

## Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

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and/or as announced

### 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

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 29, 2017 and**

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 5, 2017** (revised)

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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.

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

**All Saints Day Mass: Wednesday, November 1, 2017  
7:00 p.m. at St. John XXIII Church**

**All Souls Day Mass: Thursday, November 2, 2017  
7:00 p.m. at St. John XXIII Church**



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

Synod General Sessions will be held from November 2017 to April 2018  
alternating between St. John XXIII Church and St. Paul the Apostle Church

**OPENING MASS (Reception to follow): Friday, November 3, 2017  
7:00 p.m. at St. John XXIII Church**

**Synod General Session 1: Saturday, November 4, 2017  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at St. John XXIII Church**

*The Archbishop and those whom he has designated official members (delegates) of the Synod participate in all the Synod General Sessions. Others members of the faithful are welcome to join in the Opening Mass and Reception on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

**What is a Synod?** (pronounced sin-uh d)

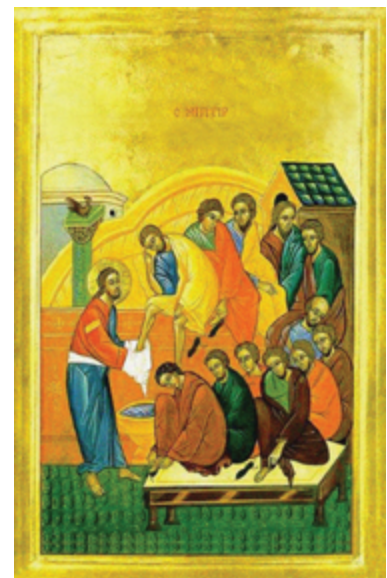
*From Archbishop Gagnon's Pastoral Letter Announcing the Synod:*

In the Church's Canon Law (c. 460) we read that the purpose of a diocesan synod is to foster the good of the entire diocesan community by calling together the clergy, religious and laity of the local church to deliberate on the pastoral needs of the diocese. Of all the institutions found in the Church to provide better governance, the diocesan synod is foremost. In a diocesan synod, which lasts several years, the bishop exercises his office of governing the church entrusted to his care. Through a consultative process, he determines the themes, questions and priorities to be discussed. In Canon Law we further learn that all those who participate in the synod, assist the bishop by freely and sincerely expressing their opinions relative to the questions under consideration. At the end of the process, the bishop determines which of the recommendations made by the Synod will be accepted and promulgated in the diocese.

Pope Francis calls a diocesan synod, an opportunity to walk together - a truly "wonderful experience where people walk and journey through history together with Our Lord who walks among us. We do not walk alone."

### *Synod Prayer*

**Heavenly Father,  
look upon us your children  
whom you have established  
and anointed in Christ your Son.  
As we enter our second century as a community of faith,  
we desire to be more and more conformed to Christ.  
Help us to find our identity and mission in:  
Jesus – the Priest who sanctifies  
Jesus – the Prophet who teaches the ways of God  
Jesus – the King who shepherds  
and lays down his life for his sheep.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
so that, confident of Christ's love  
and our union with Him,  
we may be true missionary disciples,  
His light in the world today.  
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.  
Mary, Mother of Jesus  
and His first and greatest disciple, pray for us.**



## **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.



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### **SHARING GOD'S GIFTS 2017**

This past week Saint John XXIII Parish received a **cheque in the amount of \$4,325.01** from the Archdiocese representing funds raised in excess of our parish's Sharing God's Gifts 2017 Appeal Target of \$30,370 as of September 30, 2017. The Archbishop thanks parishioners for their support in making the appeal a success. Any further funds raised beyond our 2017 Appeal Target will be reimbursed to the parish at the end of the year. The refunded amount is not subject to Diocesan Assessment. So this is a good way for the parish to benefit from the Archdiocesan fundraising effort.

**Archdiocesan Appeal website <[http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/sharing\\_gods\\_gifts.php](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/sharing_gods_gifts.php)>**

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

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

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

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

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### **EVERYBODY HAS A PART**

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

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### **PARISH CATECHISM CLASSES 2017-2018**

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

As a rule, each Sunday children participating in our parish catechism program gather in the parish hall with their parents/guardians by 10:15 a.m. for some initial prayers and announcements. Then children break into their various catechetical groups and proceed with their catechists to their designated classrooms. Catechetical classes are divided into the following age groups: SEEDS (Preschool), PROMISE (Kindergarten – Grade 1), GOOD NEWS (Grades 2-3), VENTURE (GRADES 4-6) and VISIONS (Grades 7-8). 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) or Father Robert Polz (our Pastor).** Let us all pray for the continued success of our faith formation program for children.

## October 29, 2017 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exodus 22:21-27

A nation of former migrants can't afford to mistreat present-day wanderers.

### Psalms 18:1-2, 3+6b, 46+50ab

God alone is the grounding of our safety, and the source of our rescue.

### 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul models the Christian behaviour he hopes the community of faith will acquire.

### Matthew 22:34-40

Jesus lays down the law. And it's surprisingly gentle and reciprocal.



## LOVE IS ALL

Life is complicated, but religion doesn't have to be. If you can't recite the Ten Commandments, list the nine Choirs of Angels, explain the reason we have Octaves, name the seven Capital Sins—or the six Precepts of the Church, five books of the Pentateuch, four gospel Evangelists, three major prophets, what was made on the second day of Creation, or know why there's a partridge in the doggone pear tree at Christmastime, it's OK! The salvation of your immortal soul doesn't depend on the acquisition of a lot of information.

What it all comes down to, according to Jesus, is quite simple: Love God, and love one another. If we do that, the rest of the details take care of themselves.

That isn't to diss the catechetical ministry, upon which some of us, including me, make our bread and butter. Education is helpful in every aspect of life, and religious education enriches us for the tasks of our lives by enlarging our understanding. Learning feeds the heart and soul as well as the mind, which in turn equips us for the task of loving. It's all good.

But nobody flunks Christianity 101 by not being able to list all 20 mysteries of the Rosary on short notice. (I'm usually stuck on at least two myself, and I wrote a book about them.) Religion isn't a memory game, and the final exam, if you remember Matthew 25, doesn't include data retrieval of any kind (with regrets to your Confirmation teacher). By the time we get to Judgment Day we discover we've already handed in our work. And the work, as it happens, exclusively involves how much and in how many ways we've shared our love.

Jesus wasn't tossing a game-changer at the scholar who questioned him. The law of God was always about love, if we paid attention to the passage from Exodus—or just about any passage of the law and prophets. These "new" commandments merely summarize and abbreviate all that's gone before, Jesus says. In John's gospel, of course, Jesus further distills the teaching to one command: Love one another. He's not eliminating the obligation to love God but acknowledging that the way God wants to be loved is through demonstrations of care for each other.

We live on a small planet, as we're beginning to appreciate in this century as never before. There's no room for hate on this little world of ours, nor indifference to the plight of anyone, no matter how different or far away. How much less, then, can we afford to turn our hearts from the people closest to us: spouses, family members, fellow parishioners, neighbours, coworkers, fellow citizens, and resident noncitizens. Love is what we're here for. Let's get to work. — Alice Camille

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***"I always think that the best way to know God is to love many things."*** — Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890)

***"The measure of a country's greatness should be based on how well it cares for its most vulnerable populations."*** — Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

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## YOUTH COLOURING CONTEST

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

**November 5, 2017**  
**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Malachi 1:14–2:2, 8-10**

The cheating of religious leaders does not go unnoticed—and unpunished.

**Psalm 131:1, 2, 3**

A prideful spirit has no place in the sight of God but only does a humble heart.

**1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13**

Gentleness, affection, and hard work  
are the three tools of the apostle's trade.

**Matthew 23:1-12**

Hypocrisy makes the good news of religion into a mockery.



**THE MOON HAS TWO SIDES**

The moon is a far cry from the sun in more ways than one. It is not a fiery orb that emits heat and light but a cold satellite that simply reflects the light it receives from elsewhere. That's on one side, anyway. The other side is in shadow.

That makes the moon an apt metaphor for the religious person. We don't generate truth, light, and love on our own but reflect what comes from God. Of ourselves we can do nothing. And whatever part of us fails to turn to God remains in darkness, hidden and dangerous. What happens if we make a pretense of our religious lives and do not genuinely turn any aspect of ourselves over to God? Ah, now we not only endanger ourselves but others as well. For those who are not yet religiously minded see our false emissions of truth and read them for honest ones. Now the darkness of the world becomes doubly dark.

Those who have avowed themselves as religious people—by getting baptized, going to church, going through the motions of the spiritual life, identifying in public as Catholic, even hanging the rosary from the rearview mirror—are declaring in effect: This is what it means to follow Christ. Watch me. This is how it's done. The responsibility for saying *yes, yes*, and doing *no, no*, is serious of course, as Jesus teaches elsewhere. How much more confusing is it for *highly visible* religious people—those in leadership roles—to present themselves as God's representatives and then to fail to live up to their obligations?

Today [...] it's worth considering these things. Bad religion is so much worse than no religion at all because of the damage it does, in effect, to God's reputation. The prophet Malachi declares that God will make the blessing of a bad priest into a curse for the people. Honestly, God doesn't have to. The curse is already on its way, as the last decade of suffering for the whole church has proved. The way to avert the curse and recover the blessing is to enter deeply and fervently into the spirit of humility. The humble will be exalted, Jesus promises—but let's let God do the exalting, shall we, and work on the humble part ourselves. Today's Psalm 131 is the perfect prayer for instilling the proper spirit. It's also short and easy to memorize, which makes it a portable reminder when we're tempted to arrogance. If we strive to be model moons, reflecting the glow of divine love to those around us, we'll join the ranks of the many lights who've gone before us and now wear that halo permanently.

— Alice Camille

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***“God favours the humble. Scripture tells us that he resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. In fact he gives them everything . . . He cannot refuse it. He gives himself entirely to humility.”***

— Cardinal Jean Verdier (1864-1940)

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

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

Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon, to have names added to our prayer list. Remember that to have names added and printed in the bulletin we require permission from the person(s) concerned.



## TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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

<b>Sunday, October 29</b>	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
4:30 pm Saturday	<b>RECITATION OF THE ROSARY – The Glorious Mysteries</b>
5:00 pm Saturday	MASS – <i>Robert Risk+</i> , requested by <i>Betty Risk</i>
9:00 am	MASS – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i>
10:15 am	<b>CATECHISM CLASSES</b> ( <i>begin in the parish hall</i> )
11:45 am	MASS – <i>John Harvey Penner+</i> , requested by <i>Rose Marie Penner and family</i>
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	CFC West Cluster – <i>Foundation for Christian Living Teaching Session (parish hall)</i>
<b>Monday, October 30</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
	<i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
<b>Tuesday, October 31</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>in room 12</i> )
<b>Wednesday, November 1</b>	<b>THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – “ALL SAINTS DAY”</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
1:00 pm	Knitting Group Gathering ( <i>in room 10</i> )
6:45 pm	<b>Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</b>
7:00 pm	MASS – <i>Deceased family members</i> , requested by <i>Henrietta Zhanel</i>
7:30 pm	<b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Inquiry Session</b> ( <i>in the Guadalupe Room</i> )
<b>Thursday, November 2</b>	<b>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – “ALL SOULS DAY”</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
7:00 pm	MASS – <i>For all the holy souls in purgatory</i>
<b>Friday, November 3</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
	<i>N.B.: No morning Mass today – preparation for the opening of the Synod</i>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
3:00 pm	<b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> ( <i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i> )
7:00 pm	MASS – <i>Opening of the First Synod of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg</i>
<b>Saturday, November 4</b>	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO, Bishop</b>
8:30 am – 3:30 pm	<b>Synod General Session 1 – members of the Synod meet in the parish hall</b>
5:00 pm	MASS – <i>Deceased family members</i> , requested by <i>Nina Turner</i>
<b>REMEMBER: Daylight Savings Time Ends tonight. Be sure to “FALL BACK” one hour to standard time.</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 5</b>	<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
	<b>*** Coffee and fellowship after all Sunday Masses this weekend ***</b>
9:00 am	MASS – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i>
10:15 am	<b>CATECHISM CLASSES</b> ( <i>begin in the parish hall</i> )
11:45 am	MASS – <i>Jean Stein+</i> , requested by <i>Barbara Pederson</i>
<b>Monday, November 6</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
1:00 pm	<b>FUNERAL MASS for Sheila Mary Everaert+</b>
7:00 pm	MASS – <i>Deacon Gary McCallum+</i> , requested by <i>St. James Knights of Columbus Council #4557</i>
7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus General Meeting ( <i>in the parish hall</i> )
7:30 pm	CWL Executive Meeting ( <i>in room 10</i> )
<b>Tuesday, November 7</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>in room 12</i> )
<b>Wednesday, November 8</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank ( <i>in room 12</i> )

<p><b>6:45 pm</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>7:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</b> <b>MASS</b> – <i>Kevin Walsh+, requested by the Corrigan family</i> <b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Inquiry Session</b> (<i>in the Guadalupe Room</i>)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, November 9</b> 10:00 am – 4:00 pm 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>FEAST: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b> Office open Knights of Columbus Choir Rehearsal in preparation for Advent Concert December 10<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>Friday, November 10</b> 9:00 am <b>9:15 am</b> 10:00 am – 4:00 pm <b>10:45 am</b> 3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>MEMORIAL: SAINT LEO THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor</b> Recitation of the Rosary <b>MASS</b> – <i>Intentions of Mark Patson and family, requested by Zonia Patson</i> Office open <b>MASS at Sturgeon Creek II Retirement Residence, 707 Setter Street</b> <b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> (<i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)</p>
<p><b>Saturday, November 11</b>  3:00 pm <b>5:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>MEMORIAL: SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop</b> <i>Office and facility closed for earlier part of the day – Remembrance Day</i> <b>CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – Sebastian Maryrey Albangco</b> <b>MASS</b> – <i>Jose Maria Benedicto+, requested by Maria Cordova</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday, November 12</b> <b>9:00 am</b> 10:15 am <b>11:45 am</b></p>	<p><b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>MASS</b> – <i>Keira Bond+, requested by Lawrence and Gladys Barton</i> <b>CATECHISM CLASSES</b> (<i>begin in the parish hall</i>) <b>MASS</b> – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i></p>

### *FURTHER EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE PARISH, ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND*

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

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

**ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE JESUIT CENTRE NOON LECTURES:** **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:10 p.m.** in Hanley Hall, St. Paul's College. Dr. Karl Koop (History & Theology, CMU) speaking on "Reconsidering the Reformation: Complexities and Opportunities". **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:10 p.m.** in Hanley Hall, St. Paul's College. Dr. Jade Weimer (Religion, UM) speaking on "Heretical Harmonies: Musical ritual as a defining feature of an emerging orthodoxy in the early Church". This noon-hour lecture series is free and open to the public. You are welcome to enjoy your lunch during the lecture and some refreshments will be provided. Phone 204-474-9165 or email [catholic@umanitoba.ca](mailto:catholic@umanitoba.ca)

**INTERNATIONAL DAY AT ST. MARY'S ACADEMY** takes place on **Sunday, November 5, 2017**. Mass at 10:30 a.m. in Alumnae Hall. Pavilions Open at 11:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Celebrate diversity and culture while enjoying an abundance of ethnic food, live entertainment, a bake sale and a 50/50 draw. Admission is free. All are welcome.

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



**HOUSE OF PEACE 13<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WELCOME HOME DINNER:** The RBC Convention Centre York Ballroom, **Monday, November 13, 2017.** Guest Speaker: The Honourable Janice C. Filmon, C.M., O.M., Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. Individual tickets \$50 each. Tables are for 8 or 10 people. Please respond as soon as possible. Tickets go quickly. Holy Names House of Peace, 211 Edmonton Street, Winnipeg MB R3C 1R4, 204-942-5535, hope04@shaw.ca

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

**RUMMAGE SALE REPORT** from Rummage Sale held on September 29, 2017: \$652.95 deposited, less reimbursed expenses of \$68.62\* = \$584.33 (\*N.B.: Expenses reimbursed do not include custodial and other facility costs.)

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

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Join nearly one million worldwide by participating in our 40 Days for Life Campaign. From September 27<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>, we are praying, bearing witness and vigil outside of Winnipeg's major abortion facility, the Women's Hospital (HSC), 735 Notre Dame Ave. Twenty coordinated campaigns have resulted in more than 13,000 babies being saved from abortion and 85 abortion centers being closed. Please sign in on our calendar at a weekly hour(s) at [www.40daysforlife.com/winnipeg](http://www.40daysforlife.com/winnipeg). Contact Maria Slykerman at 204-452-2459 or by e-mail: [clcwpgmb@gmail.com](mailto:clcwpgmb@gmail.com).

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

*For other events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, please see information posted on bulletin boards at the north and south entrances of the church, and/or go to the website: [www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly\\_bulletin.php](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php)*

**PARISH GIVING COMMITMENT:** Early in the summer, a presentation was given at Sunday Masses updating the Saint John XXIII community of the Parish's current financial situation. **A special envelope package has been prepared for those on our parish list.** Each envelope includes a letter from our pastor, a copy of the presentation given, and a *Parish Giving Commitment Form*. **If you haven't yet done so, please pick up your special envelope package up from the parish office.** After prayerful reflection and in gratitude for God's many blessings, we kindly ask you to make a personal commitment to the Lord and to your Parish by completing and returning your *Parish Giving Commitment Form* as soon as possible.

**PAD / OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2017:** Parishioners are encouraged to register for pre-authorized debit. Visitors may use "My Offering" envelopes available at the church entrance. New parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office to register for pre-authorized debit or regular offering envelopes.

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS** to serve on our parish *Stewardship Committee* and on our parish *Fundraising and Development Committee*. As we move forward in faith as a parish community, we wish to enlist and engage more parishioners with appropriate gifts and talents to become involved with various committees and ministries in the parish. **Those interested in becoming involved in either or both of these committees are encouraged to speak with a member of the parish staff.** We hope to gather those interested in Fundraising and Development for a first meeting within the next few weeks. Thank you for your consideration and your prayers.