

**SEEN AROUND THE PARISH:** The Golden Years Club had their Christmas meal and entertainment on Wednesday. Christmas tree and decorations were put up in the Hogan Rm by Merv, Joanne Mantyak & her grandson. Thursday we hosted the West Deanery Priests & Pastoral Assistants meeting.

**STEWARDSHIP: Celebrating & Sharing God's Gifts.** When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Paroisse St. Jean-Baptiste**, the French parish in town, is **selling tourtières** (French Canadian meat pies). You have a choice of white or whole wheat crust as well as two sizes (9" and 4 1/2"). Order as soon as possible, pay when you pick up your order, and enjoy the great food. If you are interested please see the poster or call the parish at 306-586-5006.

**New Bible Study at Holy Trinity** - In our busy lives we are faced with obstacles that aggravate us, discourage us, and can even hinder our relationship with Christ. Finding the time to address them is often lost by the business of life. How do we overcome these obstacles, and hear God's voice in our lives? Loneliness? Anger? Shame? Overcome your struggles with *Walking Toward Eternity: Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart* Bible Study by Jeff & Emily Cavins. Through prayer, reflection, guidance and the aid of the Holy Spirit, we begin to engage these difficulties in a positive way as we continue toward our goal of union with Christ.

**Mondays, January 9 to Feb. 27—9:15 to 11 am, Holy Trinity Church, 5020 Sherwood Drive, Regina.** For more information or to register for the study, call Brenda 306-530-1412

The **80<sup>th</sup> Session of Saskatchewan Youth Parliament** will be held at the Legislature in Regina **December 26<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>**. Father Burns Council Knights of Columbus will sponsor one candidate this year. **Students aged 15 - 21** are eligible to participate, and should contact Don Miller (306-539-8672) for further details if interested in attending. If multiple students are interested, we will hold a draw or try to find an additional sponsor.

**ARE YOU NEW IN THE PARISH OR HAVE CHANGED ADDRESSES???**

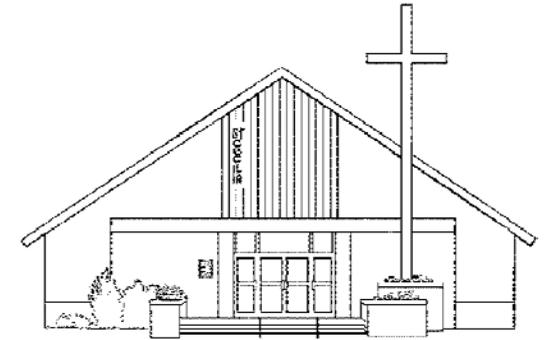
**Welcome to St. Cecilia's. Any questions or concerns - give us a call. Please complete the following form drop it off at the office or drop into the collection basket marked - Attention: Parish Office:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARISH OF  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Dec. 17/18, 2016**

Here is this man betrothed to a woman who is going to bear a child that is not his own "flesh & blood." Everything is already worked out: the child will be a boy and have name of Jesus. It's one thing to believe that such an event could occur. It is quite another to accept it and take joy in it. I wonder if Joseph ever felt he was in some way robbed. Anyway, when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel directed & welcomed Mary into his home

<b>Monday Dec. 19</b>	No Mass	Jud. 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
<b>Tuesday Dec. 20</b>	Mass 7:00 p.m.	Is 7:10-14;8:10d/Lk 1:26-38 Intentions of Eh Doh Soe from Wah Ta Family
Wednesday Dec. 21	Mass 8:30 a.m.	Zep 3:14-18a or Sg of Sgs 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45 RIP Bernard Christie from St. Cecilia C.W.L. I
<b>Thursday Dec. 22</b>	Mass 8:30 a.m.	1 Sam 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 Intention Marian Baiton from Paulette Wendler
<b>Friday Dec. 23</b>	Mass 8:30 a.m.	Mal 3:1-4;4:5-6/Lk 1:57-66 RIP Lillian Mydelski from Rudy Mydelski
<b>Saturday Dec. 24</b>	Mass 8:00 p.m.	Is 9:2-4,6-7/Tit 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-16 For the intentions of all parishioners
<b>Sunday Dec. 25</b>	Mass 10:00 a.m.	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-5,9-14 MERRYCHRISTMAS For the intentions of all parishioner

**Reconciliation** - By appointment

## PARISH NEWS

**GIVING TREE** - Remember the Christmas Grocery Hamper money envelopes **have to be in by Dec. 19** they may be put into the collection basket at mass or brought to the office. Also knitted items (mitts, toques & scarves) may be put on the Giving Tree in the Gathering area.

### YTD Budget & Actual Sunday & Capital Collections for Dec. 11, 2016

Budget: Reg. \$190,502

Actual: Reg. \$177,986

**Sacred Heart Community School** is looking for donations of extra gift tags and gently used Christmas gift bags. It is greatly appreciated as they are used in our Santa Store. Please contact Tracy Watson at 791-7290 or [t.watson@rcsd.ca](mailto:t.watson@rcsd.ca) and they will arrange for pick up.

The **Knights of Columbus** thank the members of **St. Cecilia's Church community** for patronizing the Samosa Saturday & Samosa Sunday event. We raised around \$200 - and this will go to our charity account.

Are you looking for a unique Christmas gift or a Hawaiian getaway without leaving home? **Serena Saskatchewan** presents: **A Hawaiian Gala Fundraiser Sat., Feb. 4, 5-8:30 p.m. at St. Anne's parish hall (217 Lenore Dr., Saskatoon)**. The fundraiser will include a catered banquet, silent auction, 50/50 draw, entertainment, wine toss & photo booth. To reserve tickets (\$100/ticket, you will receive a tax receipt for \$60). Or make a silent auction donation, please call/text 306-934-8223 or email [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca).

**NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE** - The faithful of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to the Archbishop's New Year's Levee to be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Jan. 1, 2017, 1 p.m.-2:30p.m. To receive the Archbishop's blessing for the New Year. Please come and meet the Archbishop and exchange New Year's greetings. Refreshments in the parish hall.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - 8 p.m. CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - 10 a.m.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR** -If you would like to join in singing for Christmas Eve mass, please call me. Carol Anne 949-7425. Practice is Thur., Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m

Rejoice in the Season!! **Regina Catholic Engaged Encounters** invites all engaged or married couples and your children to our Christmas Celebration Potluck! Please join us between 2 & 7 p.m. for an afternoon of festivities and goodies on **Sun., Dec. 18 at the Regina Senior Citizens Centre**, 2404 Elphinstone St. Please bring a salad, appetizer or dessert to share. RSVP to Stella Juma-Anderson @306-596-2951 or [eereginacc@gmail.com](mailto:eereginacc@gmail.com) Wishing you a blessed Christmas!

**Responding to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide** - A series of short locally-prepared videos about "Finding the Gifts in a World of Choices" is being produced in Saskatchewan under the direction of a Saskatchewan bishops' advisory committee, thanks to financial support from the Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation. The first two videos - one focussed on Palliative Care and another focussed on Care for the Elderly - can be found online at: [www.findingthegifts.ca](http://www.findingthegifts.ca) or for more information contact (306) 659-5844 or [communications@saskatoonrcdiocese.com](mailto:communications@saskatoonrcdiocese.com)

"**Simbang Gabi**" a Filipino Christmas tradition that was introduced by the Spanish friars to allow the farmers to hear mass before going to the fields early in the morning. *Simbang Gabi* is also known by its popular Spanish name as the **Misa de Gallo**, or ``*mass of the rooster*.'' **Simbang Gabi** will be celebrated at Holy Child Parish, 2636 - 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. E from December 15 - 23, 2016 with Mass at 6 p.m. except for Sat., Dec. 17, 7 p.m. On Fri., Dec. 23, the last day of the celebration, Archbishop Don Bolen will preside and there will be a potluck after Mass.

**Jest kidding** ..... What do math teachers like to eat with their coffee? A slice of pi. When does Thursday come before Wednesday? In the dictionary. Why is the library the tallest room in the school? It has the most stories.