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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 14, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS – FEBRUARY 13 – 21, 2010

5:00 pm Saturday (13th)	Special Intention req. Jeanne Dufresne
9:00 am Sunday (14th)	†Pauline Gorski req. Czarnecki Family
1:00 pm Sunday (14th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th
9:15 am Tuesday (16 th)	Health of Olinyk Family req. Charlie & Lois Olinyk
9:15 am Wednesday (17 th)	Special Int. Verna Fowler req. Charlie & Lois Olinyk
	Distribution of Ashes
9:15 am Thursday (18 th)	†Susan Csizmadia req. Connie & Steve Csizmadia
5:30 pm Thursday (18th)	†Cordelia Sibrian req. Charlie & Margaret Houston
<u>2:00 pm Thursday (18th)</u>	<u>Monthly Mass at Heritage Lodge</u>
9:15 am Friday (19 th)	†Fernando Bettencourt req. Maria Bettencourt
5:30 pm Friday (19th)	†Cordelia Sibrian req. Audrey, Wayne, & Jodie Kelly
5:00 pm Saturday (20th)	†Carl Durban req. Cheryl Chartrand & Family
9:00 am Sunday (21st)	†Cordelia Sibrian req. Kitty Piper
1:00 pm Sunday (21st)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions

What's Happening This Week

Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service with distribution of Ashes:	February 17	7:00 pm	Worship Area
A.C.C. Board Meeting	February 18	7:00 pm	Room 10
Stations of the Cross following the 5:30 pm Mass	February 19		Worship Area
Liturgy of the Word Workshop	February 20	1 - 3 pm	Worship Area

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Lent is the season of grace and conversion, of penance and reconciliation, of renewal of our baptismal promises. Lent is marked with seriousness, consciousness of the poorest of the poor, attention to prayer and liturgy, attentive listening to the word of God, and “with the gladness of spiritual desire await holy Easter”(Rule of Saint Benedict, 49).

Lent originated as days of preparation for the Easter initiation of catechumens. The Second Vatican Council restored this baptismal character and the central importance of the catechumenate to the season, along with a call for penitential practices on the part of those to be baptized.

Even if there are no catechumens, the whole community is called to return to its Baptism and to renew its Profession of Faith and commitment at the Easter Vigil. The baptismal character of Lent is one reason why it is inappropriate to empty the font of holy water during this season. During Lent, the environment is pared down. We fast from decorations and flowers and lively music, but the primary signs and symbols remain in place: altar and ambo (lectern), cross and font, water and oil, incense and candlelight, bread and wine. None of these are removed. Even during Lent, the font and holy water continue to mark our comings and our goings – babies get baptized, the deceased are sprinkled, and Catholics bless themselves with the Sign of the Cross.

Lent is marked by two linked themes, the baptismal and the penitential. It is a time of purification and enlightenment for the elect, and a time for the local community to join them in a spirit of repentance and conversion. The already baptized, even if they don't remember their Baptism, can renew the baptismal promises they or their parents made for them. This season shakes us out of our baptismal complacency to remember our ongoing conversion journey, the already and the not yet. (*Sourcebook*)

The Season of Lent starts **Ash Wednesday, February 17**. Distribution of Ashes will take place at both liturgies scheduled that day; the 9:15 morning Mass and the Ecumenical Service with our brothers and sisters of St. Chad's Parish at 7:00 pm. Throughout Lent I will offer an additional Mass, Tuesday through Friday, at 5:30 pm. Hopefully this will allow people who are unable to attend the morning Masses an opportunity to draw closer to God throughout this penitential season. Following the Friday evening Mass, we will have Stations of the Cross.

Liturgical Renewal: There will be a bulletin insert offered next week, the first Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010 for the First Stage of the Renewal: *From Gathering Rites to Introductory Rites*. I will be offering some catechesis at the liturgies as we incorporate these components into the liturgy. I ask for your patience as we do so and invite you to pray for our community as we look at the liturgy and how we worship. I will take a few moments prior to the liturgy to address anything new we will be doing. In addition I will also take some time at the beginning of the homily as well. The basis for the Liturgical Renewal in the Archdiocese is the GIRM (General Instruction on the Roman Missal). This was published in 2002. The next workshop for the Liturgical Renewal (Liturgy of the Word) will be **Saturday, February 20, 2010** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the worship area. All are welcome to attend. (*Father Gerald*)

Stewardship Reflection: *Trust* is foundational to any relationship! This should be no different with our relationship with God. Yet, in our society today we enjoy such abundance and security that we may occasionally slip into trusting only in ourselves. When we put our trust in **at-risk** things like our jobs and wealth, and not in God, we are subject to anxious worries and fears. Woe to the person who

does not acknowledge that every good thing they enjoy is a gift from God. Blessed are those who place their hope and trust in the Lord! (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

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; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Luhowy;

Development & Peace Lifestyle Awareness Calendar: These are enclosed with your bulletins this weekend. You will notice there is a suggested donation for each day throughout Lent. With activities and reflections to inspire your generosity, this calendar helps your family reflect on the gifts you enjoy thanks to God's grace. Show your gratitude for the many gifts you and your family enjoy thanks to God's love by giving generously this Lent to *Development & Peace* to enable them to help people in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. The **Share Lent** collection will take place on Solidarity Sunday, the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 21, 2010.

2010 Respect Life Week: *Life's Vision* Special Collection envelopes are included in your bulletins this weekend as well as an informational pamphlet outlining the results of a survey conducted in Canada last Fall regarding attitudes towards abortion. Cheques to help the work of League For Life Manitoba may be made payable to **Blessed John XXIII Parish**, marked **Respect Life**. The parish will forward all donations received to League for Life Manitoba and will issue the income tax receipts at year-end.

The St. James Knights of Columbus are pleased to sponsor a presentation on the topic of Prostrate Cancer presented by Mr. Norm Oman. The event takes place here at Blessed John XIII Parish on Monday, March 8 at 7:30 pm. ALL are welcome.

St. Charles Catholic School (Our School), 331 St. Charles Street:

- (1) There will be another Open House for Kindergarten - Grade 8, at the school on **Thursday, February 25**. Drop by between 1:00 and 3:00 pm for information and a tour of the school.
- (2) Explore Music with Your Child: Suzuki Early Childhood Education Classes at St. Charles Catholic School. Join us on **Tuesday, March 2** at 7:00 pm for a discussion of the benefits of music in early childhood.

For more information on either of these events, please call 837-1520.

Attention CWL Members: The General Meeting will be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church on **Monday, February 22** with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by the meeting and ending with a Social Evening. Come and bring a friend to get to know all your sisters in the League from our four parishes. Hope to see you there!

Justice, Development and Peace Reflection: *Preferential Option for the Poor* (3). Pope Benedict XVI has taught that “love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to [the Church] as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel” (*Deus Caritas Est*, §22). This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond – unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, and victims of injustice and oppression (ibid, §50-51). [*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*]

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Cereal or Peanut Butter

Archbishop Weisgerber to receive Caritas Award: The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba will be presenting the Annual Caritas Award to Most Reverend James Weisgerber, Archbishop of Winnipeg, at the Annual Caritas Award Dinner on **Thursday, April 15** at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Tickets may be ordered from the Catholic Foundation of Manitoba, phone (204) 233-4268 or e-mail: cfmb@mts.net. We also have a few available through the parish office.

From St. Benedict’s Retreat & Conference Centre, 225 Masters Ave.

1. Single Women – have you considered a monastic vocation? St. Benedict’s is welcoming women between the ages of 25 and 50 to a weekend at the monastery where you will pray, eat, work and socialize with the Benedictine sisters and become acquainted with the monastic way of life as a vocation. If you are interested in this opportunity on February 19 - 21, please contact Sister Mary Coswin, OSB at 338-4601 or email mcoswin@mts.net. There is no charge, donations only.
2. Mornings in Monastic Spirituality, Saturday, February 21, 9:00 - 11:30 am, topic: Joan Chittister and Benedictine Spirituality, led by Hilda, OSB
3. Lenten Series: The Power of Forgiveness, four Tuesdays beginning February 23, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, led by Irene, OSB
4. Glimpses in the Beyond: Dreams and Visions of the Dying and Grieving, Saturday, February 27, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, led by Dr. Marianne Johnson.

Call 339-1705 to register or go online for details at www.stbens.ca – Pre-registration required.

Congratulations to Glen Dainard and Heather Cruickshanks of our parish who were joined in Holy Matrimony on January 30th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, by Msgr. Comeault.