



Rossburn
Ukrainian Catholic
Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

*Serving the communities of
Rossburn, Russell, Oakburn, Shoal Lake, Olha, Birtle, Lakedale,
Angusville, Ruthenia, Rossburn Farms, Dolyny and Seech Lake*

October 2021 Parish Bulletin

A Time of Thanksgiving

As the seasons change, and all that was green turns to a variety of colours, the farmers are out till past dark combining making sure everything is done before the cold settles in. With all of these changes and jobs that need to be done, we enter into a season of thanks. Every year we celebrate Thanksgiving, a day that is not necessarily a liturgical one, but yet at the same time it is. We celebrate a thanksgiving every time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. The word Eucharist in Greek means 'thanksgiving.' We give thanks to God for all that He has given us and done for us, and we offer that thanks back to Him.

I know that this time of year can often make attendance in our parishes difficult for many. I encourage all of you out there who are working hard in the fields and on the farms getting ready for winter, to continually give thanks, even if you cannot physically be present at church. Whether you are combining in the field or hauling grain down the highway, take time to pray and give thanks to all that the Lord has blessed you with. Our prayer time is not limited to our time in a pew, but rather something that can happen at anytime, anywhere.



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Catechesis Corner

Icon Corners: Centre of our Domestic Church

Now that we have learned to pray (see last month's bulletin), it is time to make prayerful spaces in our daily lives.

If we look at our different parishes throughout the district and around the world, we will see that our Byzantine churches are usually very ornate especially when it comes to the use of iconography. In some cases, nearly every inch of a church is covered in icons. These icons are there as windows into the lives of these holy people who have been deified or become God-like.

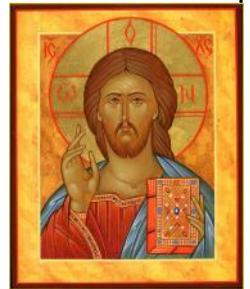


The icon corner is a reminder of who we are and serves to provide us with a place to pray. We are children of God. Just as we have photo albums full of family members, we should also have pictures of God and the Saints to remind us who we are and who we are to become. The icon corner also provides a place where family can come together to pray. The family that prays together, stays together.

So what are some other things to put into an icon corner? Well we start with icons. Often one of Jesus and one of the Theotokos (Mother of God) are where we should start. From there we can whoever else we'd like. Patron saints of the family members are a good one too! We then put them on something like a specific shelf just for this purpose. Let's try not to clutter it up with too many other things. Next, a candle is a good option. The candle reminds us that God is the Light of the world. Other items you may want to include are: a cross, a Bible, Holy Water or Oil, prayer book(s), or chotky (prayer rope for the Jesus Prayer) or a rosary.

This month, let's work on establishing our icon corners and actually use them! If we already have the things necessary, pull it all out and put it together. If you are lacking a few items, visit the back of each parish or contact Fr. Jay and he will be happy to set you up with things. Items available are: a pair of icons; holy water; candles; and chotky.

The purpose of these icon corners in our homes is to become the central place in our homes to find God. Whether by ourselves or with family, the icon corner is where we can take moment to find some peace and quiet and use those moments to pray to God, to have a conversation with our Lord.



Growing in our Faith

Our faith is not something we just read about in a parish bulletin. It is something that sometimes requires getting together and interacting with others. With this in mind Fr. Jay would like to offer opportunities to allow parishioners of all ages to deepen their faith in various ways. If you are interested in joining any kind of faith enrichment in our district please contact Fr. Jay to express your interest. Below are a list of possibilities but of course, other ideas are welcome as well.

- Bible Study (studying any scripture themes or books)
- Theology on Tap (theological themed presentations over a pint of beer!)
- Ask Fr. Jay Night (casual evenings where any question can be asked)
- Youth/Young Adult Nights
- *The Chosen* Bible Study (watching Season 1 of *The Chosen* with a bible study)
- Worship music nights (yes that's right: an evening of playing and singing worship music; musical instruments required!)
- Any other ideas...

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Are you a current cantor or choir member? Are you someone who likes to sing? Have you ever thought about helping to sing at one of the many liturgical services throughout the year? Well now is your opportunity to step forth and learn!

Starting in October, Fr. Jay will be leading an informal liturgical music practice on Wednesday evenings. This month, following each of the moleben/akathist services, Fr. Jay will sit down with whoever wishes to attend to go over some basics starting with our Divine Liturgy and funeral service. Over time we will work on learning other services such as the special parts in the Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great and the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.

Even if your singing level is beginner, please come. We are all learning together so that we can pray and offer praise back to our Lord in a beautiful and fitting manner! **Attendance is open to anyone in the district.**



1st Communion Class - 2022 If there are any families with students in the district who are in Grade 2 this year (2021-22) and would like to receive either their First Holy or Solemn Communion, please contact Fr. Jay and let him know. We hope to offer classes throughout the year again, however we do have the opportunity this time around to do them together, in person as opposed to our Zoom format from last year.

If there is also interest in having a catechism class for other students of other ages, please contact Fr. Jay as well and we will set things up.

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11:30AM - Russell
2:00 PM - Shoal Lake



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11:30AM - Olha
2:00 PM - Rossburn

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10AM - Divine Liturgy
+Helen Sytnyk
by Theresa Roy

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2:00 PM - Russell

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Shoal Lake PCH

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Holy and Glorious Great-
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| <p>ROSSBURNUGCC.CA</p> <p>DISTRICT</p> | | <p>01 The Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God Divine Liturgy 10AM - Rosscurn Birthday Blessings for Helen Byskal by Children </p> | <p>02 11AM- Divine Liturgy Mountain Road</p> |
| <p>Divine Liturgy Rosscurn PCH</p> <p>Helen Rosscurn</p> | <p>07 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Helen Sytnyk by Len & Diane Kaston</p> | <p>08 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Stella Nahachewsky by Ken & Joanne </p> | <p>09</p> |
| <p>Parish Russell</p> | <p>14 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Helen Sytnyk by Joe Yanyk</p> | <p>15 10AM - Divine Liturgy +David Melnyk by the Babick Family </p> | <p>16</p> |
| <p>Divine Liturgy Ignowski by Ignowski</p> <p>Parish PCH Helen Oakburn</p> | <p>21 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Helen Sytnyk by Luba Syzon</p> | <p>22 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Helen Sytnyk by Barb & Garry</p> <p>Confessions in Rosscurn 4-7pm </p> | <p>23</p> |
| <p>Divine Liturgy Bell PCH</p> <p>Parish Shoal Lake</p> | <p>28 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Matt Antoniuk by Marion Antoniuk</p> | <p>29 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Andy Byskal by Helen Byskal </p> | <p>30</p> |

Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of October

October 4 - 8

Icon of Our Lord Health and God's blessings for Nick & Gladys Bonchak
Icon of the Theotokos For Health of Helen Byskal by Children

October 11 - 15

Icon of Our Lord God's blessings for souls of Bonchak,
Icon of the Theotokos For health of Walter & Adele by niece and nephews

October 18 - 22

Icon of Our Lord Health & God's blessings for Nick & Gladys Bonchak
Icon of the Theotokos For all parishioners

October 25 - 29

Icon of Our Lord For all parishioners
Icon of the Theotokos For all parishioners

CONFESSIONS will be available in Rossburn this month Friday, October 22nd from 4pm - 7pm. No, Christmas and Easter are not early this year. Regular confession is a good practice for all Catholics. Take advantage of the opportunity when you can. Fr. Jay will be rotating through different areas of the district each month.



On behalf of the entire Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District and neighbouring Neepawa District, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away in our districts over the last month.

Paul Stasiuk (Horod) - September 1

Losing a loved one is never easy, especially during a pandemic. We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.

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COVID-19 UPDATE: Currently (at time of publishing) as per the Province of Manitoba's #RestartMB response system, the province has new restrictions. At the time of publishing, our parishes will reopen to the public at a capacity of 50% or 150 people and will continue to be live-streamed on Sundays. Funerals are allowed to have a maximum of 50 people in attendance (not including clergy, cantor & funeral staff). For further information on church restrictions, please contact Fr. Jay. We look forward to welcoming everyone back!

PROPER DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE STILL MANDATORY IN ALL PARISHES. Please be respectful of these rules that are put in place by the Province of Manitoba.

While we patiently wait for things to resume fully, please remember to stay safe, get vaccinated and pray, pray, pray!

Pray with us online! Did you know that you can access all of

our liturgical services that happen in Rossburn online? Every Sunday and weekday services, as well as other services such as vespers that happen at Sacred Heart Parish in Rossburn are streamed live not only on our Facebook page, but as well on our YouTube channel, allowing those without



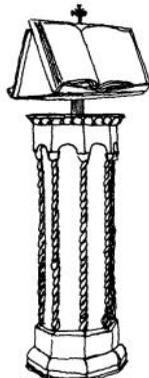
a Facebook account to be able to still access the services. For Facebook, search @[Rossburn.UGCC](#) and on YouTube search: [Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District](#). Now also available on our new website at [rossburnugcc.ca](#)



New Year; New Responsibilities!

As we begin a new liturgical year, there is no better time to get more involved in our parishes! There are many jobs that everyone can help with. Below is a list of jobs that are available in every parish. See something you like or are interested in? Let Fr. Jay know next time you see him or contact him any time!

- Altar servers
- Children of Mary
- Singing
- Reading
- Rosary / Jesus Prayer leading



Opportunities to Pray

There are always multiple times to pray together as a community! Not only do we have Sunday Divine Liturgy every week in three of our parishes, but we also offer Divine Liturgy every Tuesday - Friday at 10am in Rossburn and online. We also have Great Vespers on the eve of every major feast day. Not enough? Timing not right? Reach out to Fr. Jay. If you want to either have other services more frequently or at a different time that's more convenient, let Fr. Jay know and we will see what can be arranged. Options for community prayer are as follows:

Divine Liturgy

Vespers

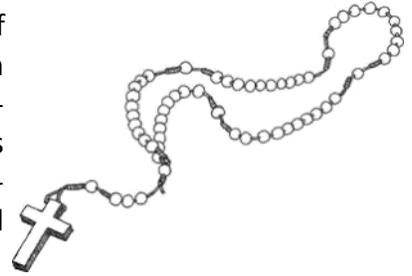
Matins

Rosary / Jesus Prayer

Akathist / Moleben

Deepest Apologies To all parishioners both within the district and beyond, I'd like to offer my apologies for any errors in scheduling of Divine Liturgies and vigil candle requests. Administration is not one of my strongest areas and over the last few months I have misplaced requests, scheduled requests later than requested etc. I have a new system in place and I hope to do better as an administrator. I thank you for your patience and understanding. - Fr. Jay

Rosary around Rossburn Once again, the faithful people of Rossburn will be processing around and throughout the town of Rossburn, praying the rosary and blessing the town with holy water and the presence of the Eucharist. We will begin this time from our parish of Sacred Heart starting shortly after Divine Liturgy in Rossburn on Sunday, October 3rd. All are invited to join. The procession will be in your own cars.



Please remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in our local personal care homes:

Rossburn PCH: Alice Hrubeniuk, Lorne Mushumanski, Bill Kalyniak, Melvin Luhowy, Anne Shust

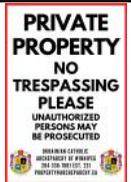
Russell PCH: Frances Snytynski, Anne Snytynski, Shirley, Helen Olynick

Shoal Lake PCH: Helen Kowaluk, Rose Gerelus, Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak, Bill Kalyniak, Penny Mychasiw, Helen Yaskiw, Tony Woychyshyn

Birtle PCH: Peter Kostiuk

**Fr. Jay has monthly services in each of these care homes.*

Reminder that the Private Property signs on our properties are for insurance purpose and at the request of our insurance provider. These are **NOT** meant to keep parishioners and family/friends away from cemeteries. You are all more than welcome to go and visit your loved ones at the cemeteries. Please do not remove!



Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

Sundays: 9am, 11am & 2pm (please refer to calendar for locations)

Weekdays: 10am - Rossburn

Confessions: Prior to Divine Liturgies or by appointment (always available!)

Baptisms & Funerals: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay to arrange.

Weddings: By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay on the parish cell phone for emergencies at 204.773.6594.