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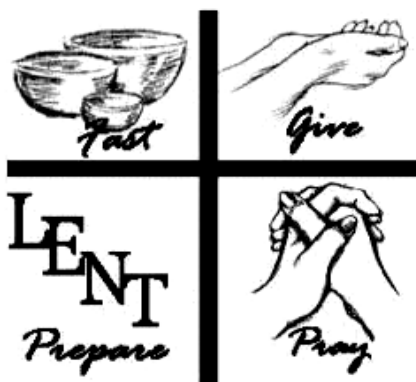
MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY MASS: **11:00 a.m.**

WEEKDAY MASS: Tues. to Fri. 9:00 a.m .

*See weekly schedule for changes

**SUNDAY,
March 05, 2017
1st. Sunday
of Lent**



Lenten Penance Practices

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the three traditional ways of entering into the Lenten Season. We should all strive to enter this season with these in mind. However, nothing we do should be entered into with a spirit of self torment. Rather because we are preparing for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, we should be entering into these practices in a spirit of Self Sacrifice. Our penances should never be to the extent that they become a penance for those around us. This year our parish is taking on the theme "*God's Love is a family of Ministries.*" With this in mind, we can choose a penance which will deprive ourselves from something, thereby raising our hunger for the Lord; and we can choose one of the following:

- Option 1 - Fasting once a week.
- Option 2 - Abstain from eating meat on Fridays.
(Strongly suggested by the Church)
- Option 3 - No television on certain days, or the whole of Lent.
- Option 4 - No coffee, sweets, etc. and donate that money to the poor.
- Option 5 - Social Media Fast (Fasting from texting, email, facebook etc.

But Penance can also be seen as taking on something new. With this in mind perhaps we need to have one of the following options in mind.

- Option 1 - Make a point of spending quality time everyday with your family, or someone you love.
- Option 2 - Special prayers before or after meals, or in morning and evening.
- Option 3 - Attend one weekday Mass per week.
- Option 4 - Take on a new devotion during Lent- Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Scripture Reading, Rosary.
- Option 5 - Visit someone in the hospital, or someone confined to their home.
- Option 6 - Volunteer your time to a charity.
- Option 7 - Campaign for Social Justice
- Option 8 - Spend time in Prayer or Spiritual Reading
- Option 9 - Ask your pastor , "Is there anything I can do?"
- Option 10 - Use your own imagination.

"Your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you."
(Mt. 6:4)

Lenten Prayer Partners



(Your family name and initials)

"God's Love Is! A Family of Ministries"
We grow in our faith by praying for and supporting one another. Pray that this family will renew its faith during this season of Lent.

Today is the **First Sunday in Lent.**

We will continue the tradition of praying for one another. When you entered into church this morning; your family was invited to fill out a "***Lenten Prayer Partners***" card like the one to the left. When you leave, you will be asked to pick up one of the cards and pray for that family throughout Lent.

May our prayers help us to grow in faith and love.

Weekly Schedule for Upcoming Week

Sat. Mar. 04	5:00 p.m.	Mass in Candle Lake	
Sun. Mar. 05	1st. Sunday of Lent		
	9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. James	
	11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Mark	
		IMO John Fedirko	
		PA Catholic School Division Staff	
	4:00 p.m.	Rite of Election at Sacred Heart Cathedral	
Mon. Mar. 06	11:00 a.m.	Finance Mtg.	
	7:00 p.m.	Sacramental Preparation for parents and candidates	
	7:00 p.m.	Bishop Emeritus Gerry Weisner giving Lenten Retreat St. Michael Parish	
Tues. Mar. 07	9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Mark	
		For Irene Litwin	
		From Emily Bissky	
	9:30 a.m.	Fr. Jim hearing confessions at Turgeon School	
	7:00 p.m.	Bishop Emeritus Gerry Weisner giving Lenten Retreat St. Michael Parish	
	7:00 p.m.	St. James RCIA	
Wed. Mar. 08	9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Mark	
		IMO June & Nadia Gisi	
		From Lee Gisi	
	12:00 noon	Fr. Jim leading a Faith Education session	
		Rectory Board Room	
	1:30 p.m.	Fr. Jim hearing confessions at Rivier School	
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies of St. Mark Mtg.	
	7:00 p.m.	Mass at St. James	
Thurs. Mar. 09	9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Mark	
		IMO Kim Ruzzkowski	
		From Emily Bissky	
	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Jim hearing confessions at St. Michael School	
	4:00 p.m.	Fr. Jim at Faith Formation Session at Chancery Office	
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA mtg.	
Fri. Mar. 10	Office Closed Darsey away		
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at Sherman Towers	<i>Please Note: Time & Location</i>
		IMO Dory Provencher	
		From Marsha	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
Sat. Mar. 11	8:30 a.m.	Charismatic Committee at St. Michael's Church	
	5:00 p.m.	Mass in Candle Lake	
Sun. Mar. 12	2nd. Sunday of Lent		
	9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. James	
	11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Mark	
		For All Parishioners	

NOTE: On the Wednesdays in Lent (beginning March 08), Fr. Jim will be hosting a **Faith Education** session. It will be from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Bring a sandwich, something to share and an open heart. It will be in the St. Mark rectory meeting room.

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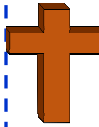
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SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>Feb. 26</u>	<u>Feb. 19</u>
Envelopes	\$1059.00	\$1199.00
Loose	\$ 261.03	\$ 245.56
Building	\$ 20.00	\$ 275.00



During Lent and the Easter Season; we will be handing out the **Vocations Cross** at the end of Mass, and asking a family to **pray for Vocations** in the upcoming week. If you would like to be one of the families that prays for vocations, please see *sign up sheet* on bulletin board in church foyer or contact Lorraine Tremblay.



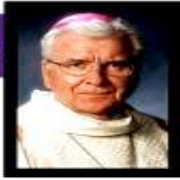
As a **Communal Lenten Penance** our parishes will be collecting **food for the Food Bank**. As you are going through your cupboards and you notice a non-perishable food item you may no longer need, please **bring it to the bin provided**. We will bring it to the Food Bank.

We will be reciting the **Way of the Cross** on Fridays, during Lent at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and pray.



ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT

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Lenten Retreat: The annual city wide Lenten Retreat is scheduled for **Monday/Tuesday, March 6 & 7 at St. Michael Parish, at 7:00 p.m.** Bishop Emeritus Gerry Weisner is the retreat director and will be focusing on discipleship. Please take this opportunity to have Bishop Gerry challenge you in living your faith. Please pray for the success of this retreat and mark your calendars today!

The **Annual Conference** offered by the **Prince Albert Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Committee** will be held on **Sat. Mar. 11th**, at **St Michael Church**. This being the 50th anniversary of the charismatic renewal, Lloyd Beckman will speak briefly on the history. Keeping in mind that **DISCIPLESHIP** is our theme, Kendrick **Belser**, seminarian, will share his journey as a disciple. **Bishop Albert Thévenot, M.Afr.** will enlighten us on **Missionary Discipleship**, encouraging us to go forth and form disciples. **Jim Anderson**, director of St Therese Institute in Bruno, will guide us in **Nurturing Discipleship**. This conference will provide an **uplifting Christian family time** for song, sharing, prayer, reconciliation and adoration. For more information or to register please call Sylvia Dion at (306) 767-2270, email: tride@sasktel.net or Bernadette Hoffman at (306) 466-4527.



St. Mark Music Ministry Practice
Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.
New members always welcome!



Ladies of St. Mark Meeting
Wed. Mar. 08 -7:00 p.m.

Transportation Needed - a parishioner requires a ride to Sunday Mass; and due to a minor medical issue; is unable to utilize the K. of C. taxi service. Please contact the office if you can assist.

Option 10
Lenten Penance Practice??


Special Note: Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan have released three documents related to death, dying and pastoral care in an era of assisted suicide and euthanasia. To view these documents please go to: <http://padiocese.ca/diocesan-programs19/pastoral-care-commission/1899-saskatchewan-catholic-bishops-response-to-physician-assisted-suicide-and-euthanasia.html>

24 Hours for the Lord Pope Francis, in his document on Mercy, has invited people all over the world to participate in 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration. **Our Lady of Czestochowa** will host this event on behalf of the Deanery I parishes. The event begins with a Mass at 7:00pm **Fri. Mar. 24** followed by all night Eucharistic Adoration, concluding with a closing Mass at 3:00pm, **Sat. Mar.25** **Everyone is welcome to attend.** For further information, please contact Fr. Michael at 306-764-9056




St. Joseph Seminary is hosting a **"Come and See"** weekend on March 10-12. If you are interested in discovering what it is to be a seminarian, and being called by God in a special way...this is the weekend for you. You will experience: The Eucharist, Community Life, Testimonials and Fellowship. For more information; **please contact Fr. Jim Kaptein** (Vocation Director for the Diocese) at (306) 764-4637.

Lenten Lunch Series
"Music, Word & Fellowship"
Thursdays at Noon
March 9 to April 13
Calvary United Church
Mar. 9 at St. Joseph Church
Free will offering for lunch collected and donated to local charity.
Everyone invited to attend!



Women keep the land in their hearts in Paraguay - Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow — Women at the heart of change. You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside our Mini-magazine, distributed in church starting today. Don't forget to get your copy! Our first testimonial is from Marta and Silvia, two women from Paraguay who are members of an Indigenous women's farming association supported by Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. "I wish that there was land for everyone, that women were free [and] that they had the freedom to organize and defend their rights," Silvia tells us. Women have always been at the heart of our organization!



Stewardship Corner
March 05, 2017 - 1st. Sunday of Lent

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." MATTHEW 4:10


Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father.

If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives.


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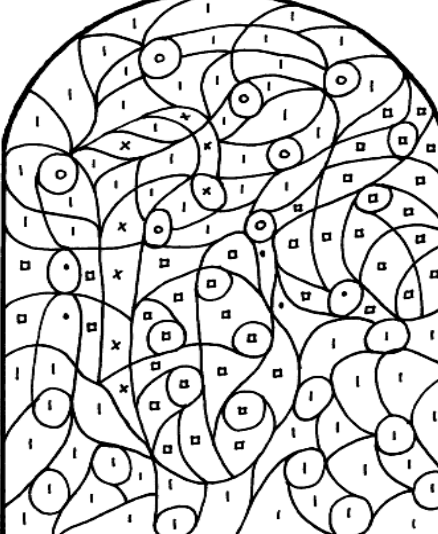
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The Kids' Bulletin
First Sunday of Lent
March 5th, 2017
In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes
out into the desert to fast and pray
for forty days. In the forty days
of Lent, the Church asks us to
fast, give alms, and pray.
What are some little things you
could do for Lent? Try to do things
that will help you think a bit more
about God every day.



What Happens in Lent?
www.thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com



Today's first reading tells us about sin.
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and find out what the story was.

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- red
- green
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- × brown

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