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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (English) Sunday 9:00 a.m. (bilingual) 11:00 a.m. (English)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, January 9th, Wednesday January 10th @ 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 11th Mass at St. Andres school @ 9:00 a.m.

Friday, January 12th Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday's - 11 a.m. – noon or by appointment by contacting Fr. Les

ADORATION- January 12th (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Check out the website www.saintvitalparish.com and check it regularly for updates.

Loan Balance November 30, 2023 \$495,981.73

2024 Donation Envelopes are ready for pickup. If you have not used envelopes previously and would like a set, please contact the parish office. DO NOT USE 2023 ENVELOPES for your 2024 donations.

Thank You

A note of thanks to all who helped in any way with the preparation for all the Liturgical feasts during the Christmas Season. Your gifts of time, talent, & treasure are greatly appreciated

Paperless Bulletin

Are you looking for ways to increase your care for the environment? Reducing the amount of paper that is used to produce our bulletin is one way that you can contribute. To receive your paperless bulletin email St.vitalchurch@shaw.ca.

Our Condolences

Our sympathies are extended this week to the family of Thomas Rebic who passed away recently. The Funeral Mass for Thomas will be held in St. Vital Church on Friday, January 12th at 9:00 a.m. May he rest in peace. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin immediately after the funeral which will be approximately 10:00 a.m.

Our sympathies are extended this week to the family of Bob and Mabel Blackburn of our parish. Mabel passed away Thursday, January 4th in the Leduc Hospital. Prayers for Mabel will be held on Wednesday, Jan 10 at 7:00pm and her Funeral Mass is scheduled for Thur., Jan 11 at 2:00 pm. Both of those services will be held in St. Vital Church. May she rest in peace.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study THE EUCHARIST resumes on January 8th, 2024.

For information or questions please call Claire Connell 780 887-0468.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It would mean so much if you would consider donating to my year at St. Therese Institute. Do not hesitate, also, to share with others—any help gets me closer to my goal. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Options For Payment:

1. Go to GoFundMe.com and search “Julie Berube”
2. Phone the school (306-269-2555) for one-time or monthly payments and receive a tax receipt.
3. Send a cheque to: Julie Berube c/o St. Therese Institute, PO Box 310 Bruno S.K. S0K 0S0

For more info. visit my GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/e19a97f5> or the school's website: <https://www.sttherese.ca/> or call me at 587-991-8286.

God bless you,

Julie Berube

Baptism Preparation Course

Are you expecting a child in the near future? Consider taking Baptism Preparation now while you are waiting for the birth of your son or daughter. **The classes are for parents and sponsors (godparents).**

Attending now eliminates the need to find baby-sitters, rearrange feeding schedules etc. plus it adds to the joyful anticipation of your new arrival.

Parents wishing to register for the **next courses** which will be held on **Mon, January 15th at 7:00 pm** please call the parish office.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS? If you have recently moved, please contact the parish office with your new address. Any tax receipts not picked up at the parish will be mailed to the address on the database.

Alpha

Alpha is finished for 2023, but we want to invite you (and your friends and family) to Alpha in January 2024. Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Each session has time for connection, a talk, and space to discuss and ask questions. - It is designed for people without a church background or who wouldn't call themselves a Christian but everyone and anyone will get something from these engaging talks

There are 4 sessions left plus the retreat on the Holy Spirit!! Even if you missed the first sessions, please still join us! The dates are Jan 22 and 29 and Feb 12 and 19th with the retreat Saturday Feb 3! We will meet from 6-8 pm.

We meet in the Parish Basement and it is a **Potluck Dinner**.

Please come! No registration is required. Email Theresa at jordan.theresa@gmail.com if you have any questions.

COR Gathering for Men in the Parish (Notice DateChange)

COR is a gathering of men to engage in prayer, faith formation and fellowship. The first gathering will take place this **Sunday, January 14, beginning at 7 p.m.** Participants will need to bring a bible and a rosary. (If you don't have one, one will be provided.)

The first gathering will be held at the home of Louis Kloster, four miles due east of St. Vital Church (100, 50511 Range Road 234). Just drive four miles due east of the church on 50 Avenue (Township Road 505). When you reach the T-intersection at Range Road 234, turn left and drive north for 400 meters. The first subdivision on the right is Arbor Estates. (Look for the sign.) Turn into Arbor Estates. Lot 100 is the one with the Christmas lights over the entrance. ***Come and see what COR is all about.***

Pie Sale Next Weekend

A pie sale in conjunction with the Catholic Women's League (CWL) will take place in the church basement after each of the masses on the weekend of January 13/14. All Knights and CWL members are encouraged to bake some pies for this sale, which will be a fundraiser. We hope that all parishioners will support us and our charitable works with the purchase of a homemade pie.



Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest 2023

Many thanks to all the young people who participated in the Knights of Columbus Christmas coloring contest. Congratulations to our winners:

Grades 1 – 3

1 st Place	Elise Belland
2 nd Place	Paula McLarney
3 rd Place	Elizabeth Urda

Grades 4 – 6

1 st Place	Therese Banic
2 nd Place	Suzanne Urda
3 rd Place	Ethan Testa

Grades 7 – 9

1 st Place	Vincent Pueschel
2 nd Place	Emma Pueschel

Winners can collect their cash prizes from the Knights of Columbus grocery gift card table at any weekend mass. First (\$20.00), second (\$10.00), and third (\$5.00) place prizes will be awarded in each of these categories: Grades 1 – 3, Grades 4 – 6, Grades 7 – 9.

Any submissions for the coloring contest can be collected from the box at the back of the church. If not collected by January 20/21, the art work will be recycled.

If possible, we would like to **leave the winning entries displayed at the back of the church until the week of January 20/21**. They can be reclaimed by our young artists after that. Thank you

January 7th - The Epiphany of The Lord

“They were overwhelmed with joy.” Epiphany gets its name in the story of the three astrologers from the East. They saw a sign in the heavens, correctly understood it and chose to follow it, no matter the personal cost. These three are fearless pilgrims, walking in the tiny light of star, travelling by faith. They are called wise because they search the heavens and their dreams for the direction from a source they cannot name. And, in their zeal, they find the One they are looking for. These wise men were the first Gentile followers of Jesus. Without benefits of Scripture or the stories of Salvation, without religion and its rituals, they made their way into the presence of Christ. Many have since followed in their footsteps, through many rituals, through many places and years, searching for the light that they do not entirely understand but are willing to risk everything for.

Pope Francis' Intentions for January 2024 For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND This year the annual live-in weekend at St. Joseph Seminary is January 26 - 28, 2024. Thinking about becoming a priest? Not sure about your vocation? Just curious? This is your opportunity to experience seminary life with other men like you who are on a discernment journey. To learn more and to register, please contact Fr. Kris: Kris.Schmidt@caedm.ca or 780.672.1131, ext. 3

STRENGTH

The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The Catholic Women's League is the largest women's organization in Canada. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the good of others. There is strength in numbers. Come join us!

