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Good News Reflection: Baptized into ministry

Today we celebrate the "initiation rite" that launched Jesus' public ministry. We, too, have experienced this same Baptism: Our first Sacrament of Initiation immersed us into the life of Christ. The other two Initiation Sacraments -- Confirmation and Communion -- confirm this holy life and empower us to live it in union with Christ. Thus says the Lord God about you: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my Spirit...." (see the reading from Isaiah).

What is this Spirit doing in you that is pleasing to the Father? How is this Spirit serving the kingdom of God through you? Are you giving this Spirit the freedom to continue Christ's ministry in today's world?

All Christians have been baptized into the ministry of Christ, but it's the hardships we endure and the passions we feel that initiate us into our own particular areas of ministry. For example, children of chronically or terminally ill parents often grow up to become doctors and nurses, and many who escape and recover from abuses often become ministers of healing for other victims, and workers who suffer from unjust employers often start their own businesses and create jobs where the staff is treated the way Christ should be treated.

Whatever we feel passionate about, we have received this energy from the Passion of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Then, if we celebrate Mass consciously, paying attention to the true meaning of the Eucharist, our calling to ministry is renewed in the Sacrament of Communion, because Christ who is the Eucharist reunites us to his ministry. Thus, we can change the world, just as Christ did, one day at a time. For this, you have been chosen by the Father. Whatever you are doing because of this calling, our Father is very pleased with you!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What is the Holy Spirit doing in you that's pleasing to the Father? What will you do to give this Spirit the freedom to continue Christ's ministry in your world -- in your home, your workplace, your parish, your community -- wherever you live, work and play?

Upcoming Eucharistic Celebrations					
Mon.	Jan. 13	No Mass or Lay service			
Tues.	Jan. 14	7 PM Mass	Jim Brown+		
Wed.	Jan. 15	9 AM Mass	William Krainyk+		
Thurs	Jan. 16	No Mass or Lay service			
Fri.	Jan. 17	12:10 Lay Service - SVDP			
Sat.	Jan. 18	10 AM @ Tatagwa (Lay) 5 PM @ SVDP 7 PM @ St. Mary's	Tony Elhert+		
Sun.	Jan. 19	9 AM 11 AM	Pauline Wodzinski+		

Please keep Fr. Francis in your prayers as he travels to India. In his absence we are blessed to have a few priests fill in for him, as well as lay servers. Please watch the schedule for Mass and lay service times.

Weekly Reflections and Discussion on Sunday

<u>Readings</u> will begin on January 8, 2020 in the Slezak Room, from 6:30 - 8:30PM. The goal will be to better prepare us for the Sunday Mass. All are welcome.





Thank you one and all for sharing your time and talents over the Christmas Season at our celebrations in the church and at McKenna Hall! God bless you all!

<u>2020 Envelopes</u> are ready for pick up. There is still the option for those wishing to sign up for Pre-Authorized giving. Just call the office if you need the form 306-842-2129.

For your tax receipts to be accurate please only use envelopes for **the current year**, **2020**. Your envelope numbers can change from year to year.

<u>K of C Weyburn:</u> 2020 and past years Council and Assembly membership fees are payable ASAP to Sir Pete BROCCOLO (306-891-9755 or petebroccolo@gmail.com).

"Paid membership cards can be picked up from the box on the table in the foyer of the Church"

<u>**CWL Executive Meeting**</u> will be held on Monday, January 13th at 7 pm in the Slezak Rm.

The Annual General meeting will be held on Monday January 20th - beginning with a Lay presided service at 6:30 PM - meeting to follow. Those wishing to contribute towards the monthly Salvation Army donations, are invited to bring fresh produce to the meeting.

<u>Readings for January 18 &19</u> Isaiah 49.3, 5-6, 1 Corinthians 1.1-3

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Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations thus far! St. Vincent de Paul – 81% Goal - \$45,162.00 Collected to date - \$36,804.00 St. Mary's – 81% Goal - \$1420.00 Collected to date - \$1150.00

Many of the ministries have several vacancies and are in need of new volunteers. Most of our current volunteers are participating in several ministries. Currently we need people for Eucharist ministers, counters, Social Justice, Communion to Shut-Ins, Acolytes, Children's Liturgy, Art & Décor - to name a few. God calls us to share our time and talents. Please



Pro-Life Guest Speaker: Shawna Arnold, January 18 The Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee is hosting guest speaker Shawna Arnold on Saturday **January 18, 7-9pm**, at Lower McKenna Hall. Shawna will share her journey of post-abortive healing and discuss the importance of being pro-life in our culture. Shawna makes her home in Warman, SK, has appeared on EWTN, and will have copies of her book From Darkness into Light, available for purchase. Refreshments and time to socialize will follow.

Heat the Feet: Thank you one and all for purchasing socks at Peavey Mart and donating to Sandy Bay! 471 pairs of warm socks were donated! Your generosity and caring hearts are very much appreciated! Thank you to Peavey Mart for initiating this program!

Catholic Trivia Night: The Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee is hosting a Catholic Trivia Night on **Saturday, Feb 8, 7-9pm**, Lower McKenna. Teams of 1-3 people are invited to put your knowledge of Catholicism to the test! Questions will be on the Bible, the Catechism, our local St. Vincent de Paul parish, and more! If you don't want to participate but want to be part of the audience please come watch the fun. See the sign-up sheets near the doors of the church. Prizes for the winners! Snacks and refreshments for everyone.

Sacramental Prep will resume on January 12, 2020, 6:30pm at the church.

The World Council of Churches has determined that the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from January 19-26. This year's theme comes from Acts 28: 2 "They showed us unusual kindness", remembers the historical shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to greater generosity to those in need. This week of prayer is all about forming Christian unity in our world, starting with the various churches in our own community.

Zion Lutheran church will be hosting an Ecumenical Worship Service on **Sunday, January 26th at 2pm.** All Weyburn churches are encouraged to attend. Members from Weyburn's Christian churches will be participating in the different ministries of the service.

Funeral Lunch Groups: The following groups are next; Donna & Renee; Fran; Shirley & Theresa

Suggested Watching from the Parish Library:

<u>"Unplanned" (DVD)</u> Abby Johnson was the youngest director of a Planned Parenthood facility specializing in providing abortions.

This movie chronicles her life into, and out of, the abortion industry to become an outspoken pro-life champion and Catholic convert. Unplanned was also one of the most controversial films of 2019, facing backlash and censorship from pro-abortion supporters. See for yourself the movie that is bringing the debate over abortion back to the fore. Now available in the Parish Library.

Ignite Youth Group is held at St. Michael's School! **Grade 5&6 students -** the first Friday of each month. **Grade 7 8 & 9** - every other Friday. Please watch the bulletins for further announcements. Please invite your children and grandchildren to attend. <u>A Biblical Walk Through the Mass</u>: understanding what we say and do in the Liturgy by Dr. Edward Sri You probably know when to stand, when to sit, when to kneel, and have all the responses and gestures memorized. But do you really understand what we are doing in the Mass and why we do it? Take a unique tour of the Mass to renew your faith, broaden your understanding, and deepen your devotion. Now available at the Parish Library.

<u>Stewardship</u> Bulletin Bit: January 12, 2020 -Baptism of the Lord

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

Blanket Exercise: The Southeast District of Sports Culture and Recreation, in partnership with the Weyburn Arts Council, the Regional Library, the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Weyburn PLURA/Ministerial Churches, are sponsoring the Kairos Blanket Exercise at the Library on Wednesday, January 29th 6:00-9:00 PM. It is an experienced based program to build awareness and understanding of the history of the relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous people in Canada. This program has been used extensively across Canada as part of encouraging reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous people. The program is being presented free of charge, but folks are asked to register in advance as limited spots are available. For details see the poster on the bulletin board or at the following links:https://southeastdistrict.ca/userdata/files/410/Upc oming%20Workshops/Kairos%20(1).pdf

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals on Wheels.

Meals are delivered 5 days a week and takes about an hour to deliver a route. You have the option to deliver a route as often as you like – once a week, once every 2 weeks, once a month- or if you prefer not to be scheduled, you could be on the call-in list. For more information call Mary Ann Flaaten @ 306-842-6870.

Stewardship & Talent - January 11 & 12						
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM			
Doodowa	Patricia Redman	Delores Herring	Val Wing			
Readers	Derek Redman	Theresa Istace	Jennifer Woodard			
Eucharistic	Vacant Jo Martin Lloyd	Yvonne Kerr Marcel	Vacant Bonnie Sidloski			
Ministers	Zyla	Bauche	Yvette Bauche			
First 3 serve bread	Vacant Brian Winter	Doreen Verbeurgt	Elaine Nielsen			
Last 4 serve cup	Dave Creurer Janice Seitz	Lynn Colquhoun				
Acolytes	Stella Hoffart	Richard Wick	Mel VanBetuw			
·	Zeus Hinalaygan	Vacant	Ken Leblanc			
Children's	Cecile	Carole Storey	Leslie			
Liturgy		-				
Power Point	Roberto Roman	James Richards	Austin Leblanc			
Hospitality	Sean Galvin Raeanne Galvin	Frank & Eveline Porte	Ron Wormsbecker			
	Bernice Driscoll	Harry Jensen & Elaine Gray	Aime Isabey			
		Jim Parsons	Pat & Loretta Benning			
Counters Randy Schiller, Janet Schiller, Vic Plante						
Stewardship of Time & Talent - January 18 & 19						
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9AM	SUN 11 AM			
Readers	Glenda Zackrisson	Peter Broccolo	Ron Wormsbecker			
Reauers	Lloyd Zyla	Jean Woodard	Ingri Roman			
Eucharistic	Rose Loos Mary Ann Piwarski	Chris Marcotte	Judy VanBetuw			
Ministers	Joyce Reiser Vacant Vacant	Jean Woodard Susan Kot	Val Wing Vacant			
	Roberto Roman Steve Zackrisson	John Tuchscherer	Danette Tracey			
Acolytes	Camille Goski	Aime Isabey	Stella Hoffart			
	Peter Richards	Ron Klein	Gordon Rutten			
Children's Liturgy	Elise	Vacant	Dawn Purdue			
Power Point	Fingler Family	Mitzi Nicole Recto	Roberto Roman			
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten,	Richard & Celine Wawro	Judy & Mel VanBetuw			
	Bonnie & Frank Kaip	Omer & Chris Marcotte	Gordon Rutten			
		John Tuchscherer Yvonne Kerr	Danette & Calvin Tracey			
Counters Sherry Dreis, Kerry Dolter, Richard Wick						

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Caretakers: Rani Roettger, Jeff Greening						

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