

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1732

Meeting: Tue Feb 10at 7:30pm **Exe meeting:**7pm

Pancake Breakfast: Today (Sunday) from 9am-12:30pm. Bring the whole family!

Bingo: This Thursday, afternoon, January 22/09; Team B.

Supreme Knights Book Club: Join Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and Robert P. George online at www.kofCorg for a discussion of embryo-a defense of Human life. This was written by George and Christopher Tollefsen. Embryo tackles the questions of when life begins and what rights embryonic human life deserves. Submit your questions online and take part in the discussion, January 20th at 5pm ET.

Membership dues: For those who haven't paid their dues yet, please put your dues in an envelope, address it to Financial Secretary and drop it in the collection plate. Also, please fill out your fraternal survey and return it with your dues.

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WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

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Pastor: Rev. John L Maes
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 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 17 & 18, 2009 5pm Neil & Sharon Cook 9am Ann & Frank Kana 11am Margaret Merrick</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 24 & 25 5pm Clem Bonagofsky+ 9am Jean Schile+ 11am Marguerite Botter+</p>	<p>Closed 12n to 1:00pm</p>

During Ordinary Time, the church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lords day, God brings us together to hear the word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink at the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends us forth to proclaim this love by our words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian feast day, following the tradition handed down from the apostles' time for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today, the Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

VATICAN CITY, 14 JAN 2009: The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, traditionally celebrated every year from 18 to 25 January. The theme for 2009 is: "That they may become one in your hand" (Ezek 37, 17). The texts for reflection and prayer during the week are, according to a note published by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity "rooted in the experience of the churches in Korea. In their context of national division the churches have turned for inspiration to the prophet Ezekiel, who also lived in a tragically divided nation and longed for the unity of his people". This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to get together and participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and also to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires

God Time: today, January 18, 2009 at 11 am Mass

Today, Sunday, Jan 18th: Parish Pancake Breakfast from 9am-12:30pm in the parish hall. Bring your family and join us.

Sunday, Jan 18: Latin Mass- today, at 6:30pm in the church. Confessions are at 6pm. Everyone is invited!

Tuesday, Jan 20th: Court Whist Cards-7pm in the parish hall.

Tuesday, Jan 20th: Alpha Course begins 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.

Sunday, Jan 25: St. Pat's Café from 10am-10:45am. Are you interested in baking for the Café? We accept cinnamon buns, muffins and/or baking of your choice. We do not refuse baking, bought or home made. Call the parish office if you are interested. Did you know that the revenue from the Café is donated to SVDP?

Did you know if the attendance is down, the remaining prepared food is delivered to the Salvation Army Support Centre? On one occasion, a couple of homeless people were outside waiting to be invited into the building to enjoy a hot meal. Thank you for supporting St. Pat's Café!

Scheduled Bakers:

Jan 25: Nicole Reuer

Feb 1: Lisa Aldred

Feb 8:

Feb 15:

Feb 22:

Youth Ministry

Come find out how YOU can be the light of Christ! We are planning a service project to help drill a clean water well for those in need. Our next gathering is Sun Jan 25th at Holy Family Parish in the Faith Room. Mark your calendar for an afternoon of tobogganing and fun in the snow - Sun Feb 8th for students in grades 6 - 12 and their families. Stay tuned for more details or call Karen at (403)527-6933 or karen.franchetto@mhcbe.ab.ca.

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.

Correction

The Note Cards by Fr. Gilles

the cost should have read \$10.00 for 5 cards.

The parish will be offering a 24 week **study of the Bible** starting in May. It is entitled THE GREAT ADVENTURE. If you wish to register for the program, contact Dan or Cathy at 403-526-8538 or email at dscek@shaw.ca. Registration is limited to 12 people. If you would like more information, check out the website www.greatadventureonline.com. Cost: \$50 to cover material.

CWL Reminder

Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb 3rd. The team sheets will be prepared following the executive meeting January 27/09.

Membership Cards

Please stop at the hospitality desk and pick up your 'paid' member card.

Parking Lot 'Snow Removal'

Phillips Excavating has been very efficient in keeping the church parking lot clean for many years. We extend our sincere thanks for their care and attention, especially this winter. Thank you!

Annual Bishop's Appeal

Target: \$46,503.00 **Balance:** \$1,647.11.

The 2008 ABA appeal is now over. If you are using envelopes and continue to contribute to ABA, the amount will be carried over to the 2009 appeal which will begin in a few weeks. We thank all who supported the Appeal. Whether your donation was small or large, it all helped 'our brothers and sisters in need.'

Are you experiencing marriage difficulties?

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.

Thank you for communicating!

Another week of great communication! Updating the ministry schedules on a weekly basis is a huge asset to the greeters and ushers. No more searching and no more frustration! Please continue to notify the office if you traded or found a replacement. Only one person needs to call the office. A reminder: to please come, at least 20 minutes, early if you are scheduled. **Schedules** for Ushers and Hospitality can be picked up at the back of the church. The Guidelines for Ushers are also ready for pick up.

Pick up your parish envelopes as soon as possible.

The envelopes are at the back of the church.

Bulletin advertising notice...

This form of advertising is available on a first come basis. There is a growing number of interest, and since only the back page is available, we are considering, downsizing the advertisements, so new advertisers can take advantage of these affordable prices. Please call the office if you have concerns or ideas.

The spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.....is alive and well in St. Patrick's Parish because of you. Young people wanted! If your child (4 years and over) is interested in holding the SVDP Poor Box after all week-end Masses, please call the Parish office.

A Day of Reflection for life and love lost because of abortion and euthanasia. January 28, 1988 is the day the Supreme Court of Canada legalized abortions for any reasons up to and including the ninth month; because of this immoral and unethical decision, millions of pre-born babies have never experienced love. January 28th has been set aside for prayer and reflection, by wearing a green lapel ribbon as a symbol of hope for tomorrow, and by reflecting how this Supreme Court decision has affected our country, our society, our homes, our health and our lives. Next weekend the green ribbons will be handed out at all Masses. This is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Stories wanted!

Do you have a miracle story you would like to share in my next book "A Hat Full of Miracles"? Whether it is long or short, I'd love to hear from 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 call you back.

Diocesan Dates

for programs or workshops see the bulletin board.

2006 in our parish

We celebrated

44 Baptisms	6 RCIA
39 First Communion	24 Marriages
45 Confirmation	48 Deaths

Notify the office OR leave us a note!

- ▶ if you would like a box of parish envelopes
- ▶ if your address has changed
- ▶ if you are interested in ministry involvement
- ▶ if you have any concerns or questions
- ▶ if you have a loved one that has moved into a senior home or long term facilities.

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!

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.

FRANCE'S GLORY AND GRAPE

Join Father Bill Corcoran of St. Mary's parish in Cochrane on a 14 Day journey to explore Catholic history in Central France and Paris. Private Tours include the Papal Palace in Avignon, Cathedral St. Jean and Notre Dame de Fourviere Basilica in Lyon, Ste Chapelle and Cathedral Notre Dame in Paris. Enjoy wine tastings in Chateauneuf-du-Papes, Crozes Hermitage and Cotes de Nuits. Limited seats available. July 8-21, 2009, \$6,645.00 per person double occupancy. Contact Susan Lawrence for a brochure: 403-241-3555 susan@boutiqueescapes.com.

DAY OF DISCERNMENT

A day of reflection and sharing in an atmosphere of prayer for women who are interested in the life of a religious sister on Saturday, February 21 from 9:30-4:00 pm at Providence Residence, 316-146 Avenue, SE, Calgary. For reservations/information, please contact Sr. Toyleen at (403) 256-1404 or email: vocdir@providence.ab.ca

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.

Richmond Cemetery Project

We have had much success in contacting relatives of the deceased in St. Mary's Cemetery. The support of many people has been encouraging. We have established some leads to the following people but further help would be appreciated. They are: **Anna Maria and Peter Schmidt, Alex Paschke, Anton and Barbara Paschke, James MacIntosh and Melchoir Kopp.**

Also, there are only 4 people to which we have made no contact at all. They are:

Johanna Feist, Elizabetha Martin, Harvey Lee Denis and Peter Marentette.

Once again, any information will help in the accurate completion of this project. Debbie Gergely can be contacted at (306)669-4735.