

Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

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SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

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

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Check the bulletin or website for the current schedule

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

Contact the parish office for assistance

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

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

and/or as announced or by appointment

PARISH BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT and SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016 and December 4, 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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DECEMBER 12TH

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas. Mass will be celebrated here at Saint John XXIII Church at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12th**. The blessing of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place immediately following Mass. At 8:00 p.m. we will present the acclaimed movie, recently produced by the Knights of Columbus and narrated by Jim Caviezel, entitled ***Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message***. The evening will conclude with refreshments in the narthex. (In preparation for the feast day, we will begin a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe at the end of Mass on December 3rd.)



Responding to the ongoing call to Truth and Reconciliation, our parish will place the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and, hopefully at some time in the future, also an image of Saint Kateri of Tekakwitha in the former St. Chad's Chapel as a sign of solidarity with our indigenous brothers and sisters, and the Church's commitment to inculturation, family values and the Gospel of Life. An anonymous donor has agreed to cover the cost. Eventually, our old vigil light stand will be repurposed with LED lights and placed under the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe as a safe option for children. The room will continue to be utilized for a variety of purposes, eventually also as a place for families with small children to gather if they wish during liturgies. Henceforth, as agreed by consensus of the members of our parish's Visioning and Strategic Planning Committee, the former St. Chad's Chapel is to be known as the "Our Lady of Guadalupe Room" or "Guadalupe Room" for short.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Once again this year we are collecting items to fill 30 Christmas Hampers. The grocery items required are on tags on the wooden Christmas tree in the narthex. Please return the tags with your donated grocery items to the display in the narthex. You can also help by making a monetary donation which helps us to purchase turkeys, milk, potatoes, and oranges. Special envelopes for donations are available by the tree. Also needed are donations of knitted hats, mittens and gloves.

Please watch for tags which will be made available soon for Children's Christmas Gifts. The tags will be placed on the tree once we have received children's names from the Christmas Cheer Board. Please wrap gifts donated and attach a tag on the outside of the gift with child's name in **bold print**. Return gifts to the church no later than December 13th. Christmas hampers will be delivered on Tuesday, December 20th. Please call Bill Patterson at 204-837-5217 if you are able to help to deliver hampers. Thank you. Sincerely, Coordinators Alice Fleury and Marilyn Weimer.

SERVING OUR SENIORS: The S.O.S. team invites all to enjoy a demonstration of Christmas floral arrangements by Elaine Stechisen from Shelmerdine Garden Centre to be held on **Tuesday November 29, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.** in Saint John XXIII Parish Hall. A free will offering will be appreciated.

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO ITS "KINDER FAIR" to be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., 331 St. Charles Street. Our Kinder Fair is interactive, and involves a series of small-group, hands-on experiences led by the kindergarten teachers and staff. It's an opportunity for both you and your child to participate in typical kinder-activities. St. Charles Catholic School is a K-8 school, offering Full Day, Every Day Kindergarten. For more information, please visit our website at www.stccs.ca Please call 204-837-1520 or email sec@stccs.ca to R.S.V.P.

GOURMET FRUITCAKES made by the Benedictine Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey will be sold **after all Masses on the weekend of December 10 and 11, 2016**. Each one of the cakes is slowly baked and aged to perfection. Choice fruits soaked in wine, pecans, creamery butter and quality ingredients are carefully blended according to a traditional recipe creating the perfect Christmas cake - an excellent Christmas gift. The cost is \$16.00 for the loaf cake. **NEW - Christmas Basket**** includes 2 boxes of 6 maple and caramel chocolates, a jar of Maple Okaramel sauce (yum) and a mini Christmas cake \$25. Also for sale are lighter fruitcakes made by Pastryworld in Yorkton Sask; The 2.5 lb. round cake - \$20.00. Sale is in support of Campaign Life Coalition.

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” ADVENT CONCERT

The St. James Knights of Columbus Council #4557 invites you to their annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” Advent Concert to be held in Saint John XXIII Parish Hall, 3390 Portage Avenue, on **Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be served. Performers include the Violin Ambassadors from St. Charles Catholic School music program under the direction of Ms. Rachel Shem, the St. James Knights and St. James Assinboia CWL Choirs under the direction of Donna Vendramelli and Fr. Robert Polz. Wrapping up the concert is the well-known Murray Riddell Big Band under the direction of Murray Riddell. Admission is by free-will offering. Proceeds are going to the St. Charles Catholic School Music Program.



THE WORD AMONG US DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT 2016

Price \$2.00 each

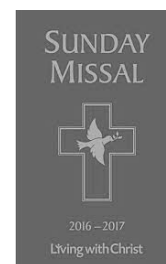
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The *Living with Christ Sunday Missal* is the resource that helps Catholics prepare for and celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday and major feast day of the year. This Sunday Missal features: the official English translation of the Roman Missal, complete Order of Mass, thoughtful Sunday meditations on the Scripture readings, inspiration from the Saints, Papal Prayer Intentions for each month, guide to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayers for various occasions. Edited and produced in Canada.



Central Winnipeg Deanery

ADVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

7:00 p.m.

St. Anthony of Padua Church (Hungarian), 365 Burnell Street, Winnipeg

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

7:00 p.m.

St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2400 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

6:30 p.m.

St. Edward the Confessor Church, 836 Arlington Street, Winnipeg

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

10:00 a.m.

Saint John XXIII Church, 3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg

7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church, 172 Worth Street, Winnipeg

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

7:00 p.m.

St. Charles Church, 320 St. Charles Street, Winnipeg

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

7:00 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Church, 19 Elie Street West, Elie, Manitoba

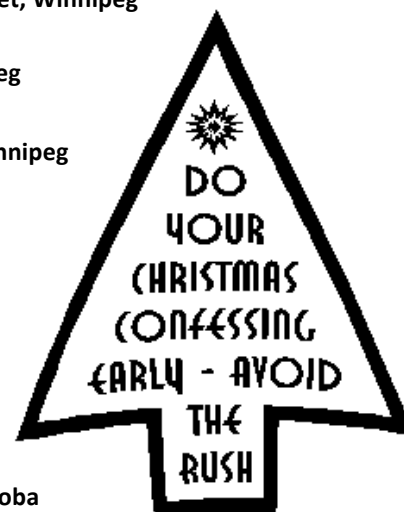
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

10:30 a.m.

St. Charles Catholic School, 331 St. Charles Street, Winnipeg

7:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Church, 1125 Saskatchewan Avenue East, Portage la Prairie



November 27, 2016 The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

In days to come, nations will unite
and swords will be turned into plowshares.

Psalms 122:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Peace to Jerusalem, and peace and prosperity
to all who love the city of God.

Romans 13:11-14

It's time to wake up. The hour is near.
Salvation is coming. Step into light!

Matthew 24:37-44

The time of decision is now,
because the time of selection will come.



NOSTALGIA VS. REVELATION

One step into Advent, and we're suffused with memories. It's nearly impossible to separate the run-up to Christmas 2016 with holiday seasons of long ago. At the first appearance of evergreens and colored lights, after a few bars of a traditional carol or the delivery of the inaugural Christmas card, we're plunged into nostalgia for child pleasures and wonder, reindeer and Charles Dickens, long-lost relatives arriving at the door, mysterious packages piling up, sledding or ice skating or snowball fights, cookies, pies, nuts in shells, and clear toy candies that only seem to exist for this special time of year. We approach the holiday season as knee-high citizens of a land of eternal youth. The magnificent weight of Decembers past draws us backward into longing for what was, the way things used to be, and perhaps even for who we once were.

For people of faith, of course, there's also the religious angle to this season. We've got angels zipping in and out of view, bringing good cheer of a higher order. Births are predicted and prophets from centuries past add words of anticipation and caution. Foreign wise men wander against a far horizon, while unprepared parents-to-be scramble to make space in their expectations for a child of destiny.

Advent, to be honest, isn't about any of that. It's not about the nostalgia we legitimately feel for the most memory-laden season of our youth. Nor is it about events that happened 2,000 years ago, presaged by prophets 800 years before that. Advent is the beginning of the church year. As such, it looks forward, not back. Advent is about the future, not the past. While memory tugs us backward to yesteryear, Advent prods us onward toward revelations of future astonishments.

This is a happy sort of tension. We might embrace it rather than seeing it as a contest to be resolved. Nostalgia prompts us to consider that the world's salvation is a done deal: A child was born for us, Amen, and all that's left is the celebration. But as scripture commentator Sister Pamela Smith notes in *Days of Light and Darkness*, we can't "recite the poetry and the bombast of the prophets" without suspecting there's more to come than what already was. "There is still some mysterious appointed time, some coming . . . that promises to startle us and turn our lives topsy-turvy."

Advent is not our annual invitation to winter slumber and daydreams about white Christmases and chestnuts roasting on open fires. There are "days to come," Isaiah reveals, when peace will replace the violence of our churning, restless world. "Stay awake!" Jesus reminds us, so that we don't miss the signature of those days. Nor the vital decisions each of us has yet to make.

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***"John the Baptist was supposed to point the way to the Christ.
He was just the voice, not the Messiah. So everybody's calling has dignity to it
and God seems to know better than we do what is in us that needs to be called forth."***

— James Green Somerville

December 4, 2016 The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

A peaceable kingdom is coming,
when God's spirit rests on the just one.

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Justice and peace are inseparable goals
when the king's son comes to rule.

Romans 15:4-9

Past prophecies sustained our hope.
In Christ past promises are confirmed as true.

Matthew 3:1-12

One is coming who wields Spirit and fire,
purging the world for the kingdom's arrival.



WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

Waiting in joyful hope. It's what we're doing: waiting for the coming of our rescuer, Jesus. Advent stories define so many arrivals: babies conceived by a woman too old, and another too inexperienced, to enjoy such privileges. A wild-eyed baptizer appears demanding that people change direction. A healer named Jesus arrives on the scene; he's the ax laid at the root of every barren tree. Finally the Spirit of God descends to take up residence in hearts willing to receive it.

Babies, a baptizer, an ax, a flaming Spirit. All have arrived and made their indelible mark on history. So the question remains: What are you and I waiting for this Advent season? What else can convince us the world is ripe for the season of justice?

Sometimes it seems history is stalling. Oh, we make advancements in technology: Pretty soon we may be coming to church in self-driving cars! We have self-washing dishes and clothes, robots that do floors. We've got movies on demand and smarter bombs. But we don't have smarter people. Despite an increasingly educated population, we're not any closer to a world of peace and justice than when Isaiah envisioned his peaceable kingdom nearly three millennia ago.

The wolves of this planet are still out to get the lambs. The calf still lives in mortal terror of the lion. If the baby plays near the cobra's den, he'll be bitten for sure. This is not a safe place, this world of our invention. It's full of hate because of a long legacy of suffering and injustice. Until healing comes, until the hating stops, until every family is secure in their homes and no one is fair game because of gender, color, ethnicity, religion, or orientation, none of us can live in peace. That's the truth. You can't have a little peace here, a wedge of justice there, and expect it to last. Justice and peace are zero-sum realities. It's all or nothing.

I'm a pretty nice person, and I'm sure you are. We don't mean any harm and we actually do good from time to time. Yet the boiling cauldron of history tells us our niceness is no guarantee that our little path through life will be kindly and smooth. Pain and hate are the lethal symptoms of the disease of injustice, and our world is sickened with it. It has to be healed to make way for the Lord. We have to insist on justice, to pray for it and vote for it, to march and speak for it, to use our spending power and our closest relationships to build a just world where Kingdom can come. Otherwise, what are we waiting for?

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SHARING GOD'S GIFTS 2016: Our Parish's appeal target for 2016 is \$50,670.

As of November 6, 2016, **\$20,636.00** has been received at the Archdiocese and through the parish office which represents **40.73%** of our parish appeal target for 2016. Envelopes are 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.

TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 11, 2016

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

Fr. Robert is on-call until December 2nd for emergency sacramental care at Grace Hospital

Sunday, November 27	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT N.B.: Readings in this new liturgical year are taken from Year A of the Lectionary MASS – <i>Brigida and Peter Pittarelli+</i> , requested by Sandra Braccio and family MASS – <i>Leon and Agnes Precourt+</i> , requested by Claude and Pat Precourt CATECHISM CLASSES (<i>gather in parish hall and then go to classrooms</i>) MASS – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i> CFC Handmaids of the Lord “ <i>Echo Conference</i> ” (<i>in the parish hall</i>)
Monday, November 28	FERIAL <i>Office closed</i>
Tuesday, November 29	FERIAL Recitation of the Rosary MASS – <i>Tony Gaspard+</i> , requested by Gaspard family Office open CWL Choir Practice Serving Our Seniors (SOS) gathering downstairs in the parish hall
Wednesday, November 30	FEAST: SAINT ANDREW, Apostle Office open Knitting Group (<i>downstairs in room 10</i>) <i>Fr. Robert will attend board meeting of the Manitoba Multifaith Council</i> OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS (<i>in the church</i>) MASS – <i>Eola Johnson+</i> , requested by Sr. Anita Verley K of C Choir Practice
Thursday, December 1	FERIAL <i>No Mass this morning – Fr. Robert away for meetings in preparation for the WPCU</i> Office open
Friday, December 2	FERIAL Recitation of the Rosary MASS – <i>Victorine Cousin+</i> , requested by Louise and Marcel Mollot Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Office open Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (<i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
Saturday, December 3	MEMORIAL: SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe – Day One MASS – <i>Benjamin Puchniak+</i> , requested by Bob and Marnie Puchniak *** Coffee and fellowship after Masses this weekend *** (<i>in the narthex</i>) Couples for Christ Advent Gathering (<i>in the parish hall</i>)
Sunday, December 4	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe – Day Two MASS – <i>Peter Koshowski+</i> , requested by Claude and Pat Precourt CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICE for Christmas Eve Mass (<i>in the church</i>) CATECHISM CLASSES (<i>gather in church and then go to classrooms</i>) MASS – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i> CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION 4 (<i>downstairs in room 12</i>) JOINT CHOIR PRACTICE: CWL and K of C choirs – in preparation for concert December 10 th

Monday, December 5	FERIAL Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe – Day Three <i>Office closed</i> 7:00 pm MASS – Sr. Christina Strotynsky+, requested by Iris Kozarchuk 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting
Tuesday, December 6	FERIAL Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe – Day Four 9:00 am Recitation of the Rosary 9:15 am MASS – Carol Arnason+, requested by Sharon Camier 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open
Wednesday, December 7	MEMORIAL: SAINT AMBROSE, Bishop and Doctor Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe – Day Five 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open 10:30 am MASS at Golden West Centennial Lodge, 811 School Road – Nora O’Farrel+, requested by Carmel Stanley Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank (in room 12) 5:00 pm OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS (in the church) 6:45 pm MASS – Liz Baziuk+, requested by John and Colette Mozol 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 8	SOLEMNITY: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe – Day Six 9:00 am Recitation of the Rosary 9:15 am MASS – Liz Baziuk+, requested by Alexandra LaFleche 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open
Friday, December 9	FERIAL Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe – Day Seven 9:00 am Recitation of the Rosary 9:15 am MASS – Anne, Louie, and Paul Hovrisko+, requested by Zonia Patson and family 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open 10:45 am MASS – at Sturgeon Creek II Retirement Residence, 707 Setter Street 3:00 pm Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Saturday, December 10	FERIAL Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe – Day Eight 5:00 pm MASS – Manuel Pereira+ (1 st anniversary), requested by his family *** Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Fruitcake Sale after Masses this weekend *** 7:00 pm “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” Advent Concert (in the parish hall)
Sunday, December 11	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – “GAUDETE SUNDAY” Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe – Day Nine 9:00 am MASS – Alicia Wmas+, requested by Minerva family 10:00 am CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICE for Christmas Eve Mass (in the church) 10:30 am CATECHISM CLASSES (gather in church and then go to classrooms) 11:45 am MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT:

Darrell Aucoin, David Carlyle, Frank Clarke, Peter Corcoran, Connie Csizmadia, Phyllis Dreveski, Sylvia Ewaskow, Angela Kalichak, Deacon Gary McCallum, Debra McEnturff, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Mak Ntwanga, Shirley Payment, 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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Once again, we are forming a Children's Choir to sing before and during the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24th. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. on December 4th, 11th and 18th. A "dress rehearsal" is tentatively set for Friday, December 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Children enrolled in our parish catechism program and other interested younger folk are welcome to participate. Parents may contact Sharon Camier for further information.



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. 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.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th: Masses at 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th: Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st: Mass at 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st: Mass at 10:00 a.m.



FURTHER EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE PARISH, ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING: St. James-Assiniboia CWL will hold their next monthly meeting at **St. Paul the Apostle Parish on Monday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m.** Please join us as we hold our elections for the next two-year term. Come to welcome our new and returning members who will be your executive. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. We hope to see you there!

THE ST. JAMES ASSINIBOIA CWL CHRISTMAS PARTY (Turkey Buffet) is being held at Canad Inns on **Tuesday, December 6th**. We'll gather at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:15 p.m. Rita Chahal, Executive Director of the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council, will be our guest speaker. The Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council is Manitoba's largest refugee settlement agency. As a welcome to our newcomers, members of our council are asked to donate new items such as toys, diapers, winter wear, baby clothes, crayons, pencil crayons and colouring books. For more information call Marilyn Begg at 204-832-5019.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY proudly presents its Dramatic Arts production: **You're a Good Man Charlie Brown**. Three shows take place: December 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., December 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., and December 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and available at stmarysacademy.mb.ca

THE HURON CAROLE COMES TO ST. JOHN BREBEUF CHURCH on **Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**, 1707 John Brebeuf Place, Winnipeg. A meet-and-greet reception with singer Tom Jackson will follow the concert. All proceeds will go to Winnipeg Harvest. Donations of non-perishable food and baby formula for Winnipeg Harvest are also appreciated. Tickets are \$40 (plus agency fee), on sale online. For tickets and further information, please go to www.sjbcommunity.ca

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP – 2nd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH: Chemin Neuf community has a Monthly Prayer Group, the 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m., St. Charles Retreat Centre, 323 St. Charles Street. It includes praise and worship, silence, listening and sometimes a brief teaching or testimony. All are welcome (no need to register). The next prayer group will meet on December 13, 2016. For information call 204-885-2260, email: stcharlesretreat@hotmail.com

LIFE'S VISION MANITOBA 2017 CALENDAR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: For \$10.00 you can give the gift of life! For further information, please contact Life's Vision Manitoba at 204-233-8047 or lifesvision@shaw.ca or go to the website www.lifesvision.ca

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