

## PARISH BULLETIN

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – February 18, 2024**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – February 25, 2024**

The schedule published herein continues to the weekend of March 3, 2024



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and at other times for pre-arranged appointments

#### **SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

##### **SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)**

Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

##### **WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

*As announced in the schedule in this bulletin.*

##### **ASSISTANCE TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN**

For emergencies, you may contact the parish office

##### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)**

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

*As circumstances permit, on other Friday afternoons or by appointment.*

*Other opportunities in the deanery are listed on the bulletin board and on our website.*

Please continue to follow the rules of good hygiene including hand washing/sanitizing and cough etiquette.

For the safety and comfort of all, please self-screen before coming to church. **Stay home if you are sick.**

**Individuals may continue to use face masks based on their preference, personal risk, or other reasons.**

### **PARISH PASTORAL TEAM**

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#### **FAITH FORMATION:**

Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information concerning catechism materials for lessons to take place in the home setting and/or at church on Sunday mornings as circumstances permit.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST):** Contact our Pastoral Assistant 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.

Come and pray the WAY OF THE CROSS in Saint John XXIII Church  
at 7:00 pm each Friday evening of Lent.



## LECTIO DIVINA

*Friday evenings during Lent  
immediately following the Way of the Cross*

*Archdiocese of Winnipeg Synod Implementation  
Global Initiative #35: "We encourage all the baptized  
to acquire familiarity with Sacred Scripture"*



This season of Lent, we once again invite you to connect with family and friends in a very special way using **Lectio Divina** or "**Breaking open the Word.**" This ancient method of praying with sacred texts dates to the fourth century. The four simple steps of *Lectio Divina* are READING, MEDITATION, PRAYER, and CONTEMPLATION.

Here at Saint John XXIII Parish during Lent, we will hold a *Lectio Divina* small group session following the Way of the Cross on Friday evenings in the Guadalupe Room. We will listen together and reflect on the Gospel passage for the following Sunday. All those interested are welcome to participate!

## Living with Christ SUNDAY MISSAL 2023 – 2024

Available at the parish office - Price \$7.25 each

Current English translation of the Roman Missal, COMPLETE Scripture readings for Sunday Masses, Musical acclamations by Canadian composers, Reflections for all Sunday liturgies, Monthly Calendar of Saints, Inspiration from the Saints, Papal Prayer Intentions for each month of the year, Guide to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Prayers and hymns for various occasions.



*The following items are available at the parish office for a very reasonable cost as noted:*

NRSV Bible – Catholic Edition, hardcover or flexcover	\$20.00 per Bible	
Pocket Gospels and Psalms - NRSV	\$15.00 per copy	
Living with Christ SUNDAY MISSAL 2023 – 2024	\$7.25 per copy	
Living with Christ Missalette – monthly edition	\$5.00 per copy	
Candles blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	\$6.00 per box	(each box contains two candles)



## LENT 2024 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, March 8, 2024

Each year, on Friday before Laetare Sunday, in St. Peter's Basilica Pope Francis presides at a Penitential Celebration opening the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative. The motto chosen by the Holy Father for this year's "24 Hours for the Lord" is taken from a verse of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans: "**Walking in a new life**" (Romans 6:4).

For those in the Central Winnipeg Deanery who prefer a daytime option to go to confession during Lent, during a period of Eucharistic Adoration here at Saint John XXIII Church, our pastor and a few other priests from the deanery will be available from **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm** on Friday afternoon, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

*The Central Winnipeg Deanery has collated a schedule for confessions during this season of Lent.*

*The full deanery schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent is now available on our parish website.*

*The list also is posted on our church bulletin board and soon will be available on the Archdiocese of Winnipeg website.*

*"This is the reason for our hope: that God never tires of waiting for us.  
When we turn away, he comes looking for us; when we fall, he lifts us to our feet;  
when we return to him after losing our way, he waits for us with open arms." —Pope Francis*

# SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 18 – MARCH 3, 2024

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

<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
4:00 pm <small>Saturday</small>	MASS – <i>Maria Pereira+</i> , requested by <i>Pereira family</i>
9:00 am	MASS (livestreamed) – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i>
11:45 am	MASS – <i>Louis and Ann Hovrisko+</i> , requested by <i>Zonia Patson</i>
1:15 pm	Special sacramental preparation session ( <i>Guadalupe room</i> )
<b>Monday, February 19</b>	<b>FERIAL – LOUIS RIEL DAY HOLIDAY</b>
	Mass (offered in private) – <i>Françoise Reesink (health)</i> , requested by <i>Laurette Burch</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 20</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
12:00 midnight	<i>Fr. Robert is on-call for emergency sacramental ministry at Grace Hospital until 12:00 noon Friday</i>
10:30 am	MASS at <b>Golden West Centennial Lodge</b> , 811 School Road – <i>Oscar Famisan+</i> , requested by <i>Famisan family and friends</i>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Office Hours</b> – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
6:00 pm	<i>Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a Manitoba Multifaith Council Board of Directors Meeting</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
6:45 pm	<b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS</b>
7:00 pm	MASS – <i>Luanne Batalla Santillan+</i> , requested by <i>Blaquera family</i>
7:40 pm	RCIA Session ( <i>Guadalupe Room</i> )
<b>Thursday, February 22</b>	<b>FEAST: CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, Apostle</b>
	Mass (offered in private) – <i>Intentions of Mark Patson &amp; Vladimir Patson, req. by Zonia Patson</i>
<b>Friday, February 23</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
12:00 pm	Praying of the Angelus
12:10 pm	MASS – <i>In thanksgiving</i> , requested by <i>Gatpandan family</i>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
3:00 pm	<b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b>
7:00 pm	<b>WAY OF THE CROSS</b>
7:30 pm <i>approx.</i>	<b>LECTIO DIVINA or “Breaking Open the Word”</b> ( <i>ALL WELCOME – in the Guadalupe Room</i> )
<b>Saturday, February 24</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
4:00 pm	MASS for Sunday – <i>Oscar Famisan+</i> , requested by <i>Famisan family and friends</i>
<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
9:00 am	MASS (livestreamed) – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i>
10:15 am	CATECHISM CLASSES ( <i>downstairs in the parish hall and classrooms</i> )
10:15 am	Sacramental Preparation for <b>First Reconciliation</b> ( <i>downstairs in room 9</i> )
11:45 am	MASS – <i>Lilia Reyes+</i> , requested by <i>Reyes family</i>
1:15 pm	Special sacramental preparation session ( <i>Guadalupe room</i> )
<b>Monday, February 26</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
	Mass (offered in private) – <i>Special intention</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 27</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Mass (offered in private) – <i>Zonia Patson (health)</i> , requested by <i>Alfred and Marietta Gendive</i> <b>Office Hours</b> – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
<b>Wednesday, February 28</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
6:45 pm	<b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS</b>
7:00 pm	MASS – <i>Special intention</i> , requested by <i>a parishioner</i>
7:40 pm	RCIA Session ( <i>Guadalupe Room</i> )
<b>Thursday, February 29</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
	Mass (offered in private) – <i>Monica Bird (health)</i> , requested by <i>Alfred and Marietta Gendive</i>

<b>Friday, March 1</b>	<b>FERIAL – FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH</b>
12:00 pm	Praying of the Angelus
<b>12:10 pm</b>	<b>MASS</b> – <i>Special intention, requested by a parishioner</i>
12:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>Adoration Time</b> ( <i>monstrance on altar in main worship space</i> ) – ring door buzzer for access
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b>
<b>3:45 pm</b>	<b>BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>WAY OF THE CROSS</b>
<b>7:30 pm approx.</b>	<b>LECTIO DIVINA or “Breaking Open the Word”</b> ( <i>ALL WELCOME – in the Guadalupe Room</i> )
<b>Saturday, March 2</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>MASS for Sunday</b> – <i>Special intention, requested by a parishioner</i>
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>MASS (livestreamed)</b> – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>CATECHISM CLASSES</b> ( <i>downstairs in the parish hall and classrooms</i> )
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation</b> ( <i>downstairs in room 9</i> )
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>MASS</b> – <i>Holy souls in purgatory</i>
<b>1:15 pm</b>	<i>Special sacramental preparation session (Guadalupe room)</i>

***Please pray for the loved ones of our community in need of healing and comfort:***

Dora Auger, Annette and Maynard Bates, Monica Bird, George Bonnefoy, Ayson Broughton, Freda Broughton, Barry and Sharon Burke, Ken Burke, Donna Burns, Alan and Cathleen Critchley, René Defries, John and Marina Foucart, René Gobeil, Helen Hallack, Darryn Hellofs, Bev and Steve Hewitt, Angela Krassie, Magdalena Krauter, Violet Lebedeff, Marie Mangin, Norman Mangin, Tim Mangin, Frances Mijker, Anne Muhire, Zonia Patson, Françoise Reesink, Jarette Mithian Remolacio, Ken Resch, Owen Robertson, Carol Ann Robinson, Jerome Strachan, Angie Turner, Joe and Maria Wallack, and Helen Yankoski.



**TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING**

**February 18 – 24, 2024**

**Tony Wozny+, requested by Melba Wozny**

**February 25 – March 2, 2024**

**Intentions of Marilyn and Les Maciaszek, requested by Melba Wozny**

*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.*



**First Sunday of Lent**

**February 18, 2024**

**Genesis 9:8-15**

God establishes the rainbow as a sign of the covenant with all living things.

**Psalms 25:4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9**

God guides and teaches those who are humble enough to accept instruction.

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

God waited patiently for Noah to build the ark of his salvation.

**Mark 1:12-15**

After the trial in the desert,  
Jesus proclaims repentance and the Kingdom coming.



**EXPLORING THE WORD**

**The reason for the season – of Lent**

More theology wars are likely to be fought over the meaning of Christmas than the substance of Lent. While many Christians gear up to do battle every December against an interesting assortment of enemies—Santa Claus, Rudolph, Frosty, the retail industry, and the term “X-mas,” just for starters—nobody seems to have energy left over to take on the secular foes of the Lenten season. Perhaps that is because there aren’t any. Or at least no one has yet figured out how to make a buck off Lent, so it remains a bland nonissue in most public spheres.

If the onset of Lent remains a tranquil, commercially unnoticed event, that doesn't mean it's not as prone to misunderstanding and misinterpretation as its glitzier cousin in purple mantel. There is a reason for this season, too, and it's not to make Catholics feel bad for 40 days. The focus of this season is not the size of our sacrifice in fasting, prayer, and alms, nor frankly is it the agony of Jesus' own ordeal in the final week. A clue to the reason for our observance of this season can be found in the overlooked second reading from 1 Peter. Lent is the time when we remember God's benevolent patience.

Think about it. God waited for Noah to build an ark before the great flood began. How long does it take to construct such a thing? God had already had it up to here with the human race. The mortal experiment had turned out to be a tragic failure. The record of Genesis is clear on the bottom line: "The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the Earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the Earth, and it grieved him to his heart" (6:5-6). God had made up the divine mind. There was no ambiguity about what God would do.

And yet, God waited. God waited on a single faithful family of eight members, waited through the procurement of gopherwood and the pitch to seal it, 300 cubits long, 50 wide, and 30 deep. God waited for the food supplies to be gathered and stored. And God waited for every last animal, two by two, to get on board.

And then, for 40 days and nights, the heavy rains came, washing the Earth clean of its cruelty, dishonesty, and indifference. When Noah and his family emerged from that lifeboat, the world was a better place than when they had left it. Once again we are being given a space of time in which to get on board the lifeboat and return to the world renewed.

– Alice Camille

## Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024

### Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God makes a covenant with Abraham,  
who demonstrates his obedience.

### Psalms 116:10+15, 16-17, 18-19

The faith of those who are afflicted  
is rewarded with God's own faithfulness.

### Romans 8:31b-35, 37

When it is God who acquits, no one can condemn.

### Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is revealed as surpassing the authority of law and prophecy.



## EXPLORING THE WORD

### The cosmic bottom line

Children have it easy when it comes to obeying authority. They know the drill: Adults are in charge, do what they tell you. When adults collide, what Mom and Dad say trumps the older sibling, the neighbor, the teacher, and the stranger. While it's no fun being on the last rung of the pecking order, it simplifies life enormously to do as you're told.

Life gets messier as we grow older. In no time, it seems, we're confronted with two or more compelling sources of authority. In high school it's the all-important peer group vs. the parental units. Then comes the college professor vs. traditional understanding. The church and the world set up another conflict of values and priorities. Before you know it, there may be dozens of competing authorities vying for your loyalty. Parents, spouses, and bosses create an arena of demands that may run up against your inner authority: "to thine own self be true." Throw God on top of that pile, and the weight of authority can make you feel like a pancake at the bottom.

Clean lines of allegiance are rarely experienced when we leave childhood behind. Abraham's struggle at Mt. Moriah is a perfect example of having to choose between mutually compelling but entirely opposed loyalties. As a father, Abraham's natural love for his son is paramount. But as the longtime servant of God, obedience to the divine word is second nature to him. Can he sacrifice his son to satisfy the demands of God?

It's a terrible story, a nightmare of moral knots that even theologians have trouble untying. We know that Abraham makes the theologically right choice in submitting to God. But we can neither love nor comprehend the man who would make this choice. Nor can we approach the God who would request this choice with anything other than fearful apprehension.

We much prefer the integrated love that Jesus asks of us: to love God and one another, and to serve God through our mortal commitments. Life decisions can divide our hearts and cause us anguish. Let God not be blamed for the cleft! The



integrity of Jesus' teaching, in fact, provides a window through which to view the Transfiguration. In the hour when Jesus manifests his glory, Elijah and Moses appear on the mountain.

The prophetic tradition and Mosaic Law sometimes spoke with a united voice and at other times pulled Israel in opposite directions. Is God's Law etched in stone or on hearts? Was Israel God's only concern or were all nations God's people? When the voice from heaven spoke, judgment was rendered: "Listen to my Son." The polarizing forces are reconciled and surpassed in the God of flesh and blood.

– Alice Camille

Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including **This Transforming Word** and other titles found at [alicecamille.com](http://alicecamille.com)

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### **"JOURNEY THROUGH LENT" with the CCCB**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents "Journey through Lent" with the Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of Saskatoon, and the Most Rev. Stephen Hero, Bishop of Prince Albert. Join them as they reflect on the Word of God for Lent 2024. Each video will be posted to our website weekly. If you are reading this bulletin online, for the first video reflecting on Ash Wednesday, click [here](#) or go to the CCCB website [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca) and click on appropriate link.

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### **GROWING IN WISDOM: SEEKING DEEPER GENERATIVITY - February 17, 2024**

This ecumenical program is grounded in the mystical Christian Tradition, open to learning from other interfaith and spiritual traditions and designed for those seeking to engage in their maturing years with wisdom and grace. This program is rooted in the Forest Dwelling Program, Oblate School of Theology, and the ground-breaking work of Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI. Applications are now being accepted for the February 2024 – November 2025 program. For more information, visit the Growing in Wisdom website, click [here](#) or go to [www.growinginwisdom.ca](http://www.growinginwisdom.ca)

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### **Free Webinar: SPIRITUAL APPROACH TO THE MEANING OF SUFFERING - February 21, 2024**

The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute invites you to join them for a free webinar. Many have lost any sense of 'meaning' in suffering. Some want to avoid it at all costs, even choosing early death. Our Catholic faith talks about 'redemptive' suffering, but what does that mean? Erin Kinsella will discuss this through the lens of her experience of chronic illness and developing spirituality of suffering. To register, email CCBI at [bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca](mailto:bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca) to receive a Zoom invitation. Please submit questions to the same email!

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### **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: SHARE LENT WORKSHOP - February 22, 2024**

Join Development and Peace for their "Share Lent Workshop – *Reaping our Rights!*" on Thursday, February 22, 2024 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at St. John Cantius Roman Catholic Church Hall, 846 Burrows Avenue, Winnipeg Manitoba. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm. Come and learn about the works of HOMEF (Home of Mother Earth Foundation) from Nigeria, Fundación Nuna Bolivia and PAYOPAYO from Indonesia and their work in empowering communities for environmental change, food security, agricultural sustainability and community mobilisation. To register, click [here](#). If you have questions, please contact Jason Cegayle, Regional Animator for Development and Peace – Manitoba and Thunder Bay at [jcegayle@devp.org](mailto:jcegayle@devp.org) or at 204-231-2848.

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### **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION PROGRAM: COME & SEE - March 22-24, 2024**

The Catholic School of Evangelization is hosting a Come & See weekend March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for potential students to experience life at the Discipleship Formation Program. Come spend the weekend with us and be immersed in community life, taking part in classes, prayer time, worship, and daily duties, all while discerning your call to attend as a student for the 2024-2025 school year. To learn more about the program, click [here](#). To register for the come & see, click [here](#) or go to [www.catholicway.net](http://www.catholicway.net)

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### **CARITAS AWARD DINNER - April 11, 2024**

The 2024 Caritas Award Dinner will honour those who have dedicated their time, talents, and energy in supporting Youth Ministry. Tickets for the Caritas Award Dinner are available by clicking [here](#)! This event is an excellent opportunity for individuals and corporations to support the Catholic Foundation of Manitoba's mission through the Caritas Award Dinner's sponsorship program. You can fill out the sponsorship pledge form electronically by visiting their website. Click [here](#) to view their website or go to [www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca](http://www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca) To view poster, click [here](#).

**For other news and events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, go to the website: [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)**

## SHARE LENT 2024

### Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us. **Join the movement** of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit [devp.org/membership](https://devp.org/membership).



### This Lent, let's work toward *Reaping our Rights*

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign calls us to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by:

1. **Donating** online at [devp.org/give](https://devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!
2. **Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine** and other resources available at [devp.org/lent/resources](https://devp.org/lent/resources).
3. Meeting our solidarity visitors and **participating in the campaign launch webinar** on February 17 at 1:30 p.m. ET.

Have questions on Share Lent 2024? Do not hesitate to contact Jason Cegayle, Regional Animator for Development and Peace - Manitoba and Thunder Bay at [jcegayle@devp.org](mailto:jcegayle@devp.org) or at 204-231-2848. Or go online to [www.devp.org](https://www.devp.org)

### ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPRING FUNDRAISER

This year's spring fundraising campaign will be a sale of excellent quality and competitively priced bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, succulents, and container gardens. Fall Garden Mums can be easily ordered now in the spring for delivery shortly after Labor Day in the early Fall. Gift Cards are also available. Orders may be placed until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Plants will be available for pick up at the school from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. For more information on the steps to shop and pay online, see the poster on the church bulletin board or go to the school website [www.stccs.ca](https://www.stccs.ca) for further contact information.



### ST. JAMES ASSINIBOIA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our next General meeting is on **Tuesday February 27, 2024** at St. Charles Catholic Church starting with **Mass at 2:00 pm**. We are looking forward to getting back to our regular meetings and welcoming our new executive. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for your cooperation during my term as President. God Bless you all. **EVERYONE WELCOME!** Please join us! — Elsie Rosler, CWL President



### HARVEST MANITOBA

If you are able to help in the ongoing food drive for Harvest Manitoba, please donate by placing food items in the yellow Harvest donation bin found at local food retailers: e.g. Save on Foods, Sobeys, and Safeway. Alternatively, our parish's Harvest donation box is located under the pamphlet rack at the south church entrance. Dry food donations may be deposited there when you come to church for liturgies. **THANK YOU for your continued generosity and support!**



### SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH KNITTING GROUP

The next gathering of the Knitting/Crocheting Group will be held on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024** from **1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** downstairs in Room 8. Over the years we have been creating "welcome baby" layettes to support mothers and babies assisted by *Villa Rosa* or *Thrive Community Support Circle* and sometimes for other worthwhile causes. **We continue to 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](mailto:bevhe Witt@mymts.net)



***“One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” —Matthew 4:4b***

***“Love is not a feeling of happiness. Love is a willingness to sacrifice.” —Michael Novak***



### **SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH BUILDING GOD’S HOME FUND**

Saint John XXIII Parish in October 2023 obtained a loan from the Trustees of the RCAW Inc. for the purposes of paying off by October 31, 2023 the \$500,000.00 owed to the Diocese of Rupert’s Land for the purchase of our parish facility, the former Assiniboia Christian Centre. According to the loan agreement, over the next five years, through a capital campaign and other fundraising efforts, we now must raise the funds to pay off the principal sum of \$500,000.00 CDN together with the requisite interest. To this end, we recently began a capital campaign and have been soliciting pledges from parishioners towards our “Building God’s Home Fund”. As of January 2024, the total

of pledges received from parishioners is just over \$187,000.00. ***Thank you to those parishioners who already have submitted their pledge forms. We ask other parishioners to prayerfully consider their response to our capital campaign. Envelopes containing pledge forms are available at the parish office.***

### ***Saint John XXIII Parish Stewardship of Treasure***

**PARISH OFFERINGS:** You may place your offering envelopes in the COLLECTION BASKET passed by the ushers to those sitting in the pews during Sunday liturgies. Or you may mail your contribution to the parish via CANADA POST. Or you may leave a message with the parish office to make arrangements with one of our parish staff to drop off your offertory donations at a safe drop off location. For donations to the parish, please make cheques payable to “St. John XXIII Parish”.

**PAD OPTION:** Alternatively, we encourage parishioners to consider being an “intentional giver” by registering for PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT. Please leave a message at the parish office and someone will contact you and assist you.

**ONLINE OPTIONS:** If you wish to donate to the parish ONLINE, a link to CanadaHelps.org can be found on our website. Go to [www.johnxxiii.ca](http://www.johnxxiii.ca) and click on the DONATE NOW tab at the top of the *Links* column on the home page. Alternatively, you may donate to St. John XXIII Parish via the **Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP** on your mobile device. Go to the Apple APP Store or Google Play Store to download the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP.

**INTERAC e-Transfer:** If you to donate via e-Transfer, go online and login to your online banking account. Select send an Interac e-Transfer (or autodeposit etc.) Complete all the necessary information including the amount of your contribution.

**For name of recipient you may use ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH and be sure to use this email address: [finance@johnxxiii.ca](mailto:finance@johnxxiii.ca)** Review details and Confirm (Send) to submit your contribution. Transfers sent to [finance@johnxxiii.ca](mailto:finance@johnxxiii.ca) will be automatically deposited to the account of TRUSTEES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT JOHN XXIII at RBC Royal Bank. **When making your contribution via Interac e-Transfer through your financial institution, please be sure to INDICATE IN THE MESSAGE/MEMO line what your payment is for.** After submitting your contribution, it is very helpful if you send a follow up email to the parish finance office at [finance@johnxxiii.ca](mailto:finance@johnxxiii.ca) to ensure we have the all information we need for our records.

**New parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office to register with the parish and to arrange for pre-authorized debit or a box of regular offering envelopes.**

***“Every time I make a little leap, I catch a glimpse of the One who runs out to me  
and invites me into his joy, the joy in which I can find not only myself,  
but also my brothers and sisters.” —Henri J. M. Nouwen***

***“The cross is the school of love.” —Saint Maximilian Kolbe***

***“God had one son of earth without sin, but never one without suffering.”  
—Saint Augustine of Hippo***