our minds, but a promise to our hearts.

~ Tim Keller

When I Say, "I'm a Christian"

When I say, "I'm a Christian", I'm not shouting, "I am saved!" I'm whispering, "I get lost sometimes. That's why I chose this way." When I say, "I'm a Christian", I don't speak with human pride. I'm confessing that I stumble needing God to be my guide. When I say, "I'm a Christian", I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and pray for strength to carry on. When I say, "I'm a Christian", I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting that I've failed and cannot ever pay the debt. When I say, "I'm a Christian", I don't think I know it all. I submit to my confusion asking humbly to be taught. When I say, "I'm a Christian", I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are all too visible but God believes I'm worth it. When I say, "I'm a Christian", I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartache; that's why I seek God's name. When I say, "I'm a Christian", I do not wish to judge. I have no authority. I only know I'm loved.

~ Carol Ann Wimmer

What's Happening In and Around Our City

'Tis the Season Show and Shop at the Valhalla Inn, as advertised in the last two bulletins for November 4, will not be run this year. Sorry for any inconvenience and late notice.



Christmas Craft Mart - Saturday, November 10 at the Oliver Road Community Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be plenty of vendors available showcasing ornaments, baking, and knitting items for sale. Admission is FREE and all are welcome. To rent a table, call Wilma Wood at the office at 345-9531.

K of C Shrimp Feast - Saturday, November 17 at the Columbus Centre. Two sittings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$26 per person, includes one pound of golden shrimp, home fries, coleslaw, hot vegetable, bread, cheesecake and coffee/tea. Refreshment bar is available. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Call Rosie at 623-3252 to obtain yours.

A message from your Bulletin Editor: By now, you may have noticed that each issue of our parish bulletin is not laid out the same way every week (as other churches might do), and although it does take some time to plan it this way, it is done so that you, the readers, find it appealing, engaging, interesting and informative. Sure, keeping the same overall formatting does help everyone know what to expect each week (schedule of services, collection amounts, parish news, group activities, community events, monthly calendar, etc.), but changing the placement of said items allows for a more efficient use of space (much like a daily newspaper or monthly periodical), while the addition of graphics also makes it a bit more eye-catching ☺. This bulletin is also a physical reminder to you, the parishioners (and guests) of all the basic ways to contact and connect with Holy Cross in person and online, as well as to ensure that our sponsors reap the benefits of their financial support. Lastly, but certainly not the least, its primary purpose is to be a **helpful and useful resource** destined for your 'refrigerator door or bulletin board' rather than finding its way into the recycle bin moments after it is read — let's hope not! Remember: good communication allows us more room to grow. Stay in touch! MW





"Don't Be Afraid, Only Believe"

If you were sick, what would your parents do? If you just had a tummy ache or a headache, they might give you some medicine that they could buy from the drug store and wait to see if it would make you feel better. But what if you didn't get better? What if you were so sick that your parents thought you might die? What would they do then? They would take you to the doctor right away! They would do everything possible to help you get well.

Today, our Bible story is about a man named Jairus who had a daughter who was very ill. In fact, he was certain that she was going to die and he would have done anything in his power to help her get well. Jairus was a ruler in the temple and he had heard about how Jesus had been healing many people, so when he saw Jesus, he ran to meet him right away. He fell at the feet of Jesus. "My daughter is sick and is about to die," he said. "Please come and place your hands on her; heal her so she can live."

What did Jesus do? Did he say, "Give the girl two aspirin and if she isn't better by morning, give me a call?" Of course not! Jesus immediately began walking with Jairus toward his house so that he could heal the girl.

As they walked through the streets of town, some men came up to Jairus and said to him, "Your daughter is dead, there is no need to bother Jesus now." Oh no! What bad news. Jairus had found Jesus and they were on the way to heal his daughter -- and now she was dead. Jairus was heart broken, but Jesus paid no attention to what the people said. He turned to Jairus and said, "Don't be afraid, only believe,"

When they arrived at the home of Jairus, there were many people there and they were all crying. Jesus said, "Why are you crying? The girl is not dead, she is asleep." Do you know what the people did? They laughed at Jesus! Can you imagine that? Jesus told all of the people to leave and he took the mother and father into the room where the girl was. He took the girl by the hand and said, "Little girl, get up!" Immediately the girl stood up and began walking around the room. Her parents were amazed!

What can we learn from the story of Jairus? In his story we saw how Jairus loved his daughter and would do anything for her. That is even more true of the love of our Heavenly Father. God loves his children and will always do what is best for them.

Source: www.sermons4kids.org



Question: "Who was Jairus in the Bible?"

Answer: Jairus in the Bible was the father of a 12-year-old girl whom Jesus raised from the dead. Jairus was a ruler in the synagogue of Capernaum, so he was a well-known religious leader. Jairus came to Jesus, pleading with Him to come lay His hands on his only daughter, who was near death. He humbled himself before Jesus, falling down at His feet (Luke 8:41). Jairus expressed faith in Jesus' ability to heal his child, and Jesus began to follow him home. (The story of Jairus is recorded in the Bible in Mark 5:22–41 and Luke 8:41–56.)

As Jesus walked with Jairus, they had to press through a large crowd. In the Bible the description is that "the crowds almost crushed him" (Luke 8:42). It is likely that the crowd slowed Jesus' progress considerably, and this must have been frustrating for Jairus—time was of the essence, since his daughter was at the point of death. In the midst of the crowd, a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the hem of His robe, saying to herself, "If I just touch His clothes, I will be healed." Her flow of blood dried up immediately. Jesus felt that power had gone out from Him, and He turned to ask who had touched His clothing. The woman came to Him, trembling in fear, and, falling before Him, told Him the truth. Jesus said, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering".

As Jesus was speaking to the woman, some people from the house of Jairus arrived and told Jairus that his daughter was dead and there was no need to trouble Jesus anymore. Jesus overheard the news and gave Jairus two commands and a promise: "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed" (Luke 8:50). Together, they continued toward the house of Jairus. When they got there, the mourners were wailing and weeping, but Jesus asked them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." The mourners turned into scoffers, laughing and making fun of Jesus. Undeterred, Jesus went into the house, taking with Him Jairus and his wife, along with Peter, James, and John (Luke 8:51).

Jesus entered the room where Jairus' daughter lay. He took the dead girl by the hand and said, "*Talitha koum*," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." Immediately, the girl's spirit returned (Luke 8:55), and she got up and began walking around. Everyone was "completely astonished"; literally, they were "removed from a standing position" or, as we might say, they were "floored" or "thrown for a loop." Jesus then commanded Jairus to give his daughter something to eat but not to tell anyone about the miracle (Luke 8:55–56).

It is interesting to note that the daughter of Jairus was twelve years old—the same number of years as the woman in the crowd had suffered from her infirmity. Also, Jesus calls the woman He healed "Daughter" (Luke 8:48)—the only time He calls an individual that—amid the many references to Jairus' daughter in the same narrative. The story of Jairus in the Bible is really a miracle within a miracle, with two "daughters" and two stretches of a dozen years.

When Jesus stopped on His way to Jairus' house to speak to the woman in the crowd, He allowed time to pass. Jesus was not worried about Jairus' daughter dying. He knew all along that He would heal her, even if that meant raising her from the dead. In a beautiful act of mercy, Jesus stops to care for the woman in the crowd who had reached out to Him in faith. Jairus undoubtedly felt the urgency of his situation, and he probably chafed at what he saw as a delay. His daughter was lying at death's door, and Jesus was taking His time. Jairus learned that God's timing and purpose are not like ours. Sometimes He requires patience from us, sometimes He waits longer than we think is rational, and sometimes He allows temporary loss in order to show us the eternal abundance of His blessing (see Ecclesiastes 3:11; 2 Corinthians 4:17).

Jairus was a leader in the synagogue, and the bleeding woman in the crowd was likely an outcast because of her ailment (see Leviticus 15:25–27). But Jesus graciously met their respective needs and responded to their faith with equal love, power, and willingness to heal. He "shows no partiality to princes and does not favor the rich over the poor, for they are all the work of His hands" (Job 34:19).

Source: www.gotquestions.org

We Need Your Help



Once again, we will be looking for donations for our **Christmas Cheer Project** to make up personal hygiene packages, as well as any Christmas mugs and candy to fill them. Here is a list of appropriate items:

- * Anti-perspirant/deodorant
- * Bar soap
- * Body wash
- * Brushes and combs
- * Disposable razors
- * Facecloths
- * Feminine supplies
- * Hand mirror/compact
- * Microfibre cloths
- * Nail clippers/small scissors
- * Q-tips and cotton balls
- * Shampoo and Conditioner
- * Shaving cream/gel
- * Toothbrush/toothpaste/dental floss

Other appropriate items are graciously accepted. There will be a box in the narthex that you can place your donated items into or you can give them to Sherry Opaski or Cheryl Bain. If there are any questions, call Sherry (767-0253) or Cheryl (623-2178) or send an email to either ladies at saopaski@gmail.com or cheryllynnrbain@gmail.com.

