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 Sat Mar 2: 6:30pm Confession 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.

2nd Sunday of Lent February 25 & 25, 2024



*Schedule Subject to Change

Mon Feb 26: Office Closed, No Mass

7:00pm Bible Study

(Daniel 9.3, 4-10) Gospel: Luke 6.36-38

Tues Feb 27: No Mass

6:30pm Liturgy Meeting

(Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31) Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12

Wed Feb 28: 6:30pm Mass: +Leo Leblanc, req Yvonne &

Randy Bossuyt

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

(Jeremiah 18.18-20) Gospel: Matthew 20.17-28

Thurs Feb 29: 10:30am Novena & Mass: +Marie Sarrasin,

reg Richard and Christine Letain

6:30pm Ushers Meeting

(Jeremiah 17.5-10) Gospel: Luke 16.19-31

Fri Mar 1: 6:00pm Divine Mercy

7:00pm Mass: Healing for Erlinda Ercia, req a

parishioner

(Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13, 17-28) Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46

7:30pm Mass: In thanksgiving, req Mendones family (Micah 7.14-15, 18-20) Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Sun Mar 3: 9:00am Catechism & 1st Communion Classes

9:30am Confession

10:15am Mass: +Jovito Boncodin, req Boncodin &

Sarcia family

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

and youth of both parishes

(Exodus 20.1-17, 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25)

Gospel: John 2.13-25

Lent's 3 Pillars: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

Ideas were given in the bulletin last week for prayer and fasting, this week we'll talk a bit more about almsgiving.

At its core, almsgiving is a spiritual and religious practice that strengthens our love for others, increases our detachment and contributes to greater social justice.

This threefold meaning of almsgiving helps us understand why it is particularly central to the season of Lent. During Lent, Jesus invites us into a deeper journey with him, and to journey with Jesus Christ means to live as Christ lived.

Throughout his ministry, we see Jesus caring in a special way for sinners, tax collectors, the impoverished, the sick and anyone else on the margins of society. With the rich young man and with the scribes and Pharisees who persecute him, we see Jesus chastising them and calling them to a higher order of love, mercy and material detachment so that they too can serve the poor as they ought.

When we give alms, we are making a concrete donation of ourselves (through money, time, talent or service) to others. The concreteness of almsgiving is crucial. Although prayer for others is worthy and good, almsgiving helps us say, in crystal clear terms: "Here is what I can offer, and I offer it out of love for you (and God) because I care about your welfare."

The Church teaches us that all people are made in the image of God and so possess equal and inherent dignity. Each person has a right to all they need to live their full potential as intended by God.

At the root of the practice of almsgiving is the principle that "everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as 'another self,' above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity" (CCC, No. 1931). This responsibility to care for our neighbors becomes even more important when it involves those who are disadvantaged (CCC, No. 1932). By treating our neighbor as "another self" we are removing any human barriers that might separate us. God sees all men and women as his children, equal in his eyes, and therefore deserving of fair and just treatment. Almsgiving allows justice to flourish through simple acts of love and compassion.

Almsgiving/Charity/Donation Ideas:

Kids/Teens:

Spend time volunteering as a family, perhaps at the Food Bank, as well as donating food. Allow kids to be the one to place money in the basket during offertory, or have them place some money in the pot in front of the altar.

Introduce children to a charity and explain to them how and why to donate to it. Have children donate a toy they are willing to give to Goodwill, or some clothing. Create a jar to collect change to donate.

Adults:

There are many Catholic affiliated charities to consider donating to:

Cross Catholic—supports clean water initiatives in some of Africa's poorest communities Save a Family Plan—help to support a Catholic family from India as they attempt to get back on their feet.

Catholic Christian Outreach—an organization who sets up in universities in order to evangelize and support university students in their faith.

Knights of Columbus—Fraternal service order of Catholic men that has been active since 1882. Catholic Women's League— a national service organization of women who are work together to promote Catholic values and to carry out volunteer and charitable work, founded in 1920. Offer help to someone who is sick and unable to do things for themselves.

Offer help and or food items for your local food bank.

<u>Stations of the Cross</u> will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00pm following Mass. The schedule for the groups leading the stations are as follows:

February 28 - Finance Council March 6 - Couples for Christ March 13 - Malayalee Community March 20 - Bible study groups

March 27 - CWL & Knights of Columbus



The CWL is having a bake sale in March!

Donations of baking are gratefully accepted and may be dropped off on *Thursday*, *March 14*, at St. Viator's church hall between the hours of *9:30am-1:30pm*.

The <u>Bake Sale</u> will be held on *Friday, March* 15, from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Dauphin Market Place Mall.







There will be an Usher meeting on Thursday, February 29 at 6:30pm. For all current ushers and if you're interested in becoming an usher please attend.

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.

Financial Corner:

St. Viator's Parish # Envelopes = 64

Feb 18 Collection-\$1684 + \$145.60 (loose) = \$1829.60

SGG - \$50

Pre-Authorized Payments \$900

Corpus Christi # of envelopes = Feb 18 Collection- \$ SGG - \$



Church Spring Cleaning

Monday, March 11th, from 9:00am-12:00pm

Bring your favourite cleaning cloth, and a bagged lunch for noon.









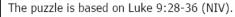
The **Knights of Columbus** will be having a **pickerel fish fry** on Friday, March 15th from 5:00-7:00pm.
Prices are:

Adults - \$17.50 Youth - \$12.50

Children under 5 years, free Everyone is welcome!

The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)





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flash	lightning	Moses	John	mountain
cloud	Peter	changed	voice	Jesus
James	pray	chosen	clothes	Elijah
talking	face	bright	appeared	disciples

FORMED

There are so many wonderful options for Lent on FORMED, and it's FREE!

Go to stviatorparish.formed.org to sign in.
Follow the prompts to get yourself started.
Under find your parish - St. Viator Parish Dauphin



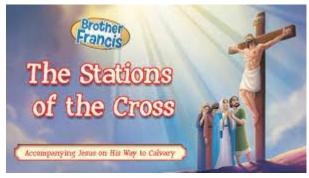
In week two of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, discusses the practice of fasting and how it can heal your relationship with yourself. Jesus desires to love us and bring us back into communion with him. When you say NO to something through fasting, this allows you to say YES to the true desires of your heart—to love and be loved.



"Maybe you've seen it on a bumper sticker:
""Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven."" There's a
lot of truth in that slogan, even if some people misuse
it. Nobody's perfect, not even those who profess to
follow Jesus.

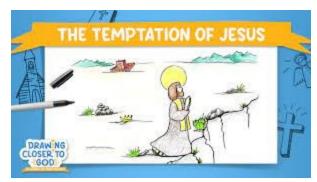
But didn't Jesus tell his followers, ""You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"" (Matt 5:48)? How can he demand perfection? If Jesus demands perfection of his disciples, you might well give up on the idea of following him before you even start. Let's take a closer look at what it means to be chosen as a disciple and to become like Jesus.





Join Brother Francis as he follows our Lord on his way to the Cross. This episode includes:

- A short introduction to the traditional Stations of the Cross, and how meditating upon them brings us closer to our Savior.
- The traditional 14 stations beautifully illustrated with 14 thought-provoking meditations composed especially for children
- "What More Can He Give"—a moving song that reminds us of Jesus's love for us all throughout his time on Earth.



In this episode, Ms. Kim draws Jesus praying and fasting in the desert. She introduces Lent as 40 days when we more intentionally pray, fast, and give alms. She also teaches children about how Jesus resisted temptation from the Evil One and encourages kids to follow our Lord's example.

