

St. Charles Parish

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Christmas



the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

Luke 2:10

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Nativity of the Lord

Sat 24 5:00 pm St Charles Parishioners
 24 8:00 pm St Charles Parishioners
 25 10:00 am St Charles Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Tues- 27- (No Masses)
 Fri 30

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sat 31 4:00 pm Health of Robert Kushner, -
 Mom, Cheryl & Jeff
 Sun 1 9:30 am † Mauro Cutrone, † Anna
 Cutrone, † Teresa Cutrone, -
 Pasqua Cutrone & Family
 Sun 1 11:30 am St Charles Parishioners

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. (Responsorial Psalm)

Good news and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. (Gospel Acclamation)

SUNDAY MISSALS 2016-2017 Living with Christ \$5.00 And Living Faith and Daily Catholic Devotions \$3.00 are available for purchase on the table at the entrance of the Church.

2016 CALENDARS have arrived, courtesy of Wojcik's Chapel. We thank Wojcik's!

2017 Church Offering Boxes

Please pick up your 2017 Church Offering Box today, for both regular and pre-authorized debit users. In 2017 we ask that you do not use your old 2016 envelopes as your number has changed! We request that you write your name and address in the New Year on your new envelopes especially in January 2017 for tracking purposes. Should you have any concerns please contact the office at: 204-889-3248. **THANK YOU!**

Parish Office Schedule over Christmas

The office is usually open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays but during Christmas will be closed on **Tuesday December 27** and will reopen on **Thursday December 29 at 9:30 am.**

Merry Christmas!



Remember in Your Prayers

J'Anne Delaplante, Victor Morello, Alan Montague, Freda Broughton, Michele Timmerman, Cornelia Reimer, Dale Gathercole, Paul and Jennifer Williams, Gay Viecelli, Anna Swanson, Jody Gale, Stella Ryan, Kathy Hollaman, Jennifer Chase, Ben Remillard, Marcel Flamand, Lawrence Paluck, Krista Schaan, Jacob Trudel, Elizabeth Kobialka, Mathew Ballecer, Doreen Pitzel, Adele Dasset, Pat LaRue, Marie Wang, Gerry Desjardins, Natalie Savignac, Ken Grindle, Lorraine Grindle, Jennifer Piche, Winston Morier, Todd La Rue, Dean King, Sandra Ammeter, Barclay Williams, Abe Froese, Marissa Baccari, Juliette Kozun, Patricia Paluck and Robert Kushner.

PARISH FINANCES

Offerings: December 11, 2016

Loose: \$184.60 Envelopes: \$1431.00
 Pre-Auth. Debit: \$1,850.00

Total \$3,465.60

Sharing God's Gifts

2016 Target: \$ 35,450.00

Donations to Date: \$ 24,218.94 (as of Dec 13, 2016,)

October (Revenue & Expenses)

revenue \$ 22,191.35
 expenses \$ 32,481.29 *

Shortfall for the month was \$ 10,289.94

* This includes our 2016 insurance payment of \$10,290.00

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS UPDATE: We are currently **SHORT** about \$11,000.00 in meeting our obligation to Sharing God's Gifts. If you have not donated yet, please consider doing so. There are envelopes available in the foyer office for your convenience. Please note the cutoff date is **December 31, 2016**. Any shortfall will have to come out of general revenue, which will have a negative affect on 2017 budgeting.



Youth that celebrated their First Reconciliation on December 3, in our Parish:

Kelsey Jaskiewicz, Curtis Laguardia, Grazel Lazatin, Ciara Martin, Dean Michaluk, Jaelyn Perche, Makayla

Perche, Danny Tighe, Frances Yost, Reese Kartusch.



Check out our website at www.saintcharles.ca

For Current info in the Archdiocese go to www.archwinnipeg.ca

DECEMBER 25, 2016

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter into another beautiful Christmas season, I hope we all find time to actually enjoy it and truly celebrate the coming of Christ into our history. I pray that we will never utter those words 'thank God it's over' or 'I can't wait for Christmas to be done'. I hope we will not be like the culture that says Christmas officially ends after Boxing Day. If this is what we believe, then what is the true meaning, depth, and grounding of our lives, and those of our families and friends? Is our Christmas just cultural and material, or do we really believe and long for what it truly stands for? God really has put Himself into our lives--"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth" (Jn. 1:1-14, NRSV). Really, isn't Christmas about Him? How do we honor Christ's birth as families, friends, communities? It's not just something we do at Church...it is to be a way of life. Jesus, the Divine Word of God, became one of us for our freedom from slavery to sin and for our salvation, that we might have life to the full. In my mind, it is the best gift of Christmas, knowing that God loves us with all His being, longing to help us become all that we can be in Him. Our lives would be incomplete without His love and presence. Would we truly understand who we are if He hadn't come for us? No, Christ is everything for us and gives us hope of eternal life. God honors the gift of His creation in us by inviting us to share in the ministry of saving what was marred by sin and evil. How special it is that the invisible God becomes one of us, taking on flesh in Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ takes on our condition in all ways but sin and redeems and restores all of humanity, all men and women, through His gift of self, suffering and dying on the cross out of love for us all. There will be no greater act of love on the face of the earth--EVER! But we can honor Him by imitating what we have heard and know to be true and imitate His love in the way we treat each other this Christmas. Love is about sacrifice, respect, dignity, presence, gift of self--not just material things. Let's restore Christmas to its true dignity--and if we do, everything else about Christmas will take on greater value, meaning and wonder and awe. We go to great lengths to make Christmas beautiful for each other--the food, the decorations, the gifts, etc. What does Christ want for Christmas? After all it's His birthday? All Christ wants is us--the real, true you and I. He wants our hearts, love and presence--to be with Him and to invite Him to share fully in our lives. From myself and my family to yours, may you have a Blessed, Holy and Merry Christmas and New Year 2017, filled with His love and all that you need in Him. Celebrate well!

Yours in Christ,

**Fr. Michael Wollbaum,
Pastor, St. Charles Parish**



**New Year's
Mass Schedule**

New Year's Eve,
December 31 at 4:00 pm

New Year's Day, January 1 at 9:30 am and 11:30 am



Christmas greetings from the Principal of St. Charles Catholic School:

Merry Christmas! On behalf of the students, families, staff, and Board of Directors, we wish you a blessed Christmas season and joyous New Year!

Thank you for your support of St. Charles Catholic School this past year! Looking back, this was an exceptional year for our entire community as we grew closer together through the shared ministry of the children in music, worship, and Christian service projects.

Last month the Corporate Board which is comprised of the pastors of St. Charles, St. Anne's, St. Paul the Apostle, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and St. John XXIII approved the school's revised mission statement: St. Charles Catholic School educates the children of today's world; a journey with Christ of excellence, love, and transcendence.

We invite you to take a moment to watch the video of our Cantata to Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy which is now available on our website at www.stccs.ca/media. This production, an unbelievable accomplishment for such a small school, involves participants from the Bison Men's Chorus, the House of Peace and SCCS. The video portrays the beauty of the Ukrainian Catholic cathedral, too, with the golden iconostasis as a stunningly gorgeous backdrop for the choirs. There is a short version and a full version, which includes the readings, reflections, and prayers.

Applications for students in K-8 are now being accepted for next Fall. Please call the office at 204-8371520 for more information.

Separated, Widowed, Divorced: Beginning Experience (BE) is a non-profit, peer support grief resolution program helping persons dealing with the natural grief process. It offers an opportunity for turning pain from loss into an experience of growth. The program runs 10 week sessions, three times a year as well as two retreat weekends that can be taken in the fall or spring. Next weekly sessions start **Jan. 11, 2017** - Coping with Life Alone. Adult retreat weekend to be held March 17 to 19, 2017. For more information call (204) 275-3090 or visit our website www.beginningexperience.ca

Daily TV Mass


NCBC's Daily TV Mass (Monday-Saturday) is now available anytime and anyplace on our new website, on our new YouTube Channel and in the near future on an APP for use on Apple or Android devices.

WINNIPEG HARVEST 10 MOST WANTED FOOD ITEMS

CANNED MEAT & FISH, BABY FORMULA & FORMULA, RICE, DRY CEREAL, DRY PASTA, CANNED SOUP, CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES, CANNED STEW, PEANUT BUTTER, & SPAGHETTI SAUCE. Hamper located at the entrance of the church, south side.



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