



## Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

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October Office Hours: As announced

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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

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 14, 2018**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 21, 2018**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 28, 2018**

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

### Pastor: Reverend Fr. Robert Polz

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### Parish Stewardship Committee

#### Facilitator: Loris Vendramelli

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### Building and Maintenance Chair: Claude Precourt

204-898-1893 [cfp3899@gmail.com](mailto:cfp3899@gmail.com)

### Fundraising and Development Committee

204-832-7175 call if interested in serving

### Parish Visioning and Strategic Planning Committee

#### Facilitator: Laurette Burch

204-885-6988 [burchd@mymts.net](mailto:burchd@mymts.net)

**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.

## PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On **Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m.** an **ORIENTATION SESSION** will be held for youth, their parents (and interested catholic adults not yet confirmed) who wish to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2019 to be conferred when the Archbishop comes to our parish probably sometime in the spring. **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 orientation session on October 14<sup>th</sup>.



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg strives to foster safe environments in which church activities unfold. Policies and protocols are directed toward the protection of children and youth and vulnerable adults in parishes across the archdiocese. Fostering safe environments also protects those whose ministries bring them into contact with the vulnerable. To bring such participants into contact with existing archdiocesan policies and protocols Safe Environment Workshops are being held at various locations around the Archdiocese.

**Catechists, catechist assistants, parish staff and anyone involved in any ministry to the vulnerable sector (e.g. youth ministers, communion ministers, hospital visitors, etc.) are required to participate one of these workshops on a yearly basis.**

A workshop will be held here in Saint John XXIII Parish Hall on **Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Please advise Sharon Camier, Parish Pastoral Assistant and Safe Environment Coordinator, if you will be attending this workshop as this information needs to be forwarded to the Archdiocese.

*Reminder: Those who are not able to participate in the workshop being held in our parish on November 3<sup>rd</sup> should make arrangements as soon as possible to attend another workshop being held in the Archdiocese.*

## PARISH CATECHISM CLASSES 2018 – 2019

**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.

**WE STILL COULD USE THE HELP OF A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS to serve as catechists, substitute catechists and assistants. If you are willing to assist in any way, please advise Sharon Camier (our Pastoral Assistant). Let us all pray for the continued success of our faith formation program for children.**

## THE WORD AMONG US DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR CATHOLICS

**Copies of the October and November 2018 issues are available in the parish office. Price \$5.00 each CAD.**

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## Archdiocese of Winnipeg Statement *Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse:*

### ***A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation, and Transformation***

October 4, 2018 – The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) released a document entitled, Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation, and Transformation. This document updates and expands the guidelines for the protection of minors and vulnerable adults in Canada. Archbishop Richard Gagnon, along with the Archdiocesan Sexual Abuse Response Committee, will study this new document with a view to updating the procedures of response in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg policies. The Archdiocese currently has a comprehensive Safe Environment Program which is based, in part, on the 1992 CCCB document, From Pain to Hope. More information on the program can be found on our website: [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)



**From St. Peter's Square:  
MASS OF CANONIZATION OF SEVEN SAINTS  
October 14, 2018**

Join SALT + LIGHT TV at **2:30 am CT** for a live pre-show with Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann, Sebastian Gomes, and Fr. Matt Gworek. Our hosts will then guide viewers through the Mass with a live commentary throughout the event. At **3:00 am**, we will broadcast the Mass LIVE from St. Peter's Square in the Vatican, when Pope Francis will canonize seven new saints: Blessed Pope Paul VI, Blessed Oscar Romero, Blessed Vincenzo Romano, Blessed Maria

Katharina Kasper, Blessed Nunzio Sulprizio, Blessed Nazaria Ignacia de Santa Teresa de Jesús, Blessed Francesco Spinelli. There are several ways you can watch this event: We will be broadcasting the Mass LIVE on our SALT + LIGHT TV channel as well as via Livestream on our website <[saltandlighttv.org](http://saltandlighttv.org)> Both the pre-show and the Mass will be broadcast again at **8:00 am CT** and **9:30 pm CT** on our SALT + LIGHT TV channel.

## **2018 ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL**

We are hosting a Family Festival on **October 27, 2018** for the entire archdiocesan community with the theme, "One Grace, One Family, One Mission" (John 17: 21). The objectives of the Festival are: To celebrate our faith and God's universal grace as a family that is united regardless of cultural and ethnic differences; To deepen our understanding and appreciation of our role as family members in the parish and the Archdiocese; To empower each member of the family to live out the mission that God has bestowed upon us - to be missionary disciples in the new millennium; To share our Time, Talents, and Treasures, leading us to spiritual growth and maturity of faith. We cordially invite all members of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg to participate in this joyous occasion - our 2018 Family Festival! For further information and to register, go to [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca) or contact us at: Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYYAM) 204-452-2227 ext. 228, [youth@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:youth@archwinnipeg.ca), Office of Catechetics and Faith Development 204-452-2227 ext. 243, [catechetics@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:catechetics@archwinnipeg.ca)

## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

***"Go! Make disciples of all nations." (Mt.28:19)***

**Sunday, October 21, 2018** is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. On this day, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the Church's mission. Your donations will support churches, hospitals, schools and train seminarians and religious Sisters and Brothers in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Pacific Islands and some of our Canadian dioceses.

**FOR THIS SPECIAL COLLECTION, please use the special yellow envelope included in your offering envelope box or one of the alternate special WORLD MISSION SUNDAY envelopes available in the narthex or the pamphlet racks. Make cheques payable to the parish.**

Thank you for your generous contributions. This support is a blessing for the Bishops, Priests, Sisters, Brothers and lay catechists who depend of this help from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for those who serve in mission countries so that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those whom they serve.

## ***Prayer for World Mission Sunday***

**We pray to the Lord our pledge to preach with our youth the Gospel to everyone:**

**You call us to preach your Good News to all nations, in every situation!**

**Inspired by you, we come out from our churches and our houses to preach the Good News.**

**Inspired by our youth, their dreams and their questions, we are keen about your Mission.**

**Together, we will build a new Earth, which will be more just, more in solidarity, and more fraternal.**

**We will build relationships marked by trust, Sharing, and openness to other people.**

**We will not erect walls of division, but we will build bridges to connect your large human family! Amen.**

## 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. Our pastor, Father Robert, and our pastoral assistant, Sharon, are once again considering starting up this fall the RCIA process in our parish. Tentative plans include initial inquiry sessions to be held immediately following Mass on Wednesday evenings. **To help us make preparations for the RCIA in our parish, please let us know if you might be interested in participating.** Please speak with Father Robert and/or Sharon. We have a limited number of packs of leaflets of the series *Understanding Christian Initiation* which we can distribute to those discerning whether they would like to begin participation in the RCIA process.



## 2018 Family Conference CFC-KFC Winnipeg

(Winnipeg, Brandon, Neepawa & Morris)

**All kids and families  
are invited to participate**  
(including those who are not  
members of the CFC community)

For further information  
and/or to register contact:

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roberto.c.cpkpeng@gmail.com  
or  
Vanessa Jusi  
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## EVERYBODY HAS A PART in Saint John XXIII Parish

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. **As we gather in this fall season, we invite you to prayerfully consider your ongoing participation as a member in the life of our parish. If you have never done so, please mark your areas of interest on a TIME AND TALENT RENEWAL FORM** which are available from the pamphlet rack in the parish office. 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** for your prayers and for your generous response.



## THREE WEEK SCHEDULE: beginning OCTOBER 14, 2018

*N.B.: As circumstances suggest, the schedule below may be subject to change.*

<b>Sunday, October 14</b>	<b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Parish Harvest Festival 2018</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> Saturday MASS – <i>Special intentions, requested by José Barrera</i> <b>6:00 pm</b> Saturday Dinner and Dance in the parish hall <b>9:30 pm</b> Saturday Raffle Draw in the parish hall <b>9:00 am</b> MASS – <i>Bill Michalchuk+, requested by Wanda Michalchuk</i> <i>No catechism classes today</i> <b>11:45 am</b> MASS – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i> <b>1:15 pm</b> Confirmation Preparation – Orientation Gathering (in Room 10)
<b>Monday, October 15</b>	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, Virgin, Doctor</b> <i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
<b>Tuesday, October 16</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon 10:00 am 6:30 pm	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT MARGUERITE D’YOUVILLE, Religious</b> Office open in the morning Al-Anon Meeting (in room 12) <i>Sharon is scheduled to attend an RCIA Coordinators Meeting at the Catholic Centre</i>
<b>Wednesday, October 17</b> 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 1:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop, Martyr</b> Office open in the afternoon Knitting Group Gathering (in room 10) <b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS</b> <b>LITURGY OF THE WORD with distribution of Holy Communion</b> <b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b> (in the Guadalupe Room) <i>Fr. Robert will be away in the evening to attend a Jewish-Catholic Dialogue Session at the offices of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg</i>
<b>Thursday, October 18</b>  <b>2:00 pm</b>  5:30 pm	<b>FEAST: SAINT LUKE, Evangelist</b> <i>Parish office closed Thursday</i> <b>MASS at Heritage Lodge PCH, 3555 Portage Avenue</b> <i>– Carl Starodub+, requested by Louise and Marcel Mollot</i> <i>Serra Club of Winnipeg Annual Dinner at Petrus Hall, 2624 Inkster Boulevard</i>
<b>Friday, October 19</b> 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm <b>3:00 pm</b> 3:00 – 9:00 pm	<b>FERIAL</b> Office open in the afternoon <b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel) CFC Kids for Christ set-up in the parish hall and classrooms
<b>Saturday, October 20</b> 7:00 am <b>8:00 am - 9:00 pm</b> <b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> CFC Kids for Christ set-up in the parish hall and classrooms <b>CFC Kids for Christ 2018 Family Conference – “Celebrate God’s Gift”</b> <b>MASS – Hylda and Percy Walsh+, requested by Penny Stephensen</b>
<b>Sunday, October 21</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:15 am</b> <b>11:45 am</b> <b>1:00 pm - 7:00 pm</b>	<b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>MASS – Eileen Hepple+, requested by Margaret and Jerome Strachan</b> <b>Catechism Classes</b> <b>MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</b> <b>CFC Kids for Christ 2018 Family Conference – “Celebrate God’s Gift”</b>
<b>Monday, October 22</b>	<b>OPTIONAL MEMORIAL: SAINT JOHN PAUL II, Pope</b> <i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
<b>Tuesday, October 23</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>FERIAL</b> Office open in the morning

10:00 am Afternoon	Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>in room 12</i> ) Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a meeting of the Manitoba Multifaith Council
<b>Wednesday, October 24</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> Fr. Robert is scheduled to be away the rest of this week to attend the annual meeting of the Western Diocesan and Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism in Edmonton
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Office open in the afternoon Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank ( <i>in room 12</i> ) <b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS</b> <b>LITURGY OF THE WORD with distribution of Holy Communion</b> <b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b> ( <i>in the Guadalupe Room</i> )
<b>Thursday, October 25</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> Parish office closed Thursday
<b>Friday, October 26</b> 10:45 am 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm	<b>FERIAL</b> <b>LITURGY OF THE WORD at Sturgeon Creek I Retirement Residence, 10 Hallonquist Drive</b> Office open in the afternoon <b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> ( <i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i> )
<b>Saturday, October 27</b> 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  5:00 pm Evening	<b>FERIAL</b> <b>Couples for Christ Winnipeg Planning and Direction Setting Meeting</b> ( <i>in the parish hall</i> ) We welcome Fr. Sean Cahill who is scheduled to preside at Mass this afternoon <b>MASS – Intentions of Christine and Rodolfo Ruiz (birthdays), requested by Teresita Ruiz</b> Knights of Columbus setup for Pancake Breakfast ( <i>in the west end of the parish hall</i> )
<b>Sunday, October 28</b> 9:00 am 9:00 am – 12:00 noon 10:15 am 11:45 am	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</b> <b>Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast – ALL WELCOME</b> ( <i>in the west end of the parish hall</i> ) <b>Catechism Classes</b> ( <i>gather and pickup children in the east end of the parish hall</i> ) <b>MASS – John Harvey Pennert+, requested by Rose Penner</b>
<b>Monday, October 29</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> Parish office closed Monday
<b>Tuesday, October 30</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon 10:00 am 10:00 am	<b>FERIAL</b> Office open in the morning Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>in room 12</i> ) CWL Diocesan Convention Planning Meeting ( <i>in room 10</i> )
<b>Wednesday, October 31</b> 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 1:00 pm <u>2:45 pm</u> <u>3:00 pm</u>	<b>FERIAL</b> Office open in the afternoon Knitting Group Gathering ( <i>in room 10</i> ) <b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS</b> <b>MASS – Carl Starodub+, requested by Nina Turner</b> N.B.: No Mass or meetings Wednesday evening – All Hallows Eve “Halloween”
<b>Thursday, November 1</b> 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – “ALL SAINTS DAY”</b> Office open in the afternoon <b>MASS – Eleanor Grywinski+, requested by Nancy and Melvin Bilash</b>
<b>Friday, November 2</b>  9:00 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:00 am – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm	<b>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – “ALL SOULS DAY”</b> Fr. Robert is on-call for emergency sacramental ministry at Grace Hospital from November 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> Recitation of the Rosary <b>MASS – For all the holy souls in purgatory</b> <b>Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Office open <b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> ( <i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i> )

<b>Saturday, November 3</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
<b>10:30 am – 12:30 pm</b>	<b>SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP</b> (in the parish hall)
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>LIVING ROSARY – all are welcome to participate</b> (Sponsored by CFC Gift of Life Ministry)
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>MASS – Carl Starodub+, requested by the St. James Assiniboia Catholic Women's League</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>CFC West 3 Chapter Prayer Assembly</b> (in the parish hall and lounge)

**REMEMBER: Daylight Savings Time Ends tonight. Be sure to "FALL BACK" one hour to standard time.**

<b>Sunday, November 4</b>	<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>MASS – Wendell Avila+, requested by Catherine and Lani</b>
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Catechism Classes</b>
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>MASS – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners</b>
<b>1:15 pm – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Preparation Session</b> (in Room 12)

## PRO-LIFE LIVING ROSARY: Saturday, November 3, 2018

The Couples for Christ community will sponsor the praying of a Pro-Life Living Rosary on the First Saturday of each month here at Saint John XXIII Church. All are invited to take part in the Living Rosary at **4:00 p.m.** and in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which will follow at the regular time of **5:00 p.m.**

Couples for Christ (CFC) is an international Catholic religious association of the faithful of Pontifical Right. One of its core values is to be pro-life. In support of this, CFC has established the Gift of Life Ministry, catering to all matters in defense and preservation of life, teachings on the Theology of the Body, and other pro-life activities.

Every first Saturday of each month is a special day allotted, not only to show devotion to the Blessed Mother, but as well to pray for the intention of a greater respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Members of Couples for Christ and all parishioners at large are invited to participate in this important effort of prayer and sacrifice.



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## ST. JAMES ASSINIBOIA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

*Serving the parishes of St. John XXIII, St. Charles, and St. Paul the Apostle*

The next general meeting of the St. James Assiniboia CWL will take place at **St. Charles Church on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** It will feature a video presentation about Mary and the Holy Spirit. The video is about 30 minutes in duration and will be followed by informal discussion.

For further information, you may contact Marilyn Begg <begg475@mymts.net> or any member of our CWL Council.



## ST. JAMES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4557

*Serving the parishes of St. John XXIII, St. Paul the Apostle, and St. Ann's*

The St. James Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at St. John XXIII Parish Hall from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.** Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausages, fruit cocktail, coffee or juice. All this for just \$5.00 for adults/youth. Children 8 years and younger are free. All are invited to come and join us for breakfast. Net profits will go towards the repairs and maintenance of our parish building. Tickets for the breakfast will be sold at the door. Thank you for your support!



For information on joining the Knights contact our membership co-chairmen Steve Csizmadia, Paul Morris, or Grand Knight Frank Barnes, Deputy Grand Knight Robert Smith.

**WINNIPEG HARVEST:** Non-perishable food items such as canned meat, canned beans, canned soup, canned fruit, rice and pasta are needed to build food kits that are distributed to Manitobans who receive food from Winnipeg Harvest. 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 Winnipeg Harvest Donation Box located under the pamphlet rack at the south entrance to the church.**

**KNITTING GROUP:** The next gathering of the Knitting/Crocheting Group will be held on **Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** downstairs in Room 10. Over the years we have been creating "welcome baby" layettes to support mothers and babies assisted by *Villa Rosa* or *Thrive Community Support Circle*. We greatly appreciate donations of yarn and other sewing materials. For the 2018-2019 term, our group will continue to meet on alternating Wednesday afternoons. For further information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhe Witt@mymts.net

**THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS** is a timely topic as November approaches, the month we celebrate All Saints (Nov. 1) and All Souls (Nov. 2) and pray for the dead. This core belief is stated in the Apostles' Creed: **"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting."**

The communion of saints is a "communion," a union, a common bond, a profound connection, a great fellowship – shared among the "saints," the holy ones, the Christian faithful, those who are filled with grace, members of the one body with Christ as the head.

The communion of saints is the Church" (CCC, No. 946). It has three states or divisions, the communion of saints of the living, those who are still on their pilgrim journey on earth; and the communion of saints of the dead or the faithful departed, some of whom are being purified, those in purgatory, and the ones who are enjoying eternal glory in the presence of God, those in heaven (CCC, No. 954).

**Spanning the ages:** The living are "saints" because they are baptized, members of the Body of Christ, members of the church, unified in faith and belief, praying and receiving the sacraments, and advancing in holiness. Their sainthood is real but unfinished; "they are saints in training" or "saints in progress."

The dead, or the faithful departed, are saints because their time on earth is over. They are the ones who have completed the race, kept the faith, and have been given the crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:7,8). When they stood before the Son of Man, they were judged to be righteous and told, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34). They are the sheep for whom the Good Shepherd freely laid down his life (John 10:1-18); the ones who have been escorted by Jesus to the Father's house (John 14:1-3); and the great multitude which no one can count that are gathered around God's throne (Revelation 7:9).

The communion of saints spans the ages. It unites the saints who are living now with all who have gone before, whether they departed yesterday, last year, a generation ago or centuries earlier. The communion also encompasses all places, wherever the saints may be: in different rooms in the same home, next-door neighbors, across the country or to the four corners of the world; and unites those on earth with those beyond, those in purgatory and those who have arrived at their eternal home.

The communion of the living has great concern for those who have died. While separated physically, the living are united to those who have gone before them in spirit through Christ. In their sorrow and grief, they long for the day of reunification in heaven, that where their ancestors have gone, they may also go.

The living express their concern for the faithful departed in prayer, offering prayers for those in purgatory to speed their loved ones on to the fullness of joy, and for those in heaven, offering prayers that they might intercede on their behalf before God. The saints in heaven watch over those who continue their journey on earth by the constant watchfulness and prayers of intercession.

**United in worship:** While the saints, those whose names are listed in the Book of Life, gather together in solemn assembly at the throne of God in the heavenly liturgy, bow down and worship God day and night, sing hymns of praise, cry out, "Honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever" (Revelation 7:12) and exclaim, "Amen! Alleluia!" (Revelation 19:4), the saints on earth gather together around God's altar at liturgy week after week, and in praise and worship cry out, "Glory to God in the highest! We worship you. We give you thanks. We praise you for your glory!" And continue, "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!"

The same Christ who reigns on the throne in heaven with his saints above is made present in the Eucharist with his saints below, and when the faithful receive the Eucharist, there is holy Communion between all of God's saints. – Father Van Sloun <thecatholicspirit.com>

### ***Celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls Day***

**All Saints Day Mass: Thursday, November 1, 2018**

**7:00 p.m. at St. John XXIII Church**

**All Souls Day Mass: Friday, November 2, 2018**

**9:15 a.m. at St. John XXIII Church**



### **TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING**

*If you wish to have the Tabernacle Lamp in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint John XXIII Church burn in memory of a loved one, to honour a special occasion, or for a particular intention, you may make arrangements through the Parish Office. The offering to cover one week (from Sunday through Saturday) is **\$25.00**. As circumstances permit, notice of your prayer intention will be published in the parish bulletin.*

**Week of October 14 – 20, 2018:**

**Week of October 21 – 27, 2018:**

**Week of October 28 – November 3, 2018:**

**Special Intentions, requested by Hermalyn Agcaoili**

**Margaret Rose Barton+, requested by Beth Barton**

*This week is still available for an intention*







First Annual

# **Saint John XXIII Parish**

# **Harvest Festival**

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**



## **THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS**

*The members of the Fundraising and Development Committee extend heartfelt thanks to parishioners for their kind assistance in selling 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Raffle Tickets and in donating their time, talent and treasure towards the success of our first annual Harvest Festival. God bless you all!*

## **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. **Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, you are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in this special book.** The book will be placed near the sanctuary and remain there for the month of November.



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

**Max and Monique Armstrong, Darrell Aucoin, Bill Camier, Lynda Dodd, John Foucart, Darryn Hellofs, Rosario Jequinto, Joanna Mason, Deb McEnturff, Cynthia Patterson, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment, Albin Polz, James Polz, Owen Robertson, Janice Skene and Helen Yankoski.**

*We continue to refresh and update our Parish Prayer List. Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon Camier, to help us update the list to include the names of those parishioners, relatives and friends currently in need of prayer. Please remember that to have names added to the list and printed in the bulletin and/or posted online we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you for your help and for your prayers of intercession.*



**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

## **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Wisdom 7.7-11**

I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison to wisdom.

**Psalms 90.12-13, 14-15, 16-17**

Fill us with your love, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be glad.

**Hebrews 4.12-13**

The word of God can judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**Mark 10.17-30**

Go, sell what you own; then follow me.



## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

Part of the beauty of stewardship spirituality is its simplicity and practicality. It can be summed up in the simple phrase, "All I have is a gift from God and I must make a grateful return to Him for all He has given me."

So simple, that even our youngest parishioners can grasp the concept. Simple, however, does not necessarily mean easy. Simple also does not mean shallow.

Today's readings invite us to look into the depth of a stewardship way of life. And they reveal that it requires the commitment of our whole being to God. It is anything but easy or shallow. It points us to seek after higher things — the wisdom of God and Heaven itself.

Our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, shows us a way to obtain such wisdom — it is available to us right in the Scriptures, which are the *living* word of God. Every time we approach them in a spirit of prayer, they will speak to us. God's wisdom is right there for us. All we need to do is commit some daily time to seek it.

Our Gospel Reading from Mark is one of the better-known passages in the Gospel – the story of the rich young man. In response to the man’s question on what he must do to obtain eternal life, Jesus tells him to keep the commandments. The man replies that he has always done this much. But he rightfully suspects there is more to being a disciple of Jesus than just following the external rules

We are called to be so much more than rule-followers; we are called to be Christ followers. A stewardship way of life frees us follow Christ with all of our being and so to find eternal life.

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## Sunday, October 21, 2018

### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Isaiah 53.10-11

When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days.

#### Psalms 33.4-5, 18-19, 20+22

Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.

#### Hebrews 4.14-16

Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness.

#### Mark 10.35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.



### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Our readings today are wonderfully consoling and wildly challenging. If we take them to heart, they just might change our lives. For they should call us to profound gratitude for all that God has done for us and inspire us to live lives of thanksgiving and obedience to Him in response to His overwhelming love and mercy.

In the Gospel Reading, from Mark, Jesus tells us in His own words how we can thank Him and how our lives can reflect greatness in His eyes — we can imitate Him. He tells us, “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Our God has ransomed our lives. In truth, this “ransom” means our lives are not our own but belong to God. We must do what He asks us to do with them. And He has told us clearly what to do — serve others in love as we have been served in love by Him.

This is why service for the Christian Steward is not an add-on to our already busy lives. It *is* our life.

Over the course of the next week, take these readings to heart. Reflect on the remarkable love God has shown for you. Then look carefully at your daily life. Is it an imitation of the servant-love of your Brother and Savior? What changes do you need to make, perhaps just in attitude, or perhaps to the trajectory of your life as a whole, to live in grateful service to the One who loves you so?

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## Sunday, October 28, 2018

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Jeremiah 31.7-9

I am going to bring my people home –  
both those who are blind and those who are lame.

#### Psalms 126.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

#### Hebrews 5.1-6

You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.

#### Mark 10.46-52

My teacher, let me see again.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

As Christian stewards we are called to devote a regular portion of our time to God in prayer. Perhaps we find it intimidating to find the right words when approaching our perfect and all-holy God.

Today's Gospel shows us we need to have our "act together" before we can spend time with Him in prayer. In this passage from Mark, we see that Bartimaeus received a powerful answer to prayer at a very low point in his life. There, he sat, begging at the side of the road in a very undignified manner. His posture wasn't exactly reverent, and his prayer wasn't eloquent, just a desperate, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

But it was a sincere cry from his heart. And Jesus, though surrounded by a sizable crowd, heard it, and called for Bartimaeus to come to Him. Folks from the crowd called to Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." And right there on the spot, Bartimaeus experienced a profound moment of personal encounter with our Lord and the healing of his vision he desired.

How simple it is to encounter Jesus! All we must do is reach out to Him in prayer and we can be assured that He will hear us and call us to Himself. So let's all take courage this week knowing that Jesus is calling us right now to spend time with Him just as we are, in all our weakness and brokenness. Tell Him, the great High Priest, what your needs are and then, like Bartimaeus, follow Him, and keep on keeping on in this stewardship way of life. It's a life with the ultimate happy ending.

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## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: Retreat for Youth & Young Adults Struggling with Parent's Death, Divorce or Separation

will be held **October 19 - 21, 2018** at St. Charles Retreat Centre, 323 St. Charles Street, Winnipeg. Beginning Experience Winnipeg is a Christ-based, para-church organization which seeks to provide support for those going through some of the hardest times of their lives. The Fall Young Adult retreat is for high school students or young adults who are struggling with parents who are separating, divorced or who have lost a parent. For more information: call/text 204-223-9970, yabe@beginningexperience.ca or [www.beginningexperience.ca](http://www.beginningexperience.ca)

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## FORMATIONS AND RE-FORMATIONS IN CATHOLIC THOUGHT

JESUIT CENTRE LUNCH-HOUR LECTURE SERIES

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018 | HANLEY HALL

Micheline Hughes (PhD Candidate, Native Studies, U of M)

"Mi'kmaw Catholicism: Agency and Oral Tradition"

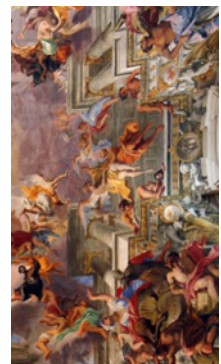
### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018 | RM 258 SPC

Dr. David Winter (History, Brandon University)

"Where the Devil Lurks: The Production of Infernal Spaces in the Icelandic Family Sagas"

Contact for more information: 204-474-9165 / [catholic@unmanitoba.ca](mailto:catholic@unmanitoba.ca)

[unmanitoba.ca/stpauls/jesuit\\_centre/events.html](http://unmanitoba.ca/stpauls/jesuit_centre/events.html)



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**CANA WELCOME** is a program for couples offered by the Chemin Neuf Community in Winnipeg. It is for those seeking to build their marriages on a strong foundation, go deeper in their faith, and find support from other couples. It consists of small sharing groups of 4-5 couples who meet monthly in each other's homes. **An introduction will be offered Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.** at the St. Charles Retreat Centre, 323 St. Charles Street. Come and explore if this is for you. Children welcome. Please RSVP by October 2<sup>nd</sup> to Matt and Lisseth West, 204-898-4834 or [info@westdesign.ca](mailto:info@westdesign.ca)

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**FROM ST. CHARLES PARISH:** Autumn is the time to break bread with your family and friends, share summer stories and winter plans. Please join us at the St. Charles Parish Harvest Dinner and Dance on **Saturday, November 3, 2018**. Cocktails 6:30 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm. You will be served a delicious turkey dinner and there will a Cash Bar and Silent Auction. Adults \$30 each, children 5 - 12 years \$10, and children under 4 are free. We will also have *Take Out Orders* available for \$20 - must be ordered in advance. We will offer Safe Ride Home service (donations accepted). For more information and tickets call St. Charles Parish office 204-889-3248 or Anna 204-895-2420. Advance tickets only.

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**ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is having a **Fall into Christmas Craft Fair** on **November 24, 2018** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic School, 331 St. Charles Street. Come get ready for Christmas by shopping local from multiple vendors, enjoying pancake breakfast, hot chocolate bar, bake sale, photos with Santa and much more. See you there!

***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](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)***

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Our parish's appeal target for 2018 is \$25,720.00. As of Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> our parish has reached 114% of our target, i.e. total received to date and pledges = \$29,400.00. Thank you to all parishioners of Saint John XXIII who have so generously contributed to the campaign in support of our Archdiocesan pastoral services!

**Remember that when our parish exceeds its Sharing God's Gifts target, donations in excess of the target are returned to the parish exempt from further assessment to be used towards local priorities.**

Although our parish has reached its Sharing God's Gifts target for 2018, we must remember that we still have substantial outstanding financial obligations including the balance of Archdiocesan Assessment owed for 2017 and the full amount for 2018. So any further contributions to Sharing God's Gifts can help us to meet these outstanding obligations.

Contributions to Sharing God's Gifts may be forwarded 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".

## ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT

In order to satisfy our obligation to support Saint Charles Catholic School (SCCS), we are making a concerted effort to solicit and encourage donations specifically earmarked to SCCS especially to help cover tuition bursaries. We are hoping to raise at least \$5,000.00 this year. **As of October 12<sup>th</sup>, a total of \$2,956.00 has been received from parishioners.**

If you are willing to make a special monetary contribution to the support of Saint Charles Catholic School, please use a "DONATION (specify) ....." envelope available in the pamphlet rack at the south church entrance or from the parish office. Please make cheques payable to St. John XXIII Parish and specify that your donation is for "ST. CHARLES SCHOOL".

## BUILDING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

The previously announced masonry repairs to the building envelope have been completed. **As of October 12<sup>th</sup>, a total of \$5,215.00 has been received to date towards the building envelope repair and other required maintenance.**

If you are willing to make a special monetary contribution to assist with necessary repairs to our aging parish facility, please use a "DONATION (specify) ....." envelope available in the pamphlet rack at the south church entrance or from the parish office. Please make cheques payable to St. John XXIII Parish and specify that your donation is for "BUILDING REPAIRS".

*Please do NOT include donations to Sharing God's Gifts or other special causes, i.e. as noted above, in your regular offertory envelopes. Kindly use Sharing God's Gifts brochure envelopes for donations to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal or parish "DONATION (specify) ....." envelopes for other special donations to alleviate confusion for collection counters and office staff who process and credit your donations. Thank you for your understanding and kind cooperation.*

### Collections – deposited September 2018

PAD (Pre-authorized debit)	\$ 7,793.00
Regular Envelopes	10,666.10
Other Identified	1,850.00
Loose Collection	1,762.00
OMPH Devotions	75.00
In Memoriam	100.00
Other Donation	225.00
St. Charles Catholic School	910.00
Building Repairs	650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 24,031.10</b>

### Special Collections – deposited September 2018

Chalice (adopted child)	\$ 80.80
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 80.90</b>



All parishioners are encouraged to consider registering for pre-authorized debit (PAD). New parishioners are kindly asked to contact the parish office a.s.a.p. to register for pre-authorized debit or regular offering envelopes.

*"At the very moment that he calls us, he is looking ahead to everything we can do, all the love we are capable of giving. Like the young Mary, you can allow your life to become a means for making the world a better place."*

— Pope Francis