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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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT and THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2017 and March 26, 2017

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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.

Central Winnipeg Deanery

SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION LENT 2017



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND

10:00 a.m.

Saint John XXIII Church, 3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg

THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD

7:00 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH

7:00 p.m.

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

7:00 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH

7:00 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST

6:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH

10:30 a.m.

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

7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 95 MacDonald Avenue, Winnipeg

7:00 p.m.

St. Eustache Church, 57 Main Street, St. Eustache

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH

7:00 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH

7:00 p.m.

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



NATHANAEL

An adult faith formation experience in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg

If you are a person who seeks to know more about God, to find answers to lingering questions and to find a deeper meaning to your faith the three-year Nathanael Experience, beginning in September 2017, may be for you. Through the lenses of Liturgy, Spirituality, Fundamentals of Theology, Sacred Scripture and Human Growth, participants are invited to deepen their Catholic identity and the call to be missionary disciples. **We welcome you to drop by during our next "Come and See" event to find out more about the Nathanael experience and have your questions answered by the team: Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue.** For further information you may visit our website at www.nathanaelwpg.ca or call 204-947-0294, ext. 230.

THE ST. JAMES – ASSINIBOIA C.W.L. COUNCIL will hold its monthly general meeting on **Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish hall at St. Charles Church, 320 St. Charles Street. The topic will be "Tips To Keep You Safe with Technology". Bring your iPhone or iPad if you wish.

SERVING OUR SENIORS: The S.O.S. team will provide an afternoon of cards / board games on **Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.** here at St. John XXIII Parish downstairs in room 10. Refreshments will be provided.

Together in Christ

Lutherans and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation

Catholics, Lutherans and other interested Christians are cordially invited to take part in Ecumenical Study Sessions to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. **Whether or not you were able to take part in the first two sessions, you are welcome to come and take part in the third session to be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, 315 Munroe Avenue, Winnipeg.**



March 19, 2017
Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Unless they get their daily proof of God's favor, the Israelites refuse to trust.

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9

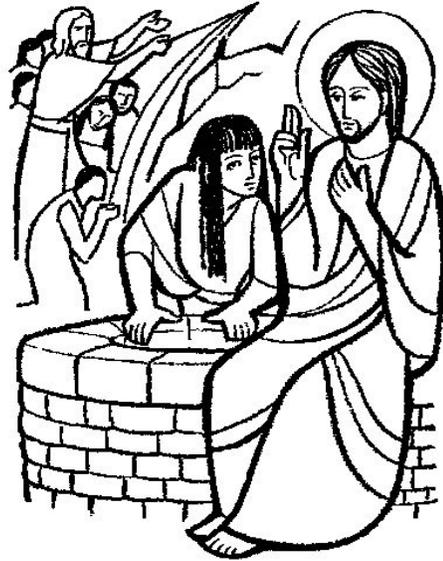
The voice of God cannot be heard unless our hearts are soft and open.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

If our hope is in the love of God, we will not be disappointed.

John 4:5-42

The identity of Jesus unfolds in the conversation of one who is thirsty enough.



LET'S TALK

We probably all have a friend like this: the one who says, "Let's talk"—and promptly proceeds to do all the talking. It's tough to have a one-sided conversation. The root word means both to associate with and to turn around. Conversing implies getting together and passing the talking stick from one to the next. Genuine conversation is also a far cry from chitchat. As the point of view revolves around, ideas grow and change. Information is shared and increased. New awareness becomes available to all in a spiral of ascent.

Jesus has such a conversation with the Samaritan woman. Such conversations are rarely recorded in the gospels. When Jesus is recruiting followers, he doesn't waste words: "Come," he says, and they either do or don't. When he teaches the crowds, there's no dialogue. When other rabbis come to him with trick questions, few are hankering for a true sharing of ideas. The rarely noted conversations are between Jesus and his faithful disciples. After a public teaching, Jesus retreats with his friends, answers their questions, and explores the deeper meanings of what he's been saying and doing. He'll even suggest what they can expect next.

The gospels don't present these conversations in much detail. We're often merely told that Jesus goes aside with his friends; the rest happens offstage. A few times in John's account, however, a longer conversation goes on the record. In this way, we learn what passes between Jesus and the 12 apostles at the Last Supper; how Pilate treats Jesus like an equal statesman during the trial; and how an isolated woman from outside the Jewish community rises in recognition of who Jesus is.

The nature of conversation suggests that an advancement of understanding is the purpose of these extended exchanges. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells his friends frankly what's up ahead, and answers any questions they have about this startling information. Yet this conversation is rather a dismal failure. Judas betrays his teacher nonetheless. Peter falls prey to the denial foretold. Thomas forgets that Jesus is preparing a place for him the moment the stone is rolled against the tomb. Everyone heard. But no one listened.

The recorded conversation with Pilate is clipped and spare. Pilate asks questions, but belittles each response. In the end and against his better judgment, Pilate makes a ruling that takes nothing he's heard into account. In the gospels, only with the Samaritan woman does genuine conversation take place. She alone, this nameless woman, ascends in understanding as a result of thoughtful time spent with Jesus. Information turns to revelation, and new life comes to many—all because one woman was willing to talk. In this generation, where are the real conversations happening, and how can we be part of them?

— Alice Camille

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"God has chosen to save the world through the cross, through the shameful and powerless death of the crucified Messiah. If that shocking event is the revelation of the deepest truth about the character of God, then our whole way of seeing the world is turned upside down." — Richard Hays

March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13

Jesse's tree is about to bear fruit of a kind that will last to the end of the age.

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Fear has no power against the one guided by God along right paths.

Ephesians 5:8-14

The faithful leave darkness behind and step into the light of Christ.

John 9:1-41

A man who could never see anything comes to see better than his betters.



AWAKE, O SLEEPER

There's something wonderful about the "aha" moment. Maybe it comes as you strain over a crossword puzzle and the elusive word suddenly rises in you. Or you're watching a whodunit, and the culprit dawns on you in a flash of intuition. Perhaps you've been trying to remember a name from long ago, and hours later, it pops into your brain like a submersible breaking surface at last.

These are everyday examples of insight; literally the clarity received from an inner light. Weightier insights occur as we seek solutions to grave problems. Financial solvency arrives as harrowing numbers fall into place and a deficit is resolved. The intractable relationship issue that seemed to lead toward separation finds a surprising route to reconciliation. In the sacred moment of invention, a cure is discovered, ecological disaster averted. In these ways and more, we move from an uncertain and terrifying blindness into the light of hope.

Saint Paul describes how spiritual darkness is resolved when we ourselves become "light in the Lord." Christ-light doesn't shine down from above like a search beam on a moonless landscape. It rises up from within, something we in turn reveal as we embrace the commission to be this light. As our blindness is cured in the encounter with Jesus, we must "live as children of the light," producing goodness and truth for others still trapped in the dark. Christ-light isn't for the keeping; it's no light under a bushel basket. It's for sharing and spreading around.

Yet many of us focus on the dark aspects of our generation and fail to place the emphasis on the duty to be light and to bring light. Frankly, it's easier to do. We're like the disciples, trying to parse out why a man they pass on the street was born blind. Was it something his parents did? Surely he wasn't punished in the womb for future wrongdoing, blinded by pre-crime, as it were. What's the nature of this sin, and who's at fault?

We enter lively debates about why people are hungry, unemployed, homeless, in debt, in jail, at war. While it's important to understand the causes behind the conditions, and to create more just structures where necessary, it's also a matter of justice to assist the individuals suffering right now. The disciples were content to turn the man born blind into an object lesson on sin. Jesus saw a man without sight and relieved his condition.

The religious leaders see the miraculously sighted man and try to turn him once more into a conduit of sin. Happily, a person who sees can't be fooled by the blindness of others. Sin leaves us in the dark. In Christ, truth is easy to see.

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"Blessed are the cracked, for they shall let in the light." — Groucho Marx

"There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true." — Søren Kierkegaard

WAY OF THE CROSS DEVOTION – Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. in Saint John XXIII Church

TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: MARCH 19 – APRIL 2, 2017

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

Sunday, March 19

5:00 pm Saturday
9:00 am
10:15 am
10:15 am
11:45 am

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS – *Lena Czarnecki+*, requested by Bill and Sonja Wallace
MASS – *Deceased Strachan family members*, requested by Jerome and Margaret Strachan
CATECHISM CLASSES (begin in the parish hall)
Sacramental Preparation Session for First Eucharist (in room 12)
MASS – “*Pro populo*” / Intentions of parishioners

Monday, March 20

7:00 pm
7:30 pm

SOLEMNITY: SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Office closed
MASS – *Catherine Toal+*, requested by Bill and Irene O’Byrne
Knights of Columbus executive meeting

Tuesday, March 21

10:00 am – 4:00 pm
10:00 am

FERIAL

Office open
Al-Anon Meeting (in room 12)
Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a Manitoba Multifaith Council Meeting in the afternoon

Wednesday, March 22

10:00 am – 4:00 pm
10:00 am
1:00 pm
6:45 pm
7:00 pm

FERIAL

Office open
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION at Saint John XXIII Church
Knitting Group Gathering (in room 10)
OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
MASS – *Ralph Crozier+ and Pat Crozier (health)*, requested by Doug and Laurette Burch

Thursday, March 23

9:00 am
9:15 am
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
7:00 pm

FERIAL

Recitation of the Rosary
MASS – *Keira Bond (health)*, requested by parishioners and friends
Office open
Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Patrick’s Church

Friday, March 24

9:00 am
9:15 am
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
3:00 pm
7:00 pm

FERIAL

Recitation of the Rosary
MASS – *Keira Bond (health)*, requested by parishioners and friends
Office open
Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Way of the Cross (in the main worship space – K of C to assist)

Saturday, March 25

10:00 am
3:00 pm
5:00 pm

SOLEMNITY: ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Meeting of the Focus Commission for Sacrament Preparation, Prayer and Devotional Life
CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – Jericho Nganhayna
MASS – *Clifford Alexander+*, requested by Jerome and Margaret Strachan

Sunday, March 26

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – “LAETARE SUNDAY”

Besides the regular offertory collection, **this weekend donations towards EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS will be collected.** Please use the special envelopes provided.

9:00 am
11:45 am

SPRING BREAK: No catechism or sacramental preparation classes this weekend.

MASS – *Helen Stefaniuk+*, requested by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren
MASS – “*Pro populo*” / Intentions of parishioners

Monday, March 27

FERIAL

Office closed

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 am
9:15 am

FERIAL

Recitation of the Rosary
MASS – *Louis and Annie Hovrisko+*, requested by Zonia and Harold Patson

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open
10:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (*in room 12*)
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Serving Our Seniors games (*in room 10*)

Wednesday, March 29

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open
5:00 pm Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank (*in room 12*)
6:45 pm OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm EVENING PRAYER at Saint John XXIII Church
7:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary's Cathedral

Thursday, March 30

9:00 am Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am MASS – Anthony Pittarelli+ and Tino Rinella+, req. by Donna Iafolla and Patrick MacDonald
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open
7:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Paul the Apostle Church

Friday, March 31

9:00 am Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am MASS – Rosario Gardner+, requested by the Tualla family
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open
10:45 am **MASS – at Sturgeon Creek I Retirement Residence, 10 Hallonquist Drive**
3:00 pm Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
6:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Edward the Confessor Church
7:00 pm Way of the Cross at Saint John XXIII Church (in the main worship space – CWL to assist)

Saturday, April 1

4:00 pm **CFC Pro-Life Living Rosary – all welcome to participate**
5:00 pm **MASS – Peter Gallagher+, requested by Linus Endacott and family**

Sunday, April 2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – “SOLIDARITY SUNDAY”

Besides the regular offertory collection, **this weekend the special SHARE LENT collection will be taken up.** Please use the special yellow envelopes provided with your regular donation envelopes or the special brown envelopes available. Make cheques payable to the parish.

Spring Break: No catechism or sacramental preparation classes this weekend.

9:00 am **MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners**
11:45 am **MASS – Renzo, Bruno, and Marinella Pocolen+, requested by Delia Pocolen and family**

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

Max and Monique Armstrong, Darrell Aucoin, Keira Bond, Joan Brabant, Jacque and Bill Camier, Frank Clarke, Peter Corcoran, Connie Csizmadia, Phyllis Dreveski, Sylvia Ewaskow, Bonnie Joyce Irish, Angela Kalichak, Deacon Gary McCallum, Debra McEnturff, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Mak Ntwanga, Shirley Payment, Phyllis Rogoski, Hank Smith, Rose Stankewich, Marie Stuart, Don Thomas, 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. Remember that to have names added and printed in the bulletin we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you.



KNITTING GROUP REQUEST: The Saint John XXIII Knitting Group is looking for donations of baby flannelette (fleece) for making baby blankets. Supplies are very low and blankets are needed to complete the layette sets being made by our parish knitting group. Donations of ready made baby blankets are also welcome. For further information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhe Witt@mymts.net

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: While our Parish is thankfully experiencing positive growth as new families move into our community and more children and youth are participating in our Faith Formation programs, it is apparent that our Parish is also in need of major fundraising activities/programs to help satisfy our ongoing financial obligations. The establishment of an effective *Fundraising and Development Committee* is critical to our Parish's financial well-being for the future. **A sincere thank you to those parishioners who have already volunteered to serve on this new committee. Nevertheless, we are still looking for one or two parishioners who would be willing to chair or co-chair our *Fundraising and Development Committee*.**

In collaboration with the members of our Parish Finance Council, the members of the *Fundraising and Development Committee* will work together to lead the Parish in various efforts to raise funds to support the services needed to carry out the mission of the Parish. **If you have any constructive suggestions and/or are willing to help out, please let us know.** Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your prayerful support.

OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2017 are available for regular parishioners of Saint John XXIII to pick-up in the parish office following Masses or during office hours. **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.



THE WORD AMONG US DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR LENT 2017 – \$2.00 each

- Daily Scripture readings and prayers from the Liturgy: March 1 – April 16, 2017
- Daily meditations based on the Mass: Season of Lent and the Easter Triduum
- Practical featured articles on Lent and the Saints.
- Practical guide for going to Confession
- Canadian Lent Edition with CCCB approved Mass readings.

FURTHER EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE PARISH AND THE ARCHDIOCESE

TRI-DIOCESAN BAT KOL COMMITTEE: Rabbi Alan Green presents a series entitled **Jesus the Jew; March 7, 14, 21, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Winnipeg. For further information, please see the poster on the church bulletin board and/or email wpgtri.batkol@gmail.com or phone 204-594-0273.

SINGLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM: The program will begin **March 11, 2017** from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, 271 Hampton Street, and continue weekly until May 6, 2017. All single men and women, ages 21-40 years, are invited to participate. Registration is free. For further information, please contact Ryan Contreras 204-890-6238 or Divine Rivera 204-979-6759.

HANLEY LECTURE SERIES 2017 PRESENTED BY ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE: Featuring the Gospels and The Book Of Acts from the world renowned St. John's Bible. Speaker: Michael Patella, OSB, Professor of New Testament at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. **Sunday, March 19, 2:00 p.m.:** Gospel Origins: What Are We Looking For and How Are We Looking? St. Mary's Academy, Alumnae Hall, 550 Wellington Crescent. **Monday, March 20, 1:30 p.m.:** Old and New Testaments or Hebrew and Christian Scriptures? St. Paul's College, Christ The King Chapel, 70 Dysart Road, University Of Manitoba. **Monday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.:** A Living Tradition: Word, Image, and Synesthesia, St. Paul's High School, Alumni And Friends Hall in the Multiplex, 2200 Grant Avenue.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – SPRING SERIES: All young adults (18+) are invited to the spring series of Theology On Tap. Join us for a time of fun, food, fellowship and faith! Dates: **March 21, April 18, May 9.** Venue: Johnny G's, 177 McDermot Avenue, street parking/parkade is located across from the restaurant. Time: food and fellowship at 7:30 p.m., talk at 8:00 p.m. Questions? Contact the OYYAM at 204-452-2227 ext. 228 or youth@archwinnipeg.ca. **March Theology On Tap:** The speaker for the March T on T is Judith Vasquez, the Archdiocese of Winnipeg's Director of Catechetics and Faith Formation. She will talk about "True Femininity in the life and example of the Blessed Mother Mary."

STAR stands for STRATEGIES FOR TRAUMA AWARENESS AND RESILIENCE. This overnight program is a research-based approach to addressing trauma and building resilience for individuals and organizations in our trauma-impacted world. **March 24-25, 2017.** Commuter \$80 or live in \$126/\$116. For more information contact **St. Benedict's Monastery and Retreat Centre, 225 Masters Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R4A 2A1, 204-338-4601.**

MARCH 25: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD: During the month of March, we are pleased to offer a special opportunity at **Living Waters Columbarium** for families to purchase a memorial inscription for infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth and abortion. Inscriptions can be purchased online by visiting www.livingwaterswpg.ca. All inscriptions ordered by March 20th will be engraved and mounted in time for March 25th, the International Day of the Unborn Child. For further information, please contact Monique at 204-488-3977 or email livingwaters@mymts.net.

RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18+) THE POWER OF CHOICE: "Choice" is an ambiguous word in our society. How can we make good decisions (big and little) based on our deepest desires and in line with God's will for our lives? St. Charles Retreat Centre, 323 St. Charles Street Winnipeg. **March 25-26, 2017** (Saturday 2:00 p.m. to Sunday 4:00 p.m.). Cost: \$40. Facilitated by the Chemin Neuf Community. Please register: stcharlesretreat@hotmail.com

MY NEIGHBOUR'S HOME IS MY HOME: Beginning **April 18, 2017** Muslims and Christians will have an opportunity to gather together in each other's spiritual homes. The planning team has designed a four-week workshop to bring members of the two faith communities together in one space to share their understandings of neighbourhood, stewardship, justice and the place of women in community. All sessions start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. and will take place at St. James Anglican, 195 Collegiate Street, St Stephen and St Bede, 99 Turner Avenue, the Central Mosque, 715 Ellice Avenue, and the Grand Mosque, 2445 Waverley Street. A free will offering will be taken to support the construction of a health clinic in Africa and purchase of a scooter for the faith community in Central Buganda. For additional info contact the churches at 204-837-9812 or 204-888-3489 or the Islamic Social Services Association at 204-994-1560 or 204- 294-7860.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA *Caritas Dinner* will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2017** at RBC Convention Centre. Reception 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$95 each. We are trying to assemble a table group of ten parishioners to represent Saint John XXIII Parish. If you are interested in purchasing tickets and joining us for the evening, please contact the parish office.

7-DAY SILENT RETREAT BASED ON THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS offered by the Chemin Neuf Community will be held **April 21-28, 2017**. The focus of the retreat is to come to know Christ more intimately through his word and to recognize God's call in our life. Four periods per day of personal prayer are supplemented by teaching and daily meetings with a spiritual director. Suggested donation \$400. St. Charles Retreat Centre is located at 323 St. Charles Street, on the banks of the Assiniboine River. Email: stcharlesretreat@hotmail.com or call 204-885-2260.

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF "DOCTOR DOLITTLE JR." will be held on **Monday, May 1, 2017** at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. All tickets are \$8.00 each. Matinee at 1:30 p.m., Evening Show at 6:30 p.m. For tickets please call the school office at 204-837-1520.

CAPTAIN MILES MacDONELL 41st ANNUAL DINNER AND DRAW in support of St. Boniface Diocesan High School will be held **Wednesday, May 3, 2017** at St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Tickets are available through the parish office.

COME! CELEBRATE! CATCH THE FIRE! – a conference celebrating 50 years of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church with three Archbishops, three international speakers, local testimonies, Eucharistic Celebrations, healing session, vibrant praise and worship will be held **May 5, 6 & 7, 2017** at Winakwa Community Centre in Winnipeg. For more information, please see flyers in the church pamphlet rack or visit the website catholicrenewalservices.com or call CCRS at 204-895-7544 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com

SERENA NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: Serena teaches a comprehensive two hour class on the Sympto-Thermal Method, a scientifically based, highly effective method of Natural Family Planning. The next class date will take place at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday May 8, 2017** at the Misericordia Health Centre, 99 Cornish Avenue, Winnipeg. For more information, call or text Serena at 204-783-0091 or email mbserena@gmail.com or check out our website www.serenamb.com

13th ANNUAL MARIAN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE BRUNCH will be held on **Saturday, May 13, 2017** at The Gates on Roblin, 6945 Roblin Boulevard. Doors open at 10:00 a.m., Brunch at 10:30 a.m., Tickets \$75 each, Tables of 8 & 10 available. For tickets and further information go to www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca or contact the Event Coordinator: Kerri Moore kmoore@smamb.ca | [facebook.com/smaalumnaewpg](https://www.facebook.com/smaalumnaewpg) | twitter.com/smaalumwpg | [instagram.com/smaalumwpg](https://www.instagram.com/smaalumwpg)

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