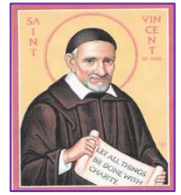


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH



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 22/23, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent

The joy of recognizing Jesus

The Fourth Sunday of Advent shows Elizabeth and her unborn son, John, reacting to the nearness of the unborn Christ. We know that Elizabeth immediately understood that Mary was pregnant with the Lord, because the Gospel says she was filled with the Holy Spirit. But how could the fetal John understand? How could he leap for joy while still in the womb?

If it's true that an unborn baby is not a person with a soul until it takes its first breath, as is claimed by many who believe that abortion is okay, how could the unborn John recognize the presence of the unborn Savior?

The faith to recognize the presence of Christ -- in the womb of people's lives, in the Eucharist, in the humanity of unborn children, etc. -- comes from being fully alive in the Holy Spirit, who was given to us fully during our baptisms. However, it takes a humble willingness to let God change our minds about what we think is true in order to be open to God's Spirit teaching us what is indeed true.

John as a fetus was incapable of understanding anything, especially when it happened outside the womb, yet he leapt for joy. This teaches us that we don't need to see God working in the world or solving our personal problems before we can leap for joy. We don't have to understand what God is doing, and we don't even have to know his plans.

The Holy Spirit enlivened the faith of Elizabeth and John through an act of grace that depended on Christ's future activity. For us, our faith is enlivened by the grace God provides in the Sacraments.

The joy that comes from recognizing the presence of Christ is God's Christmas gift to us. It's a joy that's meant to last all year. It's a lifestyle, not a holiday. It comes from a faith that appreciates God for working mercifully in ways that we can see and ways that we cannot see, because we trust in his goodness. Even when we suffer or feel sorrow, we can learn to recognize the presence of Christ.

And then what? Like John, we are called to be heralds of Christ's presence. How? First by sharing our joy with others.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How much is the joy of Christ's Spirit within you affecting your outward life? What will you do this Christmas to become more aware of the Holy Spirit increasing your faith?

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.



We pray in many ways by Christine Skinner

This book introduces children ages 3-6 to Catholic prayers, symbols, traditions, the Mass, and the Sacraments. A great introduction to our Catholic Faith using simple language and colourful illustrations. This is also a good refresher on the basics for adults as you read to your children. Now available in the Parish Library.

The weekly Bible Study will not be happening over the next couple of weeks, due to the Christmas holidays. Please feel free to join us when it starts up again on January 8th!



Do you still need to book your appointment for the directory pictures? They are booking up fast! We were able to open up even more dates for the new year! The new dates are January 16-19, 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.**

If you would like a 2018 tax receipt for donations, the donations **must be brought into the office by no later than noon on Thursday, December 27th.**

Upcoming Eucharistic Celebrations

Mon.	Dec. 24	5 PM 9 PM (7 PM)	Nativity of the Lord @ St. Mary's, Tribune
Tues.	Dec. 25	10 AM	Nativity of the Lord
Wed.	Dec. 26	-	-
Thurs.	Dec. 27	-	-
Fri.	Dec. 28	9:30 AM 12:10 PM	@ Weyburn Special Care Home Florence Fink +
Sat.	Dec. 29	10 AM 5 PM 7 PM (St. Mary's)	@ Tatagwa Stanley Shirreff + Harvey Berner +
Sun	Dec. 30	9 AM 11 AM	Bernadine Van Betuw +

Readings – December 29 & 30:

1 Samuel 1.20-22,24-28 1 John 3.1-2,21-24
Luke 2.41-52



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.

We will need volunteers for each of the different ministries at 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!

Decorating the church for Christmas will be on **Sunday, December 23rd at 1 pm.** Many hands make light work, so please consider helping us make our church reflect our joy and festive feelings for Jesus' birth!

We are also in need of volunteers for our Art and Décor Committee, who will lead in updating the Church decorations to match the seasons as they change. If interested, please call the parish office.

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.**

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

St. Mary's, Tribune: \$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.

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

The Religious Articles Shop has recently had requests for statues of **Sleeping St. Joseph**. We are happy to say we now have some in stock.

While asleep, St. Joseph received messages from God, warning him about the danger posed by King Herod and entrusting him with loving and protecting Mary and the Baby Jesus. When Joseph awoke, he acted on the messages he received while asleep. Pope Francis himself has the habit of placing a list containing the problems, petitions, and prayers of the faithful under the statue of St. Joseph. He is inviting St. Joseph to "sleep on it", and pray to God to solve difficult situations and to help those in need.



We have also had some requests for Bibles. The Catholic Prayer Bible; Lectio Divina Edition has been highly recommended to us, as it includes reflections and prayers to accompany specific readings. These are now also in stock, along with Bible Indexing tabs.

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".

There is less than one month left for our Archbishop's Appeal . Our goal is \$49,571 and to date we only have \$39,224. Make sure to get your donations in so that we can reach our goal! Thank you for your involvement!

New Hospitality and Screen Projector schedules have been emailed to those whose emails we have. There will also be copies put into the pamphlet rack in the church foyer.



St. Vincent de Paul Parish Trivia

The answer is: A

Eventually becoming the patron saint of horses, St. Vincent de Paul was often seen and became known for riding through France on a white horse.

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

Thank you to all that supported our CWL Christmas raffle! After expenses, we were able to present Father with a cheque for \$2,500.00 to go towards the roof repairs. The winners of the raffle prizes were:

- \$200.00 Gift Card** (donated by Prairie Sky Co-op)
-Laurice Sidloski
- \$100.00 Gift Card** (donated by Maurer's Meats)
-Loretha Bowerin
- Miniature Horse Drawn Wagon** (donated by Jim Jaworski)
-Joe Goski
- Gift Basket** (donated by Peavey Mart)
-Wendy Sidloski
- Christmas Decor Basket** (donated by RCWC)
-Pat Wolensky
- Occasional Stool** (donated by Mel Van De Sype)
-Carol Storey
- \$50.00 Gift Basket** (donated by Subi Kosby)
-Helen Fossenier

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the CWL to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas! It is my wish that each of you recognize God's gifts in your life, in the people around you, and in all the gifts that you have been given. –Fran Messer (CWL President)

A Prayer for Christmas:

Dear God, help us to focus on you today, remembering that the gift of Christ is our most treasured gift for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. We choose to press in close to you today. Amen.

Merry Christmas

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 First 3 serve bread Last 4 serve cup	Rose Loos Bruno and Margaret Tuchscherer VACANT VACANT Roberto Roman Kim Hauptstein	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		

Stewardship of Time & Talent - December 29 / 30

	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
Readers	Ingri Roman	Peter Broccolo Jean Woodard	Ron Wormsbecker Ingri Roman
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Miller Chris Masniuk Mary Janeczko Camille Goski Lynne Gerner Betty VanStaveren VACANT	Theresa Istace Audrey Rydzik Helen Fossenier Pat Wolensky	VACANT Gordon Rutten Aime Isabey Dorothy Rist
Acolytes	VACANT	Don Bohn Frank Porte	Bonnie Sidloski Camille Goski
Children's Liturgy	Soles Family	Christie McKenzie	Mia Vilcu
Power Point	Fingler Family	Carole Milo	Jennifer Woodard
Hospitality	Bruno and Margaret Tuchscherer Yvonne Dzuba Denis Tremblay Jim Wanner Delois Sunde	Jerry and Janie Jordens Ken and Susan Kot	Norm Mondor Al Pitre Joe Glab Roberto Roman Sheldon LeBlanc
Counters:	Randy and Janet Schiller, Vic Plante, Jean Reich		

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