



December 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 18th

6^{pm} + Marco VanDelft – Greg & Kathy Mercure

Wednesday 19th

9^{am} + Loretta McCormick – Jean Bujold & Bob Mitchelson

Thursday 20th at Rainycrest

10^{am} + Peter Boon Sr. and Glenn Colvin – K.C. Council #2766

Friday 21st

9^{am} + Deceased Loves Ones of the Bereavement Group

Saturday 22nd

5^{pm} + Peter Boon Jr. – Paul & Terry Swart and Intentions of Rommel Blase – Nissa & Family

Sunday 23rd (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am} + Avis, George & Dan – Jim, Lori & Families

11^{am} + Willie Kempf – Bernice, John & Michael and + Jenny Wonfor – The Family

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1st reading: (Zephaniah 3.14-18a)

2nd reading: (Philippians 4.4-7)

Gospel: (Luke 3.10-18)

The crowd asked, "What should we do?"



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, Florence Lerman, Betty Plumridge

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

December 9 – \$3742.40

Counting Teams

December 17 - Linda

Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign

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

Donations received: \$13,380.00/54% of our goal (this amount represents the 67 families who have made donations so far. Just imagine how quickly we can reach our goal if **everyone** made a donation!)

Remaining: \$11620.00

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!!!



**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 9 - \$820.00

Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign

LOL Parish Goal: \$4,000.00

Donations received: \$2,500.00/62% of our goal (this amount represents the 9 families who have made donations so far. Just imagine how quickly we can reach our goal if **everyone** made a donation!)

Remaining: \$1,500.00

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. 16 – LOL Christmas Breakfast – after mass

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

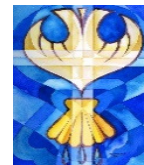
– Baptism Preparation Class – 6:30pm

Jan. 10 – EDGE Night – 6:30 – 8:30pm

Jan. 12 – Youth Mass & Life Teen

Jan. 12/13 – CWL Membership Drive

Congratulations to Benjie and Maria who had their son, Cedrick Gicale, baptized on December 9th. And Peyton Arpin, daughter of Chuck & Sarah, who made her Profession of Faith and was accepted into the Catholic Church.



Your collection envelopes are ready to be picked up in the lobby.

We raised approximately \$1700.00 at our fundraising dinner in November. Thanks to those who made donations and to those who attended the dinner. Also a special thanks to everyone who worked and helped out to make it a fun evening with delicious food!



Midnight Mass Choir

The next Midnight Mass choir practice is on December 19th at 6:30pm.

Director: Kathy Mueller

Organist: Jeannie Bujold



We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and many blessings for the New Year! **EDGE will take a break until January 10th, 2019.**

Our next Youth Mass and Life Teen night is January 12th. Hope to see you there!



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ



Life Teen Lunches: The next Life Teen lunch is on December 19th 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 8th – 12th 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!**



Salvation Army: It has come to our attention that some members personally have a concern about donating to the Salvation Army as it has been heard that Christmas hampers are not given to people

who are gay/transgender even if homeless. Lieutenant Ryan MacDonald assures us that The Salvation Army is "all inclusive" and, in fact, there are members of their church group who are gay. Lieutenant Ryan welcomes anyone who would like to talk to him about their concerns. Our CWL council will go forward with a donation to help a family have a good Christmas. We are grateful to the members who donated over \$200 at the Christmas supper this year. Thank you very much. We are appreciative of the Salvation Army organization which provides for so many families in our district.

We still have some salsa left!!!

250ml - \$5.00/500ml - \$8.00

Available at the Parish Office. All proceeds go to St. Mary's Youth Group activities. Thank you for your support!



EDGE Youth Grade 8 Fundraising

The fundraising committee is planning a bottle drive for January 3rd 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.



The **Traditional Aged Christmas Cakes** made by the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey have arrived!! Limited quantities available at the Parish Office.

Food for Your Journey - Gift Wrapping

Christmas time is gift-giving time. But is it gift giving, or gift swapping? Is it more of a game than a giving? Better-off, intelligent people at this time of year are concerned about two things when they give Christmas gifts: just where do they stand, what is their status...and whom do they wish to remain tied to? The giver tries to guess what the receiver would like, and also to project a suitable image of oneself.

Great and famous people in history have had the same problem. Queen Victoria must have been desperate when she gave Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa to Kaiser Wilhelm.

Emerson has said that the only true gift is the gift of self. Cleopatra of old gave herself to Caesar wrapped in a rug. The Juggler of Our Lady gave all he had: his juggling talent.

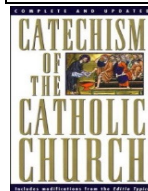
Nowadays one of the most personal and important gifts is the gift of our time to another. The true gift of the three Wise Men was not the myrrh, frankincense and gold but the time and trouble they took to bring them.

A Smile for Your Journey - Right and Wrong

A Sunday school teacher was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong.

"All right, children, let's take another example," she said. "If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his billfold with all this money, what would I be?"

Little Harold, the pastor's son, raised his hand, and with a confident smile, he blurted out, "You'd be his wife!"



Now in stock 'Catechism of the Catholic Church' for you to purchase. The price is \$13.00 each.

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, 2019

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

The office will be closing for Christmas at noon on December 24th, and closed on the 25th and 26th and closing at noon on December 31st, and closed for New Year's on January 1st.

~MERRY CHRISTMAS~