



# December 17, 2017

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>pm</sup> + Epetacia Donasco Juntilla – Patrick Marsh & Family  
+ Rosina, Domenico, Teresina & Dino Morelli – Francesco & Julian

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

9<sup>am</sup> + Margaret Lambert – Sandy & Rochelle

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> at Rainycrest

10<sup>am</sup> + David Fontana – Cecile Hebert

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9<sup>am</sup> + Grace Armstrong – Chris & Jim Lowey

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

5<sup>pm</sup> + Mable McKinnon – Cindy & Hugh McKinnon & Family  
+ Jenny Wonfor – The Family

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9<sup>am</sup> + Frank, Fern, Linda & Janet – Jim, Lori & Family

11<sup>am</sup> + Don Avis George – Jan, Lori & Families  
+ Linda & Vivian – Jim

5<sup>pm</sup> + Jerome Cousineau – Jeanette, Adele & Melody

8<sup>pm</sup> Intentions of Butch & Barb and Jackie & Jami – Louella  
+ Billy Bird – Dick & Rose

11<sup>pm</sup> Intentions of all Parishioners

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

11<sup>am</sup> Intentions of all Parishioners

### December 17, 2017

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

1<sup>st</sup> reading: (Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11)

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: (1 Thessalonians 5.16-24)

Gospel: (John 1.6-8, 19-28)



#### In your prayers, please remember those who

are sick: Eva Mattson, Arlene Steinke, Ewan MacKintosh, Rosalie Cousineau, Shirley Fraser, Nick Mutz, Kari Urquart, Ernie McColeman, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Dianne Pattison, Noella & Rick Hamilton, Father Michael Mitchell, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Ismael Albao, Chris Lowe

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's*

*Weekend Of*

*December 10<sup>th</sup> - \$3552.72*

#### Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign

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

**Donations received: \$8,760.00/35% of our goal** (this amount represents the 47 families who have made donations so far. Just imagine how quickly we can reach our goal if **everyone** made a donation!)

**Remaining: \$16,240.00**

**Please help us reach our goal. Funds must be at the Chancery Office before Dec. 31, 2017**

**The remaining balance will be taken from the Parish General Account. We only have a little over a week left!!!**

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

#### PARISH NEWS

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

Jan Adams, Linda Anderson, Greg Perreault, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Jan Glueheisen, Phyllis Johnson (Bruyere), Kayla Bruyere, Desiree Alfred, Brian McPherson

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekend of

December 10<sup>th</sup> – 386.25

#### Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign

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

**Donations received: \$2,100.00/52.5% of our goal** (this amount represents the 7 families who have made donations so far. Just imagine how quickly we can reach our goal if **everyone** made a donation!)

**Remaining: \$1,900.00**

**Please help us reach our goal. Funds must be at the Chancery Office before Dec. 31, 2017**

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#### What's going on?!

December 16/17 – St. Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 18 – St. Francis School Christmas

Presentation – 6:30pm

December 19 – Assoc. of St. Marguerite d'Youville –

1:00pm

December 20 – Advent Penance Service – 6:30pm



Congratulations to the families that had their children Baptized on December 10th: Chucky Morrisseau-Lecoy, grandson of Lucille Morrisseau, Jaxon Cassidy, son of Jason Cassidy & Sasha Galbraith, Rosaleigh Calder-Mainville, daughter of Jane Calder & Derek Mainville.

#### St. Mary's Advent Penance Service

There will be an Advent Penance Service with individual confessions on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. There will be priests available for confessions. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Saint Thomas Church in International Falls will also be having Advent confessions on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00pm.



### EDGE: Youth groups for grades 6-9

The EDGE leaders would like to wish the youth a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May you feel God's presence near, and may He guide and bless you all! Many thanks and blessings to our Parish community for supporting our Youth Groups! **We meet again on January 11, 2018.**

### LIFE TEEN Youth groups for grades 9-12



Our Next Life Teen will be on January 20th. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from our Youth Ministry!

### Life Teen Lunches:

Our last Life Teen lunch for the year is next week Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Northwest Catholic District School Board Office. We will continue lunches in the New Year.



**MISSING:** Sometime over the summer. 2 guitars went missing from the parish. If anyone borrowed them or might know what happened to them, we would appreciate it if you let the office know or you can just return them. Thanks!



### Christmas Tree of Angels

**Our Christmas tree up in the lobby! If you have any angel ornaments you would like to donate, please bring them any time and put them on the tree!!**



### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is suspended until January 17, 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend!

### St. Mary's Finance Council

We are in need of a new member on St. Mary's Finance Council. We meet quarterly. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish office or Father Alan. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday, December 24**

- 9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes
- 11am Mass @ St. Mary's
- Children's Mass- 5pm @ St. Mary's
- 8pm Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes
- 11pm Mass @ St. Mary's

#### **Monday, December 25**

- 11am Mass @ St. Mary's

#### **Sunday, December 31**

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

#### **Monday, 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 Straw in the Christmas Crib

When the shepherds of Bethlehem visited the Infant Jesus, one of the younger boys took along some straw from the crib. "What have you got there in your hand?" asked one of the shepherds.

"Just some straw from the crib where the baby was sleeping."

"Straw?" laughed the others. "That's just rubbish. Throw it away."

The little boy shook his head and said, "No. I'm keeping it. These pieces of straw remind me of that baby, and what the angels said about him."

The next day the shepherds asked the boy, "Do you still have those pieces of straw? You do? Look! Why don't you throw away that worthless stuff?"

"No, it is not worthless," said the little shepherd. "God's baby has slept on it."

"So what?" the others answered. "It's the baby that is important and not the straw."

"That's where you're all wrong," explained the little shepherd. "This straw IS worth something. If there were no straw in the crib, what could the poor baby have slept on? No; this handful of straw tells me something. It tells me that God makes use of small worthless things. God needs us little people to help him do his work."

### A Smile for Your Journey - The Advent Wreath

Four weeks before Christmas, Reverend Johnson of Christ Lutheran was leading a children's service featuring an Advent wreath. He told them what the three purple candles represented, then asked, "Does anyone know what the pink one means?" No one answered.

Finally little Sara's hand went up. "Are they expecting a girl?"

### CHRISTMAS OPEN CHURCH



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Christmas Open Church! Table set up – Greg Mercure, Herman Rodrigues & Dan Jean. Salads – Kim LePine, Sandra Wepruk & Beth Paleczny. Hams – Marie Brady & Shirley Whitefield. Desserts – Susan Flemming & Kathy Mercure. Buns/butter/coffee/tea/juice – Shirley & Neil Whitefield. Bar & punch – Ken Desjardins. Decorations – Susan Chiasson, Tina Roth & Josie Schill. Dishes – Shirely & Neil Whitefield & Alan Brady. Clean up – Gerald Cousineau. A special thanks to Teresita and Patrick Marsh for travelling from Thunder Bay to cook for us! And to Brian Harris for setting up the Karaoke here and at Our Lady of Lourdes. Thanks to all who attended this evening of fun and fellowship!

**Traditional Aged Christmas Cakes Regular size (600gms) \$18.00/Deluxe (1kg) \$25.00**

**There are only 2 regular and 2 deluxe left!**