



March 11, 2018

4th SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 13th

6^{pm} + Lynn Kehler & + Edwina Frenette – Margrit Schaum

Wednesday 14th

9^{am} + Edwina Frenette – Margrit Schaum

Thursday 15th at Rainycrest

10^{am} + David Fontana – The Pihulak Family

Friday 16th

9^{am} + Claude DeBenedet – The McKinnon Family

Saturday 17th

5^{pm} + Peter MacDonald – Kay & Family

Sunday 18th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am} + Carolyn Stamarski - Richard

11^{am} + Robert DeGagné – Mom & Family

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1st reading: (2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23)

2nd reading: (Ephesians 2.4-10)

Gospel: (John 3.14-21)

God sent his only-begotten Son so that the world might be saved through him.



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, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Susan Flemming, Cyril Chabot, Monica Hanzuk, Jack Dillon, Art Cross

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

March 4th – \$2161.00

*Counting Teams
March 12th - Linda*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 24, 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 25, 9:00 am OLOL

Sunday, March 25, 11:00 am

Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm (Youth Mass)

Good Friday Solemn Service

Friday, March 30, 3:00 pm

Solemn Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 31, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1, 9:00 am OLOL

Sunday, April 1, 11:00 am



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, Jan Glueheisen, Phyllis Johnson (Bruyere), Kayla Bruyere, Brian McPherson, Judy Bird, Vernon Yerxa

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekend of

March 4th – \$645.66

What's going on?!

March 13 – Bereavement Group – 1:00pm

March 16 – Stations of the Cross – 7:00pm (Bereavement Group)

March 18 – OLOL Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 20 - Associates of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville – 1:00pm

March 22 – EDGE Night – 6:30-8:30pm

March 23 – Stations of the Cross – 7:00pm (Associates of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville)

March 24 – Youth Mass & Life Teen

March 24/25 – St. Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 29 – 4th Degree – 12:00pm

– Youth Mass 7:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

March 16 – The Bereavement Group

March 23 – Associates of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville

All are welcome!



Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the-best-version-of-ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter.

This Lent, do something different. Sign up for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with Inspirational Videos, Practical Tips, & Encouraging Stories. Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com. BEST LENT EVER is based on the book 'Perfectly Yourself' by Matthew Kelly, which is available in the lobby.

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

2017 Donation Tax receipts are in the lobby. Please pick your's up and help us save on postage. Thank you for your generosity!



EDGE: Youth groups for grades 6-9

Thanks to all the EDGE Youth who were able to help at last weekend's Soup and Bun! You all did a great job making buns, serving soup, making placemats and washing dishes!

At EDGE this past Thursday, the youth had a lesson on the Parables, the meaning and intention of them and then they got to act out a few in skits. **We take a break from EDGE for the March Break and will meet again on March 22nd.**



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

LIFE TEEN Youth groups for grades 9-12


Our next Life Night will be held on March 24th. Hope to see everyone there!

LIFE TEEN Lunches:

The next Life Teen lunch at the Northwest Catholic District School Board Office will be held on **March 21st** from 11:30am-12:15pm. See everyone there!



SOUP & BUN FUNDRAISER

The Annual Soup and Bun fundraiser for  was last weekend. Thank you to everyone who came and helped or donated money or items for the soup. We appreciate all of your help and assistance! This is a very rewarding experience for everyone involved. The parish community appreciates all the hard work that is put into this annual event. Our parishioners who don't get out much really enjoy the youth stopping by with fresh bread. Development and Peace does a great job of helping people help themselves in less fortunate countries. We raised approximately \$1650.00 for Development & Peace!!! We also received \$270.00 in donations that will be sent directly to Development & Peace. Thanks for your generosity!!!



☘ Thank you to those who attended the general meeting and for the wearing of the green in celebration of evangelization!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! ☘ The winner of the Heart Jar prayers for the month of March

is Grace Huntley. Please keep her and her family in your prayers!

Good news! The petition of 32000 signatures gathered by the CWL for improvement in palliative care was presented to parliament last November and by December a private member's Bill C-277 *Framework on Palliative Care Act in Canada* received Royal Assent which directs the Minister of Health, in consultation with the provinces and territories, to develop a plan to improve access to palliative care. A letter has been sent to Ontario Minister of Health & Long Term Care encouraging co-operation with the Federal initiative to improve palliative care. For updates on other League activities, visit www.cwl.ca.

Food for Your Journey - What Is The Time?

Time is a very strange thing. We can't see it or hear it or feel it. We can't hold it or stop it or hurry it up. We cannot buy it or steal it. But we can use it, waste it, or give it to someone.

Our whole life is controlled by time. But just what is the "time"? Where can we find it? Where does it come from? Where does it go?

Every man, woman and child in every country on earth has the same amount of time. We call that 24 hours a day. No matter what age or sex or nationality or colour or size we are none of us has more time than anyone else. Even if we don't have a watch, our life is full of time. And as St. Paul says in Ep. 5:15: "Be sure you use your time well." We've got to; we must...because no day or month or week or hour ever comes back again. When we see them, we see them for the first and last time. So it is most important to use them as best we can.

Even though we cannot capture time or hold it or keep it, we can give it away. In fact, our time is the most personal gift we can give someone. We can give it by helping other people or just listening to them.

We may resent the fact that our wristwatch is bossing us. But let's not think that by throwing away our watch, we have freed ourselves from tyrant time. No way! Time is going to be with us every minute until our personal time has run out. No one knows how much time he or she still has left...

A Smile for Your Journey - Old Fred's Note

Old Fred, who had been a religious man, was in the hospital near death. The family called their preacher to stand with them. As the preacher stood next to the bed, Old Fred's condition appeared to deteriorate and he motioned frantically for something to write on. They lovingly handed him a pen and a piece of paper, and Old Fred used his last bit of energy to scribble a note, then he died. The preacher thought it best not to look at the note at that time, so he placed it in his jacket pocket.

At the funeral, as he was finishing the message, he realized that he was wearing the same jacket that he was wearing when Old Fred died.

He said, "You know, Old Fred handed me a note just before he died. I haven't looked at it, but knowing Fred, I'm sure there's a word of inspiration there for us all."

He opened the note, and read out loud, "Hey, you're standing on my oxygen tube!"

Salt & Light Discovery Camp: will be held outside Fort Frances at beautiful Sunny Cove camp on Rainy Lake from July 2nd - 6th this year. This is a Catholic Bible camp directed by Michael and Kali Brady for youth in grades 7-10. Cost is \$180.00. We also need staff and Jr. & Sr. Counselors. Applications are available at the back of the church for both staff and campers. For more information email: kalidbrady@gmail.com or call/text 1-807-275-9225 or call St. Mary's Parish at 1-807-274-5233.