

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1732

Meeting: Tue Jan 13 at 7:30pm **Exe meeting:** 7pm

Membership Dues: this is a reminder to Knights who have moved. It is important to keep the Financial Secretary updated of your current address. He spends a lot of money on postage sending out due reminders.

State Membership Incentive: For any tow members you recruit your name will be entered into a draw for a weekend in the mountains, a value of \$1500.00.

District Basketball Free Throw: is set for February 8, 2009 at Notre Dame Academy from 1-4pm. The Regional Free Throw will be immediately after the District throw. This eliminates the need to travel to Lethbridge.

Knights Baseball Team: Once again, this year, the three Medicine Hat Councils will be supporting the Knights Baseball Team.

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as gentleness,
and nothing is so gentle
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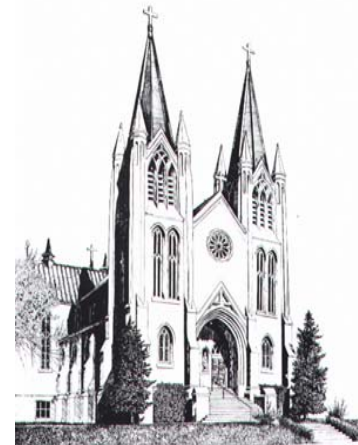
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Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2009

<p>Mass Times Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday: 7:30am St. Joseph's Home</p>	<p>Mass Intentions Jan 10 & 11 5pm Joe Liboiron 9am John Haag+ 11am Willie Forget +</p>	<p>Office Hours Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm</p>
<p>Mass in Latin 1st & 3rd Sunday @ 6:30pm St. Pat's Church</p>	<p>Jan 17 & 18, 2009 5pm Neil & Sharon Cook 9am Ann & Frank Kana 11am Margaret Merrick</p>	<p>Closed 12n to 1:00pm</p>
<p>Confessions Saturday 10:00am – 11:00am</p> <p>Weekday Masses St. Joseph's Home Monday to Friday: 8:30am</p>		

Weekly Reflection

"Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread...?" (Isaiah 55.2)
Whether it is our money, our labour, or our time, there are many ways we can spend it. One of the reasons we live in a culture of want is that we squander our resources on things that do not satisfy. Spend your resources on building the Kingdom, your efforts for God's glory, and your time in prayer.

The Christmas season concludes with the Baptism of the Lord. When John baptized Jesus, the sky opened and the Spirit descended like a dove. A heavenly voice said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This marked the beginning of his public ministry. It also marked entry into the community of those awaiting the kingdom of God. By accepting baptism, Jesus was telling his people that he was one with them, that he wanted to share in their lives, and that he wanted them to share in his life.

God Time: today, January 11, 2009 at 11am Mass

Today, Sunday, January 11: St. Pat's Café is open from 10am-10:45am. Bakers are needed! We accept cinnamon buns, muffins and/or baking of your choice. We do not refuse baking, bought or home made.

Jan 11:

Jan 18: Parish Pancake Breakfast

Jan 25:

The schedules are ready to be picked up at the back of the church.

Confirmation meeting

Monday, January 12 at 7pm in the parish hall. This meeting is for candidate and parent.

Medicine Hat Pro-Life meeting

Monday, January 12 at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's parish hall meeting room. Everyone is welcome! For more information call George Ibach at 527-7434.

Notice of Public Meeting

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the board office (1251 1st Avenue SW). Public Welcome.

Rosary & Benediction

Thursday, January 15 at 6:30pm. Following Benediction, refreshments will be served in the parish hall. Everyone is invited.

Parish Pancake Breakfast

Next Sunday, January 18th from 9am-12:30pm in the parish hall. Bring your family and join us.

Court Whist Cards

Tuesday, Jan 20 at 7pm in the parish hall.

Diocesan Dates

for information on programs or workshops, see the bulletin board for details.

You can save your marriage!

This is a program for couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the program or to register for the session February 13 to 15, call Calgary 1-403-257-9638 or register on line at www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com.

Annual Bishop's Appeal

Target: \$46,503.00 Balance: \$3,159.11

The 2008 ABA appeal ended on January 9th. As you can see, we did not meet our target. As in the past, parishes who are short will receive a letter, from the ABA office reminding us of the shortfall. If you are looking for a tax break for 2008, today, Sunday, January 11 is the last day for 2008 income tax contributions. All cheques must be dated December 31, 2008. If you wish to support ABA, please indicate this on your cheque.

Ministry updates! Thank you!

This past week several calls were received, at the office, regarding ministry changes to the upcoming schedules. Communication is so important! If you are scheduled and do not show up and you have not notified the office, the ushers are running around trying to find someone to fill the spot. So please notify the office of any trades or replacements. If everyone follows this method, the sign-up sheet, will reflect the change. Note: Only one person needs to call the office. Thank you!

The parish envelopes are at the back of the church. Please pick them up as soon as possible. Also, please check that your address is correct. Notify the parish office if there is a change.

SVDP Information.....Did you know??

- ▶ *All those who volunteer for SVDP are called Vincentians.*
- ▶ *Vincentians meet every Tuesday at 5pm.*
- ▶ *Messages for SVDP are picked up, by a Vincentian, the beginning of each week.*
- ▶ *These messages are picked up at both, Holy Family & St. Patrick's parish offices.*
- ▶ *Vincentians respond to approximately 15 to 20 calls per week.*
- ▶ *Vincentians always go in pairs when making a visit to the poor.*
- ▶ *Vincentians accept people as they are, as persons with real worth in the sight of God.*
- ▶ *Vincentians keep an accurate record, of all clients.*
- ▶ *Vincentians do not always accept the situation in which the poor find themselves.*
- ▶ *We need your help! Do you know of 4 young people who would be interested in holding the 'poor' boxes after all masses? If there is a child interested, please talk to one of the ushers or call the parish office.*
- ▶ *St. Pat's Café is another source of revenue for the poor. The proceeds, after expenses, are given to SVDP. Thank you for supporting the Café.*

Week in and week out.... To you, who Sunday after Sunday place a contribution in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes, thank you! We appreciate your allowing us to be a channel of your charity. On behalf of the poor you assist, we thank you whole heartedly. Please continue to give generously.

Alpha Course

begins Tuesday January 20th at St. Peter's Lutheran Church 758 8th Street SE. **Supper:** 6pm; Video and course to follow. No charge. **Free will offering.** Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian Faith in a relaxed setting. The course is inter-denominational. All are welcome! For more information, call Anne Mckee at 527-4593.

New Parish Office Update

We are now in the final stages of completing the foyer entrance of the parish office. Last fall, a decision was made to provide security for the parish staff. As we all know, times have changed and churches are vulnerable for various reasons, which most are already aware. The new changes will reflect the safety and security of all staff members. So the next time you come to the office, you will see change that reflects most parish office entries.

An **Ecumenical Service** will be held at Holy family Parish on Wednesday Jan 28th at 7pm with Fr. John Nemanic and members of the Medicine Hat Ministerial Association. Plan to join this evening of prayer for Christian Unity.

Please register with the parish you attend.

Registration forms are at the back of the church. Complete the form and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you!

Note Cards by Fr. Gilles

The note cards are "oil painted", blank on the inside and available at the parish office. Cost: \$10.00/pkg of 10 cards.

Hope & Healing

After Suicide Support Group

Every Tuesday from 7-9pm January 27 to March 29, 2009. To register call, Heather or Debbie at Canadian Mental Health 504-1811.

Parish Pastoral Council

met on January 5 to continue with interviews of the chairmen of pastoral ministries. Council had a good discussion with the chairman of the ushers regarding roles and responsibilities of the ushers as well as the greeters.

Communication remains an important component of each ministry.

Stories wanted!

Do you have a miracle story you would like to share? Whether it is long or short, I would love to hear it. I am compiling a book of miracle testimonies from the Medicine Hat area. If you want to glorify God, please email your story to Flemmer8@telus.net or mail to Lana Kuystermans, Box 1552, Redcliff, AB T0J 2P0. I do not require your full name - only your first name and last initial and your title in life, whether a mother, seamstress, doctor, etc. Thank you! For more information call Lana 403-526-6473 and leave a phone number so I can get back to you.

Please register those family members in senior homes or long term facilities. Call the parish office at 526-2265 for details.

The following items

can be dropped off at the hospitality desk.

- Campbell Soup Labels
- Canadian Tire Coupons
- Used greeting cards
- Used stamps – cut ¼ inch around the stamp.