7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2014

In the first reading today God tells Moses to say to the people, and to us, ‘You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am Holy’. What does stewardship have to do with being holy? God created us to be like Him. (Genesis 9:5) To be like God is to be generous. To be like God is to be merciful. To be like God is to be patient. The disciple and Christian steward must possess all of these virtues on the path to holiness. Stewardship is an important part of being holy.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF February 24 - March 2, 2014

MONDAY: February 24 - No Mass
(We pray for Rev. Edward Brereton)

TUESDAY: February 25 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Joseph Quinn, C.S.B.)

WEDNESDAY: February 26
(We Pray for Mrs. Maria Mollica, Coordinator of Youth Ministry)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
“Communion Service”

THURSDAY: February 27
(We Pray for Rev. Hoang Nguyen, O.F.M. Cap)

St. Peter’s Church - 8:30 am
Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
“Communion Service”

Bluewater Rest Home - 3:30 pm
“Communion Service”

FRIDAY: February 28
(We Pray for Deacon Steven Cartier)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
“Communion Service”

SATURDAY: March 1
(We Pray for Rev. Ranjan D’Sa, O.C.D.)

St. Boniface Church—5:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SUNDAY: March 2
(We Pray for Rev. John Pirt)

St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church—10:30 am

Prayer List
Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lenssen, Janice Hartman, Steven Wild-Denys, Emily DePaepe, Nicole Brideau, and Harold Dietrich.

Prayers and Sympathy
Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of John LaPorte, husband of Lil who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations
Congratulations and our prayerful wishes to Gerald Van Osch and Carrie Eybergen who were married at St. Peter’s Church last weekend.

Knights of Columbus
Card Party - Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Church. Everyone is welcome.

World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 7 in the Zurich Lutheran Church Hall at 2 pm.

Office Hours
The office will be open on Monday, February 24 and closed on Tuesday, February 25.

1 Hour Adoration on Friday, March 7
Due to the ACC Retreat and World Day of Prayer we will be having only 1 hour of adoration on Friday, March 7 prior to Mass from 8 am - 9 am.

2013 Income Tax Receipts
Income Tax Receipts for donations made during the 2013 year are now ready for pick up at the back of the church.

St. Peter’s Income and Expenses

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St. Boniface’s Income and Expenses

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Adult Catechetical Retreat

Father Graham will be holding a retreat at the Michaelite House on Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8. It is open for anyone who wishes to attend. If you have not been attending the Adult Catechism Classes but wish to join in you are most welcome. Please let us know if you would like to attend by Saturday, March 1st. Email the office at bluewater@dol.ca or call 519-236-4191.

A Lenten Series

“Prayer and Living Out the Christian Life”
with David Johnston

David will be preaching a Lenten series on the topic of “Prayer and Living out the Christian Life” and will cover various Lenten themes. You might wonder, “What is the Liturgy of the Hours?” The Liturgy of the Hours (a.k.a. the breviary, or the divine office) is a public and common prayer of the Church, which is mainly composed of the psalms and other biblical texts. In praying the Liturgy of Hours we join and unite ourselves to the prayers of all of the bishops, priests, deacons, monks, nuns, seminarians, consecrated people throughout the world as well as an increasing number of lay people and even the Pope who all pray the Liturgy of Hours each and every day. In praying the Liturgy of Hours we are praying with, and for the whole Church. This form of prayer is meant to dedicate our whole day to God as we all strive for holiness. In short, this is a great way to pray and grow closer to Christ and His Church throughout the Lenten season and beyond. **This Lenten Series will take place over the course of four Sundays (March 16, 23, 30 and April 6) at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm.** Come out to one or all of the evenings to experience this style of prayer which may be new to many.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Be inspired, encouraged and healed: Come Celebrate the 22nd annual **Lift Jesus Higher Rally** on Saturday, March 1, 2014, 9 am – 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Fr. Scott McCaig. Guest Speaker: Fr. Michael Gaitley. High Mass with Sunday readings celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Separate Youth Event (13-18 years) with music, skits and power-packed talks. For tickets (Adults $20/Youth $10) call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510, or write Renewal Ministries 1 Clairtrell Road, Box CRM7, Toronto, ON M2N 7H6, or email pdkromer@rogers.com. Visit their website at www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.

2014 Anniversary Mass

The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in southwestern Ontario will be held **Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 2:30 pm** at St. Anne’s Parish in Tecumseh, Ontario. Bishop Fabbro will preside at the Mass. All married couples are invited to attend. Please call the parish office or use the sign up form in the back of the Church to register. Please have your registration forms back to the parish office by April 25, 2014.

Having a Saint Choose you

Our parishes will be focusing on the saints of the Church and growing in virtue in Lent. The community of sisters that St. Maria Kowalska Faustina in Poland was a member of, had the tradition of “having a saint choose you” for the year. They would do this on New Year’s Day. We will be doing this for the beginning of Lent. There will be printed holy cards available to be selected randomly beginning next weekend. This is for everyone, from babies in arms to the elderly. The cards have their names, their feast day, a picture / depiction of them, a short quote and an intention. You are encouraged look up more information about the saint who “chose you” and learn more of their lives. It would be good for families at suppertime or your daily family prayer time to ask the intercession of their particular saint. Also… each person is to randomly choose a virtue to focus on. Each virtue card has a short definition and scripture passages associated with that particular virtue. Carry that virtue with you and look for opportunities to grow in that virtue. The Saint who has chosen you for a companion for the year -- never leaves you when the year is over. She/ He stays with you forever and is there to welcome you into Eternity. Throughout the year try to learn as much as you can about the Saint who has chosen you. Place the note that you drew from the basket in a place where you will see it every day. Make it a habit to think of your saint, pray to your saint, and ask your saint to intercede for you. Make your saint your constant companion through the year to come. May we all grow together in Christ Jesus and be filled with His Holy Spirit! All Holy Men and Women – PRAY FOR US!

Come and See Weekend

**February 28 - March 2, 2014**

Have you ever considered the priesthood? Spend a weekend in prayer, discussions with priests, faculty and seminarians at St. Peter’s Seminary in London. This weekend is open to all single Catholic men 17 years and older. Take some time and hear the voice of God in your life. For more information, or to register, please call Father John Pirt at the Diocesan Vocations Office 1-888-548-9649, email vocations@dol.ca or register on line at www.rsvp.dol.ca.

Ultreya

The Goderich ultreya this month is on **Sunday, February 23 at 7 pm** at the Knights of Columbus hall on Parson’s Court. For further info call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School

It was a great week at St. Anne’s! We all enjoyed the Family Day holiday on Monday. On Wednesday, the whole school participated in “Winterfest”, where students participated in activities such as road hockey, snow soccer, snow sculpting, etc. We also had a spirit wear civvies day to show our school spirit, and watched the St. Anne’s Girls Hockey Team play against Mitchell in the simi-finals. It was a great game! Our Swim Team participated in WOSAA Championships and our Girls Volleyball shined on the court. We are collecting Teddy Bears for the Children’s Hospital so please bring in new or gently loved bears. Ministers of Faith, Alyssa and Alex.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- **K of C Card Party** - Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Ash Wednesday** - Wednesday, March 5 - St. Peter’s Mass at 8:30 am, St. Boniface School Mass at 11:00 am, Bluewater Resthome Mass 3:30 pm and St. Boniface Mass at 7:00 pm.
- **World Day of Prayer** - Friday, March 7
- **First Friday Mass with Adoration** - Friday, March 7 at St. Boniface Church
- **Adult Cathechetical Retreat** - March 7 & 8 at the Michaelite House
- **Praise & Worship Jam Night** - Sunday, March 9 at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Lenten Series** - with David Johnston, Sunday, March 16, 23, 30 & April 6 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm

Show your love for your parish by remembering to include your parish in your will.
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.

Parish Council

Chair
Martha Mungar

Vice-Chair
Bella Soudant

Brian DePaepe
Rose Marie Rader
Monique Hartman
Ken Forler

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)

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.