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Catholic Church**
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Mass Schedule
Tuesday, 7 pm
Wednesday – Friday, 8:30 am
Saturday, 7 pm
Sunday, 10 am



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Preparing for Canadian Citizenship



Another kind of learning takes place right in our church. Every Saturday morning, 14 leaders, many of them St. Cecilia parishioners, assist Canadian newcomers to improve their English and study for their Canada citizenship test. The group is led by Cathy Moen and Marianne Skoropad. This ministry started in March of 2013. Leaders (like Pat Dergo, at right) help the people practice in small groups.

If you would like to share your talent and time in this ministry, contact Marianne at 306-949-1524.

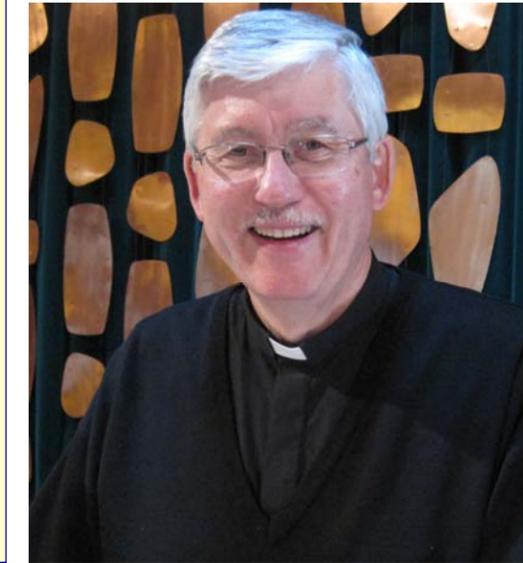


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Newsletter brought to you
by your Stewardship Team,
Heather and Ray Deis
Chaircouple

A Message from our Pastor



Saskatchewan is only one of three provinces in Canada that has a tax supported Catholic school system. We have this privilege due to the hard work of many of our Catholic pioneers, who over a 100 years ago, ensured that such would be written into the constitution of our province at its inception. Our schools have become the envy of many from outside our province and particularly people from the U.S. where Catholic parochial schools must be totally funded by the local parish.

Our greatest challenge perhaps lies in taking our Catholic schools too much for granted. This Year of Faith and the Church's initiative in developing a 'New Evangelisation' to the world should alert us that much of this takes place in our schools. Our teachers and school staff are often in the front lines of evangelising through their daily contact with the children and their families. This is no small task since many of our families are not regular Sunday Mass attenders or have little faith commitment. The opportunities of reaching out to many of these people (especially our younger families) lies through our schools. It is vital we see the schools and their resources as playing a major part in the life of the local parish. Interaction and communication between parishioners, teachers, clergy and parish teams are of paramount importance.

We should not lose interest in our schools simply because our children have graduated and no longer attend them. Each month, for example, we celebrate a weekday Mass at Sacred Heart and St. Francis schools for the staff, open to any St. Cecilia parishioners who wish to drop in. [First Wednesday of the month for St. Francis; last Wednesday of the month for Sacred Heart. Both at 8:20 am]. This provides a concrete opportunity to get to know the educators who work in our parish. Supporting our Catholic schools means more than just directing our tax dollars. It implies that we take an active interest in the activities and events that take place there. Getting to know our teaching staff and supporting them as part of our parish team will also enhance their ability to be excellent Christian mentors and role models for our young people.

We dedicate this newsletter to the men and women of our schools in appreciation for their commitment to serving God and showing good stewardship in using their gifts of time, talent and energy in building the Kingdom.

Fr. John Weekend

Sacred Heart School



Teachers and staff at the school liturgy on September 20. Sacred Heart has 465 students and 45 teachers and staff.

St. Francis School



Teachers and staff at the school mass on September 20. St. Francis has 375 students and 36 teachers and staff.



Father John commissioned and gave a special blessing to the teachers and staff from Sacred Heart and St. Francis schools during Mass on September 22.



After the September 22 Mass, the Knights of Columbus, Father Burns Council No. 5949 provided a pancake brunch.

The Knights host a pancake brunch in St. Cecilia Hall several times a year. They cook, serve and clean up – assisted by spouses and family members. The free-will offering they collect is donated to various community causes.

Thank you, Knights!