

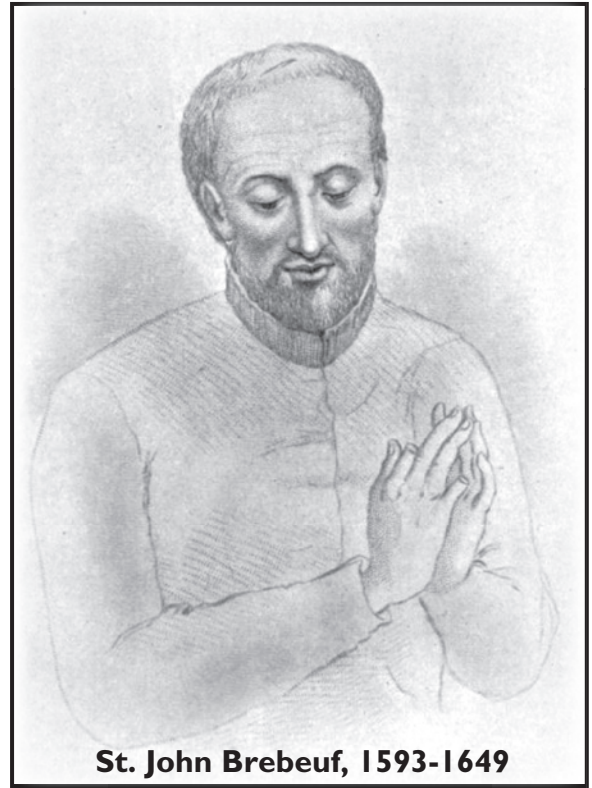


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St. John Brebeuf, 1593-1649

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses on the Lord's Day:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

(Sundays, September to May)

Grades 1-8: Weekly 10:40am in the school

SHARE THE WORD

(Sundays, September to May)

Ages 3-6: Weekly during the 9:30am Mass

PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Father Wayne Morrissey, Pastor ext 213
Father Kaleab Eman Abdella, Associate Pastor ext 264
Deacon Michael Thibert
Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate ext 217
Debbie Dusanek, Administrative Coordinator ext 210
Eddie Melo, Building Operations ext 220
Mira Salter, Finance Officer ext 211
Andie Kim, Finance Assistant ext 225

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm
Closed for Lunch 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Please note that office hours are subject to change

For admittance to the Church or the School Office during office hours, please use the intercom button located at the Renfrew School Entrance, the Courtyard or the Parking Lot door.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 to 4:30pm or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: At home or in the hospital. Please call the Parish Office.

Baptism of Infants: Usually celebrated with the Community on the Day of the Lord. We encourage parents to participate in the preparation process as early as possible. Please call the Parish Office.

Initiation of Adults/ Children: Please call Parish Office for more information.

Sacramental Preparation for School-aged Children: Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is provided through our Parish Community. Information is available through the parish office, on line or in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning to get married at St. John Brebeuf must contact Father Wayne (ext 213) at least six months in advance. Marriage preparation and Church attendance is expected and required.

Funerals: Please speak to Fr. Wayne **before** meeting with the Funeral Home.

Catholic Women's League: Meets at 12:30pm on the first Sunday of the month (October to May).

Knights of Columbus Council 1107: Meets at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month (September to June).

January 6/7, 2018: Epiphany of the Lord

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| Saturday, January 6 | Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord 5pm: +Jim Mahon |
| Sunday, January 7 | Epiphany of the Lord 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 11:30am: +Christopher Brock 12:30pm: C.W.L. Meeting |
| Monday, Jan. 8 | Feast: Baptism of the Lord No Mass 1:30pm: Lectio Divina |
| Tuesday, January 9 | Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Herman Dombroski 1:30pm: Portsmouth Residence Mass |
| Wed., January 10 | Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Deceased Stappard Family members 7:30pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting |
| Thursday, January 11 | Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Jim Gifford 10:15am: Boulton Bay Residence Mass |
| Friday, January 12 | Memorial: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +All Souls |
| Saturday, January 13 | Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: +Eva Holz |
| Sunday, January 14 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am: Missa Pro Populo 10:35am: Children's Catechism 11:30am: +Jackie Smith 12:30pm: Confirmation Session |

Baptism: Are you expecting a child or contemplating Baptism for your child? For further information, please contact Tom Bailey-Robertson in the Parish Office at (204) 488-4467 (Ext. 217).

Faith Formation: *Change of Meeting Date!*

The First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Meeting originally scheduled for November 21 at 7pm will now be held **Sunday, January 21, 12:30pm** in the Computer Lab (lower church level adjacent to the elevator). This meeting is for parents only.

RCIA: This is the time to deepen your relationship with God. If you are considering being baptized, becoming Catholic, or if you just want to learn more, consider joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact Tom at (204) 488-4467 ext. 217. Sessions are held Sundays from 10:30-11:30am.

St. John Brebeuf Parish Weekly Offerings:

December 23/24: \$14,930
December 24/25: \$8,412.25
December 30/31: \$6,394
December 31, 2017/January 1, 2018: \$11,21.25
Bonus for Brebeuf: \$19,315

Least Coin Collection:

December 23-25: \$1,619.13
December 30/31: \$384
December 31/January 1: \$105.75
2017 Total: \$22,644.61

2018 offertory envelopes are available for pick-up at the Lanark church entrance. Please advise the Parish Office of any errors, omissions, changes of addresses, etc.

From Father Wayne:

I'm happy to report that we exceeded our parish Archdiocesan Appeal goal in 2017. The exact amount of the overage was **\$3,325**. It will be refunded to us to apply to whatever purpose we choose. Thank you for your generous donations to Sharing God's Gifts. The money you give funds several pastoral initiatives undertaken by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and supports some administrative functions as well. By following the progress of the annual appeal, we have an opportunity to see the needs of our Church at the archdiocesan level, and all that is done there for the Catholic community.



~Father Wayne Morrissey

Knights of Columbus #1107: Our Knights are selling Sobeys cards in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations following weekend Masses. To donate your gift card to Winnipeg Harvest, indicate this when purchasing. A tax receipt will be issued. Gift cards can be used at Sobeys **and** Safeway stores! **Each dollar donated allows Harvest to leverage \$20 worth of food.** **Our 2017 total was: \$12,975.** Thank You!



Our Place/Chez Nous: Men's jeans (sizes 32 & 34), Large Mitts and heavy winter coats needed!



Let us Pray for our sick, homebound and those who need our prayers:

Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed (James 5:15)

Marie A., Jan B., Shelby Brekelmans, Marie M., Don Barnicki, Gisèle Bertalanffy, Stephanie Blair, David Bruneau, Cathy Burke, Kathleen Foster, Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Kay Hunt, J.D., Sr. Cathy Laviolette, Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur, William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Tiago Miranda, Eric Moscarella, Peter, Adeline Schmidt, Leonard Schmidt, Louise Soubry, Brenda T., Brian Woods, D. Woods

If someone in your family is ill and requests the prayers of the parish community, please contact the Parish Office. To have names published, we require permission requesting that their name be added or removed from the prayer list.



Visiting us today? **Welcome!** If you wish to join us, registration forms can be found on the main entrance bulletin boards or at www.sjbccommunity.ca. Please return completed form via offertory collection or forward to the Parish Office.

January 6/7, 2018: Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany of the Lord: *Isaiah 60.1-6, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2.1-12*

The most comfortable seat in the car belongs to the driver. All the buttons and switches are oriented to the driver. The driver's seat adjusts electronically in eight different directions. Most importantly, the driver picks the speed and direction of travel, moment to moment. On a whim, she can change the ride to match her level of nausea or her sense of adventure. If we imagine life as a journey, some of us like to picture ourselves behind the wheel. We can get away with this illusion of total control for the most part, but sometimes life throws a wrench in our plans and we're jolted back to reality. The road we thought was safe can crumble underneath our wheels. We can get thrown off course so easily; routes that seemed familiar can quickly detour us down the garden path. An oft-overlooked feeling or problem can suddenly flare up into a crisis. Maybe that nagging feeling of loneliness exacerbates into a full-blown depression after a sudden decline in health. Perhaps a past battle with addiction sneaks back into the forefront after the loss of a loved one. Life rapidly undoes our sense of self as the driver in unpredictable ways—like catching your sweater on a nail and having the whole thing unravel in an instant, what seemed like a little snag can ruin everything.

Did the prophet Isaiah have some sudden and complete disaster like this in mind when describing a thick darkness that will cover the earth and all people? We certainly have moments of personal tragedy that strike, but we also experience calamity on a larger scale, as a nation and a community, when we face war, economic uncertainty, natural disasters, and even political and cultural conflicts that stretch our moral fabric. It's easy to get swept up in the fear that accompanies crises of all kinds. As the Magi asked around Jerusalem for the Messiah, King Herod and the entire city grew frightened. The king obviously feared being usurped. The people feared the instability of a political crisis, and what the king might do to avoid one. When we find ourselves knocked out of the driver's seat, personally or as a community, it's hard not to feel afraid.

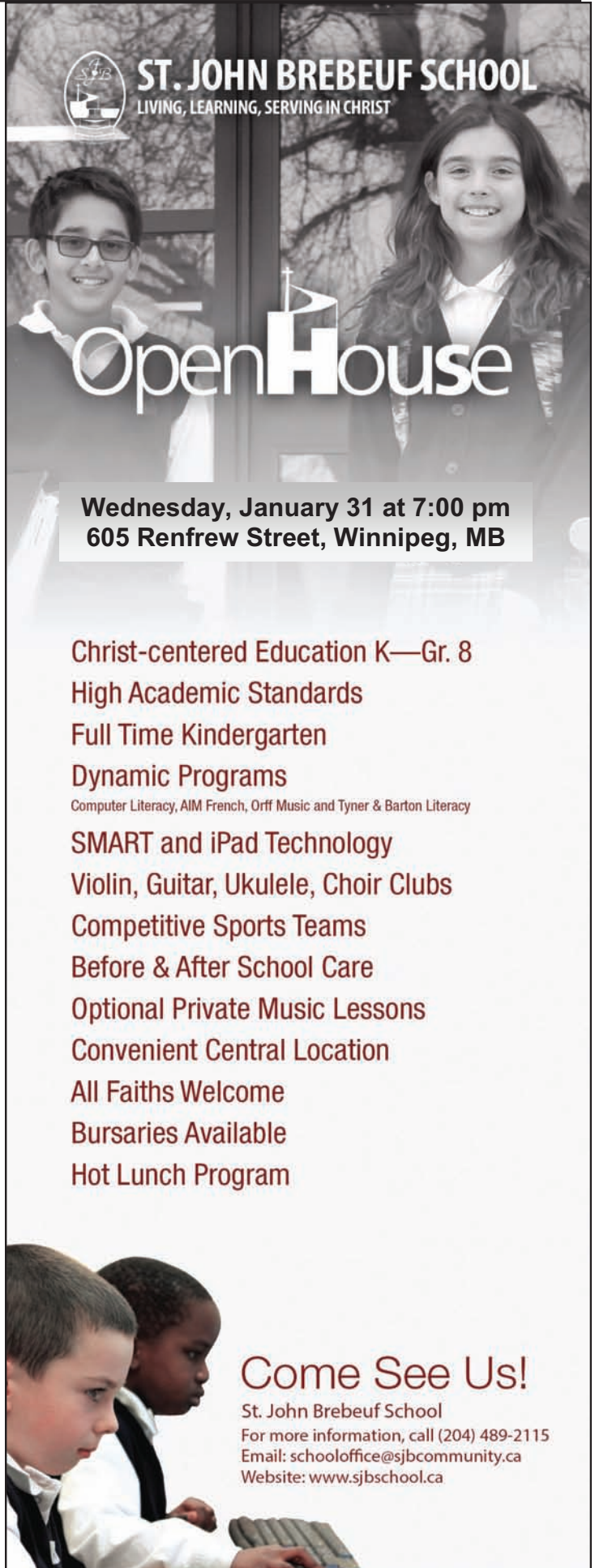
Christmas is the ultimate season of hopefulness in the midst of disaster. As the city began to panic, the Magi set out in search for the sign that had led them there—the star. It rose over them, just ahead as they set out once more. When we find ourselves overwhelmed by darkness, God raises our eyes to the light of the heavenly Kingdom. We dare to follow that light because God's reign casts aside the darkness of fear and leads us to hope anew in what lies ahead. We may not be driving, but we are being lead. The one who leads us has promised us a light that overcomes any darkness, even the total gloom of death. Whatever challenges we face this year, whatever shadows we're bringing with us from last year, God sets our eyes beyond the surface to the light of heaven breaking forth like the dawn every moment of our lives.

~Tom Bailey-Robertson, Pastoral Associate

MASS ETIQUETTE- 20 THINGS TO DO AND NOT DO IN MASS:

12. **Bow before receiving Holy Communion.** Since the Blessed Sacrament is God, please show your respect with a bow of the head. This is an ancient practice that has continued until this day.

Source: www.aggiecatholicblog.org



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