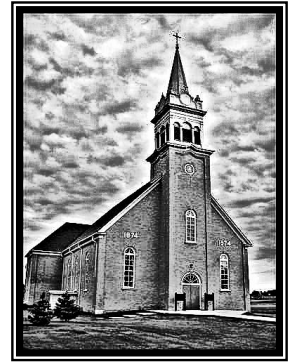


Blessed Sacrament Church

Our Parish Bulletin

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26th, 2017



St. Eustache Church

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Finance Secretary – Cara Gillis

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

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This Week's Mass Schedule

- Sunday, February 26th -** 9:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier
11:00 a.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church – **Mass intention for +Joseph & +Lucette Legault requested by the Legault family**
- Tuesday, February 28th -** *No mass*
- Ash Wednesday, March 1st -** 7:00 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church
- Thursday, March 2nd -** 9:30 a.m. – Elie Manor – **Mass intention for Maria Paul requested by Doris & Martin Lavallee**
- Friday, March 3rd -** 2:30 p.m. – St. Eustache Church – Adoration
3:30 p.m. – Mass – **Mass intention for Fr. Michel requested by Claire Bernardin**
- Saturday, March 4th -** 9:30 a.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church – **Mass intention for Fr. Michel requested by Bob & Jeanine Whitechurch**
- Sunday, March 5th -** 9:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier (*with ashes*)
11:00 a.m. – St. Eustache Church – **Mass intention for +Nelson McKay requested by Gilles & Lucille Beaudin**

Church Cleaners: St. Eustache (Feb 19 – Mar 4) – Clarence & Lucille Ross and Gilles & Lucille Beaudin
Elie (Feb 27 – Mar 11) – Jocy Gillis and Jocy Godin

Please pray for those who are sick, awaiting tests or receiving medical treatment. Paisley Amyotte, Roger Menard, Michelle Beaudin, Danny Gusnowsky, Chris Morse, Linda Stewart, Robert Boudreau.
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.

Ministry Schedule for February 26th to June 18th available at the church entrance.

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**Bulletin Announcements:** Effective February 27–April 8, please contact Jeanine Whitechurch 204-353-2360 or email [bjwhitechurch@hotmail.com](mailto:bjwhitechurch@hotmail.com)



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This tangible ritual is a stark reminder that we do not have a lasting place on this earth. We are disciples on a journey that ends with death.

Lent is about participating in the death and resurrection of Jesus, about dying to an old identity and being born into a new identity.

To prepare, we must die now to sin and rise to new life in Christ. Being marked with ashes at the beginning of our Lenten journey is a reminder of our need for deeper conversion.

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Bookkeeper Wanted: The parishes of Blessed Sacrament and St. Eustache are still looking for a new bookkeeper. If interested, please send in your resume / letter of interest to Nickole Bernardin. Contact Nickole for any further information at 204-353-2851 or email nickole@shaw.ca.

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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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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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**Thank You:** The St. Eustache Métis Local would like to extend a thank you to the Knights of Columbus for cooking the pancake breakfast at our Louis Riel Day celebration. Your help was very appreciated!

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Elie Fish Fry

Veterans' Hall in Elie
Friday, March 17th 5:00-7:30
Adults: \$15 Children under 12: \$6

Please let family and friends know. Be ready to help with food items or to work on the day!!

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### **Thoughts from Pope Francis**

#### **Move outward, beyond yourself**

True faith, Pope Francis says, pushes us into the world to seek the common good and reach out to those on the margins of society. A complacent, inward-focused person or parish is not being true to Jesus' call. Evangelization, Pope Francis tells us, is not simply concerned with an individual's inner convictions, but rather is concerned with the whole of society.

Consequently, no one can demand that religion should be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life, without concern for the soundness of civil institutions, without a right to offer an opinion on events affecting society. Who would claim to lock up in a church and silence the message of Saint Francis of Assisi or Blessed Teresa of Calcutta? They themselves would have found this unacceptable. An authentic faith—which is never comfortable or completely personal—always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses (sec. 183).