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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 10, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS – JANUARY 9 – 17, 2010

5:00 pm Saturday (9th)	†Susan Csizmadia req. Flora Zaharia & Family
9:00 am Sunday (10th)	†Alex & †Tillie Lavallée req. Louise Lane
1:00 pm Sunday (10th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11
9:15 am Tuesday (12 th)	†Deceased Family & Friends req. Margaret Downey
9:15 am Wednesday (13 th)	Special Intention of Faye req. Serge Laval
9:15 am Thursday (14 th)	Special Intention of Bill & Sheila Toth req. Elsie & Doug Rosler
9:15 am Friday (15 th)	†Tony Lamothe req. Anne Lamothe
5:00 pm Saturday (16th)	†Bill & Florence Tilt req. The Arnal Family
9:00 am Sunday (17th)	†Stan Zaharia req. Flora & Family
1:00 pm Sunday (17th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<i>Open House at Rectory:</i>	Sunday, January 10	3:00 - 7:00 pm	530 Banting Dr.
<i>Scripture Study:</i>	Tuesday, January 12	10:00 am	Room 10
<i>Parish Pastoral Council Mtg:</i>	Thursday, January 14	7:15 pm	Rectory
<i>Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre</i>			
<i>Distribution of Casserole Ingredients:</i>	Friday, January 15	4:00 - 5:00 pm	South entrance
<i>Liturgical Renewal Workshop I:</i>			
<i>(From Gathering Rite to Introductory Rite)</i>	Saturday, January 16	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Worship Area

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Over the course of the next four months our parish will be looking at the Liturgical Renewal that was introduced in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg in preparation for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Archdiocese. Gathering participants from the “Liturgy Summit” offered by Msgr. Comeault last year, and opening this opportunity for all parishioners to attend the workshops, I will offer one per month beginning next **Saturday, January 16, from 1:00-3:00 pm in the worship area**. This first presentation will be “From Gathering Rite to Introductory Rite.” On Saturday, February 20, from 1:00-3:00 pm, we will have a workshop on the “Liturgy of the Word.” On Saturday, March 20, from 1:00-3:00 pm, there will be a workshop on the “Liturgy of the Eucharist.” Finally, on April 24, from 1:00-3:00 pm, there will be a workshop on the “Dismissal Rites of the Mass.” When I was at Christ the King in Stonewall and Missions, we were able to introduce the Liturgical Renewal from the Fall of 2007 until the Spring of 2008. While we will be looking at the renewal over a faster period, I am hopeful that it will be embraced by our community as we journey with our brothers and sisters throughout the Archdiocese. The process of Liturgical Renewal in the parish will begin with the Lenten Season. Bulletin inserts as well as explanations and introductions to any changes taking place in our worship will be offered prior to the liturgy. On some occasions I may use the homily to address some necessary topics. Let us pray that this process will enable our community to embrace a full, conscious and active participation in our liturgies.

Open House at the Rectory! Know that you are most welcome to join me at the rectory this Sunday, January 10, 2010 between the hours of 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. The rectory is at 530 Banting Drive. Banting Drive is located south of Portage across the street from the Superstore. As mentioned a couple of weeks ago, offering open houses has been a tradition in my family and has been a recent tradition when I was pastor in Stonewall. I hope many are able to drop by for some food and fellowship as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord!

Workshops for Lectors and Communion Ministers. There will be a Lectors Workshop from 9:00 - 11:00 am on **Saturday, January 23** and a Communion Ministers Workshop from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are strongly urged to attend the workshop for their particular ministry. (*Father Gerald*)

Archbishop Weisgerber re H1N1: A communication from the Archbishop’s Office states that effective immediately, he is removing the temporary restrictions – stage 1 of our Pandemic Preparation/Liturgical Protocol. **Therefore, we will return to our normal liturgical practice of sharing peace with a handshake and of refilling holy water fonts.** The Archbishop states that while the number of cases of H1N1 has decreased significantly, we must remain vigilant in maintaining good hygiene practices – The use of hand sanitizers is very important in this regard.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Aline Herner; Madeleine Dusessoy; Ruth Kuch; Karen Kirkpatrick; Lloyd Moist; Bert Whitnack; Marlene Scheffler; Allan Egan; Eleanor Kapitany; Stella James; Dolores Mulaire; Jeanie Gatien; Adelle Farkas; Shirley Payment; Jean Foley; Darcy Uzelman; Jack Krassie; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Chris Holtmann; Joe Lebedeff; Leonard Lumsden; Doug Rosler;

Stewardship Reflection: Baptism is the Sacrament of Faith. We are called to continue to grow in our faith in the midst of a community of believers. Stewardship is a way of living out what we say we believe. This means that we are willing to share a generous portion of our lives and our possessions with God, with our faith community, and with the world. Vatican II points out that all the baptized are “bound to show forth, by the example of their lives and by the witness of their speech” that **new life** they receive in baptism.

2009 ACC Rummage Sale Report: The ACC Rummage Sale Committee thanks parishioners from both Blessed John XXIII and St. Chad’s for their continued support and hard work which contributed to another successful year. Eight sales are held each year and from the profits made \$300.00 a month is donated to the Assiniboia Christian Centre. At the end of the year, any monies remaining are donated to charities selected by the Rummage Sale Committee. For the year 2009 these charities were: Rossbrook House; Alpha House; Our Place/Chez Nous; Rehab Centre for Children; Children’s Hospital TV; and Jocelyn House, each of which received a donation of \$200. We also donated \$150 to a children’s school in the Philippines. Working together we can accomplish a lot of good. We are always looking for help. Looking forward to meeting you at the next sale, February 12, 2010. *(Your ACC Rummage Sale Committee)*

St. Charles Catholic School (Our School): 1. General Open House, Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 pm. St. Charles is a K-8 school offering full day, every day kindergarten, before and after school care, a violin enrichment program, K-8 French, as well as a hockey skills development program. Academy Kids Daycare is also located on the premises. For more information, please call St. Charles Catholic School at 837-1520.

2. The School is holding it’s *11th Annual Dine Around* fund-raiser on **Friday, January 29**. Tables of 6 are available to purchase for \$240 with a Wine & Cheese Reception and Rainbow Auction beforehand. What a great way to get together with friends, family members, co-workers, or take your favourite coach out for a unique “Thank You”. Enjoy good company and great food at one of our fantastic sponsoring restaurants and support the school. Call the school at 837-1520 to reserve your table.

Monthly Collections Report:	Actual:	Same Period Last Year:
December, 2009	\$30,055 (4 weeks)	\$29,389 (4 weeks)
Year to date, 2009	\$254,022 (52 weeks)	\$253,793 (52 weeks)

Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre Dinner: Our parish will be serving the poor of our city at the Drop-in Centre on **Sunday, January 17**. Volunteers are needed to cook the 12 casseroles (recipe and ingredients provided) and two volunteers to serve at the dinner. There is a blue binder on the table at the back of the church where volunteers can sign up. The ingredients may be picked up on **Friday, January 15** between **4:00 and 5:00 pm** at the south entrance of our church. Cooked casseroles must be delivered **hot** to the parking lot on Sunday, January 17 by **12:45 pm**. Thank you for the gift of your time.

A ***Festival of Prayer*** will take place in Winnipeg January 24 - 31, 2010 to mark the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for the week is ***“You are witnesses of these things”*** (Luke 24:48). In 2010 the Christians of Scotland invite us to read chapter 24 of Luke’s gospel so we are led to an appreciation of the resurrection of Christ as the source of ecclesial communion. The intrinsic link between mission and unity urges us all to renew our commitment to Christian unity. It was precisely this reciprocal demand for evangelism and for ecumenism that the pioneers of the ecumenical movement of the 20th century emphasized with such faith, strength and clarity. The **2010 *Festival of Prayer*** will begin with a city-wide ecumenical worship service at **7:30 pm, Sunday January 24**, at First Presbyterian Church, 61 Picardy Place (at Canora Street on the east side of Vimy Ridge Park). All are cordially invited to participate in this opening celebration with church leaders and to experience different Christian traditions in the various services that will be held throughout the ***Festival of Prayer***. For more information on this and other events to be hosted by various city churches throughout the week, please see the ***Festival of Prayer*** poster on the bulletin board at the south entrance.

An ecumenical choir is being formed to lead music at the forthcoming celebration. No audition is required. Anyone who can carry a tune and wishes to sing in the choir is welcome! Rehearsals will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 61 Picardy Place, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm on Sunday, January 17 and from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Tuesday, January 19. A final rehearsal will be held immediately before the Service on January 24. For further information, you may call Michele Barr at 453-5016 or contact her via email: mbarr41@shaw.ca

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Canned Salmon or Tuna

GiFT Growing in Faith Together: The Archdiocese of Winnipeg Presents *Keeping the Faith, Past, Present, and Future*. Fr. Dave Creamer, S.J. will give a presentation discussing how we can remain rooted in our faith, yet open to the Spirit in the church today. **Thursday, January 14** at 1:00 pm. St. Ignatius Education Centre, 925 Jessie Ave. There is also an evening session at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 4588 Roblin Blvd.