

# address, phone number, etc., please let the parish office know! March 30 & 31, 2019 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Good News Reflection - Why we are worthy of love

Who is worthy to receive the love and unconditional forgiveness of God? During every Mass, we pray, "Lord, I am not worthy... but say the Word and my soul shall be healed." Jesus illustrates in this Sunday's Gospel reading that we are all worthy, but not because of what we do -- rather, it's because of what Jesus *did* do: He died on the cross to take our sins into death so that we can rise up with him in the perpetual Easter experience of unity with God.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, it's not what the son did that made his return home acceptable. It's not his repentance that made him worthy of receiving his father's love. It's what the father did. He loved his child. Unconditionally. He loved him even while he was far away, even while he was straying in a sinful lifestyle.

The dad's unconditional, faithful love was his gift to the son even while the son was rejecting it.

The gift that the son gave to his dad upon his return home was an open heart to receive the love that had always been available.

During every Mass, we come to church as prodigal children. It doesn't matter that we think we've been good Christians all week long. In some way or other, we have turned our backs on God's full, unconditional, faithful love. This is why we always start Mass acknowledging that we have sinned. Let's take this opportunity very seriously!

Next, we listen to the Word that heals our broken relationships with God. The homily should always be carefully planned to enhance this, but if it's not, Jesus is nonetheless speaking to you through his Holy Spirit; listen in your heart. Jesus, who is the Word made flesh, has already begun to respond to your presence at Mass.

In the Offertory, we offer ourselves to the Father; it's our moment of surrender: "I no longer deserve to be called your child, so do with me as you will." What God wills is for us to be restored to a fully loving, give-and-take relationship with him and his family. And thus, in the grandest moment of the Liturgy, we receive the Eucharist as a gift of unity with God and with his whole family, the Church. (Those who cannot receive the Communion of the Host and Cup are graced with a Spiritual Communion.)

# **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

In what ways do you feel like a prodigal child? Do you feel separated from God to any degree? What sins do you need to confess so that you can turn around and head back home? Your Father is waiting with open arms!

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.

#### How far can we go? A Catholic guide to sex and dating by Leah Perrault and Brett Salkeld.

Do you have young adults in your life? Are you prepared to help guide them through dating and courtship with advice that is true to Catholic teachings? Let the faith, support and advice in this



book be your guide so the youth in your life will not approach dating overly fearful or overly careless. Now available in the Parish Library.

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. This Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, there will also be Adoration starting at 2pm.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Venture Brunch** Sponsored by the K of C and the CWL



Join us at McKenna Hall on this Sunday, March 31st from 10am to 1pm for a BRUNCH, with pancakes and more! Adults: \$10 • Ages 6-12: \$5 • Under 6: Free

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A new acolyte schedule has been sent out to our acolytes whose emails we have. Paper copies will also be available in the pamphlet rack for any that need it.

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: April 5 – Anglican Church April 12 – Grace United Church

Upcoming Eucharistic Celebrations					
Mon.	April 1	9 AM	Lay Service		
Tues.	April 2	9 AM	Peter Wodzinski Jr. +		
Wed.	April 3	9 AM	Illiene Borth +		
Thurs.	April 4	9 AM	Mikayla Souster		
Fri.	April 5	2 PM	Adoration		
		6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross		
		7 PM	Harvey Seitz +		
Sat.	April 6	10 AM	@Tatagwa- Germaine Beriault +		
		5 PM	Chantelle Kuntz +		
		7 PM	@St. Mary's- Pauline Scovoranski +		
Sun.	April 7	9 AM			
		11 AM	Margaret Corbin +		
Isaiah 43.16-21 Readings – April 6 & 7 Philippians 3.8-14 John 8.1-11					

We, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee, extend our apology to the people who were affected by the decision to end the Youth Program, as it was, because of the financial situation in the parish. We extend our thanks to all for understanding this hard decision.

We also thank the Archdiocesan Youth Leadership Group, who are working with our Youth Core Group, to get a new program running in our parish.

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!

There will be a meeting for all altar servers that will/may be serving at any point during Holy Week. Also welcome to the meeting is anyone interested in decorating the church for the Easter season. The meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, April 11, here at the church. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

<u>St. Vincent de Paul's</u> Annual General Meeting is coming up! The meeting will



be held at 1pm on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at McKenna Hall. Lunch will be at around noon, with the meeting to follow. There are two positions available on the Parish Council. If you are interested, please contact the office. AGM booklets can also be found in the church foyer. Please be sure to bring your booklet to the meeting.

The St.Vincent de Paul Parish Running Team is gearing up for its third season. We meet outside the Church Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Thursday mornings at 6:15am from April through September, no firm commitment required. We do a light jog for approximately thirty minutes. All ages and skill levels welcome. Join us for fun, fitness and (Catholic) fellowship! For more info text James at 306-861-4032.

St. Vincent de Paul Bursary Applications

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 **Opens.** 

Be Open to going deeper with Christ, to desiring Christ more, and living as love. Openness is a sign of walking with God and surrendering our lives into God's love. It breaks down barriers to find Christ in all situations and places. Openness is both being present and being aware of others; it invites us to pray for others and ourselves. 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 Mark 7.31-37 and Mark 2.1-12. What do these two gospel stories say to me about my Lenten journey? How do they remind me about the gift of being opened?

**Pray:** In these remaining weeks of Lent, what do I need to bring to Jesus so I may stand up and walk into Easter renewed? How am I glorifying God with my life? St. Clare of Assisi said: "We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become." What do I love? Who do I love? Is Christ present there?

The Annual Sask. Pro-Life Convention is on April 5-6 at The Victory Church (38 Bradbrooke Drive) in Yorkton, SK. This year's theme is Pro-Life 101: Equipped & Ready, and the keynote speaker is Vanessa Otten from the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform. She will speak at the Friday night Gala Supper and provide two Pro-Life 101 sessions on Saturday. Registrations can be made online at saskprolife.com/convention or by calling (306) 352-3480.

# **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Starting at 2pm on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 28) the Spiritual Adult Faith Formation Committee is coordinating Reconciliation, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, Adoration, and special guest speaker Bishop J. Weisgerber. Mass will be at 5pm with a complimentary supper at McKenna Hall to follow. Everyone is invited.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Fran Slater**, mother to Maureen (Gary) Cooney, who passed away last month.

An Evening of Praise and Worship: On the evening of Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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,



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

with the SUPPORT of our community.

"Renewed in Hope". 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

The K of C – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary will be at 2:30pm on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome to come!

### St. Vincent de Paul Parish Trivia The answer is: **B**

Although he later converted and changed his ways, St. Vincent de Paul spent his early life seeking fame and wealth.

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

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

	Stewardship of Time	<b>x</b> Talent - March 307.	31
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
Doodona	Wendy Sidloski	Carol Reeve	Patricia Redman
Readers		Pat Wolensky	Marga Cugnet
Eucharistic	Wendy Sidloski VACANT	Susan Kot	Gary Sidloski
Ministers	Dorothy Lawrenz	John Tuchscherer	Shirley Mondor
First 3 serve bread	Alaina Flaaten Alice Schneider	Diane Borys	Sheldon LeBlanc
Last 4 serve cup	Stella Hoffart VACANT	Hilarion Pohl	Daryl Fleck
Acolytes	VACANT	VACANT	Mel Van Betuw
·		Richard Wick	Ken LeBlanc
Children 2. T. Harrison	VACANT	Ingri Roman	Danielle Branvold
Children's Liturgy		-	Janene Hoffman
Power Point	Fingler Family	VACANT	Roberto Roman
	Brian Winter	Lorne & Colette Horack	Judy & Mel Van Betuw
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Hospitality	Rhonda Baudria	Dick Michel	Danette & Calvin Tracey
	Dorothy Gaab		-
Counters	Sherry Dreis, Kerry Dolter, Richard	Wick	
	Stewardship of Tir	ne & Talent - April 6 / 7	
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9AM	SUN 11 AM
Readers	Merle St. Onge	Wendy Pitre	Jerome Sidloski
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	Jo Martin Lloyd Zyla	Shannon Tuchscherer Yvonne Kerr	Karen Sidloski VACANT
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