



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

PARISH BULLETIN

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 12, 2017 and

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 19, 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.



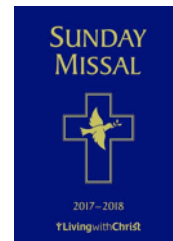
THE WORD AMONG US DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT 2017

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2017 – 2018 SUNDAY MISSAL now available – Price \$6.00 each: The *Living with Christ Sunday Missal* is the resource that helps Catholics prepare for and celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday and major feast day of the year. This Sunday Missal features: **NEW SIZE & LARGER FONT**, the official English translation of the Roman Missal, complete Scripture readings for Sunday Masses, reflections for all Sunday liturgies, inspiration from the Saints, Papal Prayer Intentions for each month of the year, guide to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayers for various occasions, hymns. Edited and produced in Canada.



HOLY BIBLE NRSV – HARDCOVER CATHOLIC EDITION: Some copies are still available at the parish office - price **\$20.00 each**. A good stocking stuffer! Same English translation we use at Mass, double column text, footnotes.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Once again this year we are collecting items to fill Christmas Hampers. The grocery items required are on tags on the wooden Christmas tree in the narthex. Please return the tags with your donated grocery items to the display in the narthex. You can also help by making a monetary donation which helps us to purchase turkeys, milk, potatoes, and oranges. Special envelopes for donations are available by the tree. Also needed are donations of knitted hats, mittens and gloves. Please watch for tags which will be made available soon for Children's Christmas Gifts. The tags will be placed on the tree once we have received children's names from the Christmas Cheer Board. Please wrap gifts donated and attach a tag on the outside of the gift with child's name in **bold print**. Return gifts to the church no later than

December 14th. Christmas hampers will be delivered on Thursday, December 21st. Please call Bill Patterson at 204-837-5217 if you are able to help to deliver hampers. Thank you. Sincerely, Coordinators Alice Fleury and Marilyn Weimer.

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” ADVENT CONCERT: The St. James Knights of Columbus Council #4557 invites you to their annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” Advent Concert to be held in Saint John XXIII Parish Hall, 3390 Portage Avenue, on **Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be served. Performers include the Violin Ambassadors from St. Charles Catholic School music program under the direction of Ms. Rachel Shem, the St. James Knights and St. James Assiniboia CWL Choirs under the direction of Donna Vendramelli and Fr. Robert Polz, and introducing the Couples for Christ carolers and musicians. Wrapping up the concert is the well-known 252 Osborne Legion Band under the direction of Robert Hall. Admission is by donation. Net proceeds are going to the St. Charles Catholic School Music Program.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Max and Monique Armstrong, Darrell Aucoin, Joan Brabant, Barry Burke, Bill Camier, Frank Clarke, Catherine Corcoran, Peter Corcoran, Connie Csizmadia, Albene Derkach, Phyllis Dreveski, Sylvia Ewaskow, Bonnie Joyce Irish, Angela Kalichak, Debra McEnturff, Donald Mitchell, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Tabitha Musonda, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment, Albin Polz, James Polz, Phyllis Rogoski, Hank Smith, Rose Stankewich, Marie Stuart, Don Thomas, Jacob Trudel, Maria Helena Viegas, Ronald Wells, 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.



“Disciples: Established, Anointed, and Sent in Christ” **A Synod of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg**

Synod General Sessions are being held from November 2017 to April 2018

Synod General Session 2: Saturday, December 2, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at St. John XXIII Church

The Archbishop and those whom he has designated official members (delegates) of the Synod participate in all the Synod General Sessions.



The Synod Secretariat extends sincere thanks to all of the parishioners of Saint John XXIII Parish and other helpers who made Friday and Saturday (November 3rd and 4th) such a success. The Archbishop and members of the Synod Secretariat are very grateful for the many willing hands of those who assisted in any way.

Announcement from the Synod Secretariat – November 9, 2017: “Having experienced a wonderful first Synod Session at St. John XXIII Parish in Winnipeg, having received a lot of feedback and consulted with St. John XXIII Parish and St. Paul the Apostle Parish, a decision has been taken that all of our Synod Sessions will take place at St. John XXIII. The proposed dates of our next five sessions will remain the same, but the venue for all the sessions will now be St. John XXIII Parish.”

If you are willing to volunteer your assistance in hosting Synod sessions, please advise the parish office. Thank you.

A CALL FOR COMMUNION MINISTERS (PASTORAL VISITORS) FOR GRACE HOSPITAL

The Parishes of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Charles, St. Paul the Apostle and St. John XXIII form the four volunteer teams of Communion Ministers who serve at Grace Hospital. Every Thursday morning at Grace Hospital, one of the four teams brings the Holy Eucharist to those patients who request it. There is a need to replenish the four teams at this time. Those interested in being apart of this important ministry, may call Colette Mozol at 204-771-5122 for further information about the ministry and the orientation process at Grace Hospital.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: *How Do I Become Catholic?*

Many avenues lead individuals to the Catholic Church. The journey of faith can be a winding road. Whatever path has led you to this time of searching or interest in becoming a baptized Christian or, if already baptized, making a profession into the full communion of the Catholic Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that could be Good News for you in your journey of faith. **Inquiry sessions are held immediately following Mass on Wednesday evenings.** Those considering becoming Catholic and those Catholics who wish to complete their sacraments of initiation are invited to take part. We also invite the further participation of parishioners who might be able to assist as team leaders and/or sponsors. For further information, please speak with Father Robert and/or Sharon Camier.

EVERYBODY HAS A PART

Sharing our God-given talents leads to heightened confidence in God’s love. Truly, each day is God’s gift in which differences are made for the good by the ways we choose to live. There are a variety of opportunities available at Saint John XXIII Parish for people to share their time and talents for the common good and thereby to grow in their own understanding and practice of the faith. **We invite you to prayerfully consider your ongoing participation as a member in the life of our parish. If you have not yet done so, please mark your areas of interest on a TIME AND TALENT RENEWAL FORM.** Kindly submit your completed form to the parish office or place in the collection basket at Mass. A member of our parish team will be in contact with you to discern further your participation in the work of our parish. Thank you.

PARISH CATECHISM CLASSES 2017-2018

Catechism classes are held on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Those who would like their children to take part in catechism classes are asked to complete a **REGISTRATION FORM** for each child. A catechism registration fee will help defray some of the costs of running our program. Nevertheless, this requested fee should in no way be considered a reason to refrain from enrolling children for whose parents the fee would impose an undue hardship.

As a rule, each Sunday children participating in our parish catechism program gather in the parish hall with their parents/guardians by 10:15 a.m. for some initial prayers and announcements. Then children break into their various catechetical groups and proceed with their catechists to their designated classrooms. Parents/guardians are asked to return to the parish hall by 11:15 a.m. to be ready to pick up their children.

If you are willing to assist our faith formation program for children in any way, please advise Sharon Camier (our Pastoral Assistant) or Father Robert Polz (our Pastor).

YOUTH COLOURING CONTEST: The St. James Knights of Columbus is holding its annual Youth Colouring Contest at our three representative parishes. Students are invited to do a free-hand drawing or collage on paper no larger than 8.5" x 14". Magazine pictures, fabric, glitter and/or other art supplies may be used for collages. Some suggested themes include Jesus in the Manger, Star of Bethlehem/City of Bethlehem, the Three Wise Men. **Entries are to be submitted to Sharon Camier no later than December 10th.** Participation pins will be awarded to all who turn in a drawing or collage. Judging of all entries will take place at the January meeting of the K of C. There will be three winners for each age category from entries received from the three parishes. Further details were presented to children and parents at the October 22nd catechism class gathering.

November 12, 2017

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16

Lady Wisdom is in a hurry to keep her appointments with those who seek her.

Psalm 63:1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Persistence and constancy will enrich us with a taste of the divine presence.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The apostle consoles us concerning the fate of our dearly departed.

Matthew 25:1-13

Pay now, receive later?

Delayed gratification will surely pay off in the spiritual life.



KEEP YOUR FLASK FULL

"I don't get anything out of prayer": This frequently heard lament in the world of pastoring includes many variations: "I don't get anything out of going to Mass/going to Confession/attending parish missions/believing what my faith teaches/practicing the responsibilities of my religion." Being Catholic altogether may seem extraneous to living a good and moral life. Everybody can produce a saintly atheist friend as exhibit A for the power of common decency.

Needless to say, we do all this—partake of sacraments, remain faithful to prayer, attend to church teaching—not for any immediate cosmic "hit" of spiritual gratification. Once in a while we may get one. The lion's share of the time however—the grace of the hour, as it were—goes into storage under our account. We're investing in a relationship, and like any relationship, the proof is often in the history.

At 22 I began praying in earnest after a lifetime of seemingly empty ritual behaviors and fruitless spiritual practices. For 11 months I made room for praise, thanks, and intercession. It still felt meaningless—as if feelings were the goal. Then, in the 12th month, it was as if heaven opened up and grace overwhelmed me. I did nothing differently in that month than I'd done all year, but it took a year's investment to see a return on that self-gift. The relationship, practiced in patient fidelity, finally revealed its depth. If we dig deep enough, we can all come up with such stories.

Like the love between family members, that sense of nearness didn't become normative. It receded once more to the background, but its impact remained. When we're faithful to the relationship with the Holy, we put oil in our lamps for when we need it. Moral courage is stored there, as is access to wisdom, compassion, and the willingness for self-sacrifice. When darkness arrives and the oil is required, it will be there for us. One thing is certain: The hour of darkness comes into every life. We'll have to wrestle with loss and loneliness, failure and betrayal, fear and weakness, anxiety for those we love trapped in the web of human brokenness.

Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister writes about the charism of consistency in her little book *The Breath of the Soul*: "When we're lonely or depressed or agitated or frightened, the material is of little or no help at all. Then, the things we own or collect may actually be part of our problem. What we really need then is the anchoring that only the spiritual can bring. We need the awareness that though life is not in our hands right now, it is surely in the hands of a God who loves us." The time to learn consistency is not in the hour of crisis but in today's calm waters.

— Alice Camille

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"The Wisdom of God ... comes forth, reaching from "end to end mightily." She wills to be also the unseen pivot of all nature, the center and significance of all the light that is in all and for all. That which is poorest and humblest, that which is most hidden in all things is nevertheless most obvious in them, and quite manifest, for it is their own self that stands before us, naked and without care." — Thomas Merton, Hagia Sophia

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD: In our parish we have a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* as a tangible sign of our solidarity with the rest of the Church in prayer for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. **You are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in this special book.** The book has been placed in front of the sanctuary near the altar and will remain there for the month of November.

November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31

Beauty catches the eye,
but genuine value lies under the surface of people and things.

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Prosperity isn't the money in your pocket in the present
but in how you invest in the future.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

What seems like peace and security
now may well be our undoing, all in a moment.

Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Possessing resources is the smallest part of our worth.
What are we doing with them?



DON'T BURY YOUR TREASURE

"Children like olive plants around your table" may sound like a modern nightmare. Who can afford to feed, house, clothe, and educate the huge Catholic families of yesteryear? Yet the psalmist presents the wisdom of the ages when he reveals that wealth is not in what we carry in our wallets today but in how thoroughly we invest resources in the future.

Think about it: If we trash the air, water, and soil in this generation to make a profit, we've condemned ourselves and our children to a grim and endangered existence. If we exploit the natural riches of smaller, poorer countries, we gain wealth—and multiply future enemies. If we act on the international scene like isolationists, we may well find ourselves isolated in an hour of need we don't yet see. In our personal lives, too, we may take advantage of others to pursue what seems in our best interests now, not recognizing that our manipulation of them may lead to temporary advantages but also bitter relationships that end badly.

When we sink our investments into short-term goals like material wealth or personal ambition, we may get what we ask for—and find it entirely inadequate, like the fellow who buries his valuables only to retrieve them in the precise measures he hid them, and no more. The parable Jesus tells makes the point that these resources are not ours to begin with but on loan from a rightful Owner who expects them back one day—with dividends on display. How do we face Judgment Day and hope to answer for a depleted environment, avoidable famines, unnecessary wars, hardened divisions in society, and the unanswered cries of millions of suffering neighbors?

"Peace and security," as Saint Paul reminds us, is never what we think it is. We thought we had it when the economy was on the upswing and everyone had wildly inflated house values; we didn't. We thought we had it before 9/11 when the United States seemed invincible; it wasn't. We thought being the world's only superpower in the American Century meant we could write our own ticket for the future of the globe; we couldn't. Peace and security, it turns out, has little to do with what we held in our hands or put in the bank.

Among the most basic teachings of Christianity is that spiritual wealth outshines our present resources from here to eternity and back. Parochial school children were once advised to do good works on earth in order to "add jewels to our crowns in heaven." This simplistic image didn't translate well into adult responsibility; more's the pity. If eternity is too far out there to consider, we can start with elevating our sights on the horizon of the foreseeable future. Genuine value always has one foot into tomorrow.

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"Fear only two: God, and the man who has no fear of God." — Hasidic proverb

"Psychology says, 'Let go.' Spirituality says, 'Wake up.'"

In both cases there is a withdrawal from the busyness of daily life (our dream state) and a waking up to the subconscious and spiritual depths of ourselves. — Alfred McBride, O. Praem., *The Priest*

TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 12 – 26, 2017

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

Sunday, November 12	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
3:00 pm Saturday	CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – Sebastian Maryrey Albangco
5:00 pm Saturday	MASS – Jose Maria Benedicto+, requested by Maria Cordova
9:00 am	MASS – Keira Bond+, requested by Lawrence and Gladys Barton
10:15 am	CATECHISM CLASSES (begin in the parish hall)
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
Monday, November 13	FERIAL
	<i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
Tuesday, November 14	FERIAL
12:00 am	<i>Fr. Robert on-call for emergency sacramental ministry at Grace Hospital until noon Friday, Nov. 17</i>
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Bob Corrigan+, requested by Jan and family
10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office open <u>in the morning</u>
10:00 am	Catholic Women’s League Choir Rehearsal in preparation for Advent Concert December 10 th
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (<i>in room 12</i>)
Wednesday, November 15	FERIAL
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
1:00 pm	Knitting Group Gathering (<i>in room 10</i>)
6:45 pm	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 pm	MASS – In thanksgiving, requested by Doug and Laurette Burch
7:30 pm	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Inquiry Session (<i>in the Guadalupe Room</i>)
Thursday, November 16	FERIAL
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
2:00 pm	MASS at Heritage Lodge, 3555 Portage Avenue – <i>Fr. Raphael Glofcheski+ (bequest)</i>
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Choir Rehearsal in preparation for Advent Concert December 10 th
Friday, November 17	MEMORIAL: SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, Religious
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Deceased family members, requested by Zonia Patson
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (<i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
Saturday, November 18	FERIAL
5:00 pm	MASS – Deceased brother knights and family members, <i>requested by St. James Knights of Columbus Council #4557</i>
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus St. James Council “APPRECIATION NIGHT” (<i>in the parish hall</i>)
Sunday, November 19	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	MASS – Deacon Gary McCallum+, requested by Sylvia Hogue
10:15 am	CATECHISM CLASSES (begin in the parish hall)
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
1:00 pm – 5:30 pm	CFC Handmaids of the Lord Marian Conference (<i>parish hall</i>)
Monday, November 20	FERIAL
	<i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
Tuesday, November 21	MEMORIAL: THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Sheila Everaert+, requested by St. James Knights of Columbus Council #4557
10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office open <u>in the morning</u>
10:00 am	Catholic Women’s League Choir Rehearsal in preparation for Advent Concert December 10 th

10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (<i>in room 12</i>)
Wednesday, November 22	MEMORIAL: SAINT CECILIA, Virgin and Martyr
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:30 am	Preparation Meeting for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (<i>in the Guadalupe Room</i>)
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank (<i>in room 12</i>)
6:45 pm	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 pm	MASS – Margaret McLaughlin+, requested by Bill and Irene O’Byrne
7:30 pm	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Inquiry Session (<i>in the Guadalupe Room</i>)
Thursday, November 23	FERIAL
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
4:00 pm – 8:00 am	Fr. Robert on-call for emergency sacramental ministry at Health Sciences Centre
7:00 pm	COMBINED CHOIR REHEARSAL (CWL, K of C) in preparation for Advent Concert Dec. 10 th
Friday, November 24	MEMORIAL: SAINT ANDREW DÜNG-LAC, Priest and COMPANIONS, Martyrs
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – In thanksgiving, requested by Doug and Laurette Burch
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:45 am	MASS at Sturgeon Creek I Retirement Residence, 10 Hallonquist
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (<i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
4:00 pm – 8:00 am	Fr. Robert on-call for emergency sacramental ministry at Health Sciences Centre
5:00 – 7:00 pm	RUMMAGE SALE downstairs in the parish hall
Saturday, November 25	FERIAL
5:00 pm	MASS – Alexander Francis+, requested by Jerome and Margaret Strachan
Sunday, November 26	SOLEMNITY: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
9:00 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
10:15 am	CATECHISM CLASSES (<i>begin in the parish hall</i>)
11:45 am	MASS – Emma Vendramelli+, requested by Sharon and John Camier

FURTHER EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE PARISH, ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKES made in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, by Pastry World will be sold **after all Masses on the weekend of November 25 and 26, 2017**. Each one of the cakes is slowly baked and aged to perfection, moist, rich with fruits and nuts. Treat yourself! Makes a thoughtful gift for employees, family and friends. **1 lb. Small Fruitcake – \$15.00 each** (double wrapped to preserve freshness) and **2.5 lb. Large Fruitcake – \$22.00 each** (round cake wrapped and comes in a box). Sale is in support of Campaign Life Coalition Manitoba.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Tuesday evenings, **October 17 to November 28, 2017 at St. Charles Church**, 395 St. Charles Street. Mass 7:00 p.m., Seminar/Retreat 7:30 p.m. The Seminar is an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through a series of talks, worship, Scripture, teachings, song and personal testimonies, participants explore faith topics, including the basic message of salvation, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as the potential and power of the Holy Spirit. Guidance will also be offered in how to maintain a close, intimate relationship with Jesus. For further information and/or to register call 204-889-3248 or email stcharls@mts.net

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY, offered by the Chemin Neuf Community: In prayer we listen and speak to God and, wonder of wonders, God listens and speaks to us. We develop this relationship with God through many ways of prayer: with Scripture, with our own lives and in the Eucharist. The series will include time to practice these ways of prayer. This three part series will be held on three Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., **October 26, November 9, and November 23, OR one Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., November 25**. Location: St. Charles Retreat Centre, 323 St. Charles Street, Winnipeg. Cost: free-will offering. To register or for more information: 204-885-2260, stcharlesretreat@hotmail.com

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE JESUIT CENTRE NOON LECTURES: Wednesday, November 29th at 12:10 p.m. in Hanley Hall, St. Paul's College. Dr. Jade Weimer (Religion, UM) speaking on "Heretical Harmonies: Musical ritual as a defining feature of an emerging orthodoxy in the early Church". This noon-hour lecture series is free and open to the public. You are welcome to enjoy your lunch during the lecture and some refreshments will be provided. Phone 204-474-9165 or email catholic@umanitoba.ca

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND is **November 11-12, 2017**. Please pick up your information envelope, fill in the form and return the envelope with your membership dues of \$30.00 to Saint John XXIII Parish rep Chris Carlyle or drop it off at the parish office at your earliest convenience. Thank you. For further information, you may contact Chris Carlyle at 204-889-0238.



CWL MEETING: The next monthly general meeting of the St. James Assiniboia Cwl Council will be held at St. John XXIII Parish on **Monday, November 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** downstairs in Room 12. There will be a presentation on the Kindred Project Winnipeg given by Christina Redmond. This project's aim is to provide feminine hygiene supplies to homeless and underprivileged woman. We hope you will join us to find out more about this project and the good work it does.

SERENA teaches a two-hour class on the Sympto-Thermal Method of **Natural Family Planning**. The next class date is **Saturday November 25th** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Classes are held at the Misericordia Health Centre, 99 Cornish Ave., Winnipeg. For more information, call or text Serena at 204-783-0091 or email mbserena@gmail.com or see our website www.serenamb.com

AUDITIONS FOR 'EASTAR' 2018: This special musical theatre production in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Church in Western Canada will be staged by the youth of the St. Boniface and Winnipeg archdioceses and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg, March 30 and 31, 2018 at St. Mary's Academy Alumnae Hall. **Auditions for singers and/or dancers ages 12 to 30 will be held on Saturday, November 18 and Saturday, November 25, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** There is a need for volunteers to assist with the many aspects of staging this musical including: back stage crew, set construction, painting, hair & make-up, advertising/social media, sound & lighting technicians, video production, ticket sales etc. Please consider volunteering and sharing your gifts. For more information on auditions, rehearsals, volunteering, tickets etc. please visit www.eastar2018.com

KINDER OPEN HOUSE: St. Charles Catholic School, 331 St. Charles Street, invites you to its **Kinder Open House** on **Wednesday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m.** Come and meet our Kindergarten teachers! You will hear about a Day in the Life of a Kindergarten student! We are a K-8 school, offering full day, every day kindergarten, before and after school care programs, violin enrichment, K-8 French, arts and drama, as well as a hockey skills development program. For more information, please visit our website at www.stccs.ca. Please call 204-837-1520 or email sec@stccs.ca to R.S.V.P. **Quality Education that is Intellectually Challenging and Faith Filled**

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT from Rummage Sale held on October 27, 2017: \$409.55 deposited, less reimbursed expenses of \$49.05* = \$360.50 (*N.B.: Expenses reimbursed do not include custodial and other facility costs.)

2018 CATHOLIC CALENDAR is now available at the parish office. These calendars are distributed free of charge courtesy of Wojcik's All Beliefs and Faiths Funeral Chapels & Crematorium Inc.

THE CRUSADER RAFFLE is the annual fundraising event of St. Paul's High School in support of student activities not covered by the operational budget of the school. In the past, funds raised through the Crusader Raffle have been contributed towards the bursary fund, extracurricular programs, school trips and graduation expenses. There is \$20,000 in cash prizes to be won! Prizes are distributed at the following levels: Grand Prize \$10,000, \$5000, \$2000, and three Prizes of \$1000. Tickets are \$5 each or a sheet of 4 tickets for \$20. Purchasing a sheet of 4 tickets entitles the buyer to receive a 2018 St. Paul's High School calendar. Draw date is February 9, 2018. The Crusader Raffle is licensed by the Liquor and Gaming Authority of Manitoba. **For further information and/or to purchase tickets, you may contact Ian Macdonell at 204-889-6205 or macer7890@gmail.com**

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

PAD / OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES: 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.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS 2017: Saint John XXIII Parish recently received a **cheque in the amount of \$4,325.01** from the Archdiocese representing funds raised in excess of our parish's Sharing God's Gifts 2017 Appeal Target of \$30,370 as of September 30, 2017. The Archbishop thanks parishioners for their support in making the appeal a success. Any further funds raised beyond our 2017 Appeal Target will be reimbursed to the parish at the end of the year. The refunded amount is not subject to Diocesan Assessment. So this is a good way for the parish to benefit from the Archdiocesan fundraising effort. **Archdiocesan Appeal website** <http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/sharing_gods_gifts.php>