

## Good News Reflection; Called to do more than follow Christ

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus states the Great Commission. He still repeats it today and at the end of every Mass when, through the priest, he sends us on our way. "Go," he says. "Go and make disciples wherever I send you."

A disciple is a student. Think of people you know who are mere followers of Christ, people who claim to believe in Jesus but who are not learning how to imitate Christ, adult Catholics who stopped their religious education a long time ago. Their faith is not enough to change the world, because they live more like the world than like holy representatives of Christ. Or they live more miserably, less joyfully than those who know how much Jesus cares about them. Or they are unpleasant to be around, because they have not developed enough humility to exude Christ.

You are called to disciple them! Jesus has commissioned you to do it. And it's not impossible to do. Take apart the word "commission" to see that you are "with" ("co") Jesus on his "mission". He says, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me" in the context of the Great Commission. This means that, when we share in Christ's mission, we share in his power.

If we are more than mere followers and have been disciples learning how to be fully alive in the Holy Spirit of Christ, he will give us the words and the opportunities to teach others to observe and understand what he has commanded.

With Christ, we can change hearts by teaching the people around us what it means to be a follower of Christ who also learns from Christ. We teach first by our example, but unless this is backed up with explanations of why we follow Christ, those whom we hope to influence will make no new discoveries about God's love, the benefits of God's commandments, or the need for God's merciful forgiveness.

"Behold!" he adds as an exclamation point on the Great Commission, "I am with you always. Together we will change the world, one disciple at a time."

**Questions for Personal Reflection**: Are you just a follower of Christ or are you also a student of his ways, his truths, and his commandments? What can you do to learn more?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing**: How does it feel to be a partner of Jesus in his mission of evangelization? How have others evangelized you? What did they do that inspired you to become more active in your Christian faith?

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Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations ************************************					
Sat.	May 20	10 AM 5 PM	Funeral Marianto & Eduvigis Mero+		
		7 PM St Marys	Don Theil +		
Sun.	May 21	9 AM Mass	Patsy Ernst Int.		
		11 AM	Lynne Garner +		
Mon.	May 22	No Mass			
Tues.	May 23	6:30 PM Mass	Bernie & Alice Kot Int.		
Wed.	May 24	9 AM Mass	Kathy Setka Int.		
		10 Bison Mass	Anthony Matthews +		
Thur.	May 25	9 AM Mass	Jeremy & Bonnie Seitz Int.		
		10 Midtown	Charles & Betty Simon +		
Fri.	May 26	9:30 WSCH	Special Int.		
		12:10 Mass	Megan Richter & Fam Int		
Sat.	May 27	10 Tatagwa	Joe & Florence Ball +		
		5 PM Mass	Janice Seitz Int.		
		7 PM St Marys	Linda Bohn +		
Sun.	May 28	9 AM Mass	Lynne Garner +		
		11 AM Mass	Jerry Piwowarski +		

#### St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who attended our Brunch and

**Bake Sale**. It was a great day! Thank you to our convenors of the Brunch and to all of the ladies who helped out making this day such a success; to the Knights of Columbus for graciously helping with some of the cooking and the clean up; to the convenors and volunteers of the bake sale; a big to all CWL members and St. Vincent parishioners who donated such a vast assortment of baking items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated; to the volunteers who looked after the raffle; to the individuals and local businesses who donated prizes and to everyone who purchased tickets. The winners are as follows:

Hanging Baskets donated by Canadian Tire - Elaine Nielsen and Shirley Mondor

Hanging Baskets donated by CWL member =- Dorothy Gaab and Val Wing

Gift Basket donated by CWL member – Yvette Bauche

Wreath donated by Heather Fellner – Carole Storle

Soap Sculpture donated by CWL member - Shirley Mondor Trivet donated by Mel Van De Sype – Patsy Ernst

Prize Package donated by Marilyn Schuck - Cecelia Richards

Mugs and \$20 gift card donated by Tim Horton's - Helen Kostiuk

Horse and Sleigh model, handmade and donated by Jim Jaworski - Mel Van Betuw

AA/AAA battery packages donated by Angelo Fresnido -Ruth Boren and Jaime Wawro

Turkey donated by Angelo Fresnido - Brenda Paul

Floral Arrangement donated by Brady's House of Flowers -Chris Marcotte

Quilted Tablecloth made and donated by Dorothy Gaab -Yvette Bauche

Bocce Ball Set donated by Kathy MacDonald – Willa Mae DonaldUnicorn Balloon donated by a CWLmember - Sonja Plemel

# May 20 & 21, Ascension of the Lord



Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings in our lives; for the very world in which we live and for the health and strength you have bestowed upon us. The suffering Christ endured provided healing and power over illness. Lord, direct that healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will restore them to full health. We call them by name: Matthew Seitz, Linda Tosczak, Linda Kot, Benedict Vinck, Pat **Benning** and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of those who have gone to their eternal home. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are

with you.



The Knights of Columbus "KofC Sask Intercouncil Charity Appeal 2023: tickets are now available for purchase from any Knight. The tickets are \$1.00 each, and come in books of ten.

Contact Brother Pete Broccolo (306-891-9755 or petebroccolo@gmail.com) for tickets. Payment can be by Cash, Cheque, or eTransfer"

St. Vincent de Paul Annual General Meeting; Scheduled for May 28, 2023. It will be held at Lower McKenna Hall, beginning after the 11am Mass and will start with a lunch at 12 pm followed by the meeting. Please submit reports by May 15.



The St. Vincent de Paul Religious Articles Shop recently received new stock, including several gift items for **First Eucharist and Confirmation.** 

We will have our **Spring Lobby Sale** Items can also be purchased through the Church during regular office hours. We will be holding our spring lobby sale on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>.

thankful. Amen.

### Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the foyer! As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the office.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit: 7th Sunday of Easter- The Ascension of the Lord. "*I am praying for them*…" *John 17:9.* Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

<u>Parish Expectations</u>; Clearly, Jesus embraced the values of welcoming and expectation, and so they must be part of the life of the Church. How we communicate expectations is paramount. We like to speak of five expectations of parishioners and clergy alike. All are expected to worship, to grow, to serve, to connect and to give. Our expectations are for all who show an interest in becoming a member of our parish and for those who already belong.

Anyone interested in helping newcomers learn English, please contact – Laura at SENEWCOMERS Phone: 306-861-9823. You don't need to be a teacher, we're just supplementing what they are learning at the college.

We will be having Planting Work Bee, Tuesday, May 23 at 10:00am; Bring your gardening tools, gloves, experience and energy. We will be planting and filling up the flower beds so our church looks welcoming and beautiful! Flower donations will be accepted.

**SAFF - Eucharistic Driving Procession. Join us to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday June 11 at 2pm** for a Eucharistic Driving Procession. Participants will process around Weyburn in their cars following the Blessed Sacrament in the lead vehicle. On Corpus Christi we honour the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Meet at the front doors of the church, everyone is invited. Organized by the Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee.

**<u>Prav</u>**: Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to remember that You are always with me and that in Your mercy You have chosen me. Even though I pass through trials in this life, my whole being will be eternally

**SAFF - Exploring Eucharistic Miracles**. Join us for a special presentation: Exploring Eucharistic Miracles in the church at 6pm on Saturday June 3. As Catholics we believe that the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ is really, truly and substantially present under the appearance of bread and wine. In this presentation we will explore four unique cases of Eucharistic Miracles including bleeding hosts, the presence of human heart tissue in the host, and the miraculous preservation of consecrated hosts. These miracles regularly undergo scientific investigation at the request of the local Bishop and we will learn how medical science can deepen our understanding of, and appreciation for, the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Hope to see you there! A project of the Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee.

#### **SAFF - Summer Bible Study - The Gospel of John**

The Summer Bible Study is returning for another year. We will be using the Follow Me program written by Dr. Edward Sri to explore the Gospel According to John. John's Gospel is the source of a surprising number of Catholic beliefs so it is important for us as Catholics to understand it. Join us in this fun and engaging Bible study so you can better hear the voice of God in Scripture while deepening your relationship with the living person of Jesus Christ. We will meet in the Church basement every Wednesday at 7pm for eight sessions, from July 5 to August 23. Workbooks are \$10 each, payable at the first session on July 5. Hope to see you there! A project of the Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee.

#### Vacation Bible School is coming to St. Vincent de

**Paul!** All children ages 5-10 welcome to register for Vacation Bible School. Save the dates of July 18-20<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm Volunteers are needed for this to run!! Meeting for volunteers or anyone interested will be held at church May 26 at 6:30pm

McKenna Hall is looking for help for Several upcoming events: There are sign-up sheets in the Church foyer. You can also call the office and leave your name if you're willing to put your name on the phoning list for McKenna Hall volunteers. <u>Please</u> <u>consider helping as the functions at McKenna Hall</u> <u>are important for the resources to keep the Hall and</u> <u>the Church successful and viable.</u>

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Readers	Lloyd Zyla	Peter Broccolo	Carol Toles
Reauers		Jean Woodard	Glenda Shupe
Eucharistic	Wendy Sidloski	Marcel Bauche	Elaine Nielsen
Ministers	Derek Redman	Yvonne Kerr	Yvette Bauche
Acolytes	Armand Delanoy	Chris Dayaan	Mel Van Betuw
v	Peter Richards	Richard Wick	Dave Alcalde
	Maggie Richards		Austin Davies
Power Point	Lloyd Zyla	Gerry Langlois	Jacob LeBlanc
Children's Liturgy			Leslie
Hospitality	Brian Winter	Frank & Eveline Porte	Ron Wormsbecker
I J	Dorothy Gaab	Ron & Josie Klein	Aime Isabey
	Dave Creurer Pat Wolensky	Harry Jensen Jim Parsons	Pat & Loretta Benning
Counters			
	Stewardship of T	ime & Talent - May 27 &	& 28
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM
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	Ingri Roman	Stewart Ferguson	Marga Cugnet
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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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