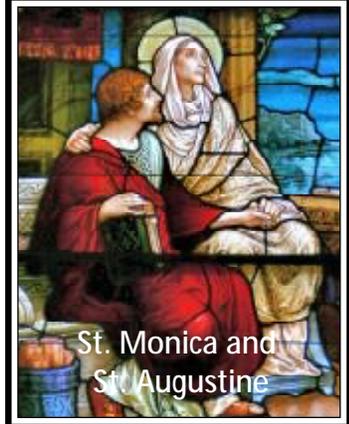


August 25, 2019

21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Tues., Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Wed., Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine  
St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church  
The Passion of St. John the Baptist



St. Monica and St. Augustine



Bishop Colli's  
Schedule  
September 1  
Confirmations:  
in Kakabeka Falls.

**PERMANENT DEACONS: INFORMATION SESSION**

This evening session on September 10 (7 pm to 9 pm) will take place at the Pastoral Centre and will include a brief presentation by Bishop Colli and a video description of the upcoming Formation Program, followed by a time for questions and refreshments. Interested single men and married men with their wives are all welcome to attend. For additional information, call 343-9313 or email [diaconte@dotb.ca](mailto:diaconte@dotb.ca)



**"Wisdom and Works of Mercy "  
A New Retreat in September**

A Small Group Retreat that is transforming, enlightening and absolutely amazing will begin in our Cathedral this Fall. Join us for this 10 session weekly 'journey' that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the Faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives. Then put your Faith into action with group works of mercy.  
Sessions: Monday: 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Dates: Sept. 30 to Dec. 9  
Registration: \$20. Register soon!  
Contact Doug at 708-4143 or at [bumba3712@gmail.com](mailto:bumba3712@gmail.com)



Do you wish to join the Catholic Church this year?

Register now for the R.C.I.A. by calling the Parish Office (622-5389)

**MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST TO RESUME!**

These sessions will resume each month on the first Saturday and will again offer vital inspiration, encouragement, fellowship, and talks addressing topics that strengthen faith, hope and charity.



COME AND JOIN US

Saturday September 7th, from 8:30 am-10:00 am  
St. Patrick's Cathedral Auditorium  
Suggested donation \$5. No registration required.  
For more information, call: Doug (807-708-4143)



**A Quote to Remember**

"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference".  
St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
Polish Priest executed at  
Auschwitz in 1941

**Hamper Sunday: This Weekend**



Your donations this month will support: Thunder Bay Food Bank.  
Special thanks to:  
**Beth and Tom Momot**  
and **David Ronchi** for their help.

# YOU WERE ASKING by Msgr. P. Stilla

**Q.** Why are persons chosen to present the gifts of bread and wine to the Priest or Deacon during Mass on the Lord's Day or at a Funeral?

**A.** The 'Presentation of Gifts' procession at a Funeral Mass or following the collection during weekend Masses, is an age old practice that dates back thousands of years.

### ITS ORIGINS

In the first few centuries of Christianity, Mass was celebrated in the homes of the early Christians and it was the privilege of the host family to provide their own home-made bread and wine to be used in the Eucharistic celebration. The host family was also expected to provide a festive banquet for all present, after the Mass and so, the guests also brought gifts of food and drink for the 'after Mass' meal.

**A CHANGE OF VENUE**  
In 325 A.D., after the building of churches and basilicas by the

Roman Emperor Constantine, Mass was no longer celebrated in family homes. Instead it became a more public and much larger event celebrated in these newly built government buildings. However, although the venue for Mass had changed, the practice of bringing

food and drink remained. THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE Christians at this time were primarily agriculturally based and so the gifts that they brought to the public Mass celebrations were gifts of lambs, poultry, eggs, milk, wine and fresh produce. Since banquets after the Mass celebrations were not as common as they had been in the past, the food offerings that were still presented to

the presiding Priest or Deacons during the Mass, were now given to support the clergy and the assisting ministers.

### FOOD FOR THE POOR

If there was a lot of food offered, the surplus would be distributed to the poor or sold to pay to repair the churches. Despite the many transitions over the centuries, the 'Offering of Gifts Procession' continues to retain its original meaning. As in the past, gifts of bread and wine (and now, the monetary gifts of the people) are still offered. The symbolism is clear: the People offer their gifts to God and God offers the Eucharist to them.



## Catholic Women's League

All parishioners are invited to our September Gathering Date: Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

following the 10:30 Mass A brief meeting will take place, followed by a special presentation and time for fellowship.

Presentation Topic: 'Human Trafficking'

Presenter:

Corporal Stacy Morton, RCMP, Serious & Organized Crime Unit, Thunder Bay Detachment.

You won't want to miss it!!!



## Knights of Columbus



In Support of Our Projects 'Spaghetti and Meat Balls' Take-Out on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 & 6:00 pm Please bring your containers

## PARISH REGISTRATION & CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please register me (and the members of our family) in the Cathedral Parish.

Name

Address

Telephone or E-Mail

We have moved from:

to:

We would like Collection envelopes:  Yes  No