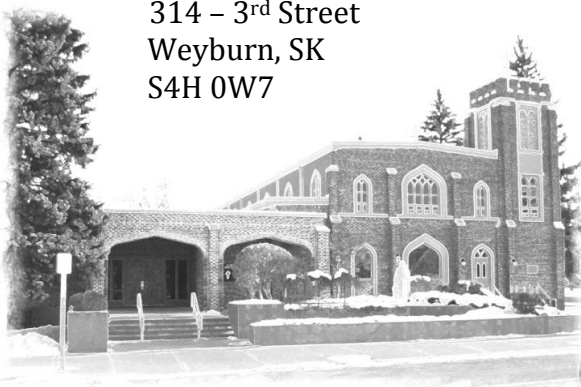


St. Vincent de Paul

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Sacraments

Baptism: Contact the office
Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30 – 12:00
Sat. 4:00 – 4:40
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Weyburn K of C Mtgs: Executive & Directors – 2nd Monday of every month, General Mtg. – 4th Monday of every month (Sept.-June)
Weyburn CWL – General Meeting – 3rd Monday of every month (Sept. – June)

Good News!

Today is called “Gaudete” Sunday because today’s Mass begins with the opening antiphon, “Gaudete in Domino semper” (“Rejoice in the Lord always”). Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus, as our Savior. The theme of the third Sunday of Advent is rejoicing in hope. Advent is a time for joy, not only because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but also because God is already in our midst. Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain or trouble, but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls.

In today’s first reading, the prophet Zephaniah says, "Shout for joy, O Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel." Zephaniah made this prophetic proclamation at the height of the Jewish exile when things appeared hopeless and unbearable. The instruction is repeated in the response to the Psalm, "Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

St. Paul echoes the same message of joy in the second reading, taken from his letter to the Philippians: “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice... The Lord is in your midst... Fear not... be not discouraged... The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all...” Paul was imprisoned when he made this appeal for rejoicing.

In the gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as wholehearted commitment to God’s way by doing His will. A sad Christian is a contradiction in terms. According to the Baptizer, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good to others and sharing our blessings with others. John’s call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. Repentance means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. Filled with joyful expectation that the Messiah was near, the people asked John, “What should we do?” He told them to act with justice, charity and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation.

For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggested.

(Source: Homilies of Fr. Anthony Kadavil)



Third Sunday of Advent
December 12 & 13, 2015



Eucharistic Services				Intentions
Mon.	Dec. 14	9:00 AM		Hewitt family+
Tues.	Dec. 15	9:00 AM		Don Sturgeon
Wed.	Dec. 16	9:00 AM		Souls in Purgatory+
		7:00 PM		
Thurs.	Dec. 17	9:00 AM		Roy Chuckry+
Fri.	Dec. 18	12:10 PM		Thanksgiving
Sat.	Dec. 19	8:00 AM		Repose of Souls+
		10:00 AM	Mass at Tatagwa View	Souls in Purgatory+
		5:00 PM		Roy Chuckry+
Sun.	Dec. 20	9:00 AM		John Diemert+
		10:45 AM		
St. Mary's				
Sunday	Dec. 20	12:30 PM		Owen Ashworth

Adoration



Welcome Visitors & New Parish Members!

New parishioners are asked to complete a "New Parishioner" form, located on the table in the foyer.
Thank you!

Dec. 20th Readings

Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

Christmas & New Year's Eucharist Celebrations

St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, December 24 @ 7PM & 11 PM
Friday, December 25 @ 10:00 AM
Thursday, December 31 @ 5 PM
Friday, January 1 @ 9 AM

St. Mary's

Thursday, December 24 @ 9 PM
Friday, January 1 @ 11:00 AM



Please see the signup sheets for various ministries throughout the Christmas season. Thank You!



Banns for Ordination

Mr. Tavis Reginald Goski is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Ottawa on December 20, 2015 at Holy Redeemer Church, Kanata. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.



Donation envelopes for the year 2016 are now ready for pick up on the back tables. Please do not use them until January 1st! Please note that the church also has the option of monthly preauthorized giving if you would prefer to support the church through this method. If you would like to begin using envelopes please call the office ASAP.



Sandy Bay— Thank you so much for the very generous donations!! Everything has now been shipped and we will not be taking any further donations at this time. If you have clothes to donate we encourage you to take them to the Salvation Army or hold onto them until we announce that we are again accepting donations.



An Empty Manger – We want Baby Jesus to have a comfortable soft bed to lay down His sweet head on Christmas morning. Bags of straw with an explanation attached were handed out at St. Michael School for PreK – Gr. 3. Bags are available in the church foyer for preschoolers. This Advent project is sure to help all of us have a much more meaningful Advent & Christmas!



The Knights of Columbus, Weyburn will host a **Christmas Party on Monday, December 14th, 2015** at McKenna Hall. Social at 6 PM. Supper at 7 PM (\$25.00/ person)-Turkey and all the fixins. Entertainment to follow. Any questions please call Armand Delanoy at 306-848-0377.

K of C General Meeting – Dec. 22 Mass @ 7 PM and meeting to follow at 7:30 PM.

Thank You



The 2015 CWL Christmas Party was very successful thanks to countless hours of planning and many helping hands. We would like to say thank you to everyone for sharing your evening with us, buying raffle tickets, donating to our Special Christmas Collection and thanks for the entertainment of The Net Team and Vic Messer leading our Christmas Story skit. Our gratitude goes out to the businesses and parishioners who have contributed to our prizes each and every year. Without their help, we would not be able to raise money for our charitable donations, locally, provincially and nationally. **Congratulations to the winners: Irene Marcotte** - \$200.00 gift card from Prairie Sky Co-Op Assoc. Ltd., **Josephine Martin** - \$100.00 gift card from Maurer's Meats Ltd., **Eveline Porte** - Gift basket from Peavey Mart, **Jacelyn Williams** - Gift basket from Pharmasave, **Carol Storey** - Xmas Décor from Canadian Wholesale Club, **Norah Thiessen** - Oak occasional table crafted by Mel Vandesype, **Valda Goski** - Afghan handcrafted by and in memory of Florence Dalgliesh

REMINDER: CWL memberships for 2016 (\$30) need to be paid to the National Council very soon. If you have not paid your membership yet please place it in the collection basket marked "CWL Dues" or drop it off at the Church office. Thank you!!



St. Mary's Christmas Pot Luck Dinner: Sunday, December 20th following 12:30 pm Mass. Remember Father Gerry's Hamper. CWL Memberships are due. Please pay Marie \$30. Thanks! Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: Only at 65% of parish goal so please make your donation soon.



Christmas Collection - if there is anyone wishing to help count the Christmas collection it would be greatly appreciated!! It will take place on Saturday, December 26th. Please leave your name at the office. Thank you!!



Calling all young ladies and young men between the ages of 20-40. Small groups are being offered in this parish and are meant to be a time of fellowship and provide a warm environment for those in the 20-40 year age group. Small groups are an amazing way to build relationships, experience a deepening of faith and form healthy and holy friendships. The next ladies group will meet on **Sunday, December 20th @ 7 PM** in the Slezak Room.



Eucharistic Schedules were placed in the pamphlet rack several weeks ago. Some copies went astray so more blank copies have been placed in the rack. If you haven't picked one up yet please do so. Sorry for the inconvenience this has caused some parishioners.



Missals for the new liturgical year can be purchased for \$3.00 or \$7.00 for youth - perfect for youngsters wanting to follow along with the Mass and at the same time help them to grow closer to Jesus!

Religious Art Calendars for 2016 are available from the foyer. A free will offering will be taken to help cover the costs (\$7.00) of the calendars.



Christmas Decorators Needed!! Please lend a hand to help decorate for the Christmas season!!
Wednesday, **December 23rd @ 1:00 PM**. Many hands make light work!



The Following Funeral Lunch teams will be called first to serve the next funeral lunches: T3 (Shirley), T4 (Marilyn & Ev), T6 (Doreen & Joan).



Calling all youth!!! 5/6 Club – Tuesday, **December 15-** 6:30 - 8 pm, for Tweens in grade 5 and 6!! See you there! Bring a friend! 7&up!Club – Wednesday, **December 16-** 6:30 - 8 pm. For youth grades 7 and up! See you there! Next club meeting dates will be in January.



A **New Hospitality Schedule** will soon be prepared, as will a "**Screen Projector Schedule** – these are both wonderful ways to become more involved in your parish. Please read the information below and call the office if you have questions or to sign up!

Liturgy and Worship is the focal point of our Catholic Faith, where we come together as Catholics to celebrate the fundamental beliefs of our Faith. Our worship is enriched when members of the parish participate in various ministries. These ministries provide opportunities for the sharing of our time and talent and for giving back the gifts God has given us.
Stewardship opportunity: Minister of Hospitality - To help worshipers gather in such a way as to show respect for the Christian assembly. Provide assistance to those with disabilities and to the elderly, as needed, take up the weekly offering, hand out the bulletin to parishioners as they depart.

Talent / Gift to offer - An ability to welcome people, to offer a smile and a warm handshake.

Time Commitment - On a rotation schedule, generally once every 4 – 6 weeks, depending on the Mass you prefer to attend, and the number of Stewards able to share their time.

Blessing received - To represent the Lord in making His people feel welcome and at home in the church.

Please call the office if you can help in these ministries. The schedules will be completed this week.

Thank you!!



Give the gift of life! Please take an hour and help save a patient's life this Christmas season. A Blood Donor Clinic will be held **December 15th from 2 – 8 pm**. Location: Weyburn Shopper's Mall.

	This Week's Ministry – December 12 - 13	Ministries	Next Week's Ministry – December 19 – 20
Sat. 5:00	D'Arcy Megenbir	Readers	Glenda Zackrisson
Sun 9:00	Colleen Gallinger, Cecile Sellinger		Dianne Haider, Theresa Istace
Sun 10:45	Jerome Sidloski, Karen Sidloski		Val Wing, Jennifer Woodard
Sat 5:00	D'Arcy Megenbir Christine Masniuk Audrey Trombley	Eucharistic Ministers	Wendy Sidloski Dorothy Lawrenz Betty Van Staveren
	Camille Goski Lynne Garner Darla Moser John Megenbir		Alaina Flaaten Alice Schneider Stella Hoffart Rocky Sidloski
Sun 9:00	Connie Regier Gloria Fong Rhonda Renz		Yvonne Kerr Doreen Verbeurgt Marcel Bauche
	Ed Mazur Beryl Mazur Marion Brown Juliet Ostrea		Anne Gutzke Carol Anderson Lynn Colquhoun Hilarion Pohl
Sun 10:45	Aimé Isabey Alphonse Fossenier Richard Wick		Bruno Tuchscherer Richard Bauche Ken LeBlanc
	Irene Marcotte Shirley Mondor Daryl Fleck Chris/ Andrea Tessier		Terry Lonoway Wes Lonoway Yvette Bauche Elaine Nielsen
Sat 5:00	Soles Family	Children's Liturgy	Joan Davies, Jade Hayes
Sun 9:00	Ingri Roman		Christie McKenzie
Sun 10:45	Carol Storey, Mia Vilcu		Cody Vilcu
Sat 5:00	Emily & Jacelyn Williams, Krystalynn Lascelle	Servers	Jamie Labbie
Sun 9:00			
Sun 10:45	Aimé Isabey, Alphonse Fossenier, Richard Wick	Acolytes	Bruno Tuchscherer, Richard Bauche, Ken LeBlanc
Sat. 5:00	Randy Schiller	Computer/ Projector	Roberto Roman
Sun. 9:00	James & Leslie Richards		Carole Milo
Sun 10:45	Don Kraft		Bonnie Sidloski
Sat 5:00	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten, Bonnie & Frank Kaip	Hospitality	Bruno & Margaret Tuchscherer, Jim St. Onge, Yvonne Dzuba
Sun 9:00	Jim Parsons, Jim Brown, Dwayne Hoffman, Hilarion Pohl & Beth Weger		John Nikolejsin, Omer & Christine Marcotte, Lorne & Colette Horack, Julian Goski
Sun 10:45	Judy & Mel Van Betuw, Gordon Rutten, Danette & Calvin Tracey		Ron & Joanne Wormsbecker, Aimé Isabey, Pat & Loretta Benning, Willie & Adele Nimegeers
	Deana Mainil, Randy & Janet Schiller	Counters	Dave Creurer, Rob Labbie, Darrell Yakimowski

FROM PASTOR'S DESK:

In our reflection upon Pope Francis' recent Encyclical, "On Care for Our Common Home", Pope Francis continues his thoughts on the spirituality necessary for an integral appreciation of the environment, "which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next, which accepts each moment as a gift from God to be lived to the full." [226] As ordinary and simple as it may sound, Pope Francis encourages us to recover the practice of stopping and giving thanks to God before and after meals, because it "reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." [227] With a view of regaining "the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it" [229], Pope Francis turns to the example of St. Therese of Lisieux' practice of the 'Little Way', whereby we never "miss out on a kind word, a smile or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship." These simple daily gestures practiced constantly and regularly help "break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness" which are expressive of a "world of exacerbated consumption." [230] When our love overflows with these small gestures of mutual care, it transforms the civic and political order as the "exercise of charity matures and sanctifies us" in the process and becomes the motivation to our involvement in the political process. [231] Thus St. Bonaventure teaches us that 'contemplation deepens the more we feel the working of God's grace within our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter God in creatures outside our- selves.' [233] Since "the sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life," "all the creatures of the material universe find their true meaning in the incarnate Word, for the Son of God has incorporated in His person part of the material world, planting in it a seed of definitive transformation." [235] Pope Francis states that "it is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation", because "the Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to Him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, 'creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator Himself.' Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation." [236] *{To be continued....}*