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Morning Masses: Monday-Saturday 9:15 am	Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm	
Rosary: Prior to Morning Masses – 9:00 am	Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm	
Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Marriage, and Sacrament of the Sick: Call Fr. Gerald.		

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 5, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS – FEBRUARY 4 – 12, 2012

5:00 pm Saturday (4th)	+Chris & +Stan Zaharia req. Connie & Steve Csizmadia
9:00 am Sunday (5th)	Spec. Int. Al & Ann McMurdie req. The Rennie Family
1:00 pm Sunday (5th)	For all our parishioners' intentions
9:15 am Monday (6 th)	Special Intention requested by Max & Monique Armstrong
9:15 am Tuesday (7 th)	+Lucienne Gobeil req. Rose Aimée Blouin
9:15 am Wednesday (8 th)	+Bill Ramsay req. Estelle Boissonneault
9:15 am Thursday (9 th)	+Bill Ramsay req. Bill & Irene O'Byrne
9:15 am Friday (10 th)	+Olga Goytan req. St. James Knights of Columbus
<u>10:45 am Friday (10th)</u>	<u>Monthly Mass at Sturgeon Creek II</u>
9:15 am Saturday (11 th)	+Antonio Lamothe req. Anne Lamothe
5:00 pm Saturday (11th)	In Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes req. Jose Barrera
9:00 am Sunday (12th)	+Joseph Downey req. Margaret Downey
1:00 pm Sunday (12th)	For all our parishioners' intentions

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Today's Readings: **First Reading:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Focus: *God calls us to the prophetic work of sharing the gospel message.*

By our Baptism we all join Christ in the roles of priest, prophet and king. The prophetic role can be particularly challenging, as opportunities to share the gospel message in word or example are constant. This is a fundamental requirement of our baptismal calling, however, so we must undertake it, even when it is inconvenient or tedious.

Liturgy of the Word: In today's First Reading, Job compares his life to someone in forced service, as he tells of the sufferings and hardships of his life. In the Second Reading, Paul tells the Corinthians that preaching is his purpose; he must do it. In the Gospel, Jesus heals Peter's moth-in-law and many others who were ill or possessed. He moves on, to preach and heal throughout all of Galilee.
(Faith Catholic)

In this weekend's bulletin there is a letter from Archbishop V. James Weisgerber regarding the beauty and dignity of human life and the importance of the family. Everyone is urged to take the time to read the letter which comes from our own Archbishop, Archbishop Lawrence Huculak, Metropolitan of Catholic Ukrainians in Canada, and Archbishop Albert LeGatt of St. Boniface. This week, February 5-12 is **Respect Life Week**. This year's focus is on palliative care in the midst of the ongoing threat of euthanasia. Donation envelopes and an educational pamphlet are included with this bulletin. Cheques can be made payable to Life's Vision and sent directly to them in the envelope provided, or made payable to the parish and we will forward the donation on your behalf.

Countdown to Lent: Ash Wednesday is coming! Lent begins on February 22. Perhaps it is one of the signs of the times that we live in, a time filled with all sorts of demands on personal time and activities, or perhaps it is just the human condition, but for whatever reason, we often seem unprepared when Ash Wednesday is suddenly upon us! As the commercial world rushes right into the chocolate bunnies and colourful eggs, we need a more fitting way to herald Christianity's primary feast - the Great Feast of Easter.

Lent is a very personal journey along a path of spiritual growth. When we are marked with ashes on Ash Wednesday we are showing our desire to take on a life of penance for the sake of the Gospel and in imitation of Christ's time of prayer in the desert. Lent should be a time of conversion, a chance to examine our lives through prayer, fasting, and charity, and to conform ourselves to the life of Christ. Why not take this time prior to Ash Wednesday to reflect upon what Lenten practices you will adopt this year: fasting and abstinence; almsgiving; prayer; scripture/inspirational reading; works of mercy – if you participate in some of these practices, you will have a much clearer vision of the Risen Christ come Easter.

Rummage Sale: Our next sale is **Friday, February 10th** from 5:00-7:30 pm. Workers will be needed in the morning for set-up and in the evening during the sale. We are accepting donations of saleable items, especially jewellery, for the upcoming sale. If you are getting a head start on your spring cleaning, please keep the Centre in mind and donate unwanted items to our Rummage Sale. Please remember we do not accept computers, monitors, TVs and large pieces of household furniture. Thanks for your generosity.

Please keep in your prayers those who are in need of healing and comfort: Sheila Everaert; Lloyd Moist; Jean Foley; Ron Chisholm; Geraldine Turner; Shirley Payment; Aline Herner; Madeleine Dusessoy; Stella & Bob James; Louis Gollets; Anne Lamothe; Angela Kalichak; Eugene Perras; Peter Corcoran; Joan Legault; Karen Kirkpatrick; Allan Egan; Karen Ntwanga; Joan Nevins; Walter Hoshowski; Dolores Mulaire; Helene Chabot; Pauline Burtnyk; Stella Sobiech; Dick Thomson; Charlie Olinyk; Pat Fay; Msgr. Norman Chartrand; Tania Pacholok; Judy Aucoin; Patrick Careen; Deborah Lane; Josefina Olea; John Gayot; Soledad Saria; Oscar Marx; Don Zaharia; Bonnie Irish; Ron Hutsal; Sylvia McPherson; Donna Salamacha; Mary Bernard; Lydia Watson; Ted Pratt; Dan & Richard Carbotte.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Manuel Estrela who passed away in Portugal on Monday, January 30th. He was the brother of Maria Pereira and brother-in-law of Manuel Pereira of our parish.

Paul Kraemer father of Jeffrey (Silvana) Kraemer of our parish, and Jamie (Teresa) Kraemer, formerly of our parish.

Our condolences to these families mourning the loss of their loved ones. *May they rest in peace.*

We need a few volunteers to help with the cleaning of the Sacristy, the Narthex and the main Worship Area. Usually volunteers work in teams of two and are scheduled on a rotational basis a couple of times a year. If interested, please call Kitty in the Office (832-7175) and leave your name. You will be called and training will be provided.

St Charles Lady's Association Retreat: You are all invited to the annual St Charles Lady's Association Retreat to be held **Saturday, February 11** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St Charles Church Hall, 320 St Charles St. The topic we will be exploring is "Lady of Lourdes: Healing". As it happens, February 11 is her feast day. Our facilitator will be Fr John Kracher. Doors will be open by 8:30 a.m. so come early for coffee with friends. Lunch and snacks will be provided. If you have dietary concerns, please express these when registering. We suggest you bring a pillow to sit on (the pews can be quite hard after a while) and bring a friend too! The church and hall are wheelchair friendly. Please let us know of any special needs when registering so we can be prepared. The cost is \$20 (which includes lunch and snacks). Prepayment is preferred. Cheques (payable to St Charles Lady's Association) can be mailed to Florence Weber, 44 South Lake Drive, Winnipeg, MB, R3K 1T6 (please don't mail cash). Alternate payment arrangements can be made, just talk to Rita at 864-2137. To register call Rita at 864-2137... leave a message, she will call you back, (pre-registration is preferred).

Mark your calendars: St. Chad's parishioners invite you to join them for their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 21 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Cost: \$5 each or \$15 for family. Children under 10, free. Tickets are available from the Parish Office during the week.

Human Trafficking Hurts Everyone: The Associates of Missionary Oblate Sisters are hosting a Fundraising Luncheon on Saturday March 10, 2012 between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm at St. Martyrs Canadiens Hall, 289 Dussault Ave. Guest speaker is Karlee Sapoznik. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available from the parish office or by calling Carol at 489-1763. All proceeds will go to Alliance Against Modern Slavery.

Winnipeg Harvest Food Appeal: Your generous choice; please check list on the Harvest Bin.

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1001 Grant Ave. invites you to their St. Valentine Dance on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 in their auditorium, from 12 noon to 3:30 pm. Old-Time Music will be provided by the band, *Pride & Joy*. \$7.00 per person, includes lunch.

St. Benedict's Retreat & Conference Centre:

Season of Hope is the theme of the February Mid-Week Retreat Day, Wednesday, February 8, from 9:30 - 3:00 p.m. Led by Sister Marie Baker. Enjoy some time for yourself, some conversation and reflection and lunch. \$35 for the day.

Are you making decisions? Need to discern something important? 'I'd Say Yes, God, if I Knew What You Wanted' is a workshop meant for you. Dr. Nancy Reeves will present examples and practical ways to discern God's will and dream for your life and your community. Workshop dates are Friday, February 17, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, February 18, 9:30-4:00 p.m.

Intensive Journal Workshop Part 1, February 17-18; **Part 2**, February 19-20. Take one or both. The Progoff Intensive Journal is a means to promote self-discovery and personal growth. Enhance your relationships and help clarify priorities.

For information or to register contact St. Benedict's Retreat & Conference Centre, 225 Masters Ave., (204) 339-1705 or go to the website at: www.stbens.ca

St. Benedict's Place has suites for independent senior. Our location is beautiful and safe with opportunity for Eucharist during the week and on the weekend, housekeeping and more. All inclusive rentals cost \$1425. For a tour and more information, call Sister Marie Baker, OSB at 338-4602.