



## Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

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### SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

#### SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

#### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Check the bulletin or website for the current schedule

#### COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

Contact the parish office for assistance

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Friday 3:15 p.m., Saturday 4:00 p.m.

and/or as announced or by appointment

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## PARISH BULLETIN

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER and SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2017 and May 21, 2017

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**FAITH FORMATION:** Catechism sessions for children (K to Grade 8) are held on Sunday mornings, September through May, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Periodically other programs, workshops, and/or study sessions are offered for adults. Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information and/or to register.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST):** Contact the parish office for further information.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements for preparation and celebration should be made at least six months in advance.

**CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS:** Contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with funeral directors.

# ***National Week for Life and the Family - May 14 to May 21***

## **MASS FOR LIFE – Monday, May 15**

You are invited to gather at St. Vital Church, 1629 Pembina Highway, on Monday, May 15, for the praying of the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. The Mass for Life is an annual Eucharistic Celebration for all of life from conception to natural death. This year the Mass for Life is hosted by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, Archbishop Richard Gagnon presiding. All are welcome!

## **INTO THE BREACH: Event for Men – Tuesday, May 16**

A call to battle! All Catholic men (husbands, fathers and sons, grandfathers and widowers, priests and deacons, young men in preparation for your vocation ...), you are invited to this interactive video presentation, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. This evening is designed to inspire you to engage in the Spiritual battle and struggle for virtue and excellence, develop your interior life of prayer needed to live fully as a Christian man, and learn to deal with the breaches of our society that are in great need of courageous engagement. The presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish Hall, 289 Dussault Avenue.

## **BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES: Sex & Love in Marriage – Wednesday, May 17**

Come and learn more about God's revolutionary plan of joy and love for your relationship! (Make it a date night!) Refreshments and chocolate fondue will be served. The workshop is sponsored by the Marriage, Family and Life Team at St. Timothy Parish. It is designed for couples, but open to everyone. The event will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 at the Parish of St. Timothy, 135 John Forsyth Road.

## **THE JOY OF LOVE: Event for Young Adults – Thursday, May 18**

Young adults (18+) are invited to an evening of discussion on dating, love, and our Christian call. The theme of the evening: "The Joy of Love: Sex, What's Love Got to Do With It?". A time of fellowship and pizza will follow. The event will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 at the Kateri Hall in the Pastoral Centre of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, 622 Taché Avenue. For further information call 204-594-0274 or email [mfl@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl@archsaintboniface.ca)

**The National Week for Life and The Family is an initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and sponsored in Manitoba by the Tri-Diocesan Committee for Life and the Family.**

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Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg [www.archeparchy.ca](http://www.archeparchy.ca)

## **RESPECT LIFE WEEK OFFERING**

**In support of *Life's Vision*, Manitoba's Educational Center on Life Issues.**

Life's Vision, previously League for Life in Manitoba Inc., began in the 1970s as the educational arm of the pro-life movement in Manitoba. It was founded by a group of concerned men and women in response to the threat of legal abortion to human life. We operate a store where unique items can be purchased. We present a united voice to bring about greater respect for the dignity and worth for all human beings from conception to natural death. Life's Vision provides education and a voice for those opposed to all threats on the dignity of the human person. Today, the work of Life's Vision has expanded as new threats to human life have emerged. Euthanasia, chemical abortion, reproductive technologies, fetal experimentation, and infanticide of newborn and handicapped infants threaten the dignity and life of the most vulnerable members of the human family. Life's Vision is committed to raising public awareness on life-affirming options, and speaking out on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

**To make your offering in support of *Life's Vision*, please use the special "Respect Life Week Offering" envelopes available at the church entrance and make cheques payable to "Life's Vision". Brochures are also available which provide a "Giving Form" with Visa or MasterCard pre-authorized payment options.**

**THE WORD AMONG US: DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR EASTER 2017 – \$2.00 each:** Each booklet contains daily Scripture readings and prayers from the Liturgy: April 16 to May 31, 2017, Daily meditations based on Masses for the Season of Easter, Articles on the Eucharist and the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, Canadian Edition CCCB approved.

## A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God,  
we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.  
We pray for young mothers,  
who give life and count toes and tend to our every need,  
may they be blessed with patience and tenderness  
to care for their families and themselves with great joy.  
We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us,  
may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.  
We remember mothers who are separated from their children  
because of war, poverty, or conflict,  
may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.  
We pray for women who are not mothers  
but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.  
We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us  
but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



## MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER for THRIVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT CIRCLE *(formerly called Pregnancy and Family Support Services)* and conclusion of Spiritually Adopted Baby Program

The baby you spiritually adopted last September will be born this month! To celebrate the symbolic birth of the babies we have supported through our prayers over these past nine months, parishioners are invited to participate by picking up a Pro-Life pin or mini rose from the bassinet display set up at the south church entrance. Donations are gratefully accepted to be forwarded to THRIVE Community Support Circle. Thrive is dedicated to providing services that support women, pregnant women, men and children, at all stages, to cultivate family life, empower individuals and grow community.

Thank you to everyone who has held these moms and their babies in prayer and to everyone who is contributing in any way to the success of this year's Mother's Day Baby Shower. Our community's Knitting Group deserves a resounding "Thank you!" for the many hours spent over the past several months lovingly crafting the baby layettes which are on display Mother's Day weekend. THRIVE will distribute these gifts to the mothers and babies they look after.

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS 2017

*"How marvelous it would be if, at the end of the day each of us could say:  
today I have performed an act of charity toward others"* – Pope Francis



**OUR PARISH'S APPEAL TARGET FOR 2017 IS \$30,370.** On a Sunday in the not too distant future, our Sharing God's Gifts Campaign Chairperson, Claude Precourt, will speak at Masses about our commitment to Sharing God's Gifts 2017, a video will be shown, and brochures about the appeal will be distributed. **In the meantime, those who wish may pick up a brochure from the parish office and make their pledge to Sharing God's Gifts 2017.** You may forward your contributions through the parish office or directly to the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Various payment options are available. If you wish to contribute via cheque, please make cheques payable to "Sharing God's Gifts".

**We are looking for some volunteers to assist as Sharing God's Gifts Campaign Workers who would phone and/or visit parishioners. If you are willing to help, please contact the parish office.** Thank you for your support.

## THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

The special collection for *The Pope's Pastoral Works* will be taken up on the weekend of **Sunday, May 21, 2017.** This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of funds collection is for what is traditionally known as "Peter's Pence", i.e. donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to assist those most in need. Two-thirds of the collection is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church. Please use the special yellow envelope provided in your parish collection envelope box and make your cheques payable to the parish.

## May 14, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Deacons are appointed to serve, while the apostles continue to preach.

### Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

God's kindness is sufficient to fill the earth with justice and right.

### 1 Peter 2:4-9

We are vital stones being built into a spiritual house founded on Christ.

### John 14:1-12

The destination may be fuzzy, but the way is clear: Jesus our Lord.



## ROAD MAP TO THE BIG HOUSE

Nearing 60, I'm ever more reluctant to change. Yet time *is* change. If events were frozen, time itself would lose all meaning. This makes the Chinese curse that wishes chaos on an enemy—"May you live in interesting times"—ironic. The truth is, change is here to stay, which makes all times interesting. Change seethes below the most impassive surface, its forces prepared to erupt whenever times become "interesting" enough.

The early church era was an interesting time. During Jesus' ministry, the gospel was sown mostly between Galilee and Jerusalem. These weren't identical regions, but they were fairly homogenous in religious affiliation. Jews, a smattering of Samaritans, and a Gentile or two comprised the whole of Jesus' audience. As he acknowledged, Jesus viewed his ministry as one to the lost sheep of Israel. A few challenges to that itinerary notwithstanding, Jesus made few plans beyond Jerusalem because he understood that city as the end of the road for him.

The first generation of the church took the gospel on a wider road that offered endless possibilities for expansion—plus all the chaos that goes with growth. The apostles hadn't left Jerusalem before the seams in the community started to tear. "Hellenists versus Hebrews" is a debated division today, but most scholars presume it draws a language distinction. The Hebrews were of Palestinian citizenship, and the Greek-speaking Hellenists were, like Paul of Tarsus, from elsewhere in the Diaspora. Make no mistake, Hellenist Jews were even more impassioned about doing things by the Book of Moses than the usual Temple crowd. Identities forged in exile are often like that. Being Jewish in Asia Minor was a much tougher identity than it was in, say, Nazareth.

Imagine what this story is saying: *Even in the early church*, prejudice was exercised between two sets of widows. The Resurrection was still recent news, and already followers of Jesus were distinguishing between "our kind" and those "others." How quickly the seams of separateness appear! How easily we're tempted to forfeit our precious unity for ideology.

At the Last Supper, Jesus describes the destiny of his followers: in a big house with lots of room—lots of *rooms*, so to speak. Places for everyone to fit, no matter their differences. How do we ever get to such a place? *I am the way*, Jesus says. We're never going to turn Hellenist widows into Hebrew widows, or create a one-race world or one-nation planet. [...] We can't freeze time at 1950, or 2007, or any historical moment that seems appealing. Differences remain. Times change. But our Lord *is* the Way, our navigator even through the most interesting times.

— Alice Camille

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***"Do not be ashamed to serve others for the love of Jesus Christ and to seem poor in this world."***

— Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471)

***"How can I be useful, of what service can I be? There is something inside me, what can it be?"***

— Vincent van Gogh

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Max and Monique Armstrong, Darrell Aucoin, Keira Bond, Joan Brabant, Bill Camier, Frank Clarke, Peter Corcoran, Connie Csizmadia, Phyllis Dreveski, Sylvia Ewaskow, Bonnie Joyce Irish, Angela Kalichak, Deacon Gary McCallum, Debra McEnturff, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Mak Ntwanga, Shirley Payment, Albin Polz, Phyllis Rogoski, Hank Smith, Rose Stankewich, Marie Stuart, Don Thomas, Jacob Trudel, Maria Helena Viegas, Ted Wood and Helen Yankoski.

Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon, to have names added to our prayer list. Remember that to have names added and printed in the bulletin we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you.

**FOCUS COMMISSION REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE:** The Archdiocese of Winnipeg Synod Secretariat is pleased to announce that the Second Phase of preparations for the Synod of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg is nearing completion. The nine Focus Commissions met several times over the last few months to generate draft reports (white papers) for consideration and response from any and all of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Parishioners are invited to read any or all of the reports and are also encouraged to discuss the various themes with church groups, family and friends and may consider making a joint response. Please send your comments or suggestions in response to the content of the draft reports via email to [jcoyne@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:jcoyne@archwinnipeg.ca) by June 15, 2017. The responses that are received will be returned to each of the nine Focus Commissions and will become part of each of the Focus Commissions' final reports that will form the basis for the Synod's next phase, the General Sessions. The nine draft reports can be viewed online and/or printed from the Archdiocesan website: <http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/synod.php> If you do not have access to the internet and/or to a printer, you may contact the parish office to arrange that copies be printed for you.

**May 21, 2017**

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### **Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17**

Say goodbye to unclean spirits, and hello to the gospel in Samaria.

### **Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16+20**

Singing is the sound of joyful, thankful people who experience God's kindness.

### **1 Peter 3:15-18**

We have a reason to hope: we're been led to the will of God in Christ.

### **John 14:15-21**

We can't be orphans when the Spirit of truth remains with us.



## **PILATE'S QUESTION**

Jesus offers his followers the promise of a rare gift at the Last Supper: a Spirit of Truth. But what is truth? Most of us are a little hard on the Roman governor of Palestine when he asks this question of Jesus during his trial. Jesus claims to testify to the truth, and says anyone who hears the truth is listening to him. Pilate seems to shrug off this bold revelation with the clipped rhetorical question: *What is truth?* It's as if Pilate is really saying that truth is irrelevant. What really matters is not what's true, but who has the authority to determine what will be.

Is this true? We might ask in return. Is Pilate correct? Does the existence of some hallowed Ultimate Truth matter little in a world where we have facts and "alternative facts," as well as actual events followed by generous helpings of "spin"? All truth aside, the future is shaped not on reality as it is but on what people believe or can be made to swallow given the right amount of media or marketing.

What is truth? Is another way of saying: Who cares about truth? What difference does truth make in a world governed by illusions? Perhaps the Holy Spirit is the most neglected divine identity in the Trinity because we're not really convinced that truth matters all that much. The Bible contains many stories that didn't literally happen as catalogued. History itself is a series of holes connected by half-truths recounted by the winners. Does it affect our lives today if we can't tell the difference between a true report and a useful fable? Are we harmed so very much by our deeply edited and embroidered sense of the past? Don't we all make mythology of our personal memories, remembering and forgetting what supports our preferred narrative?

One of the plagues of the information age is that we have so much information, yet so little sense of what to believe and who to trust. Sources of truth are served to us cafeteria-style: Which pope of the last half-century is "your" pope? Which presidency do you enshrine as the golden age of leadership? What's your go-to news source? Boutique choices have replaced the idea that there is even "a" truth out there. Only "my" truth concerns me, the one that makes me feel comfortable and maybe even vindicated.

The Spirit of Truth remains in the world, all days, to the end of time, as scripture tells us. This Truth can't be found in the marketplace but is an inside job. It's the indwelling life of God offered to the church precisely so we won't be orphans in a sea of fancy and fantasy. Truth can be a game we play. Or it can be the path to life.

— Alice Camille

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***"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love."***

— *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

## TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: MAY 14 – 28, 2017

*As circumstances suggest, the schedule may be subject to change.*

Besides remembering all our sick and shut-in parishioners in our prayers,  
please also remember in your prayers our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation  
and those who are preparing for their first reception of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

<b>Sunday, May 14</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – “NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY”</b>
5:00 pm Saturday	MASS – <i>Intention for all mothers, requested by the Knights of Columbus St. James Council</i>
9:00 am	MASS – <i>Elizabeth Polz+, requested by Albin Polz and family</i>
11:45 am	MASS – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>
1:15 pm	<b>CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – Brooke Marie Heather Ruth</b>
	<i>Reception following baptism in room 12</i>
1:15 pm	<b>CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM Session 4</b> – Couples for Christ ( <i>in the parish hall</i> )
<b>Monday, May 15</b>	<b>Ferial</b>
	<i>Parish office and facility is closed during the day Monday</i>
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus executive meeting
7:00 pm	<b>MASS FOR LIFE</b> – at St. Vital Church, 1629 Pembina Highway
<b>Tuesday, May 16</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
9:15 am	MASS – <i>Wilma Greaux+, requested by Margaret and Jerome Strachan</i>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>in room 12</i> )
7:00 pm	<b>MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL Annual General Meeting</b> ( <i>in the parish hall</i> )
<b>Wednesday, May 17</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:30 am	Central Winnipeg Deanery Meeting at St. François Xavier
12:00 noon	Knitting Group Potluck Lunch Gathering ( <i>in room 10</i> )
4:30 pm	First Communion Preparation – meetings with candidates and parents
6:45 pm	<b>Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</b>
7:00 pm	MASS – <i>Curtis Corie+, requested by Archie and Elaine Lucier</i>
<b>Thursday, May 18</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
2:00 pm	MASS – at Heritage Lodge PCH, 3555 Portage Avenue
4:00 pm	First Communion Preparation – meetings with candidates and parents
<b>Friday, May 19</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
9:15 am	MASS – <i>Intention: T.B.A.</i>
3:00 pm	<b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> ( <i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i> )
6:00 pm	First Communion Preparation – meetings with candidates and parents
<b>Saturday, May 20</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
2:00 pm	First Communion Preparation – meetings with candidates and parents
5:00 pm	MASS – <i>Anthony Pittarelli+ and Tino Rinella+, req. by Donna Iafolla &amp; Patrick MacDonald</i>
<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
9:00 am	MASS – <i>Inez and Matthew Hazzard+, requested by Margaret and Jerome Strachan</i>
11:45 am	MASS – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>
1:15 pm	<b>CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – Emma Susan Nicola Daly</b>
1:15 pm	<b>CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM Session 5</b> – Couples for Christ ( <i>in the parish hall</i> )
<b>Monday, May 22</b>	<b>Ferial</b>
	<i>Victoria Day Holiday</i>
	<i>Parish office and facility is closed Monday</i>

<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>MASS – Intention: T.B.A.</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>in room 12</i> )
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Together in Christ: Lutherans and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation</i></b> <b>ECUMENICAL STUDY SESSION at St. Vital Church, 1629 Pembina Highway</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 24</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank ( <i>in room 12</i> )
<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>MASS – Intention: T.B.A.</b>
<b>Thursday, May 25</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
<b>Friday, May 26</b>	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT PHILIP NERI, Priest</b>
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>MASS – Gail Hunter+, requested by Linus Endacott</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:45 am	<b>MASS – at Sturgeon Creek I Retirement Residence, 10 Hallonquist Drive</b>
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (<i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)</b>
<b>5:00 – 7:00 pm</b>	<b>RUMMAGE SALE downstairs in the parish hall</b>
6:30 pm	Rehearsal for First Communion
<b>Saturday, May 27</b>	<b>Ferial</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>MASS – Anthony Pittarelli+ and Tino Rinella+, req. by Donna Iafolla &amp; Patrick MacDonald</b>
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>MASS – Joe Bretecher+, requested by Val Stark and family</b>
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>MASS – includes first reception of the Holy Eucharist by children of the parish</b> <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners – Reception to follow in the parish hall</i>

## “Flores de Mayo” (Flowers of May) Fiesta in Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Held on Saturday, May 6, 2017

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### RECEIPTS

Ticket Sales	\$1,620.00
Flower donations	236.40
Soft Drinks/Water	25.00
50/50 Draw	122.00
Silent Auction	310.00
Donation	50.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,363.40</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Flowers	\$ 155.84
Ave Maria letters, poles, stands etc.	303.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 459.34</b>



Total receipts	\$2,363.40
Less total expenditures	- 459.34
<b>NET PROCEEDS</b>	<b>\$1,904.06</b>

*A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to all the children and adults who participated and who helped in any way to support and prepare for our first “Flores de Mayo” parish fiesta. May God continue to bless you all for your prayers, kindness and generosity!*

## EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE PARISH AND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**NAPRO TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION:** NaPro Technology offers help for infertility, repetitive miscarriages, postpartum depression and more. A presentation is taking place Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Charles Church Parish Hall, 320 St. Charles Street, Winnipeg. For more information contact Angela Bowman at 204-804-8155 or email ang81\_22@hotmail.com

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST: We invite all adults (single and married) to participate in our CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP).** Orientation started on April 23, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church, 3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB. Registration is Free. Child minding is available for those who have children. The Christian Life Program (CLP) is a series of talks about the "Absolute Basic Truths of Christianity", "The Authentic Christian Life", and "Living Spirit-Filled Christian Life." Talks are followed by a guided discussion in relation to Christian Life. For further details and registration, please contact any of the following: Gene and Grace Ocampo 204-297-6040, 204-297-4983; Dan and Shiela Delfin 204-720-8503; Fernan and Norie Celestino 204-588-7130, 204-881-0290; Ariel and Jane Manigque 204-230-7888

**TOGETHER IN CHRIST – Lutherans and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation:** Catholics, Lutherans and other interested Christians are cordially invited to take part in Ecumenical Study Sessions to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Whether or not you were able to take part in any of the first three sessions, you are welcome to come and take part in the fourth session to be held on **at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017** at St. Vital Roman Catholic Church, 1629 Pembina Highway.

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BRUNCH** of the Associates of the Child Jesus will be held on **Sunday, May 28, 2017** from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Assiniboine Gordon Inn on the Park, 1975 Portage Ave. Tickets \$25 per person, students and 12 & under \$15. Funds raised will go to support Christians of the Holy Land. For tickets, please contact Margaret and Jerome 204-504-2185.

**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROBERT MORRISON GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER** in support of Saint Charles Catholic School will be held on **Monday, May 29, 2017** at Breezy Bend Country Club. Registration and lunch at 10:30 a.m., Tee-Off at Noon, Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$160 per player, \$640 per team (single and incomplete teams welcome), \$110 junior rate for kids (age 5 to 17), all fees include taxes. **Payments must be received prior to May 18<sup>th</sup> to reserve registration.** Each golfer receives: 18 holes at championship level golf course, complimentary golf cart per twosome, complimentary lunch, snacks and hot and cold beverages, complimentary dinner. Contact the school for more info 204-837-1520 or visit [www.stccs.ca](http://www.stccs.ca)

**THE ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA CWL COUNCIL** will hold its yearly windup with a Potluck dinner on **Monday, May 29, 2017** at St. John XXIII Parish Hall. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favourite dish and a small gift for the bidding auction. We look forward to seeing you for an evening of good food, fun and fellowship. Invite a friend to come along. For further information, you may contact Marilyn Begg <[begg475@mymts.net](mailto:begg475@mymts.net)>.



**SABBATH: RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS:** Young adults are often left out of spiritual opportunities. If you are 18 - 39, here's something for you! **Sabbath Retreat, June 1-4, 2017** Cost: only \$80 with support from St. Benedict's Foundation. Quiet time, talks, prayer, spiritual practices, meals and good times. For more info or to register visit [www.stbens.ca/events](http://www.stbens.ca/events) or call St. Benedict's Monastery and Retreat Centre, 225 Masters Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R4A 2A1, 204-339-1705.

**WORKSHOP ON DISCERNMENT AND DECISION-MAKING:** Life is full of choices and decisions! How can we make the best decisions? This day Workshop will explore the gift and the art of discernment in making good decisions in life. Based on the approach given in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. **Friday, May 26, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 830 North Drive, Winnipeg. Cost \$100 before April 10<sup>th</sup>, \$125 after. Please email Nancy Finlayson: [nancy-finlayson@shaw.ca](mailto:nancy-finlayson@shaw.ca) or Laura Funk: [lauracfunk@gmail.com](mailto:lauracfunk@gmail.com) to secure your attendance at the workshop.

*For other events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, please see information posted on bulletin boards at the north and south entrances of the church, and/or go to the website: [www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly\\_bulletin.php](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php)*

**PAD / OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2017:** Parishioners are encouraged to register for pre-authorized debit. Visitors may use "My Offering" envelopes available at the church entrance. New parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office to register for pre-authorized debit or regular offering envelopes.