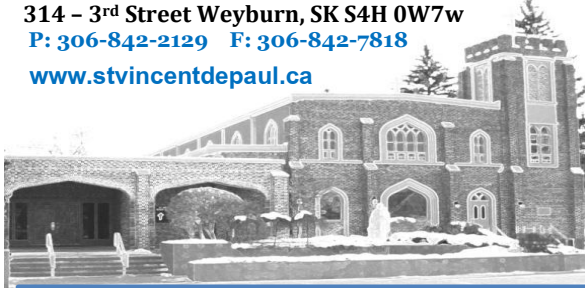


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Lord's Day Eucharist:

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30 - 12:00 Sat. 4:00 - 4:40

Mission: St. Mary's - Tribune - Sat. 7 pm

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30- 4:30 Friday 8-4

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Youth Ministry Team: Paula Reich **Hall Convener:** Angelo Fresnido 842-4481 **Caretaker:** Rani Roettger

Sacraments Baptism & RCIA: Contact the office **Matrimony:** Contact Fr. Francis at least 6 months prior to wedding



GOOD NEWS: How conversion happens

Conversion to Christ is a process. The blind man in the Gospel reading exemplifies this journey into faith. Notice that at first he did not go to Jesus. Jesus came to him. The man responded by waiting to see what would happen and then by obeying Jesus.

Conversion begins when Jesus seeks us out and we make ourselves available to his touch. He then opens our eyes to the truth, but we don't immediately understand.

When the man's neighbors asked about his cure, he did not yet understand who Jesus was; he thought of him as just a man.

Then, the pressure of listening to the Pharisees argue about who Jesus was caused him to give it more thought. He concluded that Jesus must be a prophet, which for the Jews was a highly esteemed, holy vocation.

Next, as the Pharisees treated him more roughly and raised the possibility of expelling him from the synagogue if he claimed that Jesus was the Christ, he began to wonder whether it might be true. Their reasons for hating Jesus became the eye-openers that cured his spiritual blindness.

Finally, Jesus sought him out again, this time to minister to him in response to the mistreatment he had suffered from the Pharisees. In this act of caring, the man could see who Jesus really was.

Conversion -- the purification of our spiritual vision -- takes place in the fire of our sufferings as we recognize the love and concern that God has for us.

Questions for Personal Reflection: Name the areas of your life where there is confusion from a lack of understanding. Perhaps you're having a hard time seeing the good in someone. Maybe you're worried about the future. What will you do this week that will help you see it from God's perspective?



Welcome Visitors & New Parish Members!

New parishioners are asked to please be sure to fill out a new parishioner form – located in the foyer!



Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Jean & Mickey Woodard who will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on March 31, 2017!

Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations

Mon.	Mar. 27	7:00 PM – Roy Loos+
Tues.	Mar. 28	9:00 AM – Katherine Souster
Wed.	Mar. 29	9:00 AM – Alice Kot
Thurs.	Mar. 30	9:00 AM – Gennie Girardin
Fri.	Mar. 31	7:00 PM – Valda Goski+
Sat.	Apr. 01	10:00 AM (Tatagwa View) 5:00 PM – Gerald Bethell+ 7:00 PM - (St. Mary's)
Sun.	Apr. 02	9:00 AM – Peter Wodzinski+ 11:00 AM

Readings for 5th Sunday of Lent:

Ezekiel 37.14-14
Romans 8.8-11
John 11.1-45



God of love and hope be with us as we ask for your blessing on those who are in need of our prayers, especially:

Michelle Kapell, Wanda Dorosz, Darren Polasek, Stan Mickalishen, Jeannie Lemieux, Don Sturgeon, Michael Clemens, Laurette Fradette, Eileen Walkeden, Carmelo Lozada Clase, Lynn Koloski, Tom Deutscher, Joe Maas, Roy Sidlo-ski, Graham Dean, Yvonne McNeil, Alex Halyk, Tanis VanDeSype, Tony Seitz, Rose Schultz, Ida Hoffart, Joanne Wormsbecker, Larry Stadler, Alice Kot, Vic Tremblay.



Please be sure to call the parish office if you have a family member in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit and / or would like to have a family member included on our prayer list.



Please join us for the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent @ 6:30 PM. The Rosary will be prayed at 6 PM and Mass will be celebrated after the Stations.



Lenten Soup-er Fridays – sponsored by P.L.U.R.A. churches, will be held at **Grace United Church** on Fridays throughout Lent. There will be a brief worship service with singing and mediation, followed by a light lunch donated by participating churches. Everyone is welcome. A free will offering will be taken. Mar. 31 – Knox Presbyterian, Apr. 7 – Grace Untied.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE



A Lenten Penitential Celebration will be held on **Wednesday, April 5th** beginning at 6:30 PM. Priests from the Weyburn Deanery will be in attendance to hear confessions.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we encounter Jesus Christ, who after rising from the dead breathed the Holy Spirit on his Apostles – the first priests – and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name (Jn 20:23). The Heart of Christ burns with love for us and He wants us to experience his immense and unfathomable mercy by confessing our sins and receiving His forgiveness. This Sacrament gives us the consolation of God's pardon and strengthens our relationship with Christ and His Church.

Please pick up "A Guide to Confession" pamphlet from the foyer and plan to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation this Lent!



Sr. Acolytes – we will be needing the service of many Sr. Acolytes throughout Holy Week celebrations. Fr. Francis would like all those that will be signing up to serve during Holy Week to join him for a practice on **Thursday, April 6th at 7 PM.**



Why would anyone be Catholic? The Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation committee has purchased a copy of *Convinced: why would anyone be Catholic?* The documentary follows the stories of several converts to the Catholic faith as they journey from skepticism to belief. Contains interviews with Jennifer Fulwiler, Jeff Cavins, Scott Hahn and many others. An inspiring and challenging message for anyone asking the question "Why be Catholic?" Now available for loan from the parish library. 85 minutes, produced in 2015.



The Sunday 11 AM Mass Choir is going to practice each Tuesday, 3:30PM, at the church for each of the following Tuesdays: March 28, April 4, April 11, and April 18, in preparation for Palm Sunday, Easter Vigil and Divine Mercy Sunday. Newcomers of all ages are always welcome. Perhaps this is the only time commitment that you can make in the year. Give it a try! Come join us!



Drivers are needed to help bring the Warda family to the **11 AM Mass on Sundays**. A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer. Thank you in advance!

The Parish AGM will be held on **Sunday, March 26th**, following the 11 AM Mass. Please join us for lunch at the hall, with meeting to follow. AGM booklets can be picked up in the church foyer.



Parish Council seeking new members. The terms of **FOUR** Parish Councillors are ending this month and Parish Council is actively seeking new members. This is your opportunity to be a leader in our Parish community. Please prayerfully consider if you, or someone you know, may be called to serve in this capacity. More information on what Council does along with nomination forms are available for pick up from the church foyer.

CWL – A reminder of the 94th Annual Diocesan CWL Convention in Shaunavon on **Sunday, April 23rd and Monday, April 24th**. Registration begins at 1:30 PM and Fr. Ed Hengen will celebrate Opening Mass at 4:00 pm at Christ the King Parish. Fellowship, banquet and Guest Speaker – Carla Carlson, speaking on “Everyday Grace” – will follow Mass. Monday’s events will include, meetings, election, guest Speaker Archbishop Donald J. Bolen and much more! To register, please contact Camille Goski at 306-842-0321. Deadline for registration is April 1, 2017.



K of C – The general meeting will be held on **Monday, March 27th**. Please join us for Mass at 7 PM at the church and meeting to follow at McKenna Hall.



Buy – A – Shingle: Thank you for your generous donations totaling **\$47,434.55!** Donations for the roof fund will graciously be **accepted until the end of March 2017.**

Funeral Lunch Groups: The following groups are next in line for upcoming funerals: Marilyn & Ev, Rose & Emily and Shirley & Theresa.



Chrism Mass will be held on **Tuesday, April 4 @ 7:00 PM** at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina. Archbishop Don Bolen has extended an invitation to all parishioners in the Archdiocese to partake in this special celebration, especially those involved in parish ministries.



5/6 Club meets Weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 pm **7-9 Club** meets Weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8 pm.
Spiritual Paint Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 4-5 pm in the Youth Room.
Youth Service Team meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 4 - 5 pm in the Youth Room.
The Teen Timeline Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 4-5 pm in the Youth Room.

Responding to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide - A series of short locally-prepared videos about “Finding the Gifts in a World of Choices” was produced in Saskatchewan under the direction of the Saskatchewan bishops’ advisory committee, thanks to financial support from the Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation. The first two videos – one focused on Palliative Care and another focused on Care for the Elderly – can be found online on the Archdiocese of Regina website, Reverence for Life page: <https://archregina.sk.ca/pastoral-services/reverence-life>

‘Springtime of the Faith’ Course Series: Each Spring in Bruno, SK St. Therese Institute in offers a series of week-long courses on various topics (ex. Theology of Evangelization, Ignatian Discernment, etc.) that are available for all who is seeking deeper faith formation, a place of peace and holiness to encounter God, and to be equipped to for the New Evangelization. Cost per week is \$395 - visit www.St-T.ca/SOTF or call 306-369-2555 for more details.

Theology of the Body Conference: April 30 to May 4 St. Therese Institute invites you to join them in Bruno, SK for a Theology of the Body conference led by internationally renowned speaker and author Christopher West. This unique approach to John Paul II’s teaching includes reflections on St. Thérèse of Lisieux that Christopher West only teaches at St. Therese Institute! Early bird rate is \$445 – visit www.St-T.ca/TOB or call 306-369-2555 for more details.


Parish Council Co-Chairpersons – Lynn Colquhoun and Ken Kot **Parish Finance Chairperson** – Marcy Labbie

Parish Council Members: Omer Marcotte, Bernie Kot, James Richards, Lynn Colquhoun, Pat Wolensky, Ken Kot, Don Vatamaniuk, Jim Wanner. **Parish Council meets on the last Thursday of each month, excluding July.**

K of C Grand Knight: Randy Schiller (861-1863) **K of C Faithful Navigator:** Jim Wanner (842-4014)

Weyburn K of C Mtgs: Executive & Directors – 2nd Monday of every month, General Mtg. – 4th Monday of every month (Sept.-June)

CWL President: Fran Messer (842-6259) **Weyburn CWL** – General Meeting – 3rd Monday of every month (Sept. – June)

			
Stewardship of Time & Talent for March 25 & 26			
	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:00 AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
Readers	Merle St. Onge	Connie Regier Shannon Tuchscherer	Ron Wormsbecker Ingri Roman
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Loos Margaret Tuchscherer Bruno Tuchscherer VACANT Grant Marcotte Roberto Roman Kim Haupstein	Cecile Sellinger Lavine Stepp Chris Marcotte VACANT Samuel Ferguson Jean Woodard Susan Kot	Bonnie Sidloski Camille Goski VACANT Judy VanBetuw Val Wing Helene Gordon Danette Tracey
Acolytes		Don Bohn, Frank Porte	Bonnie Sidloski, Camille Goski
Children's Liturgy	Joan Marcotte-Davies	Tara Kurtz	Michelle Walkeden
Power Point	Steve Zackrisson	Carole Milo	Bonnie Sidloski
Hospitality	Mike & Darla Moser, Jim Wanner, Rhonda Baudria, Jean Reich	Frank & Eveline Porte, Sami & Joe Ballenas, Harry Jensen & Elaine Gray Hilarion Pohl	Norm Mondor, Al Pitre Joe Glab, Sheldon LeBlanc Roberto Roman
Counters Dave Creurer, Rob Labbie, Darren Woodard			
Stewardship of Time & Talent for April 1 & 2			
	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:00 AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
Readers	Janice Seitz	Claire Kuhn Lynn Colquhoun	Sandra Marcotte Marilyn Schuck
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Miller Christ Masniuk Audrey Trombley Camille Goski Lynne Garner Bernice Driscoll VACANT	Theresa Istace Cherise Hein Bonita Larson Stan Zaluski Audrey Rydzik Pat Wolensky Dianne Voz	Mel Van Betuw Ken LeBlanc VACANT Marga Cugnet Gordon Rutten Aime Isabey Dorothy Rist
Acolytes		Bruno Tuchscherer Richard Wick	Mel Van Betuw Ken LeBlanc
Children's Liturgy		Carol Storey	Cody Vilcu
Power Point	Youth	Barry Britz	Crooks Family
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Bonnie & Frank Kaip Doreen Franko, Bernice Driscoll	Colquhoun family, Yvonne Kerr Omer & Chris Marcotte	Judy & Mel VanBetuw, Gordon Rutten Danette & Calvin Tracey
Counters: Randy Schiller, Janet Schiller, Vic Plante, Jean Reich			

Thank you for finding a sub to fill in when you cannot be here!



“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.”
1 Samuel 16:7
How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.