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Sights and Sounds

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For the Month of August

Birthdays

August 6 Bro. Don Claerhout
August 11 Fr. Maurice Schroeder

Final Vows

August 5 Sr. Margaret Dick (55)

Perpetual Vows

August 22 Bro. Harley Mapes (31)

Priesthood

August 5 Fr. John Zunti (30)

First Vows

August 1 Fr. Mark Blom (23)
August 7 Fr. Eugene Warnke (41)
Fr. Eugene Whyte (41)
August 15 Fr. Tony Schmidt (71)
Fr. Ed MacNeil (57)
Fr. Glenn Zimmer (52)
August 20 Bro. Harley Mapes (38)
August 22 Sr. Margaret Dick (60)
Fr. Doug Jeffrey (42)

Upcoming Events:

- Lynn Ryan will be ordained Permanent Deacon on Thursday, August 10, at St Michael Church, Prince Albert, SK, at 7:00pm.

News from Trinity Manor:

- The next coffee gathering will be Thursday, August 3rd.

Fr. Wendelin Rolheiser's birthday party
(submitted by Fr. Eugene Whyte)

After celebrating mass and being encouraged to go and proclaim the good news that the Kingdom of God is near, we (Fr. Wendelin, Fr. Eugene and Fr. Maria Robert) went to the local greasy spoon squared and feasted on Wendelin's favourite chicken strips, and BLT for myself and Maria Robert. Warm water was the beverage of choice although the young fellow wanted some 7UP. Teenagers! Much discussion followed with other patrons of the eatery, on the merits and otherwise of the Oilers, Maple Leafs and the Blue Jays, on account of Wendelin's cap, and of course we did not omit the man of the hour, the great Donald?

The party then left the restaurant and migrated to the rectory for dessert. The cake was eventually cut by Wendelin and French Vanilla ice cream helped make the cake easily go down. Then it was time for the cards and the presents! Such excitement! Wendelin was very pleased with the plastic bat and baseballs to play his favourite game in the halls of Trinity. A balloon blowing contest ensued, and the clear winner was Maria Robert. His unique sideways assault led to several very large balloons that we then proceeded to bat around to each other until they came to a loud untimely end. Only Wendelin's blue balloon survived the melee. Eugene came a distant third in the contest. His green balloon got away from him and is probably still skimming over the lake at Buffalo.

The party was celebrated 11 days early as we cannot be together on the actual day (July 24th).

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***Dan Lamoureux, Oblate Associate Becomes Permanent Deacon***

*(submitted by Fr. Doug Jeffrey)*

*On Friday, July 14, at 7:00 pm, at the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Cutknife, SK, Bishop Albert Thevenot, (Missionary of Africa) ordained Daniel Lamoureux as a permanent deacon. Dan joins Gil Bellavance and Brad Taylor (also Oblate Associates) as permanent deacons in the Diocese of Prince Albert.*

*Prior to the ordination mass the people of the parish provided a lunch for those who were in need of a little sustenance and refreshment after their travels. Family, friends, clergy and Oblates gathered from across Saskatchewan to pray and to visit, giving thanks and celebrating the work of God. As the notes of "Be Not Afraid" sounded in the Church a lengthy procession wound its way into the Church through the honour guard of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus who had come from the Battlefords' area. As the Word of God was proclaimed we listened to words of instruction and promise, challenge and encouragement. Following various ritual exchanges, which made manifest Dan's freedom, intention, preparation and commitment to ordination, the Bishop broke open God's Word. His reflections reminded us of our*

*Christian call to service and they highlighted what is of the essence in diaconal ministry: love and service.*

*Bishop Albert's words were followed by the call to prayer. Becker's Litany of the Saints, which featured the traditional list of saints, was supplemented by saints who have influenced the spirituality and vision of Dan. The community's strong response resounded in the Church and made manifest our desire for God to bless this man and the people he will serve. The Promise of Obedience, the Laying on of Hands, the Prayer of Consecration, the Investiture of the Stole and Dalmatic, the Presentation of the Book of the Gospels and the Kiss of Peace brought to a conclusion the ordination rite. Dan, who has served many liturgies as Acolyte, assisted Deacon Gil Bellavance and Bishop Thevenot, throughout the remainder of the liturgy.*

*As the liturgy concluded Dan used Mary's words from the Magnificat to express his feelings of gratitude. Speaking in Cree he reached out to those whom he is being sent to serve. Following his ordination he will be working with Deacon Gil Bellavance and will be assigned to the Sweetgrass, Mosquito, Red Pheasant and Poundmaker Reserves located near Battleford and Cut Knife. It is interesting to note that these communities were in the care of the Missionary Oblates for many years. May the poor hear Good News as these two Oblate Associates team up! May their work prosper!*

*Following the liturgy, pictures were taken, greetings were exchanged and food and refreshments were enjoyed. Bill Stang, OMI, Superior of the Oblate District Community in Saskatchewan, congratulated Dan on behalf of the Oblate community. As is the custom for significant Oblate moments the Oblate women and men who were present led the community in singing the Salve Regina.*

*After some basic clean-up we returned to the Prairie Flower House of Prayer and gathered for a little celebration of our own, noting that this ordination marks a change in our little community. With gratitude we acknowledged what God has done and is doing. We again prayed in thanksgiving for Dan's call, his generous commitment, his family and the people with whom he will work and to whom he is sent!*



Janice Lamoureux, Deacon Dan Lamoureux and Bishop Albert Thévenot



**Celebrating Archbishop Adam Exner's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**  
(submitted by Karen Sax, Oblate Associate)

David and I drove to St. Mary's Church in Grayson to a blessed Oblate & family celebration: my Mom's cousin, Archbishop Adam Exner, celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. Very special day too, seeing Ken Forrester and Glenn Zimmer as fellow Oblates to talk before Mass and then accompanying "the local boy" down the aisle St. Mary's. Ken's sermon was a real invitation to remember the gift of St. Eugene with his brother Adam's service these 60+ years. Another highlight was the sweet and I say even old-fashioned presentation in the basement afterwards, in the "Archbishop Adam Exner Auditorium." Archbishop Adam has been an icon to the German community of relatives and friends for many decades, you could tell. And he responded in thanksgiving for the good times and tough times both. The love, pride and thanksgiving were very much evident. We were proud to wear our Oblate crosses at the celebration.



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