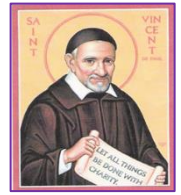


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH



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

Welcome Visitors & New Parish Members!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a new parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on the table in the foyer! As well, if any parishioners have changed information regarding their address, phone number, etc., please let the parish office know!



December 15/16, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Experiencing joy as ministry

The Third Sunday of Advent focuses our attention on the spirit of joyfulness, because this is an essential mark of true faith in Christ. All of the readings are full of joy and the thrill of happy expectation. In the Gospel reading, John the Baptizer preaches good news to the people, and they are filled with joyful anticipation for whatever God is about to do.

Do you know that joy is a ministry? It's an important way to share the faith. We all have a calling to do this ministry wherever there is misery and hopelessness.

Let's look at how John fulfilled this ministry of joy. We might think he was anything but joyful in his robe of scratchy camels' hair and his fiery sermons about repenting from sin. But look closer. His ministry prepared people's hearts to receive Jesus.

Having faith means trusting God which means resting in hope which produces joy. When you or someone you know is lacking joy, it's because Jesus has not yet been invited fully into the situation that's been stealing the joy. It might be too early in the grieving process, which is healthy and normal, or it might be a lack of faith, which needs nurturing.

The ability to experience the joy of faith comes from turning to the love of God and receiving his comfort in the midst of hardships. It also arises from getting to know the joyful side of Jesus and the joyful purposes behind all of his teachings.

Jesus preached going the extra mile, loving our enemies, and doing good to those who cause us hardships, none of which is fun. What we need to discover and then share with others is that holy living, although not always fun, is what unites us to the joyful love of Jesus and the joyful purposes of everything he preached. Remember, even going to the cross produces joyful results.

The good news is: Jesus didn't just tell us how to be holy, he gave us the power to be holy: He gave us his Holy Spirit. And when others see the Holy Spirit's activity in us, if they know that Jesus is the reason for our joy, they are evangelized by our faith!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Think of a recent sin you've committed. How did it prevent you from experiencing joy? The next time, how will you rely on the Holy Spirit to help you turn temptation into joy?

We are a Scent-Free building.

Our many chemically sensitive parishioners appreciate your thoughtfulness by not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, essential oils and/or scented products.



Jesus of Nazareth (DVD)

This original made for TV mini-series from 1977 is still the gold standard for the telling of the life of Jesus on film. See key moments in the life of Christ come to life such as the raising of Lazarus, the feeding of the 5000, the calling of the disciples, the Resurrection, and more. Now available in the Parish Library.

Our Directory picture sessions are booking up fast! We only have one date still open, on December 19th, so make sure to book your appointment right away!

If you are unable to make it to a photo appointment, you can always submit a photo with a small fee, and still get a directory! **We would like to have as many families as possible be a part of this, to make our new directory as complete as we can!**

To book, please go to www.stvincentdepaul.ca, call the parish office, or talk to our volunteers after the weekend Masses.

All picture sessions will be held at the church.

We want to thank our volunteers. Whether you volunteer for ministries during Mass, one of our church committees, McKenna Hall events, or any of the other countless things that get done by the people of this parish, we are so grateful for all that you do.



As a token of our appreciation, please join us for our **Volunteer Appreciation Supper on Thursday, January 17th at McKenna Hall.** Social starts at 5pm, and supper will be at 6pm. There will also be a toonie bar available. **Please make sure to RSVP to the parish office by no later than January 11th.**

This Christmas the CWL are collecting **cash donations for Sandy Bay**, although anyone that would like to donate is more than welcome to. The donation box can be found in the church entry way.

CWL newsletters can also be picked up in the church entry way.

Donations envelopes for 2019 are now ready to be picked up in the church foyer, so make sure to get yours! **Please also be careful to not use your 2019 envelopes until January 1, 2019.**

Upcoming Eucharistic Celebrations

Mon.	Dec. 17	9 AM	Lay Service
Tues.	Dec. 18	9 AM	Claudette, Brittney, and Brett Keller
Wed.	Dec. 19	9:30 AM	St. Michael's School Christmas Mass @ Church
Thurs.	Dec. 20	9 AM	Dwight Thompson +
Fri.	Dec. 21	12:10 PM	Matthew Joseph Borris
Sat.	Dec. 22	10 AM 5 PM 7 PM (St. Mary's)	@ Tatagwa Ken Milatz + Howard Giroux +
Sun	Dec. 23	9 AM 11 AM	Theresa Istace

Readings – December 22 & 23:

Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.38



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grade 7-12 Club will meet weekly on Wednesdays, from **6:30pm – 8pm** in the Youth Room.

Grade 5-6 Club will meet weekly on Thursdays, from **6:30pm – 8pm** in the Youth Room.

Do you hear those bells? That's the sound of a **Salvation Army volunteer**, ringing in the hopes that the people of Weyburn will donate to this good cause. **The Weyburn Salvation Army Kettle Campaign needs YOU** to volunteer for a two hour shift to help fill the Christmas food hampers! **If interested, please call Helen** at 306-842-6485 or 306-861-4599.

Two people are needed to convene one of our parish's **funeral lunch groups**. The group members are already in place – we just need conveners. Your group would only have to work 3-4 times per year. If you would be interested in this area of stewardship, or if you have any questions, please call Renée at 306-842-7271.

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

We will need volunteers for each of the different ministries for the extra Masses for Christmas and New Year's. **If you are willing to help out, please sign up on the sheets in the foyer of the church.** All help is extremely appreciated!



A Bible Study will be running weekly on **Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** in the Slezak Room, no cost and no commitment. We will gather to reflect on the readings for the upcoming Sunday in order to be better prepared for the Mass.

St. Mary's, Tribune: Our Parish Christmas Social will be on **Saturday, December 15th, following the 7pm Mass.** Please remember Father Francis's Hamper. As well, \$30 CWL Memberships are now due. Please give to Marie or Bernice. Just a reminder to book your appointment for directory pictures online at www.st.vincentdepaul.ca or by phoning the parish office at 306-842-2129.

McKenna Hall is looking for a phoning coordinator to help out with making phone calls and finding workers for McKenna Hall events. For more information, or if interested, please contact Angelo or Margaret at 306-842-4481.

New Hospitality and Screen Projector schedules will be made and sent out next week. If you want to be added to a schedule, or want to make any other revision, please let Andrea know at the parish office as soon as possible.

For CWL Members: In December, as well as collecting for Sandy Bay, we will also be collecting donations for the Salvation Army. We will be targeting the donations towards teenagers, and are aiming to give them something warm and fuzzy to get them through the winter. Examples include warm blankets, sweaters, and outdoor wear.

Most of you are familiar with the ongoing roof repair and renovations starting in July and August of this year. **This was a cost of around \$50,000.**

We are asking the St. Vincent de Paul parish family to share in the cost of these repairs by donating what you can to the Building Maintenance Fund. We are so grateful for all who have and will donate to this.

We are all aware that our homes need continuous repair and maintenance to keep our houses in good shape. Our Parish home is no different, and we must all contribute what we can to see that our church home is kept up to date on the repairs that need doing and that we have funds in place to do this.

Donations can be put in a marked envelope and into the collection basket or left at the parish office. Please make cheques payable to "St. Vincent de Paul Building Fund".

Sometimes it's hard to know what to get a loved one for Christmas. One thing to consider is to offer a Mass for them. When a Mass is offered, that person will receive an abundance of additional graces and gifts from God. Drop by the office to offer a Mass and give one of the most powerful gifts that you can.

There will be a Filipino Mass on Sunday, December 16 at 5pm. Everyone is more than welcome to join!

You may have noticed some children stepping up and learning to altar serve. We are so proud of these kids and of how much work they have put in to learn how to do this. **Starting in January, there will be another schedule made for these kids to get firsthand experience serving at Mass.** If you would like your child to be added to this schedule, please contact Andrea at the parish office by no later than December 19th.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Christmas Eve (Monday, Dec. 24) – 5pm and 9pm

Christmas Day (Tuesday, Dec. 25) – 10am

New Year's Eve (Monday, Dec. 31) – 5pm

New Year's Day (Tuesday, Jan. 1) – 10am

St. Mary's (Tribune)

Christmas Eve (Monday, Dec. 24) – 7pm

New Year's Eve (Monday, Dec. 31) – 7pm

No Mass for Christmas Day or New Year's Day

There is only one month left for our Archbishop's Appeal. Our goal is \$49,571 and to date we only have \$37,174. Make sure to get your donations in so that we can reach our goal! Thank you for your involvement!

Institutional building and land for sale by the Archdiocese: The Archdiocese is selling the building and land at 1855 2nd Ave North, Regina, Sask. Sealed Bids or Sealed Offers to Purchase will be accepted up until Tuesday Dec. 18th at 3:00 pm. An Information Package is available at the Archdiocese Office, 445 Broad St North, Regina, is on the Archdiocese website www.archregina.sk.ca, or by contacting Garry Oledzki, oledzki@sasktel.net or 306-585-1816. The Property is being sold "As Is. Where Is." and the Archdiocese reserves the right to accept or reject any Sealed Offer or Sealed Bid. We thank all Interested Parties for their interest.



St. Vincent de Paul Parish Trivia

The answer is: C

Our Church Building Committee from 1952 drove to Legale, Alberta to see Legale's local church. That church then inspired the design for our current church building.

Make sure to watch the projector screens before mass to see next week's question!

Stewardship of Time & Talent - December 15 / 16

	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
Readers	Merle St. Onge	Stafford Nimegeers Cecile Sellinger	Jerome Sidloski Karen Sidloski
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	Yvonne Kerr Doreen Verbeurgt Marcel Bauche Lynn Colquhoun	VACANT Bonnie Sidloski Yvette Bauche Elaine Nielsen
Acolytes	VACANT	Bruno Tuchscherer Richard Wick	Mel VanBetuw Ken LeBlanc
Children's Liturgy	Deanna Schwindt	Tara Kurtz	Karissa and Autumn Vilcu
Power Point	Randy Schiller	Barry Britz	Roberto Roman
Hospitality	Chad Klein Sean Galvin Steve and Glenda Zackrisson	Frank and Eveline Porte Hilarion Pohl Harry Jensen Elaine Gray	Ron Wormsbecker Aime Isabey Pat and Loretta Benning Lise Soles
Counters	Jeff and Mary Ann Flaaten, Kevin and Verna O'Neill		

Stewardship of Time & Talent - December 22 / 23

	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
Readers	Janice Seitz	Delores Herring Theresa Istace	Val Wing Jennifer Woodard
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Loos Bruno and Margaret Tuchscherer VACANT VACANT Roberto Roman Kim Haupstein	Chris Marcotte Jean Woodard Susan Kot Shannon Tuchscherer	Judy Van Betuw Val Wing Helene Gordon Danette Tracey
Acolytes	VACANT	Aime Isabey Ron Klein	Stella Hoffart Gordon Rutten
Children's Liturgy	Karla Ernst	Nataliya and Rosanne Mantei	Dawn Purdue
Power Point	Roberto Roman	James Richards	Don Kraft
Hospitality	Jeff and Mary Ann Flaaten Bonnie and Frank Kaip Doreen Franko Bernice Driscoll	Yvonne Kerr Omer and Chris Marcotte John and Shannon Tuchscherer	Terry Lonoway Emily Stadler Ron Miller Charlene Keen
Counters:	Dave Creurer, Rob Labbie, Darren Woodard		

Parish Council Members: Pat Wolensky, Sarah Ayeri, Joseph Ball, Brenda Kosior, John Tuchscherer, Val Wing, Vic Messer, Jim Wanner **Parish Finance Chairperson** – Dave Creurer

K of C Grand Knight: Aime Isabey (861-3535) aime@sasktel.net

K of C Faithful Navigator: Peter Broccolo (891-9755) petebroccolo@gmail.com

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

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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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