



**December 9, 2018**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

6<sup>pm</sup> Intentions of Russel Richards – Brian Trump

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL MASS**

9:30<sup>am</sup> + John Ossachuk – Les & Tina Gurski & Family

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at Rainycrest**

10<sup>am</sup> + Lil Pihulak – Marg Rousseau

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

9<sup>am</sup> + Teresa Yaky – Cecile Hebert

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>pm</sup> + Allan & Dorleen Toffan – The Family and + Bill Fontana – The Family

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)**

9<sup>am</sup> + Patrick ‘Paddy’ Roach – The Family

11<sup>am</sup> + Ernie Brunetta – Lolli & Family and + David Fontana – The Wonfor Family

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**1st reading: (Baruch 5.1-9)**

**2nd reading: (Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11)**

**Gospel: (Luke 3.1-6)**

*All flesh shall see the salvation of God.*



**In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:**

Ewan MacKintosh, Shirley Fraser, Kari Urquart, Ernie McColeman, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Noella & Rick Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Cyril Chabot, Monica Hanzuk, Jack Dillon, Art Cross, Nicholas Delvecchio, Catherine MacDonald, Jamie Buttner, Father Thomas, Brian Oster, Florence Lerman

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's  
Weekend Of*

*December 2 – \$2193.80*

*Counting Teams*

*December 10 – Anna*

*December 17 – Linda*

**Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign**

**St. Mary's Parish Goal: \$25,000.00**

**Donations received: \$11980.00/48% of our goal** (this amount represents the 63 families who have made donations so far. Just imagine how quickly we can reach our goal if **everyone** made a donation!)

**Remaining: \$13020.00**

**Please help us reach our goal. Funds must be at the Chancery Office before Dec. 31, 2018**

**The remaining balance will be taken from the Parish General Account. We only have a couple weeks left!!!**

The third Sunday of every month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
PARISH NEWS**

**In your prayers, please**

**Remember those who are sick:**

Jan Adams, Linda Anderson, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Phyllis Johnson (Bruyere), Brian McPherson, Vernon Yerxa, Mary Lou Parks, Leslie Bauer, Mary Jourdain, Rudy Morrisseau, Joseph Yerxa, Shirley A. Bruyere, Sue Foran-Ross

**Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Weekend of**

**December 25 - \$636.88**

**Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign**

**LOL Parish Goal: \$4,000.00**

**Donations received: \$2,400.00/60% of our goal** (this amount represents the 8 families who have made donations so far. Just imagine how quickly we can reach our goal if **everyone** made a donation!)

**Remaining: \$1,600.00**

**Please help us reach our goal. Funds must be at the Chancery Office before Dec. 31, 2018**

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**What's going on?!**

Dec. 8 – Youth Mass & Life Teen Night

Dec. 8/9 – St. Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec. 11 – First Reconciliation – 7:00pm

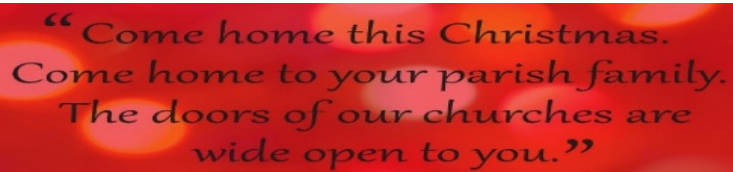
Dec. 12 – School Mass – 9:30am

Dec. 15 – Christmas Open Church – 6:00pm

Dec. 16 – LOL Christmas Breakfast – after mass

Dec. 18 – Assoc. of St. Marguerite d'Youville– 1:00pm

– Baptism Preparation Class – 6:30pm



**CHRISTMAS OPEN CHURCH**

**Our annual Christmas Open Church will be on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will start with cocktails at 6:00pm then dinner at 6:30pm. We want to show our appreciation to all the wonderful people who help & support our Parish. Everyone is welcome! Come & enjoy some fellowship, Christmas carols and karaoke too!! You will need pick up your free tickets at the Parish Office in order to attend.**



Thank you to all the Knights of Columbus members who are always so willing to give their time to deliver Meals on Wheels. We really appreciate all your help!!



The EDGE youth had a Christmas Party this past Thursday, we played Christmas themed games and ate some great snacks!! Thanks to all the parents of the youth who bring us such wonderful snacks each week! We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and many blessings for the New Year! **EDGE will take a break until January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**Our next Youth Mass and Life Teen night is December 8<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!**



**Life Teen Lunches:** The next Life Teen lunch is on December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Northwest Catholic District School Board office at 555 Flinders Ave. (next to St. Francis School) at 11:40am. You must be a registered member of Life Teen.



### DISCOVERY CAMP 2019: SEARCH



Discover the difference our Salt & Light Discovery Camp experience can make in your child's life and yours! Discovery Camp 2019 will be the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> at Sunny Cove Camp

on Rainy Lake. **Applications are available.** A great gift idea for that hard to buy for teen/pre-teen!!! **We are offering a \$20 discount for the month of December!**



The CWL Christmas Potluck supper was a great night of wonderful food and fellowship. Thanks to the ladies who brought delicious dishes to share, for serving and cleaning up! A special thanks to the entertainment! Merry Christmas to everyone!!!!

### Midnight Mass Choir

Everyone is welcome to join the Midnight Mass Choir!!! The next practice will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Director: Kathy Mueller**  
**Organist: Jeannie Bujold**



### CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Monday, December 24**

5pm Youth Mass @ St. Mary's  
8pm Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes  
11pm Mass @ St. Mary's

#### **Tuesday, December 25**

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

#### **Monday, December 31**

5pm Mass @ St. Mary's

#### **Tuesday, January 1, 2018**

9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes  
11am Mass @ St. Mary's

The office will be closed for Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and closed for New Year's on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**~MERRY CHRISTMAS~**

### Food for Your Journey - The Christmas Gift That Hurt

The great American short story expert, O. Henry, wrote a famous Christmas story. It is about a young married couple who were very much in love. Christmas was approaching and they wanted to give a present to one another. But they were very poor and had no money for presents. So each one, without telling the other, decided to sell his or her most precious possession. The girl prized above all else her long golden hair. She went to a hairdresser and had it cut off. She then sold it to buy a lovely watch chain for her husband's watch.

He, in the meantime, went to a jeweler and sold the only watch he had to buy two beautiful combs for his beloved's hair.

On Christmas, they exchanged their gifts. At first they cried, then they laughed. There was no hair for the combs, and no watch for the watch chain.

But there was something more precious and that was the idea behind their gifts: each had deprived self of the best to give to the other...

A gift is no gift if it does not cost us something, if it does not contain a part of ourselves.

### A Smile for Your Journey - Giving Thanks

It was the church's annual Christmas dinner, and little Ben was asked to return thanks. The church members bowed their heads, and Ben began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, all his aunts and uncles, Pastor Wright and Mrs. Wright, their kids, and his Sunday school class. Then he began thanking God for the food. He prayed a mighty thank-you for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salads, the cranberry sauces, the pies, even the Cool Whip.

Then he paused, and everyone waited. After a long silence, the young boy looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for Mrs. Wright's broccoli casserole, won't He know I'm lying?"

### EDGE Youth Grade 8 Fundraising

The fundraising committee is planning a bottle drive for January 3<sup>rd</sup> to raise money for the school trip to Toronto. Please mark your calendars. If you have early pick-ups or would like more information, contact Beth at 275-7448.

### Offering of the Gifts

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for anyone interested in bringing the gifts to the altar at mass. If you and your family or group would like to help with this ministry, please pick a date. We need 3 people for each mass. Thanks!