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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 17, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS – JANUARY 16 – 24, 2010

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
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18
9:15 am Tuesday (19 th)	†Alice Kirkpatrick req. Joan & Gary McCallum
9:15 am Wednesday (20 th)	For the Souls in Purgatory req. Serge Laval
9:15 am Thursday (21 st)	†Wendel & †Katherine Feist & †Yvonne Butler req. Richard & Joyce Feist
<u>2:00 pm Thursday (21st)</u>	<u>Monthly Mass at Heritage Lodge</u>
9:15 am Friday (22 nd)	†Patti Dainard req. Glen Dainard
5:00 pm Saturday (23rd)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
9:00 am Sunday (24th)	†Norma McMurdie req. Al & Ann McMurdie
1:00 pm Sunday (24th)	†Gracia Daignault req. The Family

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<i>Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg:</i>	Monday, January 18	7:00 pm	Room 10
<i>ACC Knitters Group:</i>	Monday, January 18	7:00 pm	Lounge
<i>Scripture Study:</i>	Tuesday, January 19	10:00 am	Room 10
<i>ACC Board of Directors Mtg:</i>	Thursday, January 21	7:00 pm	Room 10
<i>Lectors Workshop</i>	Saturday, January 23	9:00-11:00 am	Worship Area
<i>Communion Ministers Workshop:</i>	Saturday, January 23	1:00-3:00 pm	Worship Area

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Isaiah has a word from the Lord that he must speak. It is a word of God's delight in His people, and of His desire to take His people to Himself as His own special possession. In today's psalm, the Church responds to Isaiah's message of God's delight in us by proclaiming God's glory and kingship over all people. In 1 Corinthians, Paul proclaims the one source and the one purpose of the gifts of Christian life and fellowship. Every spiritual gift is produced in us by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and is given to benefit not only the individual recipient, but the whole community of faith. In the Gospel, the spousal imagery of God's love for His people in Isaiah finds echo in John's account of Jesus' first sign at Cana. Even though His hour has not yet come, Mary's faith in her Son becomes the occasion of His first sign of God's kingdom. Jesus turns water into wine, the fruit of the wine and work of human hands that brings joy to our hearts. Jesus' ministry begins with an act of joy and delight, a sign of God's desire for our relationship with Him. (*Sourcebook*)

Thanks to all who dropped by the rectory for the Open House on Sunday. It was an enjoyable afternoon with the living room and basement full with people at one point of the afternoon. All told there were 63 in attendance. A special thanks to all who helped prepare food and drink to enjoy and for all those who helped in any way. Knowing that winter can limit the mobility of some parishioners, it was suggested that a Spring/Summer date could be chosen in the future. I will certainly consider this option. Any reason for a party is good enough for me!

Thanks also to all who dropped off cards and gifts throughout the Christmas Season. I am grateful for your generosity and for your thoughtfulness. One of the recurring themes of the gifts I received was the gift of literature. Having acquired several new books, I now need to organize my schedule to make more reading time in this new year. Some years ago, when I was in South Western Manitoba at St. Antoninus in Deloraine, one of my parishioners commented on my collection of books, "Boy, Father, if you ever get a chance to read all those books, you'll be really smart! I continue to live in hope! (*Father Gerald*)

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 Communion Ministers are strongly urged to attend the workshop for their particular ministry.

Disaster Relief Contributions to Haiti through Development & Peace: D&P specializes in the hard, long-term process of reconstruction: working through local networks and respectfully letting stricken communities decide how best to rebuild. Immediately upon hearing the news of the disastrous earthquake which has devastated Haiti, the National Office of Development & Peace sent \$50,000 to *Caritas Haiti* (our partner already based and working in Haiti) to assist with relief efforts. Pope Benedict XVI has appealed for assistance to Haiti, calling for international generosity and solidarity toward our Haitian brothers and sisters who are suffering and in need. The Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops has issued a similar appeal. You can earmark your contribution to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti (or any other country or disaster around the world, of course). Special envelopes for this purpose are available in the office, or in the Narthex; they should be clearly marked with your preference, e.g. "**Haiti**" and placed in the collection basket at Mass or handed into the office. **Please make all cheques payable to Blessed John XXIII Parish.** The Parish issues income tax receipts, and ensures that Development and Peace directs your contribution to the area(s) you choose.

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; Jeannie 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: At the wedding in Cana, Jesus turned what would have been an embarrassing situation for the bride and groom into a glorious event. The servants trusted Jesus and did as He told them. Through our Lord, a miracle took place – transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary! Good stewards know that when they trust in God, and step out of their comfort zones, their ordinary gifts can be transformed for extraordinary purposes. (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

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.

CWL General Meeting, January 25, 2010, Mass at 7:00 pm followed by meeting, here at our parish. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Rados who will speak to us about the timely subject of Euthanasia. Please come and bring a friend to listen to Dr. Rados and fellowship with our sisters in the League.

NEEDED – A VOLUNTEER to contact the leaders of Blessed John XXIII groups, to disseminate **Fire Safety Plans** to those groups. Your partner from St. Chad's has 23 years experience in fire fighting and prevention, so you will have help! Info on this Fire Safety Plan is available by contacting a parish representative on the ACC Board; Paul Maley; Claude Precourt; Michael Rennie; Susan Polz.

Serra Club of Winnipeg Archbishop's Burse Dinner in support of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, Centro Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Ave. (West off Waverley), **Friday, February 5, 2010.** Tickets \$75 per person. Contact Bob McGregor (888-3902) or Gary McCallum (889-6546 home; 832-7206 office).

St. Paul's College Alumni & Friends Association is holding its 19th Annual Dinner on **Saturday, January 23** at Centro Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Ave. Students \$40, Regular \$80. Call 474-8582 for tickets.

Rummage Sale: Our next sale will be on **February 12, 2010, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**, in the gym. We will now gladly accept articles for sale and thank you for your cooperation over the past few weeks in not bringing rummage to the Centre due to the lack of storage space.

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Macaroni & Cheese Dinners.

Justice, Development, and Peace Reflection: *Global Solidarity* – “We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions and requires us to eradicate racism and address the extreme poverty and disease plaguing so much of the world. Solidarity also includes the Scriptural call to welcome the stranger among us – including immigrants seeking work, a safe home, education for their children, and a decent life for their families.” [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States]

Digging for Gold in the Gospel of Mark with Dr. Mary Healy of Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, on **February 5, 6 and 7** at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, 85 Kirkbridge. Weekend will include teachings, a breakfast testimony, Mass and Healing Service. For more info, contact Catholic Renewal Services 895-7544 or ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com

St. Chad’s Parishioners invite you to their *Chili Cook-Off and Dinner* on **February 5** at 6:00 p.m. here at the Centre. Live music (2or3 Band), door prizes, Chili Cook-Off and Dinner. Tickets are \$5 per person, children 8 and under are free. Tickets available from the office.