Advent is a time to prepare, to make ready for the coming of Christ. Today, many are unaware of Christ’s presence in their lives. A flurry of busyness and noise prevents them from hearing the voice of God in their day-to-day living. In this Sunday’s second reading, St. Paul tells us we can be ready by “Putting on” Christ. This requires us to live a life that is congruent with that of Jesus. It means being His disciple. The call to discipleship is manifested through stewardship. How are you responding to this call? Do you steward your gifts in ways that reflect St. Paul’s advice to “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ?”

Stewardship Office, the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF December 2 - 8, 2013**

**MONDAY: December 2 - No Mass**  
(We pray for Ms. Rebecc Bondy, Pastoral Minister)

**TUESDAY: December 3 - No Mass**  
(We Pray for Rev. Robert Champagne)

**WEDNESDAY: December 4**  
(We Pray for Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator)  
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm  
“Communion Service”  
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**THURSDAY: December 5**  
(We Pray for Rev. Dwayne Adam)  
St. Peter’s Church - 8:30 am  
Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre  
Int. of Velma Cantin  
- Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family  
+Nick & Dolly Jeffrey - Sunny & Millie Siemon  
+Fred & Agnes Siemon - Sunny & Millie Siemon  
Bluewater Rest Home - 3:30 pm  
+Donna Rau - The Family

**FRIDAY: December 6 - First Friday - School Mass**  
(We Pray for Mr. Evan Thompson, Coordinator of Youth Ministry)  
St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am  
12 Hour Adoration - 8 am - 8 pm  
Confessions 2 - 5:30 pm  
+Edsel Ducharme - Staff & Students of St. Boniface School  
Int. of Fr. Greg Blonde - St. Boniface CWL  
+Gerry Vidler - Clarence & Joan Regier

**SATURDAY: December 7**  
(We Pray for Deacon Lyle Lalonge)  
St. Boniface Church—5:00 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:15 - 4:45 pm

**SUNDAY: December 8**  
(We Pray for Mrs. Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister)  
St. Boniface Church—9:00 am  
St. Peter’s Church—10:30 am

**St. Peter’s Income and Expenses**

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**St. Boniface’s Income and Expenses**

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**Prayer List**

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lensen, Janice Hartman, Steven Wild-Denys, Emily DePaepe, Kyle Craner, Nicole Brideau, Toni Brand, John LaPorte and Harold Dietrich.

**12 Hour Adoration**

There will be 12 hour Adoration on Friday, December 6 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

**Thank-you!!!**

A special thank-you to John Jacobs who brought the pop cans to London and received $586.00 to put towards St. Boniface Church Building Fund.

**Sunday Missals & Advent Candles**

New Living with Christ Sunday Missals for 2014 and Advent Candles are available for purchase at the back of both St. Boniface and St. Peter’s Churches or by contacting the church office.

**Advent Parish Mission**

All are invited to an exciting and dynamic Advent Mission “Welcome the Spiritual Gifts” at St. Boniface Church on December 8, 9 & 10 at 7 pm. Guest Speakers are Peter & Debbie Herbeck. Peter and Debbie have dedicated their lives as Catholic Lay Evangelists to enlivening the faith of hundreds of thousands of people. The Advent mission is a great opportunity to prepare for the celebration of the Word made flesh for our salvation. Also, on Monday, December 9th there will be a Men’s Morning of reflection (lead by Peter) and on Tuesday, December 10 will be a Women’s Morning of reflection (lead by Debbie). Both mornings begin with Mass at 9 am at St. Boniface Church followed by a light Continental Breakfast, talk and then an opportunity for questions and discussion. Cost: No Charge - Freewill Offering - All Events.
Knights of Columbus
Membership Dues - for 2014 are due in the month of December. Dues are $40.

St. Boniface CWL
Christmas Hampers - St. Boniface CWL will be collecting for Blessing’s Christmas Hampers. They need stuffing mixes, canned fruits & vegetables, canned juices and ingredients for Christmas desserts. We will be collecting for the hampers until December 13. There will be a box set up in the Narthex.

Youth Group
Carolling with St. Nick at the Blue Water Rest Home on Thursday, December 5 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Bring your Santa hats & instruments. Parents are welcome.

Reconciliation during Advent
In preparation for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord Father Graham will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation at various times during advent to try to accommodate those with busy lives. Father Graham will be available to hear confessions at St. Boniface Church on:
Friday, December 6 (First Friday) - 2 - 5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 11 - 6 - 6:45 pm
Saturday, December 14 - 4 - 4:45 pm & 6 - 8 pm
Wednesday, December 18 - 7:30 - 9 pm
Saturday, December 21 - 4:00 - 4:45 pm & 6 - 8 pm

Huron County Christmas Bureau
St. Boniface - we will be collecting clothing, hygiene products, waterproof mittens as well as toys this year. Their goal this year is to be able to give each child a new outfit, warm mitts, and a toy for Christmas. We will be collecting for the bureau until December 5. A box will be in the Narthex of the church.
St. Peter’s - Gifts for the Huron County Christmas Bureau must be returned unwrapped by December 1st.

Advent Memorial Donations
We are very excited this year that we have the opportunity to offer two ways for you to remember your loved one this Christmas! As in the past we will be accepting donations for both parishes for Christmas Flowers to be donated in memory of your loved one OR if you wish you can make a donation to the St. Andre Healing Garden in memory of your loved one.
Both are wonderful expressions of love for those who have died in honoring the gift of faith they have passed on from generation to generation. If you wish to make a cash donation in memory of someone please place your donation in an envelope and mark either “Christmas Flowers” or “St. Andre Healing Garden” along with your name or the name you wish to use as offered by and the name of the deceased person. Please have all donations to the church office by Friday, December 13. The names of the deceased loved ones will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

Get Your Raffle Tickets!!!
Back by popular demand, the St. Andre Healing Garden committee is holding another “Shell Gas Raffle” - Only 300 tickets will be printed! 1st prize - $400 Gas Card; 2nd prize - $200 Gas Card; 3rd prize - $100 Gas Card
Tickets are $10 each, draw will be held January 1! Makes a great stocking stuffer and what a great way to begin a new year and honour a great Saint at the same time. Tickets will be sold at the back of the church for the next few weeks. All proceeds go towards the St. Andre Garden.

Offertory Envelopes for 2014
If you are not currently receiving offertory envelopes and would like a set for 2014 or would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

Where is Christ in your life now?
Take time to reflect and redirect your path. A Cursillo weekend can give you that time, and the spiritual food you need for reflection. Everyone is welcome - those who have fallen away or lapsed from the Church and those who regularly attend and want to renew their faith commitment.
Men’s weekend - March 20 - 23, 2014
Women’s weekend - March 27 - 30, 2014
Where - Michaelite House, Melrose (north of London)
Cost - $200 (funding available to those unable to meet this expense)
Contact: Tom & Laurie Diemand - 519-595-4806 or email - tldiemand@gmail.com

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School
A warm hello from St. Anne’s after this lively week! We are excited to welcome Grade 8 students from St. James’ and St. Joseph’s Catholic Elementary schools in Seaforth and Clinton, who came to St. Anne’s to discover all the wonderful things that happen on a day to day basis. Our graduating Grade 12 students were also thinking about the future this week by partaking in grad photos from Monday to Friday. In other news, the Grade Tens began preparing for their required Literacy Test later this year through the Literacy Bytes program that is run by the teachers. Extracurricular groups were also busy this week; with the hockey teams playing multiple games and the music program travelling to St. James and St. Boniface in Seaforth and Zurich. Our Co-op students hosted a fair on Tuesday which highlighted their work placements in the community. Our Advent Project is still running! We are taking in new toys and clothes by December 6th and gently used winter wear and new baby clothes and products by December 13th! Please come to our Fair Trade Christmas and Celebration of the Arts on December 3rd and our Indian Culture Night on December 12th. Ministers of Faith, Alex and Alyssa
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- Youth Group - Thursday, December 5 at 7 pm at St. Boniface School/Church
- First Friday School Mass & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, December 6 at St. Boniface Church
- Advent Parish Mission - December 8, 9, 10 at St. Boniface Church (please see inside bulletin for details)
- Adult Catechetical Class - Thursday, December 12 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church

Christmas/New Year’s Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24, 2013
5:00 pm @ St. Boniface    7:30 pm @ St. Peter’s Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25, 2013
10:30 am St. Peter’s    1:00 pm BWRH New Year’s Eve - Tuesday, December 31, 2013
5:00 pm @ St. Boniface New Year’s Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2014
10:30 am @ St. Peter’s
**St. Boniface and St. Peter Churches**

**Weekend Masses**
- Sat 5:00 pm  St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
- St. Boniface (mid October to mid April)
- Sun 9:00 am  St. Boniface
- 10:30 am  St. Peter

**Pastoral Staff:**
- Pastor: Fr. Graham Keep
- Seminarian Intern: David Johnston
- Secretary: Lori LaPorte
- Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Parish Organizations**
- **Parish Advisory Council**: A combined council meets every month to discuss and plan pastoral initiatives and practical functioning of the parish. If you have suggestions please consider contacting one of the members.
- **Youth Ministry**: Youth from grades 5 to 8 gather regularly for fun, faith and friendship. See the website for information.
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word**: Every Sunday at both the 9:00 am and 10:30 am masses.
- **Catholic Cemeteries**: We have the privilege of having cemeteries associated with St Peter and St. Boniface Churches. Information can be found on the website.
- **Other Organizations**: Catholic Women’s Leagues, Knights of Columbus and others.

**MISSION STATEMENT**
And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV, Catholic edition)

**Contact Information**
- **Mail**: 22 Mary St., PO Box 81 Zurich Ontario N0M 2T0
- **Phone**: 519 236-4191
- **E-mail**: bluewater@dol.ca

**Parish Council**
- **Chair**: Martha Munigar
- **Vice-Chair**: Bella Soudant
- Brian DePaepe
- Rose Marie Rader
- Monique Hartman
- Ken Forler

**Celebrating Our Faith**
- **Baptism**: Please contact the office as you await the birth of your child or while you are awaiting adoption.
- **Reconciliation**: God sent His Son so that we might be saved! Experience God’s healing through the sacrament of reconciliation before Mass on Saturday 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm or by appointment.
- **Marriages**: The sacrament of marriage is a beautiful expression of God’s love for the world! Minimum six months notice is required during which time the engaged couple must attend a Marriage Preparation Course.
- **Sacrament of the Sick**: If you know of a person who is in hospital, or who is homebound because of illness and is desiring the sacrament of the sick, contact the office to make arrangements.
- **Bluewater Nursing Home**: A weekly mass is offered on Thursdays at 3:30 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.
- **Devotions**: St. Joseph and Saint André - Thursday after the 8:30 am mass - St. Peter’s.
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** - Wednesday after the 7:00 pm mass - St. Boniface.
- Every first Friday at St. Boniface Church there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm—come be transformed by the healing power of Jesus.