# Parishes of St. Viator, Dauphin Corpus Christi, Winnipegosis

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#### \*\*Office Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am-Noon, 1:00-4:00pm Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 7:30pm, St. Viator's Sunday at 10:15am, St. Viator's Sunday at 2:00pm, Corpus Christi

Bulletin Submissions: Submit church related announcements to the office by Wednesday morning to be in that week's bulletin.

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Baptisms: Baptism Preparation Classes: By appointment.

Please call parish office to register. Corpus Christi Parish contact Jo Bunka for Baptism Preparation.

Baptisms will be held by scheduled appointments.

Marriage: Minimum Six months noticed required. Couples must be practising members of our Parish. Call the Parish

Office to arrange a meeting with the priest.

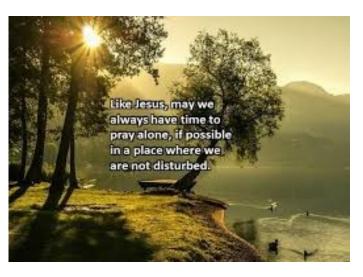
Ministry of Presence (The St. Luke Society) If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. Families and friends of parishioners are welcome to call on their behalf.

#### **Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations**

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your Holy Name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer

Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3 & 4, 2024



\*Schedule Subject to Change

Mon Feb 5: Office Closed, No Mass (1 Kings 8.1-7, 9-13) Gospel: Mark 6.53-56

Tues Feb 6: No Mass (1 Kings 8.22-23, 27-30) Gospel: Mark 7.1-13

Wed Feb 7: 2:00pm Mass at Dauphin PCH: For all residents and caregivers

6:30pm Mass: +Helen Safronetz, req Randy & Yvonne Bossuvt

(1 Kings 10.1-10) Gospel: Mark 7.14-23

Thurs Feb 8: 10:30am Novena & Mass: +Leonora Mapa, req Bel & Warrena Lopez

(1 Kings 11.4-13) Gospel: Mark 7.24-30

Fri Feb 9: 10:00am Mass at Lorray Manor: +Joel, req Lillian Stasiuk

6:00pm Divine Mercy

7:00pm Mass: +Anita Osachuk, req Christine &

Richard Letain

(1 Kings 11.29-32; 12.19) Gospel: Mark 7.31-37

Sat Feb 10: 10:00am Mass at St. Paul's Home: For all residents and caregivers

6:30pm Confession

7:30pm Mass: +Wilfred & Elizabeth Grubber, reg Kevin & Mary Frances Grubber

(1 Kings 12.26-32; 13.33-34) Gospel: Mark 8.1-10

Sun Feb 11: 9:00am Catechism Classes

9:30am Confession

10:15am Mass: In Thanksgiving for blessings, req Paulette & Abe Bergen

Valentine Pancake Breakfast after Mass

2:00pm Mass at Corpus Christi: For all parishioners

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(Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46, 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1)

**Gospel: Mark 1.40-45** 

#### The Catechism of the Catholic Church

What does the Catechism have to say about the "Our Father". As we break it down, we will include what Fr. Mike Schmitz has to say about each section of the Our Father as he spoke about it in the "Catechism in a Year" podcast. In this page we will give the readings in the Catechism which you can read on your own, either online or from the book. FYI, our parish has a few copies of the Catechism of the Catholic Church in the library in the boardroom, so please feel free to borrow a copy for this purpose. If you would like to listen to the episode on the podcast where Fr. Mike speaks even more on the Our Father, listen to episodes #363-364. Paragraphs 2828-2856. The next section deals with the seven petitions. As we will shift our focus in the bulletin just before Lent begins, there is too much to get into from the podcast, so snippets will be printed here over the next two weeks. Please take the time to listen to the episodes for yourself, to get the full picture of what Fr. Mike is conveying to us about the beautiful prayer that Jesus gave us, The Our Father.

From Fr. Mike—Give us this day our daily bread...it says give us the trust of children who look to their father for everything is beautiful. Give us this day our daily bread. It can mean a lot of things. We don't live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God, we know that of course. We are asking God for just what we need, what we need. Why does Jesus teach us this petition to give us this day, Our Daily Bread? It finishes by saying Jesus teaches us this petition because it glorifies our Father by acknowledging how good he is beyond all goodness. That's incredible. It glorifies God to ask even if the answer is no. It glorifies God to come before him and ask. As a parent wants their child to ask of them what they need, so does our Father. Because again, our bread, signifies obviously bread, but even more than this, the Father who gives us life cannot but give us the nourishment. Life requires all appropriate goods and blessings, both material and spiritual. And further, Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount the filial trust that cooperates with our Father's Providence, that he's asking us not to worry, right? Remember the line in Matthew, chapter 6, verses 25-34...consider the lilies of the fields. They don't sow or spin. But Solomon in all of his splendor was not arrayed like them...*Jesus is inviting us to be free from worry.* Jesus is not inviting us to idleness. He's not saying, don't worry, God will just take care of you, so don't even worry about what you are to eat, what you are to wear, what you are to do or say or whatever. He's not inviting us to idleness, but he wants to relieve us from nagging worry and preoccupation, which is something that probably effects all of us. And that's when we have this filial surrender, this surrender of placing our lives under the dominion of God and saying, God, I know, I know that I can ask and I can trust.

But we have to remember is that when we come to Him with our needs, we recognize that there are people around us who have needs as well. And that's the goal, to have a heart like the Father. And if we are going to come before God to ask for our Daily Bread, then we must look around and say, where are my fellow human beings whom God loves? Am I able to give them their daily bread? Can God work through me in this way that they can be cared for because I have a heart like my Father?

Then we talk about pray and work in paragraph 2834. St. Ignatius of Loyola said, pray as if everything depended on God, and work as if everything depended on you. Even when we have done our work, the food we receive is still a gift from our Father. And as mentioned at the beginning, we know that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Therefore, we make every effort to proclaim the good news to the poor and help to meet the needs of others, physical and spiritually. There is a famine, not a famine of bread, nor thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. (See more from Day 362 as Fr. Mike goes on to explain how the Eucharist ties into this entire section)

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...it asks a lot. Not only does it ask the Lord God to forgive us fully, but it demands that we are forgiven to the degree that we are willing to forgive those who have hurt us. And that's a lot! C.S. Lewis says that forgiveness is a lovely idea until you have something to forgive. Lewis goes on to say, 'how would you feel if you are a Pole or a Jew and had to forgive the Gestapo? I don't know what I would do if I had that much to forgive. And yet we cannot escape this. We cannot escape the command of Jesus.' So we must confess our own sins, we must forgive, if we want forgiveness. Not easy! We are so quick to break each other, hurt each other, to turn away from the Lord. We turn away from God so easily. Forgive us our trespasses, begins with a confession. We're confessing that we have fallen short. If we are honest with ourselves, there is plenty of ugliness in our souls and in our hearts. But we aren't fully corrupt, we're deprived of that fullness but we're not fully depraved. We can't get stuck there either. Through reconciliation, we are forgiven so we can in turn forgive. (There is so much more that Fr. Mike has to say on this one topic, so go listen to Day 363 in its entirety)

Lead us not into temptation...Am I asking God not to tempt me? Great question, the answer is no! But it can be confusing. Scripture makes it clear in James chapter one, verse 13 that God cannot be tempted by evil and He himself tempts no one. Very important to understand...God does not tempt us. A better translation would be do not allow us to enter into temptation or do not let us yield to temptation. This petition implores the spirit of discernment and strength. The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials and temptations. We will all face trials, and without trials we wouldn't grow spiritually. It's how our muscles grow, or our brain when we learn things. We have to be challenged. So trials are necessary for our growth. Temptation is different. The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials which are necessary and temptation which leads to sin and death. We have to be able to discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation. We all get tempting thoughts, so the right response would be to ask for God's help to banish them, or to help you distract yourself from them. When you don't entertain them or consent to them, there's no sin, but instead victory! So being tempted is not the same as consenting to sin, and we must be able to discern between them. (listen for more) Deliver us from evil... In this petition, evil is not an abstraction but refers to a person, Satan, the angel who opposes God. We are praying to be delivered from the evil one. Jesus said, 'He is a murderer from the beginning, a liar and the father of lies.' Satan is the deceiver of the whole world, and we recognize that. We cannot fight the devil on our own, and we're not called to. Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we're asking God, please fight him for me. Every single time we pray this is what we are asking God to do. And so in this last petition the Church brings before God all the distress of the world; all the suffering, all of the evil in this world, and we are begging God for the precious gift of peace and the grace of perseverance. Perseverance in expectation of Christ's return. (There is so much more! We encourage you to read the passages of the Catechism, and listen to Fr. Mike as he explains it all!)



There are perogies for sale! You can come to the parish office during office hours, or contact Linda Zazuliak at 638-5633 to purchase.



Are you new to our parish? If you are and you have not registered with the parish please do so. We would like to be able to formally welcome you. You will find forms in the gather area on the display case by the sacristy.

Have you moved? Changed your Phone Number? Did you let the church office know? We appreciate your help in keeping our Parish directory up to date.

Once a month, usually the first Wednesday of the month, Father Michel goes to The Dauphin PCH to say Mass with the residents. We are currently in need of some help in assisting Father to set up. If you are interested, please call *Lorraine Slonowsky* for more details at 204-638-0902.

#### **Financial Corner:**

**St. Viator's Parish** # Envelopes = 56 **Jan 28 Collection-**\$1948 + \$241.85 (loose) = \$2189.85 **SGG** - \$125

Pre-Authorized Payments \$900

Corpus Christi # of envelopes = Jan 28 Collection- \$361.05 SGG - \$



All teens and parents...

LifeCanada has embarked on an exciting new project aimed at reaching next generation youth using a unique strategy—a made in Canada pro-life comic book/graphic novel. The current statistics do not lie. 13,000 infants are born to teen parents each year in Canada. 1767 were lost to surgical abortion in 2021 alone. This does not include the untallied numbers of babies lost to the abortion pill.

To combat this continued trend amongst teen girls to choose abortion, and to encourage teens to think about how their choices affect all life, we have brainstormed and soft-launched this innovative new resource called: **The GIFT**, aimed at reaching teens who will face an unplanned pregnancy or who have friends facing such a crisis.

The purpose of this new life-affirming series is to:

- Offer youth a high quality resource—challenging them to think about a very sensitive topic
- Assist parents and youth organizations with a free resource to help them facilitate discussions
- Encourage teen girls to make the choice for LIFE—to keep their baby or support adoption

We have copies available here at St. Viator's located in the rack next to the boardroom. Please feel free to take one.

#### **Show Others You Care**

The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases. Mark 1:33-34a (NIV)

Based on Mark 1:29-39



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### THE FOUR PILLARS OF STEWARDSHIP

As a faith community we strive to be a community of hospitality, prayer,

Formation, and service. In sharing generously of our talent, time and treasure,

We grow in the stewardship way of life, the discipleship way of life.

#### Our stewardship ministries are gathered under these four pillars:

**HOSPITALITY:** We strive to extend a warm, hospitable and loving welcome to all who join us in worship, service, study, social or in times of personal need. We assist our parish community in presenting a visible sign of Christ's loving kindness in all we do.

**PRAYER:** We grow as disciples who are committed to prayer—individual and communal prayer, public and private prayer. Through prayer we are invited to draw closer to Jesus and to imitate Him in our daily lives. While Eucharist is central to our spiritual life, other prayer opportunities are made available.

**FORMATION:** We strive to educate, form and sustain the stewardship way of life for all ages through faith formation opportunities in the parish and school. We strive to be disciple stewards and give good examples as we participate in parish life in ministries and on parish leadership teams. We are open to the continuous conversion to a life of stewardship—to sharing what one has with a loving, generous and grateful heart.

**SERVICE:** We strive to be servant ministers to the need of our parish members, the wider community and Church. We strive to serve compassionately those who are hurting or in need, lost or alone, or suffering in any way. We give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received and we celebrate the special events in the lives of parishioners.