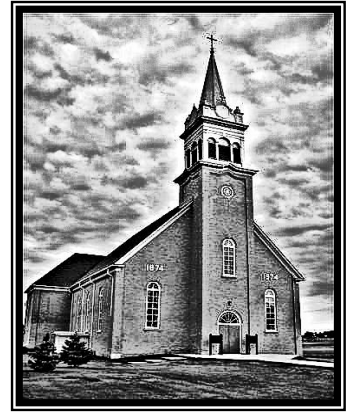


Blessed Sacrament Church

Our Parish Bulletin

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5th, 2017



St. Eustache Church

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Sharing God's Gifts – Jeanine Whitechurch

Infant Baptism /Baptism Preparation – Please call the Parish rectory office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Before or after weekday Masses; half an hour before Sunday Masses or call when in need.

For the Sacrament of Marriage – Six months notice is required; Marriage Preparation Course is very necessary. Couples may be asked to go where the program is offered.

Sacrament of the Sick / Needing to talk to someone – Please call the Parish rectory office.

Bulletin Announcements: Contact Len Desilets – phone: (204) 353-2116 email: lenmona@shaw.ca

Parish Website: www.blessedsacramentelie.com

This Week's Mass Schedule

- Sunday, February 5th -** 9:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier
11:00 a.m. – St. Eustache Church – *Today's Mass will be celebrated with Msgr. Stan Jaworski*
- Tuesday, February 7th -** No mass
- Wednesday, February 8th -** 5:00 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church – **Mass intention for Fr. Michel requested by Claire Bernardin**
- Thursday, February 9th -** 9:30 a.m. – Elie Manor
- Friday, February 10th -** 2:30 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church – Adoration
3:30 p.m. – Mass – **Mass intention in thanksgiving for graces received by Denise Gervais**
- Saturday, February 11th -** 9:30 a.m. – St. Eustache Church – **Mass intention for +Lawrence Matsalla**
- Sunday, February 12th -** 9:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier
11:00 a.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church – **Mass intention for +Mark MacMillan requested by Murielle MacMillan**

Church Cleaners: Elie (Jan 29 – Feb 11) – Daryl & Pat Beaudry

St. Eustache (Feb 5 – Feb 18) – Ann Lacroix and Alice Griffiths

Please pray for those who are sick, awaiting tests or receiving medical treatment. Paisley Amyotte, Roger Menard, Michelle Beaudin, Danny Gusnowsky.

We encourage everyone in our parishes to pray for those who are sick. If you know of others who may be sick and in need of prayer, please let us know so we can include their names in our Sunday bulletin.

February Is Heart Month: Volunteers will be canvassing in the Elie area during the month of February on behalf of the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Please open your door and give when a volunteer canvasser comes to your door. Funds raised support the fight against heart disease and stroke – the **number one cause of death** in Manitoba. Together, we can make a difference.

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**Children's Liturgy:** Help is needed for children's liturgy offered during our Sunday services. The children really look forward to attending this special ministry. Call Nickole Bernardin at 204-353-2851 if you are willing.

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First Communion Prep will be starting this month. If you would like your child to have their First Communion please contact Nickole Bernardin at 204-353-2851. Thank you.

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**The Confirmation class is well on its way.** All parishioners are cordially asked to have a special daily prayer for both the Confirmation class as well as the youth group. Your prayer support is important and much appreciated.

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WINTER RETREAT

You are cordially invited to a retreat at St. Charles Parish Church (320 St. Charles St.) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18th, 2017.

The retreat, on the theme: LORD, HELP ME TO PRAY will be led by deacon Ted Wood and Nancy Wood.

Cost of \$20.00 includes lunch, snacks and beverages.

For questions and/or registration, call Anna 204-895-2420 or Fran 204-889-7348.

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### ***Statement from Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg, January 25, 2017***

#### **Cathedral Property Redevelopment**

The recent article in the Winnipeg Free Press on proposed developments on the Cathedral property in the city of Winnipeg requires clarification. This proposal for the development of buildings on the downtown Cathedral property is a long term plan at the initial feasibility stage of development only. In order for any proposal to proceed, much consultation needs to occur among the people of the Archdiocese and the Cathedral as to design, the type of facilities, land use and funding. There are no plans to launch a capital fundraising campaign in the Archdiocese in the near future; all of these feasibility questions would need to be carefully assessed.

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Thoughts from Pope Francis

Be joyful

Since it's in the title and first sentence, living joyfully is obviously a major theme of the message. Pope Francis does not hide his own joy, and he encourages Christians to renew their encounter with Jesus, our source of joy. At the same time, the pope reminds us that joy does not mean a life free of distress, but rather a life rooted in the hope of the Resurrection.

With Christ joy is constantly born anew (*Evangelii Gaudium*, sec. 1).

The gospel joy which enlivens the community of disciples is a missionary joy (*Evangelii*, sec. 21).

Finally an evangelizing community is filled with joy; it knows how to rejoice always. It celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelization (sec. 24).

Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realists, but without losing our joy, our boldness and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of missionary vigour! (sec. 109).