

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH



## Lord's Day Eucharist:

**Saturday 5 pm**  
**Sunday 9 am**  
**Sunday 11 am**



**Mission: St. Mary's,  
Tribune – Saturday 7 pm**  
**Reconciliation: Friday 11:30-12 pm**  
**Saturday. 4:30-5 pm**

*First Sunday in lent*  
*February 17 & 18, 2024*

## **Good News Reflection; Wrestling with temptation.**

This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us the first thing that Jesus did after his baptismal anointing in the Jordan River: He wrestled with temptation.

His baptism had marked the moment of his complete surrender to the Father's will. As he arose from the water, he left behind his old life and began a new life of ministry.

The Father responded by telling him that he was very pleased, and the Holy Spirit filled his humanness. Jesus as God already had the Holy Spirit (one-hundred percent), he and the Spirit were the same God), but Jesus the Son, who was also fully human, now came fully alive in the Spirit. We can imagine how this experience in the Jordan River gave him the feeling of an elated spiritual high. And the next thing that happens is an attack of the devil.

The same pattern repeats itself in our lives. As soon as we experience new growth in our faith, or a new purpose for our faith with a calling to do the Father's will in a wonderful new work of God's kingdom, we run smack into a situation that tests the strength and sincerity of our faith. However, if this didn't happen, how would we know that our faith is strong enough for our daily needs? How would we find out that we've spiritually matured? How would we know that we are ready to make a significant difference for the kingdom of God?

Sometimes without consciously thinking it, we decide that new growth isn't worth the aftermath. If we're going to be tested, and if we fear that we might lose our battle against evil, wouldn't it be better not to grow, not to partner with Christ in serving God's kingdom, not to aim for spiritual highs?

Well, that's another temptation! Lent is the perfect time to examine the temptations that we face every day and turn them into new growth that will strengthen our faith.

Every time we face a sin and seek God's forgiveness, we become stronger. And if we take it a step farther by walking into the confessional with it, we also receive powerful graces directly from Jesus, through the priest, that will render temptations much more powerless.

And this makes us more useful to God in the mission of conquering evil in the world and helping his kingdom spread into the lives of the people around us. Think of temptations as blessings in disguise: Use them as opportunities to purify your life, become more like Jesus, and grow powerful in the faith.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** How well do you recognize temptation? How quickly do you rely on the faith that God has given you to say no to the devil's tricks? What temptation are you saying yes to right now? Are you willing to give it up as your Lenten sacrifice?

## Upcoming Celebrations

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<b>Sat.</b>	Feb. 17	10 AM Tatagwa 5 PM Mass 7 PM St Mary's	Lucien Isabey + All Married Couples Int. Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb. 18	9 AM Mass 11 AM Mass	All Married Couples Int. Procopio J. Nogaliza +
<b>Mon.</b>	Feb. 19	No Mass	
<b>Tues.</b>	Feb. 20	6:30 PM Mass	Braxton Kot Int.
<b>Wed.</b>	Feb. 21	9 AM Mass	Claire Kuhn Int.
<b>Thur.</b>	Feb. 22	9 AM Mass 10 AM Midtown	Jeannette Johner + Theresa Sidloski Int.
<b>Fri.</b>	Feb. 23	9:30 WSCH 6:30 PM 7 PM Mass	The Virgin Mary Stations of the Cross Anna Johner +
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb. 24	10 AM Tatagwa 5 PM Mass 7 PM St. Mary's	Chris Skoloda + Adam Ziegler + Hannah Souster Int.
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb. 25	9 AM Mass 11 AM Mass	Dane Ernst+ Aaron & Tiffany Bohn and Family Int.

### The "Alpha" Program will run through to Mar.

**20!** Wednesday evenings at, 5:30 pm in the Church basement. Free suppers included. Alpha helps create a space where people can explore basic questions about Christian faith. Open to all Faiths. Please contact the office (306) 842-2129 to register!



**Pastoral Care** – if you or someone you know is housebound or in the Weyburn General Hospital and would like to receive Holy

Communion, a pastoral visit or be included in the prayers of the faithful read during Mass please call the parish office to notify us. Also, more volunteers are needed to help with the care homes. Training will be provided. Call the parish office for more information. 306-842-2129

**Pray:** I ask You today, Lord, to face all those temptations that are too difficult for me to resist. Only You can defeat them in me, I only say 'yes' to Your will. Amen.



**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday evening at 6:30PM during Lent, followed by Mass. There will not be a noon mass. A sign-up sheet for ministries to lead is at the back of the church.

### First Sunday in Lent



Genesis 9:8-15  
Ps 25:4-9  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15



### **Heavenly Father,**

direct your healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will? restore them to full health.

We call them by name: **Lloyd Kerowatski, Amanda Kopec, Angie Kater, Verna Reiss,** and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of **Jim Wanner and Dale Carlson.** The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.



### The CWL will be holding the Annual Meeting of Members

and a shortened General meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20 beginning at 7:00 pm. There will be a Mass at 6:30 prior to the meeting. This is an important meeting as we will be voting on the budget for 2023. We hope to see a big turnout for this meeting.

Just a friendly reminder for CWL members who haven't yet paid for 2023. CWL fees of \$40 are now due. Please put fees in an envelope clearly labelled "CWL FEES" and place them in the collection basket at Church. Fees can also be dropped off at the Church office. Etransfer is also an option. Please send etransfers to Wendy at 306-861-3473. Deadline was January 31.



**Chrism Mass:** The Chrism Mass will be held on Monday, March 18 at 2:00 PM at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina with Archbishop Donald Bolen officiating.

## Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the foyer!

As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the office.

### Stewardship Bulletin Bit ; 1st Sunday of Lent

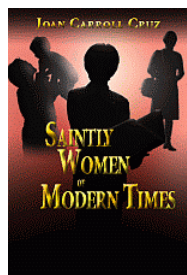
*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14*

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



**The Next Baptism Preparation Class** is scheduled for Saturday **May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please phone the office to register!

**The Art and Décor Committee** welcome any donations of artificial green plants. If anyone has any to donate they would be greatly appreciated.



**Sainly women of modern times by Joan Carol Cruz** Whatever your vocation in life, you are called to be a Saint. In the pages of this book you will discover the lives of 75 ordinary, yet still remarkable, women who lived and died for Christ. Professors, nurses, artists, activists, teachers,

stay-at-home mothers, wives, widows, rich and poor, the lives of these saintly women prove the way to holiness can take many paths. What will your route to Sainthood be? Now available in the Parish Library. *Pro libris!*

### **Lent is a great season to make new efforts in our relationship with God. But how should we pray during Lent?**

"There are some ways we can specifically grow in our relationship with God during the Lenten season.

One way is by praying the Stations of the Cross. During the Lenten season, it's really beautiful to accompany Jesus in his suffering, to accompany Jesus in his Passion.

Another way that you can pray during this season is by reciting the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary. Again, they cover the Passion of Christ.

Or go directly to the Scriptures and read the stories of Jesus himself fasting and praying for 40 days.

As we ourselves are engaging in fasting, we might be tempted to give up. One of the gifts of reading with lectio divina is the passages of Jesus himself, who went to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days.

In everything he said and everything he did, he saw the Father. When we pray, we see Jesus, who's the image of God the Father. We can see him and do what he said, do what he did.

We can imitate the Lord through lectio divina during the Lenten season."

**Lectio Divina** is a method of praying the Scriptures. What better way to get to know God than by spending time with God's spoken word?

The practice of lectio divina traces its roots back to the early centuries in the Church. By the sixth century, St. Benedict had made it a regular practice in most monasteries. And while in its beginnings this prayer method was set aside for monks and religious, today lectio divina is a widely held practice by many laymen and laywomen.

Lectio divina is a slow, rhythmic reading and praying of a Scripture passage. You pick a passage and read it. Notice what arises within you as you read it. Then you read it again, and then again, noticing what words and phrases grab your heart and noticing the feelings that arise. You respond to God about whatever is stirring within as you read and pray with the passage. Finally, you rest and let God respond and speak to you.

## Stewardship Time & Talent- February 17 & 18, 2024

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM
<b>Readers</b>	Derek & Patricia Redman	Patsy Ernst	Val Wing Jennifer Woodard
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Rose Loos Mary Ann Piwarski Kim Haupstein	Pat Wolensky Theresa Istace	Carol Toles Marga Cugnet Aime Isabey
<b>Acolytes</b>	Armand Delanoy Peter Richards Maggie Richards	Chris Dayaan Richard Wick	Mel Van Betuw Dave Alcalde Austin Davies
<b>Power Point</b>	Vacant	Gerry Langlois	Vacant
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bernice Driscoll Ev Corbin Heather Fellner Ruby Gandianco	Roseann Mantei Willie & Adele Nimegeers Audrey Michel Betty Herlick	Judy & Mel VanBetuw Danette & Calvin Tracey Gordon Rутten
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Karla Ernst
<b>Counters</b>	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten, Frank & Bonnie Kaip		

## Stewardship of Time & Talent February 24 & 25, 2024

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM
<b>Readers</b>	Lloyd Zyla	Stafford Nimegeers Dolores Herring	Theresa Istace Ingri Roman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cecile Sellinger	Susan Kot Jean Woodrad	Shirley Mondor Gary Sidloski Sheldon LeBlanc Connie Regier
<b>Acolytes</b>	Bruno Tuchscherer Zeus Hinlayagan Charlie Ernst	Aime Isabey Ron Klein	Ken LeBlanc Chimdalul Ejiofor Kamsi Ejiofor
<b>Power Point</b>	Vacant	Gerry Langlois	Vacant
<b>Hospitality</b>	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Frank & Bonnie Kaip	Frank & Eveline Porte Jim Parsons Ron & Josie Klein	Ron Wormsbecker Aime Isabey Loretta Benning
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Tiffany/Emily
<b>Counters</b>	Dave Creurer, Rob Labbie, Darren Woodard		

**Parish Council Members: Chair** - Marga Cugnet, Sarah Ayeri, Brenda Kosior, Jim Wanner, Wendy Sidloski, Bernice Driscoll, **Deanery Rep.** - Pat Wolensky, **Secretary** – Val Wing/Tiffany Bohn, **Parish Finance Chairperson** – Pamela Haupstein, **CWL Rep.** - Judy Van Betuw,- **K of C Rep.**- Aime Isabey/Richard Wick, **SAFF**- Camille Goski, **Stewardship**- Elaine Nielsen, **Social Justice**- Wendy Sidloski, **Building & Grounds** - Mel Van Betuw, **Liturgy** - Jean Wagner

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**Weyburn K of C Meetings:** (Sept.-June) Exec & Directors – 2nd **Tuesday** of the month,  
Gen Mtg. – 4th **Tuesday** of the month

**CWL President:** Judy Van Betuw (861-3241) **CWL Meetings:** (Sept. – June)  
Exec Mtg. – 2nd **Tuesday** of month Gen Mtg. – 3rd **Tuesday** of month

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**Sacraments: Baptism and Reconciliation** – Contact the parish office

**Matrimony** – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior.

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