

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Christmas & New Year's Schedule 2018 – 2019

Christmas Eve: St. André Parish – 7:00 pm (Fr. Mo)

Notre Dame Parish: 7:00 & 9:30 pm

Christmas Day: Notre Dame Parish – 11:00 am

New Year's Eve: St. André Parish – 7:00 pm

New Year's Day: Notre Dame Parish – 11:00 am

Advent Retreat

Friday, December 21st at Notre Dame Church

7:00 – 8:30 pm

By Father Frederick Akah, MSP

“Jesus Christ: The Righteous Sun”

Christmas Office Hours

The parish office will be closed from Sat. December 22nd, 2018, until Wed. January 2nd, 2019.

RCIC - Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

If you have a child in grade 3 or older who has never been baptized, and you want your child to be baptized and receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, please call the parish office to make arrangements to attend RCIC classes. These will take place from Jan. to April, after school once a week.

Confirmation date this year is Sat. May 11th, 2019.

For more information, call the office at 445-3836.

Deadline for registration is Dec. 21st, 2018.

Advent Food Drive

Once again, we are asking for your assistance with our Advent Food Drive. Cash and any item you wish to donate are always appreciated. Please place your donation in the barrel at the back of the church.

Week four: Dec. 23 - 29

Suggestions: Spices, crackers, both soda and snack style, chocolates and Christmas treats, diapers of all sizes, socks for all ages, feminine products, toilet paper, tooth paste, tooth brushes, bar soap, *or any other item you wish to donate.*

Baptism Prep Class

The next class for Baptism Preparation will be on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at St. Bernadette Hall. Please register at the office.

Meetings

K of C: Wed. Dec. 19th @ 8:00 pm St. André

Important Information from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Canada legalized euthanasia on June 17, 2016. A little more than two years after giving doctors the legal right to kill their patients, the Canadian government is debating the extension of euthanasia to children!

In September 2018, the Hospital for Sick Children published in a journal article that they are not only willing to do child euthanasia, but that their proposed policy states that a child could die by euthanasia without the consent of the parents. In the article, the hospital also contended that there was no difference between killing and letting a patient die.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition opposes euthanasia and assisted suicide and we are concerned that Canada may decide to extend euthanasia to children.

Please sign our petition to the Hon. Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and the Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, opposing the extension of euthanasia to children.

We will be showing the film “Fatal Flaws”, a thought-provoking journey through Europe and North America to ask one of the most fundamental, philosophical questions of our time: should we be giving doctors the right in law to end the life of others by euthanasia or assisted suicide? Filmmaker Kevin Dunn uses powerful testimonies and expert opinion from both sides of the issue to uncover how these highly disputed laws affect society over time.

This film will be shown in **St. Bernadette Hall on Sunday, January 13th, 2019, at 2:00 pm.**

Everyone is urged to attend.

JPII staff and students invite our parish members to our JPII Advent School Mass on Wednesday, December 19th at 10:30 am in the School Gym.

Our Grade 8 classes are doing ministries. Merry Christmas from all the students and staff at John Paul II Collegiate.



Sat. Dec. 15th 7:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people, and for the intentions of Sadie Nagy by Kelly Hughes.

Sun. Dec. 16th 9:30 am St. André
For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame
For ✠ Joseph & Christine Baart by Brian and Sheila Miller.

5:00 pm Notre Dame
For Tracy George and family by Damien Pielak.

Mon. Dec. 17th 6:00 pm Notre Dame
For special intentions of Therese Bossaer.

Tues. Dec. 18th 10:30 am Villa
For special intentions of Terry Weber by Dwayne Varga.

Wed. Dec. 19th 9:30 am Notre Dame
Notre Dame School Mass
For ✠ Marge Baillargeon by Lionel and family.
Adoration from 10 – 5 pm

Thurs. Dec. 20th 10:00 am Harwood
For ✠ Nick Nykiforuk by Mary and family.

Fri. Dec. 21st 9:30 am St. André
For ✠ Arnold and Monnie Gantefoer by Glen and family.

Sat. Dec. 22nd 7:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people, and for the intentions of the Knights of Columbus Council 2094.

Sun. Dec. 23rd 9:30 am St. André
For ✠ Jean Bellavance by Gil and family.

11:00 am Notre Dame
For special intentions of Doreen Dudek by COGD.

5:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people.

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

“What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?”

October 14 – December 31, 2018

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Diocesan Goal: \$425,000.00

“What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?”

We are just days away from the end of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of Dec. 12th, 2018, parishioners have pledged \$343,676.15 towards the goal of \$425,000 for the Diocese of Prince Albert. If you have already sent in your pledge for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you haven't done so yet and are planning to do so, the Appeal Office would like to have all pledges received before December 31, 2018. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, additional pledge cards are available from your Parish Office. Please continue to pray for the success of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. For further information contact Andrea Langlois, Director of the Bishop's Annual Appeal at **306-922-4747 ext. 234**, baadirector@padiocese.ca or Louis Hradecki, Data Administrator of the Bishop's Annual Appeal at **306-922-4747 ext. 233**, bishopsappeal@padiocese.ca.

Donations to date: 40 pledges

Total: \$10,005.00 PARISH GOAL: \$16,995.00

World Youth Day @Home

As part of our Diocesan response to the Synod on Youth in Rome on “Young people, the Faith and Vocational Discernment”, this is one of two events planned for our diocesan young adults and youth for 2019. World Youth Day is in Panama this coming year from January 22nd to 27th, 2019. This “WYD@home” event is our opportunity to join those in Panama in Spirit and Prayer. The event promises to be an action-packed day of fun, faith and discernment. The day will feature guest speaker **Mike Landry** from Edmonton, the N.E.T. team, as well as praise and worship music from some of our own talented youth. We will also be live streaming with Pope Francis and young adults from around the world in Panama! Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Albert. Supper is included. Sponsored by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. There is no charge for this event.

Saturday, January 26, 2019

A youth and young adult event is being held at St. Joseph Parish in Prince Albert from 2 – 9 pm.

For info go to @padiocese.ca or call the parish office at 445-3836.

MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE

	Sat. Dec. 15 7:00 pm	Sun. Dec. 16 11:00 am	Sun. Dec. 16 5:00 pm	Sat. Dec. 22 7:00 pm	Sun. Dec. 23 11:00 am	Sun. Dec. 23 5:00 pm
Captain	M. Rousseau 445-4367	Helen Kayfish 480-4650	Betty Znack 445-3108	M. Rousseau 445-4367	Helen Kayfish 480-4650	Betty Znack 445-3108
Greeters	A. Abonitella M. Rousseau	T. & S. Loeppky	Betty Znack & volunteer	A. Kzyzyk K. Coats	Y. Chaille P. Cook	B. Semeniuk & volunteer
Gift Bearers	A. Abonitella M. Rousseau	T. & S. Loeppky	Betty Znack & volunteer	A. Kzyzyk K. Coats	Y. Chaille P. Cook	B. Semeniuk & volunteer
Commentary Announcements	J. Quito	D. Romerde	R. Balfour	R. Smith	H. Blais	B. Znack
Proclaimers	C. Gonzales M. A. Tupil	P. Bingham M. Waschuk	G. Gantefoer B. Znack	J. Perrault H. Plaza	J. Mathew C. Kitzan	L. Wiegiers N. Bitner
Minister of Bread	P. Pielak	D. Dudek	L. Wiegiers	Deacon Gil	Deacon Gil	Deacon Gil
Ministers of Cup	M. & M. Peralta	H. Blais B. Nachtegaele C. Pollard J. Vany	B. Semeniuk B. Geering	D. & I. Alcantara	G. Rentz R. McDonald J. M. Pawlus B. Geering	R. Balfour G. Gantefoer
Altar servers	_____	Lucas, Vince & Mathews	_____	_____	Paul, Minh Lorenzo	_____
Ushers/ collection	volunteers	Marie & volunteers	volunteers	volunteers	Marie & volunteers	volunteers

**For Our Lady of Lourdes home visits,
please call 445-3836.**

Nov. 30th: Rose Kopp 446-2467
Jan. 2nd: Marie Mettlewsky 445-3233
Jan. 14th: Helen Kayfish 480-4650
Jan. 28th: Agnes Winterhalt 446-2467

**For prayer requests call: Prayer Line:
445-8338/ 441-4123**

Sunday's Collections:

Dec. 8th & 9th, 2018

Loose - \$347.70 Envelopes - \$1,060.00

Pre-authorized \$230.00

Thank you for your generosity

Enumerators for Dec. 18th, 2018

Hélène Blais and Irene Bohun

Total collections to Aug. 31st, 2018 - \$77,910

Total collections budget for 2018 - \$118,000

Vocation Corner

A Vocation View: Have you ever asked: "What ought I do?" Simply, tell the Good News to people. Nothing else matters.

Prayer: For men and women called by the Lord to be messengers of salvation as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that Christ's peace will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Action: Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey. Evangelii Gaudium, "The Joy of the Gospel" (127)

**To pray for Vocations, please call the parish office
to have the Vocations Cross.**

Notre Dame Parish 2019 calendars and Sunday Missals

are available for \$5 at the back of the church.

Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish

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Facebook page: Notre Dame de Lourdes Battlefords; send photos to: notredame.nb@gmail.com



Dec. 15th & 16th, 2018

Pastor: Fr. Cuong Luong

***Confessions before mass or by
appointment. Call 445-3836.***

Parish Secretaries:

Rose Balfour & Rose McDonald

Caretaker: Craig Treiber

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 5:00

Parish Council Members:

Chairperson - Shaun Loeppky

Roseanne Smith, Charles Day, Hélène Blais,

Dianne Kufeldt, Helen Kayfish

Secretary - Rose Balfour

Parish Finance Members:

Chairperson - Chris Pollard

Arun Chacko, Jaki Esquirol, Peter Pielak,

Irene Rathke, John Jangula

Fundraising Chair: Debbie MacGregor

December 16, 2018 — Third Sunday of Advent

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete is the Latin word for “rejoice”*) this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth.



Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, ***“The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all....”*** Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: ***“In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”*** Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him *along with our thanks*. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to *live out* this thanks, making our lives a ***“Christmas gift”*** to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, ***“Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same.”*** He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them!

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Join the movement! Take action for justice by becoming a member of Development and Peace.

Development and Peace is offering free lifetime membership to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Please sign up using the postage paid card found in the entrance, or go to www.devp.org for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS & ADDRESS CHANGE

(Please complete this form and place in the collection basket)

Name:

Address:.....

Postal code:.....Phone:.....

I/We wish to have Church Offertory Envelopes:

Yes.....No.....

Auto Debit: Yes.....No.....

Email address:.....

Date:.....

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Mass Times for the Lake Area

Ste Rose de Lima, Cochin—9:00 am every Sunday

Holy Cross, Glaslyn-----11:00 am every Sunday

St. Charles, Moosomin-----1:00 pm every Sunday

St. Leon, Jackfish----7:00 pm every Saturday all year

Christ the King, Edam-----9:00 am every Sunday

Our Lady of Fatima, Meota----10:15 am every Sunday

St. Hippolyte, Vawn-----11:30 am every 2nd weekend

For [Our Lady of Lourdes](#) home visits, please call 445-3836.

When you have finished with the statue, please call the next person on the list or the office.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Our goal was \$18,114.00. As of Dec. 30, 2017 the Bishop's Annual Appeal has received 61 pledges in the amount of \$16,090.00.

We are still awaiting the final report.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
CHRISTIAN AND DALISAY LEGASPI
ON THE BAPTISM OF THEIR
DAUGHTER CHRISTABELLE, AND
CONGRATULATIONS TO EDGAR
AND MARY ANN MENDOZA ON THE
BAPTISM OF THEIR DAUGHTER
ELISHA. WELCOME TO OUR
CATHOLIC FAMILY.**

SERENA

Are you interested in Natural Family Planning?

If so, please visit the website at www.saskserena.ca, or see *The Coverline*, their news publication on the bulletin board at the back.

AUTO-DEBIT

Have you ever considered making your weekly church donations using auto-debit?

By doing this, you can eliminate writing cheques or looking for some cash when you make your donation. The donation is automatically transferred from your bank account to the church after your authorization. This can be set up at the Parish Office. For more information, forms are available in a pocket at the back of the church or you may contact the Parish Office 306-445-3836.

Lost and Found

If you are missing a **key**, please call the parish office, as one was left in the church a few weeks ago. Also, please check the entrance of the church for lost items.

TOONIE GROUP Guitar LESSONS

At St. Bernadette Hall

Beginners: Sundays @6:30 pm

Intermediate: Mondays, @ 6:30 pm

Advanced: Mondays, @ 7:45 pm

For information call Sister Rita @ 306 445-2805

Prayer Line: 445-8338/ 441-4123

RCIA and RCIC

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and they are wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, please have them call the parish office to register as soon as possible. RCIA classes for adults and older youth usually start in early fall, and RCIC for children begins in January.