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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

From the Pastor's desk:

Thank You To Audrey Kozody & Clara Blawat

The evening when we have Advent confessions here at St. Anthony's is also the date when we show hospitality to the confessor priests. I want to thank Audrey and Clara for the wonderful, festive meal which they prepared for the priests that evening. To have someone prepare the meal on the evening of confessions is one less anxiety for me. So, thank you Audrey and Clara.

Gratitude and Thank You

I am most grateful to each and every one who fulfilled their ministry to the Lord and to the parish over the Christmas holidays. Whenever there are four liturgical holidays, all in a row, it is most taxing on everyone in terms of commitment. It takes many individuals, working in harmony, to create a beautiful liturgical tapestry.

Thank you to all of you for doing your part. I know that the Lord will bless you.

Thank You Catholic Women's League

A big **thank you** to the members of St. Anthony's CWL for their recent \$2,000 contribution to the parish. This offering goes toward the new candle holders for the sanctuary. We are ever so grateful for your consideration and generosity. May the Lord continue to bless you.

Parish Assessment

In our previous bulletin I listed where the money collected from Sharing God's Gifts goes. Today I will list where our parish assessment goes, namely: clergy retreat, study days and professional development, for international priests who arrive in Winnipeg, diocesan celebrations, diocesan liturgical and music commissions, diocesan insurance program, ecumenism, synod, conference of bishops assessment, marriage tribunal, Catholic schools office, Catholic Centre Administration (chancery, finance, human resources, archives), director of pastoral services, banking and investment fees. I hope that this will be helpful to those of you who are interested in how your money is allocated. Thank you to all who have contributed to Sharing God's Gifts and our Parish Assessment for the year of 2018.

Catechism Coordinator

Lynda McCorquodale has been catechism coordinator for the last three years and an assistant before that. However, Lynda wants to relinquish her position at the end of the catechetical year. We are most grateful for Lynda's leadership, care and fidelity in serving the parish in the capacity as catechism coordinator. She will continue to assist with the program whenever and wherever she is needed. Lynda's resignation will leave a void next fall. We hope that some dedicated soul will prayerfully take up the torch and bravely continue. Who will that be? Perhaps you?

Finance

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30pm in the gathering space.

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Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30pm in the gathering space.

Floor Designs

I believe that I have already made mention in a previous bulletin what the symbols on the floor mean, but it is worth mentioning again. The stars are a reminder of Jesus who is the bright and morning star. In the Book of Revelation 22:16 we read: "*I Jesus, am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star*". The stars also remind us of Our Lady who is often named the "Star of the sea." Of course, at this time of the year we are reminded of the star that guided the Magi to Bethlehem. The large cross symbolizes the person of Christ. It is surrounded by four smaller crosses which symbolize the belief that Jerusalem is the spiritual centre of the earth; and Christ's commandment to spread the Gospel from Jerusalem to the four directions of the world. Evangelization began in Jerusalem with the outreach of the four evangelists who penned the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. All five crosses symbolize the five wounds of Christ.

Baptism Names

Names have a significant meaning, especially as Christians. Our heroes of the Christian faith are the apostles, martyrs, saints and those holy women and men who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith and who have "*overcome by the blood of the Lamb.*" These have already reached the promised presence of the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Movie stars, pop singers, sports and soap idols; these come and go. The true heroes are those mentioned in Scripture and in the list of Saints. When a baby is baptized or christened, the child becomes a Christian. A true follower of Christ is given a Christian name. By the time of the baptism, the name has already been assigned and it is awkward to explain the significance of a Christian name at the baptism. Many of those who are coming for baptism are not practising Catholics, so they will not be reading these lines. If you have a daughter, son, grandson, granddaughter who is expecting a baby, you may consider sharing the importance of a Christian name before the birth. Also, a child should be baptized speedily. Waiting for a year in order to save money by celebrating the birthday together with the baptism is a matter of economics above faith. Faith should always gain priority.

Your Last Will and Testament

Please remember your parish in your last will and testament, keeping in mind that we receive our finances from those who fill the pews, not from government or social institutions. God loves a cheerful giver!

Parish Committees:



The "Pin A Pair" rack at the back of the church and items will be donated to the poor. We are accepting new or gently used hats, mitts, scarves, socks and (new) underwear. **No other clothes please!** The CWL General meeting will be held on Jan. 10th following the 7pm mass. The results for the newly elected CWL Executive for 2019/2020 are as follows: Acting President-Anna Sanduliak (Anna was appointed); Past President – Chris Handkamer; 1st Vice President - Pat Hay; 2nd Vice President - Darlene Kolody; Recording Secretary - Sharon Harris; Standing Committee members - Susan Dillabough, Bev Struch, Regina Urbano, Colleen Zaluski, Sharon Kornago. Congratulations ladies! Thank you to the outgoing Executive for a job well done!



K of C membership dues envelopes are also available at the back of the church. **Anyone who pays their dues before January 15/19** will be entered into a draw to win their dues back. **The next Executive Meeting** is Thursday January 10 at 7:00 pm. **The next General Meeting** is Thursday **January 24** at 7:00 pm.

Religious Education: urgently needed grade 5 9:30am teacher. Classes start back on Sat Jan 12th for Grades 1-6 and for Grade 7 and 8 on Tue, Jan 15th

Little Rock Scripture Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke Pt 1 and Pt 2 Will begin on Monday, January 7th at 6:30pm.

Leisure Club: We will resume on Wednesday Jan 9/19.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: We will meet on Tuesday, January 22nd at 1pm. Please use elevator side door entrance.

ROSARY FOR LIFE: We will be saying the Rosary for Life on **Saturday February 2 at 2:30pm** in the Church. All are welcome to come and participate.

Please remember in your prayers, parishioners and friends who are ill: Phil & Mavis Arnaud, Paul Klowak, Mariann Pietracci, Christine Howard, Judy Dewar, Ruby Plischke, Madge Broty and Nathan

Please Pray For All The Sick



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon Jan 7: Memorial: St. Andre Bessette
9:00am Pastor's Intentions

Tue Jan 8: Memorial: St. Raymond of Penyafort
9:00am Thanksgiving, Health & Birthday Blessings for Maria by Daughter Irene
Safe travels for niece by Cleo Taino

Wed Jan 9: Ferial
9:00am Birthday Blessings for Ester Terrible by The Family

Thur Jan 10: Ferial
9:00am Birthday Blessings for Ester Terrible by The Family
7:00pm R.I.P Therese Gagnon & Susan Charlton by CWL

Fri Jan 11: Ferial
9:00am R.I.P Felix Sellner by Len & Pat Sellner

Sat Jan 12: Baptism of the Lord
4:00pm R.I.P. Manuel Taylo by The Family
R.I.P. Thomas Hinh Do by The Do Family
R.I.P. Adele O'Neill by Darlene & Colleen
Thanksgiving by Grace
Deceased Family and All Souls by Grace Caballo

Sun Jan 13: Baptism of the Lord
9:00am Parishioners
11:00am Birthday blessings for Sam Honcharik by Peter & Sandra Los

Readings for the week:

Mon Jan 7 – 1 John 3:22-4:6, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tue Jan 8 – 1 John 4:7-10, Mark 6:34-44
 Wed Jan 9 – 1 John 4:11-18, Mark 6:45-52
 Thur Jan 10 – 1 John 4:19-5:4, Luke 4:14-22a
 Fri Jan 11 – 1 John 5:5-13, Luke 5:12-16
 Sat Jan 12 – 1 John 5:14-21, John 3:22-30

Epiphany

Introduction To Penitential Rite: We are called, like the magi, to keep looking for God in our lives. We ask God's forgiveness for the times we have given up.

Isaiah 60:1-6 In the first reading, a prophet has wonderful news for a weary people. The light of God shines on them and the nations of the world draw near to worship.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 In the second reading, Paul speaks of a mystery revealed to him. Gentiles are called to be members with the Jews in the body of Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12 In the Gospel, wise men seek the newborn king of the Jews to pay him homage with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.





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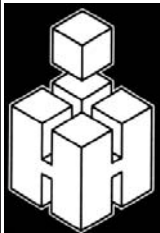


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