

SEEN AROUND THE PARISH: The Parish Council had their meeting on Tuesday followed by a Christmas social. The Social Justice ladies were in on Wednesday morning putting together hampers for the less fortunate and delivering them.

STEWARDSHIP: Celebrating & Sharing God's Gifts. For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You.

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

ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank YOU to all who have already donated to the Annual Appeal this year. Please remember, **you can still donate to the 2016 Annual Appeal right up until December 31st.** You can give online until midnight on December 31st at www.archregina.sk.ca, send in your gift card through your parish, or contact the Annual Appeal office directly at 306.352.1651 ext. 210.

Thank you for working with us to help the love and mercy of our Lord touch the lives of so many!

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

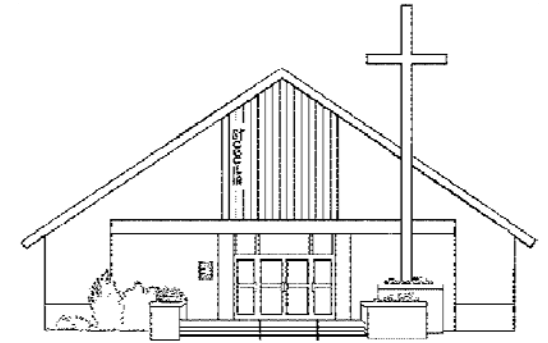
Welcome to St. Cecilia's. Any questions or concerns - give us a call. Please complete the following form drop it off at the office or drop into the collection basket marked - **Attention: Parish Office:**

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Dec. 24/25, 2016

So many people do say "No thanks" to the Christ child. But the Christmas babe is not born in order to get accepted. He is the spilling over of God's immense love for us. When God lets each of us into his mind, he senses that the baby Jesus is the perfect gift.

Monday Dec. 26	No Mass	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday Dec. 27	Mass 7:00 p.m.	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:2-8 Intentions Jane Kenny & Family from Pat & Gwem
Wednesday Dec. 28	Mass 8:30 a.m.	1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18 RIP Lieu Nguyen Maria from Cao Trinh
Thursday Dec. 29	Mass 8:30 a.m.	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 RIP Ed Larson from Glen & Susan Piotrofsky
Friday Dec. 30	Mass 8:30 a.m.	Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15,19-23 RIP Lloyd Bitz from Paulette Wendler
Saturday Dec. 31	Mass 7:00 p.m.	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 For the intentions of all parishioners
Sunday Jan. 1	Mass 10:00 a.m.	Nm 8:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 HAPPY NEW YEARS For the intentions of all parishioner

Reconciliation - By appointment

YTD Budget & Actual Sunday & Capital Collections for Dec. 18, 2016

Budget: Reg. \$194,312

Actual: Reg. \$183,020

A COME & GO TEA - to be held 2-4 on Sat., Jan. 7 for the 80th Birthday of Margretta Stockmal, in St. Cecilia 's church hall. Everyone is invited.

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.

Here is a wonderful Christmas video from St. Dominic school in Regina:
<https://youtu.be/1rhPOijBxBQ>

Thinking Faith! Dec. 20, 2016 - TF14: Thinking About the Incarnation

With Christmas fast approaching Eric and Brett take some time to discuss the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. They'll talk about what exactly the Incarnation is and how this one aspect of our Christian faith provides an invaluable lens that helps us to see an understand nearly everything else about our Church and our faith. Pour a glass of eggnog, cozy up by the fire and enjoy!

<http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf14-thinking-about-the-incarnation>

Jest kidding Husband: What do you mean, our financial situation is fluid? Wife: We're going down the drain. A little boy showed his father a ten-dollar bill he had found in the street. "Are you sure it was lost?" asked his father. "Yes," answered the boy. "I saw the man looking for it."

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.

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 or for more information contact (306) 659-5844 or communications@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

The Archdiocese of Regina is currently accepting applications for a half time (21 hours/week) **Support Staff position**. All applicants are required to possess very good English skills, both written and verbal. To apply, please send your resume and three references, one of which is your parish priest, to Sharon Bender at sbender@archregina.sk.ca or Leona Burkhardt at lburkhardt@archregina.sk.ca

Circle the Cities With Love Communal Silent Meditation - Sunday, January 15th from 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. at Holy Child Parish, 2636 - 7th Ave. E.



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