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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 25, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 24 - MAY 2, 2010

5:00 pm Saturday (24th)	+Joseph Melnyk req. Betty Melnyk and Family
9:00 am Sunday (25th)	+Steve Murowski req. St. James Knights of Columbus
1:00 pm Sunday (25th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 26TH
9:15 am Tuesday (27 th)	+Helen McMullin req. Herb, Sandra & Shannon McMullin
<u>1:00 pm Tuesday (27th)</u>	<u>Monthly Mass at Sturgeon Creek Phase I</u>
9:15 am Wednesday (28 th)	+Marguerite McDowell req. Ed Langevin & Family
9:15 am Thursday (29 th)	+Lew Dahl & +Eileen Natrass req. George & Sheena Brown
9:15 am Friday (30 th)	+Verna Fowler req. Charlie & Lois Olinyk
5:00 pm Saturday (1st)	+Deceased Family Members req. John & Colette Mozol
9:00 am Sunday (2nd)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
1:00 pm Sunday (2nd)	Special Intention Christopher Olinyk req. Charlie & Lois Olinyk

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Catechism Sunday April 25 Following 1:00 pm Mass	Hall & Classrooms
Scripture Study	Tuesday, April 27
10:00 am	Room 10
First Communion Preparation Class	Saturday, May 1
9-10:00 am	Worship Area
Liturgy Workshop "Dismissal Rite"	Saturday, May 1
2:00-3:00 pm	Worship Area

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(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead His people through His Bishops, priests, and deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people throughout the year. The whole Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. The first step is to live in a full Christian manner. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love and reverence contribute greatly to this work. Spiritually active parishes, where people take a full part, help to promote vocations. (*Liturgical Calendar Ordo*)

Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading: Paul and Barnabas' pastoral and missionary visit to Antioch was an occasion for the encouragement of the faith of the Jewish converts and an opening up of the life of faith to the Gentiles. In some sense, every effort of evangelization contains both an opportunity to encourage the faith life of those who already believe and to welcome new members into the community of faith.

Second Reading: John's vision of the heavenly community of salvation underscores the universal, liturgical, and ministerial dimensions of the Church on earth. John's vision reminds us that the Church on earth welcomes all who believe, worships the Lord in spirit and truth, and serves the Lord, not as isolated individuals, but as a reconciled community of faith.

Gospel: Jesus links the guarantee of the salvation of His sheep to His unity with the Father. As His sheep listen to His voice and follow Him, any attempt to wrestle the sheep away from Him will be thwarted by the power of God. To hear the voice of Jesus is to dwell in communion with the living God. God's gift of salvation embraces us within the sheepfold of His beloved Son, the Church. (*Sourcebook*)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: Low-Gluten Hosts: Recently, we received a shipment of low-gluten hosts from the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri. These hosts have been approved for use by the Conference of Bishops in the United States (USCCB). Made of starch and water, the gluten content of these breads is .01%. According to the magazine, **Gluten-Free Living**, vol.9, No.1a, experts from the Center of Celiac Research at the University of Maryland call the hosts "perfectly safe", stating "you would have to eat 270 wafers every day to reach the danger point." For those who have a gluten intolerance or have Celiac disease, we will do our best to accommodate you at our liturgies. Please identify yourself to the sacristan prior to the liturgy each week so that a low-gluten host will be prepared for you. Please let the sacristan know on which side of the Church you will be sitting so that the Communion Ministers will be able to attend to you. (*Fr. Gerald*)

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; Adelle Farkas; Shirley Payment; Jean Foley; Jack Krassie; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Luhowy; Judy Horn; Karen Cruickshanks; Geraldine Turner; Jack Egan; Mike Falavena; John Mozol
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mildred Koropecski who passed away last week. She was the aunt of Lois Olinyk of our parish.

Immaculate Conception Drop-in Centre: Our parish-sponsored dinner on Sunday, April 18 at the drop-in centre was a great success. Thank you to everyone who cooked the casseroles served to the poor of our city who frequent the drop-in centre. We were able to feed 350 people, men women and children, with a hot nutritious meal which was very much appreciated. *(Cindy Allard, Coordinator)*

Pre-authorized Debit (PAD): Parishioners who support the parish by PAD contributions and wish to change the amount of their contribution, the form is available in the office.

Mothers' Day Card Sale: The Parish Justice, Development & Peace Committee is offering the beautiful cards specially designed for the three-year Grandmothers Campaign just completed. Designs include the African Madonna, and the grandmother with grandchild; they are blank inside. The cards will be offered in the Narthex the two weekends before Mothers' Day (April 24 & 25 and May 1 & 2) and will be available during the week in the Office. All proceeds to the Development Education fund.

St. James-Assiniboia Council Catholic Women's League will hold its monthly meeting at St. Charles Parish on **Monday, April 26** with Mass at 7:00 pm (as this is her feast day, the Mass will be in honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel). Following Mass we will have a meeting and a guest will give a Tai Chi presentation. Come and bring a friend to learn about a new way of fitness. Hope to see all of you there!

Stewardship Reflection: Today is *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Our individual vocations, married, single, religious life, or the priesthood, are all a gift, and essentially a call to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus sent the disciples out to be a joyful presence in a troubled world. We are sent in the same way. How are you joyfully and generously being a steward of the vocation God has given you? Today's Gospel gives us confidence as we faithfully live out our vocations. *(Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca)*

Rummage Sale: Our sale on Friday, April 16 raised a total of **\$573.03**. Thank you to everyone who worked in the morning for set-up and in the evening during the sale. Thank you also to everyone who donated articles for sale. We are gratefully receiving any saleable items, especially **Jewellery** which is always very popular. Our next sale will be on **May 14** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Assiniboia Christian Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 pm in Room 10. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend.

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Disposable Diapers or Feminine Hygiene Products.

St. Charles Catholic School has had the opportunity to host four Grade 8 students from Mexico this year. If you are interested in accommodating a student from Mexico for the upcoming 2010/2011 school year, please contact Lorne or Adriana Zagrodnik at 889-7522. Families would be paid \$575 per month for their support. Through your help, the school would have a more diversified student body at the middle years level and it's a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet some new friends from Mexico, experience a different culture, practice another language and gain a more global perspective.

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Learning Ignatian Prayer: A six-week retreat program with Fr. Richard Soo, sj, starting May 4 from 7-8:30 pm and every Tuesday thereafter until June 15 at St. Ignatius Church. For more information, call 453-9243 or e-mail education.center@stignatiusparish.ca

Our Place/Chez Nous is having an Open House on **Saturday, May 8** at 676 Main Street between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Parking is available in the lot next door - free! We'd love to show you "Our Place" and what we are able to offer those who are truly in very difficult circumstances. "Come and See!"

St. Mary's Academy Foundation 2010 Marian Awards: Recipients Dr. Christine Butterill, Dean of Studies, St. Paul's College, and the Honourable Retired Judge Susan Devine, will be honoured at the Sixth Annual Marian Awards on **Saturday, May 8** at the Manitoba Club, 194 Broadway. Mimosa reception at 10:30 am, brunch to follow promptly at 11:00 am. Tickets \$55.00 each or tables of 8 for \$400.00. Contact Andrea Cibinel, Alumnae Office, St. Mary's Academy, phone 478-6031 or e-mail her at acibinel@stmarysacademy.mb.ca

March for Life: The annual *March for Life*, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place in Winnipeg and across Canada on **Thursday, May 13**. This peaceful walk takes place to promote LIFE at all stages from conception to natural death. Gather at The Forks, between the Johnson Terminal and The Forks Market Building at 5:30 pm as the walk will leave The Forks at 6:00 pm sharp and proceed down Broadway to the Legislative Grounds where there will be a short presentation.