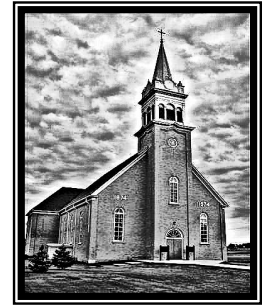


Our Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11th, 2016



Blessed Sacrament Church

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, December 11th - **9:00 a.m.** – St. François Xavier
 11:00 a.m. – St. Eustache – **Mass intention for +Reg Bernardin requested by Irene Bouchard**

Tuesday, December 13th - *No mass today*

Wednesday, December 14th - **5:00 p.m.** – Blessed Sacrament Church – **Mass intention for +George Bernardin requested by Claire Bernardin**

Thursday, December 15th - **9:30 a.m.** – Elie Manor – **Mass intention for +Virginie Bernard requested by Yvonne Bernard**

Friday, December 16th - **2:30 p.m.** – Blessed Sacrament Church – Adoration
 3:30 p.m. – Mass – **Mass intention for +Sophie Szczepanik requested by Barb Brandzin**
 7:00 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church – **Confessions**

Saturday, December 17th - **9:30 a.m.** – St. Eustache – **Mass intention for +Paul Belcourt**
 11:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier - **Confessions**

Sunday, December 18th - **9:00 a.m.** – St. François Xavier
 11:00 a.m. – Elie – **Mass intention for +Claire Bernardin (4th anniversary) requested by Aimé Bernardin & family**

Church Cleaners: Elie (Dec 4 – Dec 18) – Steve & Jaclyn Dufresne family
 St. Eustache (Dec 11 – Dec 24) – Rick Senecal and André Laramée families

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

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.

Reconciliation Services

Dec. 13 th	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Cathedral
Dec. 14 th	10:00 a.m.	St. John XXIII
	7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's
Dec. 15 th	7:00 p.m.	St. Charles Parish
Dec. 16 th	7:00 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament Elie
Dec 17 th	11:00 a.m.	St. Francois Xavier
Dec 20 th	7:00 p.m.	Good Shepherd Parish Portage

"Blue Christmas"

An inter-faith service of remembrance and hope

December 21st, 2016

7:00 p.m.

at St. Eustache Church

For more info e-mail Fr. Michel (michelfr@shaw.ca)

Presented by St. Eustache Church and Adam's Funeral Services

Christmas is a time for memories and remembering. For some, the memories are of their loved ones who have died, and the pain of their loss is real.

For others, the memories of happier times, relocation and poor health cloud this season. We need to remember, and we need the space to acknowledge our sadness and concern; and we need to know we are not alone.

For other reasons, we need a special time to be together to receive the words of hope that speak to us in the midst of sorrow. It is time to acknowledge a "Blue Christmas", a time to hear and share prayers, scripture readings and hymns that help us to know that God's presence is for those who mourn, and God's word come to give light to our darkness.

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At the back of the church you will find the tree ornaments for the Blue Christmas celebration. Families are encouraged to take some home and prepare with family. Co-ordinate with others so names are not duplicated.

Christmas is a Holy Day celebrating the birth of Christ. The Knights of Columbus would like you to spread this message by proudly wearing a "Keep Christ in Christmas" button, available at the back of the church for \$1.00 each. Let everyone know...

"It's OK to say 'Merry Christmas' to me".

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.

Confirmation Classes 2016-2017: Confirmation classes will be offered for confirmation youth of age 12 and over with confirmation date to be determined in Spring 2017. If you have a child or are aware of a child that could be a candidate, please contact Ginette Gauthier at 204-470-4151 or email gauthierg60@gmail.com.

First Communion: The Sacrament of First Communion will be offered in the new year. Please call Jocy Gillis at 204-353-2178 or Nickole Bernardin at 204-353-2851 if you would like to register your child. Spread the word to family and friends!

Knights of Columbus Grey Cup Pool Winners: Yvonne Wood-St. François \$300, Bob Whitechurch-Elie \$100, Real Regnier-Winnipeg \$100, Gabrielle Bernardin-Winnipeg \$100, Penny Bylholt-Winnipeg \$100, Art Breland-St. François \$25, Odette Bock-Winnipeg \$25, Gerry Syrenne-St. François \$25. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated! Thanks also to everyone who attended our Grey Cup Breakfast. Proceeds will go to various needs and charities in our communities.

Chez Mémère Fundraiser: Thank you to all of you who participated with the St. Eustache Chez Mémère fundraiser. The parish raised just over \$1000. Shelley or Lucille invite your feedback regarding the products. Thank you for accommodating our church financial needs. Lucille 204-353-2551 and Shelley 204-353-2871.

Cartier Hamper Fund

"TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN"

We will be collecting nonperishable food items **until Sunday, December 11th (TODAY)**

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE DATES ON THE FOOD ITEMS ARE NOT EXPIRED.

We are also accepting monetary donations (make cheques payable to Cartier Hamper Fund).

If you know of a family in need of a Christmas hamper, please contact:

Jeanine or Bob Whitechurch 204-353-2360

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

November 2016

Blessed Sacrament Parish Goal	\$ 8,730.00
Monthly Goal	\$ 727.50
Contributions for November	\$ 409.45
# of households - 9 envelopes	
Loose collection - \$19.45	
To Date	\$ 9,832.00 (\$1,102.00 over goal)
St. Eustache Parish Goal	\$ 4,610.00
Monthly Goal	\$ 384.17
Contributions for November	\$ 1,220.45
# of households - 12 envelopes	
Loose collection - \$30.45	
To Date	\$ 3,916.90

Please make cheques payable to "Sharing God's Gifts"