

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!

March 23 & 24, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Good News Reflection - Mercy: How it helps evil-doers

How do you feel when someone who's been hurtful, cruel, or morally corrupt gets hit with a hardship that makes them suffer? Our natural tendency is to rejoice because justice has finally been meted out. Jesus addresses this in this Sunday's Gospel reading. He wants us to understand that we cannot truthfully say that someone is a "greater sinner", even if that person is doing more damage than anyone else, is more un-Christian than we are, or is blatantly an evildoer.

Every person has been created in the image of God, even the worst ones. Those who display an opposite image are nonetheless loved by Jesus Christ, who died for them. It's a tragedy that they do not live as the person God created them to be, because this harms others. But it will be an even worse tragedy if no one invites them to turn their lives over to Christ by loving them as he loves them.

No person is an evil person. Evil-doers are children of God living in ignorance of their true identity. They are victims of evil and were seduced by it into believing that it's the best way to live. They don't understand that they can be healed by the Sinless One who conquered evil for their redemption. We should feel sorry for them -- this is the gift of mercy. We should mourn with Jesus for the tragedy that continues within their souls -- this is the most precious gift of mercy. When we don't care enough to grieve over a person's inner destruction, we are sinning. We are disregarding what Jesus did for them on the cross. We are damaging our own souls.

All those who have sinned against you are like the fig tree in Jesus' parable. If you have access to them, he wants you to till their soil. He wants you to fertilize their souls with love and with the truth of the Gospel as taught by your actions and, when they're ready, by your words. He wants you to give them a gentle but obvious invitation to grow in the right direction.

Notice that Jesus doesn't want us to keep a diseased, disintegrating tree in the garden forever. After (and only after) we have done everything possible, if the evil-doer does not want to change, the best care we can give to the garden is to cut down the tree. This means walking away or calling in the authorities for intervention and letting the sinner reap what he sows. This, too, is very loving. When fertilizer won't produce good fruits, a fallen tree becomes mulch and enriches the ground for a new beginning.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who has been so hurtful to you that you wish God would punish them? Can you feel sorry for them? Can you pray for God to do good for them? If not, take this to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask for God's help in feeling more concerned about them. In this, you'll find freedom from the anger and pain that has been holding you captive.

We want to celebrate your milestones! Send us the dates of milestone Birthdays or Anniversaries of either you or your loved ones, and we will announce the special occasion in our parish bulletin!



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.

A new acolyte schedule will be coming out shortly at the end of March. If you would like any revision to be made to the acolyte schedule, or would like to volunteer as an altar server, please let the parish office know by no later than 12pm on March 26.



2nd Joint Venture Brunch Sponsored by the K of C and the CWL



Join us at McKenna Hall on Sunday, March 31st from 10am to 1pm for a BRUNCH, with pancakes and more!

Adults: \$10 • Ages 6-12: \$5 • Under 6: Free Knights- 306-861-3134 • CWL-306-861-6900

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent. The Rosary will be said at 6pm, the Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30pm, and Mass will follow. Any groups that would like to lead the Stations of the Cross are welcome to sign up on the sheet in the church foyer. Please note that there will no longer be a Mass at 12:10pm on Fridays for the duration of Lent.

The Holy Family Catholic School Division is now accepting Kindergarten Registrations for children who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2019. For more information, please contact St. Michael School at 306-842-2860, or if you would like to consider a different school in this division, please contact the

division office at 306-842-7025 or out their website check at www.holyfamilyrcssd.ca.



The "My Gen. Youth Rally" is coming soon on March 30-31! Our theme is "Open the Door", and we need all youth to be there! Online registration for the rally is now open at www.mygenrally.ca, and it will not be the same without you. The rally will be held at O'Neill High School for Grades 8 to 12. Please plan to attend, and spread the word!!

Mon.	Mar. 25	7 PM	Joe Schuck +	
		(K of C)		
Tues.	Mar. 26	9 AM	Eileen Walkeden +	
Wed.	Mar. 27	9 AM	George and Jeanne Procknow	
Thurs.	Mar. 28	6:30 PM	William Krainyk +	
Fri.	Mar. 29	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	
		7 PM	Harvey + and Janice Seitz	
Sat.	Mar. 30	10 AM	@Tatagwa- Robert Bauche +	
		5 PM	Jim and Marion Brown	
		7 PM	@St. Mary's- Christiane Allard	
Sun.	Mar. 31	9 AM	Tony Matthews +	
		11 AM	-	

Happy Birthday to Ken Oberkirsch, who will be 85 years old on March 24th!

2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Funeral Lunch Groups: The following groups are next for upcoming funerals: Marilyn and Ev, Fran, and Donna and Renee.

Luke 15.1-3,11-32

The 11am choir practice has been moved to Tuesday, March 26th at 3:30pm. Thank you to the members for their commitment!

Our Parish Reconciliation Day will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 10th. There will also be Reconciliation at St. Michael's School that same day at 10am.

St. Vincent de Paul's Annual

General Meeting is coming up! The meeting will be held at **1pm**



on Sunday, April 14th at McKenna Hall. Lunch will be at around noon, with the meeting to follow.

Lenten "Souper" Fridays, sponsored by the PLURA churches of Weyburn, will be held at the Grace United Church every Friday at noon throughout Lent. There will be a brief worship service with singing and meditation. Following the worship there will be a fellowship meal of soup and sandwiches, donated by the participating churches. A free will offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome. Meal is served by: March 29 – St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church **April 5** – Anglican Church April 12 – Grace United Church

Sign-up sheets for Holy Week and Easter ministries are on a table in the church foyer. Thank you to those who will give their time to help Holy Week run as smoothly as possible!

<u>St. Vincent de Paul Bursary Applications</u> are available for any of our parishioners who will be attending a post-secondary educational institution within the next year. This scholarship is for a student who has been faithful in their commitment to

their relationship with Christ, as well as in their parish involvement. Application forms can be found in the church foyer, or on the main page of our parish website.



Lenten Retreat Thoughts: **"Beloved–Baptism–Bacon"** *BACON* = Be Awake Christ Opens New ways. Let's focus on Christ.

Christ is our core and center for all the days of our lives. Christ dwelt among us, dwells within us, and is our perfect pattern for being people of prayer; living as a community of believers and embracing our baptismal roles of priest, prophet, and king. In his baptism, Christ was called "Beloved - in whom God is well pleased". This message is for each one of us as well. Ask Christ to show you how you are the beloved of God in whom God is well pleased. Christ calls us to be one and showed us how to pray. This Lent, let us pray for those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter (RCIA) and children preparing for Baptism and Confirmation/First Communion. Together we are the Body of Christ, and so we are asked to pray for the parish communities of St. Pius in Windthorst, St. Anne in Kipling, St. Ann in Kennedy, and St. Francis Xavier in Wawota.

Scripture: This week read *Galatians 3.26-28*. How does this scripture empower me to be faithful to my baptism?

Pray: Am I being a witness of Christ? How? Am I living the baptismal way of life by being a faithful friend, accompanying others on dark days, being comfort and light, and adding goodness to the lives of others? Now at the halfway point of Lent, how am I doing with my Lenten promises/covenant? Am I committed to restarting any covenant I may have broken?



<u>An Evening of Praise and Worship</u>: On the evening of **Saturday, April 13th at 7:30**, we invite you to join some of the young people from the Archdiocese of Regina Young Adult Leadership Team who will come and lead us in

a time of prayer to prepare our hearts for Easter. It will be an evening of music, spoken prayer, and the opportunity to pray for each other. Come experience an evening that invites us to pray IN community, FOR our community, with the SUPPORT of our community. **Tax receipts for 2018** are now ready. Please make sure to pick yours up from the tables in the church foyer. Donation envelopes for 2019 are also in the church foyer. Please be certain to use these envelopes for donations as opposed to the 2018 ones, as the numbers associated with your account change every year.

Join the Knights of Columbus! Become on online member today at <u>www.kofc.org/joinus</u>. The benefits are a monthly Columbia Catholic magazine, free accidental death benefits, insurance and other financial products, scholarships for your children, faith formation, charitable service, and much more.

2019 K of C dues are payable now. Please contact Br. Pete Broccolo as soon as possible.



A Resolution has been proposed by our Council to be put forward to the 2019 Saskatchewan State Convention regarding the length of service for a Br. To achieve Honourary, and Honourary Life, Membership. **All Brs. please attend our March 25th General Meeting, following the 7pm Mass, to review, discuss, and vote on it.**

<u>The Archdiocese of Regina</u> has released a letter addressed to victims of clergy sexual abuse. If you would like to read this letter, you can find some copies in the church foyer, or you can see it online at www.archregina.sk.ca.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Trivia

<u>The answer is:</u> **A** St. Vincent de Paul was born in April 24, 1581 in Landes, France.

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

<u>"Renewed in Hope"</u>. Do you ever fear for the future of the church? Worry about the young people in your life and community? Wonder what the future holds for our parish? **Come spend some time with others from our community on Saturday, April 13th to explore these very questions.** Michelle Braden and Braden Kuntz from the Archdiocese of Regina Youth Ministry office will come... not with any magic, but to lead us in a process of considering what a parish "Renewed in Hope" might look like. **Come pray, be inspired, be enlivened, and be challenged.** God's not even almost done with us yet! We will meet at the church from **11:00 – 4:30 on Sat. April 13th.** Lunch will be provided. **To register, please contact the parish office.**

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Eucharistic	VACANT Chris Masniuk	Theresa Istace	VACANT
Ministers	Mary Janeczko	Audrey Rydzik	Gordon Rutten
First 3 serve bread	Camille Goski Lynne Garner	Helen Fossenier	Aime Isabey
Last 4 serve cup	Betty Van Staveren VACANT	Van Staveren VACANT Pat Wolensky	
Acolytes	VACANT	Don Bohn	Bonnie Sidloski
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Children's Liturgy	VACANT	Christie McKenzie	Mia Vilcu
Power Point	Labbie Family	Carole Milo	Jennifer Woodard
	VACANT Yvonne Dzuba	Jerry & Janie Jordens	Norm Mondor
Hospitality	Denis Tremblay	Ken & Susan Kot	Al Pitre Joe Glab
	Jim Wanner		Sheldon LeBlanc
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