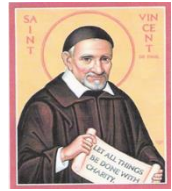


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH



Lord's Day Eucharist:

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 9 am
11 am



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

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

December 2 & 3, 2017
1st Sunday of Advent



Good News Reflection – A gift for Jesus

Today we begin the Season of Advent. As we prepare for Christmas, of course we're thinking about how to show fondness and appreciation to the special people in our lives by choosing gifts that will be meaningful to them. And yet, assuming that we can actually find (or make) something that will be appreciated, will the gift really make a difference in the long run?

How many gifts have you given in the past that are now mere dust-collectors? Which ones turned out to be truly valuable with a long-lasting impact?

Since Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, let's remember to give him a gift, too -- a long-lasting gift. God deserves more gifts than anyone else, but what can we give to someone who already has everything? Or does he?

What gift can you give to Jesus that will have an eternal impact, a gift that no one else can give him, a gift he doesn't already have? Here's the answer: What have you been withholding from him? What talent or activity or ministry or commitment or change in lifestyle?

Today's first reading reminds us that God is our Father. The responsorial Psalm asks the Father to help us turn to him. The second reading gives thanks to God for all that he has done for us. So -- what gift can you give to God to express your appreciation for what he has given to you?

In the Gospel reading, we're reminded of the need to prepare -- to actually do something that makes a difference -- for the coming of Christ. This not only refers to his Second Coming; it's also about the day when he comes for us as we breathe our last earthly breaths. And it's about the way he wants to come to you during this year's Season of Christmas. And it's about the way he is coming to you right now, today.

There's something new that he wants to give you. When he offers it, will he find you doing what's right (as in the first reading)? Will he find you using your spiritual gifts (as in the second reading)? Will he find you alert and ready to do his bidding (as in the Gospel reading)?

Advent is an opportunity to take notice of the gifts he gives us and become aware of the gifts we can give to him that he doesn't already have. It should make an eternal difference -- for him *and* for us.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

List the gifts that God has given to you. Write them on a sheet of paper. Then think about how much appreciation you have given to God for the gifts on that list. Do you know how much he appreciates your appreciation?

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Our Sympathy and prayers to the Sidloski families on the passing of **Alex Sidloski**.



Funeral Lunch Groups: The following groups are next for upcoming funerals: G1 Rose & Emily, G3 Marilyn & Ev and G2 Shirley & Theresa.

Sacramental preparation sessions- Reconciliation:
The last session will be Dec. 3 at 6:30 pm at McKenna Hall. **First Reconciliation for the children** will be held on **Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 PM** at the church. Parents are also encouraged to go at that time. Further sessions for sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation will continue in the New Year. Watch for dates in upcoming bulletins.



Bishop Klein Assembly #1526 and Weyburn Council #1731 are jointly hosting a 3rd & 4th Degree Christmas party for members and their ladies on Monday December 11/17 in Weyburn at Upper McKenna Hall. Social at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM. Alcoholic beverage tickets - \$2 each. Entertainment to follow, provided by Vic Messer of our Assembly. Cost: \$25.00 per person (Clergy and widows are gratis) - tickets are available from - Pete Broccolo (891-9755 or petebroccolo@gmail.com) - Don Bohn (842-6250 or 861-3939 or dl.bohn@sasktel.net) - Bruno Tuchscherer (842-7561 or 861-1997 or brunotuch@sasktel.net)



Eucharist Celebrations Dec. 4 – 10

Mon.	Dec. 4	5:30 PM	Joan Stellick+
Tues.	Dec. 5	9 AM	Raymond Heebner+
Wed.	Dec. 6	9 AM	Thanksgiving /Arsenio Pacleb+
Thurs.	Dec. 7	9 AM	Dominic Sidloski
		10 AM	Communion Service - Parkway
		10:20 AM	Communion Service - Hilltop
		11:00 AM	Communion Service- Crocus Villa
Fri.	Dec. 8	9:30 AM	WSCH Mass
		7 PM*	Pauline Kosior+
			(*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Sat.	Dec. 9	10 AM	Tatagwa Mass
		5 PM	Bayden Kot
St. Mary's	Dec. 9	7 PM	Special Intentions
Sun.	Dec. 10	9 AM	Terry & Verna Reiss
		11 AM	



Readings for: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

Please 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 in the prayers of the faithful read during Mass.

CWL Christmas Social

Monday, **December 4th** with Mass @ 5:30 PM and turkey supper and entertainment to follow at McKenna Hall.

Please return all sold raffle tickets and money as soon as possible. Place them in a sealed envelope clearly marked **CWL Raffle** and put in collection basket.

Memberships (\$30.00) for 2018 are now due and can be dropped in the collection basket. Please mark envelope **CWL Dues**.

St. Mary's CWL Memberships are due -\$30. Please pay Bernice or Marie.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated **December 12th**. As Catholics honour life from the moment of conception to natural death, we pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of unborn children. Rosary of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be at **8:15 AM** that day followed by usual prayers, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at noon. Please join us in this CWL initiative.



Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on **Wednesday, December 6th @ 6:30 PM** beginning with a short service. You are invited to come for the service and/or come prior to 8:30 PM to have your confession heard. Priests from the Weyburn Deanery will be in attendance to help celebrate this beautiful sacrament of Reconciliation.

PLEASE NOTE

Change of Masses – for Dec. 24th and 31st there will be **ONE MORNING MASS** at 10 AM. All ministry groups scheduled for those days will be combined. Check your email or call the office if this includes you.



Advent Reading Materials - Help make your Advent more meaningful by purchasing advent literature from the foyer for \$1/item.
ALSO – The Little Burgundy Book on Stewardship – 6 Minute Reflections. Daily reflections to be read for 4 weeks. \$1/item

Eucharist Ministry – The new schedule has been emailed to those we have addresses for; otherwise copies are in the pamphlet rack. **There are changes to be aware of so copies have been provided for subs also.**



Family Fun Day – Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 3 PM. Join us for skating at Tom Zandee Arena, then head to McKenna Hall for dinner and an advent activity.



Hospitality and Screen System Schedules will be finished at the end of December. Both Sunday 9 AM hospitality groups and Screen System groups need more people to join them. Call the office to see where you can share your talents. All those scheduled will remain on unless I hear from you by December 20th.

SAFF COMMITTEE MOVIE NIGHT

Dec.10th @ 7 PM – Lower McKenna Hall

Convinced: why would anyone become Catholic?

Join us for the movie *Convinced: why would anyone become Catholic?* Documentary film maker Don Johnson asks the important question "Why would anyone become Catholic?" He interviews former fallen away Catholics, former atheists and former Protestants including many well-known Catholic personalities such as Jennifer Fulwiler, Taylor Marshal, Jeff Cavins and Scott Hahn to name a few. An inspiring look at the many fascinating reasons why anyone would be Catholic. Free snacks and refreshments, all welcome!

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign –

runs from Nov. 30th – Dec. 23rd. This is a major fundraiser for the Salvation Army. Can you spare just two hours of your time at a kettle? Call Helen Orsted @ 842-6485 if you can help.



Youth Masses: Dec. 2 & 16. Sport Night: Dec. 14.

Advent Youth Rally

December 9, 2017 in the Youth Room!
Come on out and get your heart ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Youth Club Sleepover Blast!!

December 9, in the Youth Room!



Pre-Teen Club meets weekly, on Tuesdays, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room in the church basement. All children, in grades 5 and 6 are welcome to attend. Join us for fun, games, activities, prayer and great food!

Youth Club meets weekly, on Wednesdays, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room in the church basement. All youth, in grades 7 - 12 are welcome to attend. Join us for fun, games, activities, prayer and great food!



Archbishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you for your generous donations thus far! We are now at **74%** of our goal!
SVDP Goal - \$52,703.00 Collected to date - \$39,039.00
St. Mary's, Tribune Goal - \$1,662 Collected to date - \$775

Stewardship Bulletin Bit - First Sunday of Advent

***"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."* – Mark 13:33**

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.



Welcome Visitors & New Parish Members!

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

Thank you for finding a sub when you cannot be here!!

Stewardship of Time & Talent - December 2 & 3			
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
Readers	Janice Seitz	Peter Broccolo Jean Woodard	Doris Aasen Glenda Shupe
Eucharistic Ministers First 3 serve bread Last 4 serve cup	Jo Martin Lloyd Zyla Mary Ann Piwarski Steve Zackrisson Brian Winter Dave Creurer Janice Seitz	Aime Isabey Ron Klein Yvonne Kerr Doreen Verbeurgt Marcel Bauche Lynn Colquhoun	Stella Hoffart Gordon Rutten Jelsen Varghese Bonnie Sidloski Yvette Bauche Elaine Nielsen
Acolytes		Aime Isabey Ron Klein	Stella Hoffart Gordon Rutten
Children's Liturgy	Lise Soles	Ingri Roman	Karissa & Autumn Vilcu
Power Point	Lyric Youth	James Richards	Jennifer Woodard
Hospitality	Chad Klein, Shane Williams, Sean Galvin, Chad & Claire Fingler	Frank & Eveline Porte Hilarion Pohl Sami & Joe Ballenas Harry Jensen & Elaine Gray	Ron Wormsbecker Aime Isabey Pat & Loretta Benning Lise Soles

Counters : Dave Creurer, Rob Labbie, Darren Woodard

Stewardship of Time & Talent - December 9 & 10			
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
Readers	Ingri Roman	Carol Reeve Pat Wolensky	Shirley Mondor Connie Regier
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Loos Margaret Tuchscherer Bruno Tuchscherer _____ _____ Roberto Roman Kim Haupstein	Don Bohn Frank Porte Chris Marcotte Jean Woodard Susan Kot John Tuchscherer	Bonnie Sidloski Camille Goski Judy VanBetuw Val Wing Helene Gordon Danette Tracey
Acolytes		Don Bohn Frank Porte	Bonnie Sidloski Camille Goski
Children's Liturgy	Darcy Pouteaux	Tara Kurtz	Dawn Purdue
Power Point	Randy Schiller	Carole Milo	Bonnie Sidloski
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten, Bonnie & Frank Kaip, Doreen Franko, Bernice Driscoll	Lynn & Kevin Colquhoun Yvonne Kerr, Dwayne Hoffman, Omer & Chris Marcotte	Terry Lonoway, Emily Stadler, Ron Miller Charlene Keen

Counters: Randy & Janet Schiller, Vic Plante, Jean Reich

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

Parish Council Members: Pat Wolensky, Don Vatamaniuck, Sarah Ayeri, Joseph Ball, Brenda Kosior, Vic Plante, John Tuchscherer

Parish Council meets on the last Thursday of each month, excluding July.

K of C Grand Knight: Randy Schiller (861-1863) schrjt@sasktel.net

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

CWL President: Fran Messer (842-6259) **CWL Meetings: (Sept. – June)** Exec Mtg. – 2nd Mon of month **Gen Mtg.** – 3rd Mon of month