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Please check the schedule in the bulletin or on the website for summer office hours which vary from week to week

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

During the summer check the bulletin or website for the 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 FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST AND TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME August 21, 2016 and August 28, 2016

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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.

PARISH CATECHISM CLASSES 2016-2017

Catechism classes are scheduled to begin in our parish with an **ORIENTATION SESSION** for parents/guardians and children at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 11th in the parish hall.

We are excited to begin using this fall a new catechetical program in our parish which might be a better fit for our circumstances. As a great alternative to more expensive textbooks, the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* is a liturgically-based catechetical program that provides weekly handouts with a short description of the Sunday Gospel plus suggested activities and discussion starters for each age level. In keeping with the seasons and feasts of the liturgical year, children in class and with their families can have fun while learning about Jesus, his Church and the teachings of our faith.



Those who would like their children to take part in catechism classes are asked to submit a completed **REGISTRATION FORM** for each child as soon as possible so we may better assess the situation and be sure to have the adequate materials required. As recommended by our Parish Visioning and Strategic Planning Committee, a catechism registration fee is being instituted this year (as is done in most parishes) to 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.

If we have enough volunteers to serve as catechists and assistants, according to the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* program we can provide catechetical classes divided into the following age groups: SEEDS (Preschool), PROMISE (Kindergarten – Grade 1), GOOD NEWS (Grades 2-3), VENTURE (GRADES 4-6) and VISIONS (Grades 7-8). The lessons provided for Sundays of long weekends and at Christmastime may be given out beforehand to the students so they may be utilized at home.

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.

We are in urgent need of volunteers to serve as catechists and assistants for each designated catechetical group. If you are willing to help in any way, please advise Sharon Camier (our Pastoral Assistant) or Father Robert Polz (our Pastor) as soon as possible. Let us all pray for volunteers and for the success of our program.

We are hoping to designate the lounge area downstairs as a place where parents may choose to gather for coffee, refreshments and fellowship while their children are in catechism classes. If anyone wants to volunteer to assist in the ministry of preparing coffee and refreshments for parents/guardians during catechism classes, please advise Sharon Camier or another member of our parish office staff.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On **Sunday October 2nd at 1:15 p.m.** classes will begin for youth (and interested catholic adults not yet confirmed) who wish to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017 to be conferred when the Archbishop comes to our parish sometime in the spring. A "Confirmation Commitment Ceremony" will tentatively take place during the 11:45 a.m. Sunday Mass on November 13, 2016. **Please contact Sharon Camier or Fr. Robert to register and to find out what the preparation program will entail.** We look forward to meeting our new confirmation candidates at our first preparation session on October 2nd.



OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

On **Wednesday August 31st at 6:45 p.m.** we will inaugurate weekly devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in our parish. The icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help has inspired devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary for centuries, and is honored in hundreds of thousands of homes and churches throughout the world. When the original icon was brought to Saint Alphonsus Church in Rome in 1866, devotion to the Blessed Mother as depicted in this icon spread rapidly throughout the world largely through the missionary efforts of the Redemptorist Order.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to serve on a new parish stewardship committee and on a new parish fundraising committee. As we move forward in faith as a parish community, we are looking to enlist and engage parishioners with appropriate gifts and talents to become involved in the establishment of both a new Parish Stewardship Committee and a new Parish Fundraising Committee. **Those interested in becoming involved in either or both of these proposed committees are encouraged to speak with members of the parish staff and/or members of our Parish Visioning and Strategic Planning Committee.** Thank you for your consideration and your prayers.

August 21, 2016

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21

God widens the door of expected welcome to include foreign peoples.

Psalms 117:1, 2

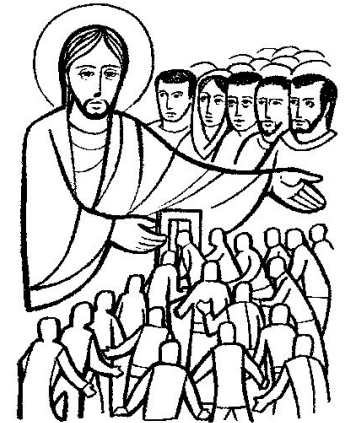
The good news is intended to be spread to the ends of the earth.

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

God receives us like children— which includes the necessity of discipline.

Luke 13:22-30

Those who expect to enter the Kingdom will find the guest list a surprise.



OF DOORS, GATES, AND TABLES

Recently deceased Mother Angelica insisted that those who love us tell us the truth. Jesus loves us with a great bounty of truth, but we can be sure not everyone receives such love with gratitude. We've spent this year proclaiming a Jubilee of Mercy, widening the door of admittance to many who've been—or perhaps felt—uninvited and unwelcome. This open Door of Mercy is received by the wounded as a sign of God's relentless compassion and care. It's also viewed by the self-righteous as an indication that church standards are at an all-time low, and cheap grace is being given away at bargain-basement prices.

Why not? The sower sows the seed with abandon on his own soil. It's his to scatter extravagantly and even to waste if that's his preference.

Yet today's message seems to go in another direction. The open Door of Mercy is replaced with the metaphor of a Narrow Gate, through which many will find the way impassable. What's the difference between an open door and a narrow gate? In a word, girth. Luke's gospel pursues the theme that accumulating wealth, power, prestige, and even pious appearances acquires us nothing in the bank of heaven. Now comes the downbeat of that teaching: Not only does worldly advantage count for nothing useful, it's actually detrimental. It makes us too "big" to pass through the standards of heaven. The untrimmed ego strives to lumber through in vain.

The next metaphor is even more devastating: that of the Locked Door! Once the door is barred, size doesn't matter at all. We can vow to go on an all-alks diet at this point, but it's no use. The time for making the better choice has foreclosed. Even the Door of Mercy can't admit us if we've refused to seek it in the proper season, which is the season of the living. Jesus tells us the truth in love, but not all want to hear this. It's especially disconcerting to those who "ate and drank" in the company of the Lord—a stunning reference to early church members who thought that fidelity to the Table of the Lord was the be-all and end-all of Christian practice. They find themselves treated no better than "evildoers"! Even though they showed up routinely, the Lord treats them like strangers!

What's worse, folks from all points of the compass will find welcome through that same door: foreigners, the unclean, the patently unworthy, sitting at the table with patriarchs and prophets. Oh, how this truth would have shocked those around Jesus! And still does. If we hope to sit at the Kingdom table, the time to get in shape for that moral passage is now.

— Alice Camille

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"It was for this world that Christ had died: the more evil you saw and heard about you, the greater the glory lay around the death." — Graham Greene, *The Power and the Glory*

"True freedom is impossible without a mind made free by discipline." — Mortimer J. Adler

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS/GREETERS): We are looking for new volunteers to help serve in the Ministry of Hospitality as Greeters/Ushers at all weekend Sunday liturgies. This is an excellent opportunity to meet some of your fellow parishioners and get involved in an important parish ministry. Parishioners interested in assisting may get more information by speaking with a current usher or by contacting Richard Carlyle @ 204-889-0238. We also ask those currently serving in the Ministry of Hospitality to help in seeking out new Ministers of Hospitality by approaching prospective volunteers in a personal way at your own weekend Mass times.

August 28, 2016

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Humility is the key that unlocks the door to wisdom, says the sage.

Psalms 68:3-4, 5-6a, 9-10

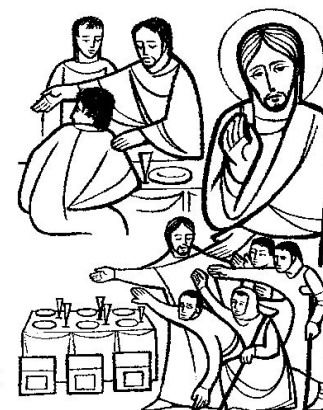
If you are poor, oppressed, distressed, God has a home for you.

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

A mystical reality of hope awaits those who accept Jesus as the new covenant.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

It's dinnertime again on the road toward Jerusalem, with lessons to be learned.



EARTHLY HONORS, KINGDOM GLORY

Once when I was giving a parish mission in a wealthy suburb, the pastor arranged lodgings for me with a humble family on the outskirts of town. While glad to meet this remarkable family, I was intrigued by the context in a very well-heeled community. As the pastor explained: "At the close of the mission, I want you to acknowledge the hospitality of this family. They are the poorest in our parish, yet they were the only ones who approached me to ask if they could host you during the mission."

How frequently this story is repeated across the church! Rarely is generosity offered in proportion to possessions. Instead, the most generous are often those with fewer resources. We give, not according to our means, but in response to our gratitude. Too often, the more we have, the more we credit ourselves with our hard work and resourcefulness.

In a similar way, places of honor in community are often meted out, not according to those who deserve to be honored, but to those who insist on being noticed. In every gathering, there are some who insist on presiding at the table's head, and others who meekly assume the lowest place. You can't tell, from this self-selected pecking order, who's worthy of attention. Often, your best bet for rewarding conversation is to sit as far from the celebrated positions as possible.

Jesus sat at enough tables to know that folks who claim the best seats are normally consumed with themselves and are not inclined to receive anything offered to them. What's the point of such conversation? The self-congratulating don't need a messiah. They are quite capable of saving themselves, or so they suspect. Perhaps Jesus secretly wished he could dine at night with the beggars, the outcasts, the sick, and the sinners he met along the way each day. Now, those conversations would be genuine, open, and revealing! Instead, he too often dined with the pious, the self-serving, the socially lauded. When I've been obliged to dine with such folks, I go home in need of aspirin.

It's easy to throw a dinner party for people you like, admire, and enjoy. People who are like you and share your opinions, values, and style. Imagine hosting a picnic for hundreds of homeless people who have few life experiences in common with you at all, like some friends of mine once did! It was a real picnic, with meat on the grill, corn on the cob, watermelon, cold sodas. When the police showed up questioning the gathering, they stayed to help with garbage collection and removal. Sometimes the rightness of a thing speaks for itself above all laws. Take a risk. Rearrange your table tonight.

— Alice Camille

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"When you have pity on the poor, you lend to God; and whoever gives to the least, gives to God."

— Saint Cyprian of Carthage (third century)

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE PARISH BULLETIN

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time / Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016 and August 28, 2016

WINNIPEG HARVEST ISSUES PLEA FOR KEY FOOD ITEMS

It was announced recently in the Winnipeg Free Press that Winnipeg Harvest has a shortage of key food items and needs our help. Members of the public are asked to donate whatever they can among the critically needed items of canned meat, canned beans, canned soup, canned fruit, rice and pasta. These items are needed to build food kits that are sent out to nearly 64,000 Manitobans who receive food monthly from Winnipeg Harvest, a press release said.



Here at Saint John XXIII Parish we serve as a Winnipeg Harvest outlet every second Wednesday throughout the year. **Parishioners with non-perishable food items to donate may drop them off in our new Winnipeg Harvest Donation Box located under the pamphlet rack at the south entrance to the church.** A special thank you to Al Murdie for constructing the new donation box and to Bill Patterson for obtaining the sign for the box and for his continued dedication to organizing the bi-weekly Winnipeg Harvest outreach in our parish.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION

The Central Winnipeg Deanery Listening Session with Archbishop Richard Gagnon will be held on **Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2400 Portage Avenue. Synod Listening Sessions have been scheduled with Archbishop Richard Gagnon in all deaneries so that the voices of the people of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg will be heard and added to the discussion about our local church today and our hopes for our local church in the coming years.

BUILDING ENVELOPE REPAIRS NEEDED

As most of us know, we have a good building. However, at 49 years of age it is starting to need some major maintenance and repair. To maintain the integrity of the *building envelope* (i.e. its outer shell), we need to replace many broken and cracked bricks and re-point the brick and decorative masonry trim panels. We have a quote for this work and would like to proceed prior to another freeze season. The cost of this work will be approximately **\$12,500.00**. So far, as of August 14th, a total of **\$5,500.00** has been donated.

We are hoping to proceed with this work in September 2016, but we cannot proceed until we receive funds specific to this project. Therefore, I ask for your generosity towards this project. **If you are able to help, please make your cheque payable to "St. John XXIII Parish" and indicate that your donation is to be used towards "Building Envelope Repair".** Thank you for considering this important request.

PARISH FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT

We have rescheduled the previously mentioned Saint John XXIII Parish Golf Tournament. **The NEW DATE is Sunday, September 25, 2016.** Please mark your calendars! The tournament will be held at John Blumberg Golf Course. **Tee time is 1:15 p.m.** Plan now to come out for a great afternoon with fellow parishioners. Tournament will include 9 holes of golf and dinner. Donations of prizes are gratefully accepted.



Further information and Golf Sign-Up will be available later this month. In the meantime, you may contact Richard Carlyle at 204-889-0238 or email rcarlyl@gmail.com or call the parish office at 204-832-7175. Funds raised from the golf tournament will go towards ongoing improvements and enhancement of our parish facility.



CHICKEN & RIB BBQ DINNER

The St. James Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Chicken & Rib BBQ Dinner at Saint John XXIII Parish Hall on **Sunday, September 18, 2016.** The event begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$15.00, Children 12 & under \$7.00. You may contact the parish office or brother knights to obtain tickets. All Welcome.

"If there is no humility, love remains blocked." — Pope Francis, Feast of the Annunciation, 2013

KNITTING GROUP: Beginning **September 7, 2016**, our Knitting/Crocheting Group will gather **from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** on **alternating Wednesday afternoons**. All women and men who can knit or crochet are invited to participate. We can provide materials and even teach you, if you wish. We create "welcome baby" layettes to support mothers and babies assisted by *Villa Rosa* or *Pregnancy and Family Support Services* and sometimes for other worthwhile causes. Our stash of supplies is nearly depleted, so we would greatly appreciate donations of yarn and other sewing materials. For further information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhe Witt@mymts.net



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS 2016

The total amount of the 2016 SGG's Appeal is \$1,944,100. This represents a 1.4% increase over the previous year, reflecting the impact of inflation. Our parish share of the 2016 Appeal is based on our parish's 2014 Offertory collection. **Thus, our Parish's appeal target for 2016 is \$50,670.** As of the end of July, **\$7,485.00** has been received through the parish office which represents **14.77%** of our parish appeal target for 2016. So slowly but surely we are making some progress.

We are hoping and praying for the participation of many more parishioners so together we can pick up speed and make our target once again in 2016 as we did in 2015. Brochures about the appeal and envelopes were distributed initially with the parish bulletin at the end of May. More envelopes are now available in the pamphlet rack at the south church entrance or in the parish office. Whether you submit your contribution to Sharing God's Gifts 2016 through the parish office or directly to the Archdiocese, **please make cheques payable to "Sharing God's Gifts"**. Pre-authorized debit and VISA options are also available – see information on the appeal envelopes. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.**



As the Archdiocese of Winnipeg begins its Synod this year and as we recall our beginnings as a parish community 50 years ago and celebrate a new beginning as *Saint John XXIII Parish*, it is a very appropriate time for us together to take *A Deep, Biblical Look at Jesus Christ*. The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves and our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Join us as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based Study Program: *Priest, Prophet, King*. Explore the biblical archetypes of priest, prophet and king and see how Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of each one. Throughout this experience, you will better understand who Jesus really is and also realize your own priestly, prophetic and kingly mission.

On September 20th and 21st, our parish will begin the *Priest, Prophet, King* study program. The program is comprised of six lessons. We will hold sessions on six designated Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and, as an alternate option, sessions will be held on six Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. To find out more information, please speak with our Pastor, Fr. Robert, or contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon, or stop by the parish office to sign up. **We would like to know how many people plan to participate so we are able to order adequate materials in a timely manner.** Thank you.

RUMMAGE SALE COMMITTEE: Our next rummage sale will be held **Friday, September 23, 2016 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** in Saint John XXIII Parish Hall. We are grateful for your donations of items for sale. Jewellery sells especially well. (N.B.: we can't use old TV sets or other large items.) Please bring your items to the church during office hours. Please note that office hours vary during the summer, so be sure to check the schedule in the parish bulletin, on the parish website or as posted at the church entrance.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT: Darrell Aucoin, Jane Cadieux, David Carlyle, Frank Clarke, Peter Corcoran, Connie Csizmadia, Phyllis Dreveski, Sylvia Ewaskow, Felix Gonzalez, Donald Hanis, Eola Johnson, Angela Kalichak, Debra McEnturff, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Phyllis Rogoski, Hank Smith, Rose Stankewich, Marie Stuart, Jacob Trudel, Antonio F. Viegas, Maria Helena Viegas, Ted Wood and Helen Yankoski. *Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon, to have names added to our prayer list. Please remember that to have names added to the list and printed in the bulletin we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you for your help.*



TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: AUGUST 21 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

During the summer months as our pastor and parish staff take holidays, office hours and weekday liturgies will be held as published in the parish bulletin and/or on the parish website. As circumstances suggest, the schedule may be subject to change.

Sunday, August 21	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00 pm Saturday	MASS – Margaret and Harry Kelly+, requested by Linus Endecott and family
9:00 am	MASS – Intentions of Gladys Barton (on her birthday), requested by Lawrence Barton
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
Monday, August 22	MEMORIAL: THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Priest
	<i>Office closed – custodian on holiday</i>
Tuesday, August 23	FERIAL
9:30 am – 1:00 pm	Office open
Wednesday, August 24	FEAST: SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle
<i>Afternoon:</i>	<i>Office closed</i>
	<i>Fr. Robert will attend a meeting of the Manitoba Multifaith Council</i>
Thursday, August 25	FERIAL
<i>Morning:</i>	<i>Office closed</i>
	<i>Fr. Robert will attend a meeting of the pastors of parishes responsible for St. Charles Catholic School</i>
Friday, August 26	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Harry Gelsing+, requested by Yvette Gelsing
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:45 am	MASS – at Sturgeon Creek I Retirement Residence, 10 Hallonquist Drive
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Saturday, August 27	MEMORIAL: SAINT MONICA
5:00 pm	MASS – In thanksgiving, requested by Laurette and Doug Burch
Sunday, August 28	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	MASS – Alban Hazzard+, requested by Margaret and Jerome Strachan
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
Monday, August 29	MEMORIAL: THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST
	<i>Office closed – custodian on holiday</i>
Tuesday, August 30	FERIAL
9:30 am – 1:00 pm	Office open
Wednesday, August 31	FERIAL
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
1:30 pm	Parish Finance Council Meeting
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank (in room 12)
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS (in the church)
7:00 pm	MASS – Adoracion Sese+ (1 st Anniv. August 28), requested by Regiana Jequinto and family

Thursday, September 1	FERIAL <i>Office closed</i>
Friday, September 2	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Rose Gulay (health), requested by Ted and Stephanie Dandewich
9:45 am	Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
9:50 am	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the church)
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office open
Saturday, September 3	MEMORIAL: SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope, Doctor
5:00 pm	MASS – Liz Baziuk+, requested by Ted and Stephanie Dandewich
Sunday, September 4	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	*** Coffee and fellowship after all Sunday Masses this weekend (i.e. this includes the 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday) ***
9:00 am	MASS – Vern and Sybil Lewis+, requested by Margaret and Jerome Strachan
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

In Saint John XXIII Parish, for many years *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* have assisted in the distribution of the Holy Eucharist both during Mass and to the sick and shut-in at the hospital and in their homes/residences. We are so very thankful to all those men and women who have generously given of their time over the years to assist in this ministry. Now that terms of appointment have expired, it is an appropriate time for renewal and reflection and to discern who will continue in this ministry and who else the Lord may be calling to assist in the distribution of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. **A workshop and retreat for all communion ministers will be held during the morning and afternoon of Saturday, September 10, 2016.** Once our workshop has taken place and the process of discernment and formation is complete, our Pastor will forward the names of those being called to this ministry to the Archbishop for (re)appointment and commissioning. **Those hoping to serve or continue in this ministry especially to the sick and the shut-in are reminded to contact our pastoral assistant, Sharon, to make arrangements to complete police checks and other necessary safe environment requirements.** God willing, by sometime in the fall the situation will be regularized with a new group of *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* commissioned in the appropriate liturgical rite by mandate of our Archbishop.

OTHER EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE PARISH, ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

ST. BENEDICT'S MONASTERY AND RETREAT CENTRE: Sr. Illa Dello, OSF, will offer two learning events September 16 and 17, 2016. Illa is a theologian engaged in the science and religion dialogue. Anyone interested in creation, our role as co-creators and the quest for wholeness won't want to miss this! **St. Benedict's Monastery and Retreat Centre, 225 Masters Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R4A 2A1, 204-338-4601.**

MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE: The 15th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference will be held **August 26, 27 & 28, 2016** at the Fairmont Hotel, Portage Avenue and Main Street, Winnipeg. **FRIDAY:** Doors open at 2:30 p.m., Conference begins at 3:00 p.m. with Divine Mercy Devotion followed by Holy Mass at 3:30 p.m., Sessions 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **SATURDAY:** Sessions: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sunday Vigil Mass 8:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available on both Friday and Saturday. **SUNDAY:** Sessions 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. See conference brochure for registration form and further details. Brochures are available in the pamphlet rack at the south church entrance. For further information and/or to register you also may call **204-268-2046** or go online **www.marianconference.com**

SERENA NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: Serena teaches a comprehensive two-hour class on the Sympto-Thermal Method of natural family planning. The next two class dates are **Saturday, September 24**, and **Saturday, November 26**, both from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Classes are held at the Misericordia Health Centre, 99 Cornish Avenue, Winnipeg. For more information, call or text Serena at 204-783-0091 or email mbserena@gmail.com or see our website www.serenamb.com

CANADIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORK CONFERENCE: From November 18th to 20th the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, Archdiocese of St. Boniface and Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg will be hosting the Canadian Catholic Youth Ministry Network's (CCYMN) bi-annual national conference. This training conference will help equip those who serve young people in our families, parishes, schools and communities to face the contemporary challenges of our time. It will be an unforgettable experience of learning, evangelization and friendship! More information about the conference and the organization can be found on this website: www.ccymin.ca. For details please e-mail us at 2016ccymn@gmail.com, or phone us at 204-452-2227, ext. 273 or 204-594-0278.

*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***