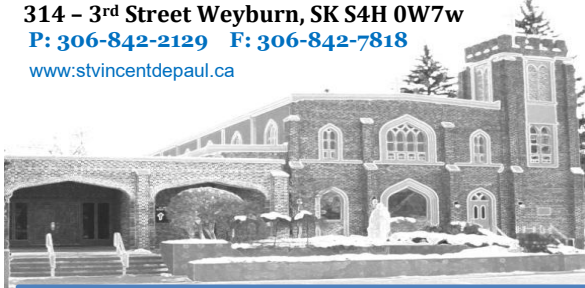


# St. Vincent de Paul

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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, Andrea Tessier **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



**December 17 & 18, 2016**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**



## **Good News: The love that comes from God who is with us**

Love is the theme of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. A good definition of love is in the name that we see in the first reading and again when the prophecy is fulfilled in the Gospel reading: Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." To have love is to have "God with us". To give love is to give God who is with us.

Have you ever felt like you've run out of love to give? Well, that's quite impossible! We might run out of patience; we might get tired of giving more love than we receive from others, but God who is love is always with us.

When we feel empty from loving someone who doesn't equally love us back, or when we reach the point of despising someone who repeatedly hurts us, this is when we need to ask God for a supernatural ability to love with his love. This prayer always works! It's how we become effective evangelizers as distributors of his love.

When we give God's love to those who are unpleasant to love, we're revealing to them God who is with us.

We all have people in our lives who fail to be Christ to us. They don't love us like God wants them to love us. So we need to remind ourselves that our happiness is not dependent upon how they treat us. God is with us! We need to call upon Emmanuel. God who is with us already loves us fully and unconditionally, whether or not we deserve it.

When we're looking for others to love us more than they do, we feel unloved, but if we keep our eyes on Jesus, his love fills in all the gaps.

Emmanuel. It's a name for Jesus that we should use year-round.

As you finish preparing for the celebration of Christmas, focus on Emmanuel. Sing to Emmanuel. Pray to Emmanuel. This sign, this reminder, this name is God's personal Christmas gift to you.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** Are you loved enough? What will you do this week (as a Christmas gift for yourself) to become more aware of God's love for you? Here's an idea: Go to the nativity display at your church and look at the manger. Write on a small piece of paper the names of those who fail to love you sufficiently. Place it in the manger and, if it has straw or hay, take a piece of it (or take a flower petal or leaf from a nearby plant) as a reminder that Emmanuel was born to give you more than enough love.



## Welcome Visitors & New Parish Members!

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

### Readings:

Dec. 24: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-16  
Dec. 25: Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20

### Christmas Mass & New Year's Mass Times

#### St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, December 24 @ 5 PM & 10 PM  
Sunday, December 25 @ 10 AM  
Saturday, December 31 @ 5 PM  
Sunday, January 1 @ 10 AM



#### St. Mary's

Saturday, December 24 @ 7:00 PM  
Saturday, December 31st @ 7:00 PM

Help is needed over the Christmas Season with all ministries! Please see the sign-up sheets and help where you are able! Thank you!

### Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations

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Mon. Dec. 19 9:00 AM – Lay Service  
Tues. Dec. 20 9:30 AM – Ed Kuhn+  
(St. Michael School Mass)  
Wed. Dec. 21 9:00 AM – Shelley Rowein+  
Thurs. Dec. 22 \*8:30 AM – Willie & Adele Nimegeers  
Fri. Dec. 23 9:30 AM – WSCH  
12:10 PM – Special Intention  
Sat. Dec. 24 5:00 PM – Bernie & Alice Kot  
7:00 PM @ St. Mary's  
10:00 PM  
Sun. Dec. 25 10:00 AM



### 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, Norbert Wilkes, Wanda Dorosz, Darren Polasek, Stan Mickalishen, Jeannie Lemieux, Don Sturgeon, Michael Clemens, Laurette Fradette, Eileen Walkeden, Carmelo Lozada Clase, Joseph Tokarz, Lynn Koloski, Shirley Woodard, Tom Deutscher, Joe Maas, Sandra Mryglod, Roy Sidloski, Graham Dean, Yvo McNeil, Alex Halyk, Tanis VanDeSype, Adolph Hoffart, Liz Wasylechko, Wayne Martin, Rose Schultz



**Our Sympathy & Prayers** to Dorothy Gaab, Laurence (Brenda) Kosior and Adeline (Cliff) Corbett & family passing of their mother & step – mother **Pauline Kosior.**

The Filipino Mass will be this Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 4 PM, followed by a potluck! All are welcome to attend!

**We Welcome** into our church and parish family the following children being baptized this weekend!!

**Kate Maria Walkeden** – daughter of Joanne and Jeff, **Dax James Russell Nikolejsin** – son of Amber & Erik, **Blake Donald Ehman** – son of Nicole & Bryce, **Justin Benedict Villar** – son of Jaybe and MaShara.

May they grow to know and follow the Lord Jesus, through the grace they have received and the help and prayers of their parents, Godparents and parish community.



**Decorating for Christmas** will be held on **Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 1:00 PM (after the noon Mass). Please plan to join in beautifying our church for the Christmas season!



**2017 Envelopes are ready to be picked up!** For those of you interested - it is not too late to sign up for preauthorized giving – please pick up a **yellow form** from the pamphlet rack with details on this method and advise the parish office ASAP if you would like to start using this method. We welcome the use of envelopes for those of you that are more comfortable with this method. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!



**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 have been handed out to the children attending children's liturgy and more bags are available from the children's liturgy room. Please encourage your children to participate ☺!

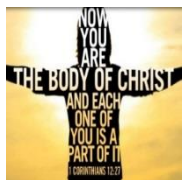


**Religious Art Calendars** – we have a very limited amount of calendars available, the calendars are \$5.00 each and available from the foyer.

**The Next Syrian Refugee Family is to arrive soon!** We have received word that Salim and Regina Kabbabe and their 12 year old twin boys Alex and Mike will arrive between Dec. 21 & 28. S.V.D.P. Parish is taking responsibility for the Kabbabe family. We still need pots and pans, mixer, dish towels and canned & dry food for the pantry. Items can be left in the labeled boxes in the foyer.



*Christ sees us as ambassadors, His representatives – chosen by Him, called by name, and sent to do the tasks He is asking us to do in His name.*



**Altar Servers** – are needed for all Masses. Youth are invited to sign up on the church or youth group FB Page for the Saturday 5 PM Mass only. **We are in great need of JR. & SR. Altar servers for both Sunday Masses** – please contact Wendy or Mary Ann if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server on Sunday.

**Upcoming Schedules:** Hospitality; Screen Projector; Collection Counters. We are in need of parishioners to serve in all areas! Please let us know how you are able to serve!



**Missals** for the new liturgical year can be purchased from the foyer for \$4.00.



**CWL:** Memberships (\$30.00) for 2017 are due, please mark “CWL Dues” on your envelope and leave in the collection basket. **CWL Newsletters** for members are available to be picked up from the box in the foyer.



**K of C** –We will also be collecting 2017 membership dues: Bishop Klein Assembly #1526 = \$35.00, Weyburn Council #1731 = \$36.00.



**Buy – A – Shingle:** Please use the McKenna Roof Fundraising envelopes found at the church or use your own envelope marked “Roof Fund” to make your donation. Include your name to have a charitable receipt issued. Thank you for the donations thus far totaling **\$36,597.55**



**Archbishop’s Annual Appeal:** Thank you for your generous donations thus far! We are now at **79%** of our goal! **St. Vincent de Paul Goal = \$55,397.00** Collected to date = \$45,343.10  
**St. Mary’s Goal = \$1538.00** Collected to date = \$1250.00

**Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia THINK ABOUT IT:** A dying person’s request for death by assisted suicide or euthanasia is a signal to review their pain and symptom control and their spiritual and emotional support. Sometimes the request is prompted by fear of the unknown, or of being a burden, or of pain and suffering. Assisted suicide and euthanasia are a medicalization of death and human suffering – the false belief that somehow all human pain and suffering can be cured by a medical intervention. For more info: <http://www.chassk.ca/ethics/euthanasia.php>

**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 Wednesday of the month from 4-5 pm in the Youth Rm.

**High School Youth Leaders** will be meeting **Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** in the youth room. Youth from Grades 9-12 are invited to join us for “Pack the Pews” the next Source night in Regina on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Included in the evening is a meal, adoration, reconciliation and praise and worship with youth from across the Archdiocese. Rides will be organized.

**Youth Mass** will be held Dec. 17. Lyric Youth Choir will meet at 4 pm for practice before each mass and all youth in Grade 5 and up are welcome to join the choir or help with Hospitality and Altar Serving.

**KEEP CALM AND GO TO YOUTH GROUP**



**Memory Awakens Hope** - Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger,

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent’s intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church’s year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart’s memory so that it can discern the star of hope....

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, General Mtg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month (Sept.-June)

**CWL President:** Camille Goski (842-0321) **Weyburn CWL** – General Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month (Sept. – June)

**Become an Ambassador for Christ!!** We are very blessed, by the many people that take part in our groups and ministries at St. Vincent de Paul. We invite those of you not yet actively involved to consider this: We became involved the day we were baptized. On that day we were initiated into a way of life in Christ. Being a baptized Christian means *we're in this* - the only question is HOW??!!

If you are merely seeing yourself as a volunteer in the parish, you are not seeing yourself as Christ sees you. Christ sees us as ambassadors, His representatives– chosen by Him, called by name, and sent to do the tasks He is asking us to do in His name. How can we say “no” to Christ, who has given so much?

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

| Stewardship of Time & Talent for <b>December 17 &amp; 18</b> |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
|  | <b>Sat. 5:00 PM</b>   | <b>Sun. 9:00 AM</b>   | <b>11:00 AM</b>   |
| <b>Readers</b>   | Merle St. Onge  | Carol Reeve<br>Pat Wolensky   | Shirley Mondor<br>Wendy Pitre   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                                 | Rose Loos<br>Margaret Tuchscherer<br>Bruno Tuchscherer<br>Grant Marcotte<br>Roberto Roman<br>Kim Haupstein<br><b>VACANT</b> | Cecile Sellinger<br>Lavine Stepp<br>Chris Marcotte<br>Samuel Ferguson<br>Jean Woodard<br>Susan Kot<br><b>VACANT</b> | Helen Fossenier<br>Camille Goski<br>Judy Van Betuw<br>Val Wing<br>Helene Gordon<br>Danette Tracey |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>                                    | Holly Ferguson  | Christie McKenzie   | Mia & Karissa Vilcu   |
| <b>Acolytes</b>  |   |   | Helen Fossenier<br>Camille Goski  |
| <b>Power Point</b>   | Roberto Roman   | Carole Milo   | Harazny Family  |
| <b>Hospitality</b>   | Youth Group   | Jim Parsons, Jim Brown<br>Dwayne Hoffman<br>Willie & Adele Nimegeers  | Norm Mondor,<br>Al Pitre,<br>Joe Glab,<br>Sheldon LeBlanc,<br>Roberto Roman                       |
| <b>Counters</b>  | Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten, Kevin & Verna O'Neill  |   |   |

| Stewardship of Time & Talent for <b>December 24 &amp; 25</b> |                     |                     |                      |
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Sign-up sheets are available from the foyer to see where you can assist with Christmas & New Year's Masses! We are most appreciative of you signing up, as it saves many phone calls!