

Greetings from Father Sam

The season of lent begins with Ash Wednesday February 14. Every year we journey in the spiritual desert to rid ourselves of attitudes, actions, and opinions that are contrary to Gospel life. Now is the time to prepare for Lent. All of us have to make a Lenten plan and to help, we have the Lenten books on the table in Church. The booklet has a black cover so please take one home and use it every day.

Our communal penance is: **No eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.** Folks who are 14-59 years of age are encouraged to fast during the Lenten season. Fasting usually is food but one might want to fast from the computer and TV and feast with reading and visiting peoples who are usually alone.

I wish to start a new section in our bulletin: Praying for the sick. We have very strict privacy laws in Manitoba so if you want to have a family member prayed for, a member of the family has to call the parish (204-284-5140 and ask to have the family members name printed.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

- 1. Gianfranco Leuzzi 2. Isabella Consiglio

LENTEN SEASON

- February 14, 9:00 A.M Mass in Italian
7:30 P.M. Mass in English
- February 16, 3:00 P.M. Via Crucis- Stations of the Cross
- February 21, 7:30 P.M Mass and Lenten Reflection
- February 23, 7:30P.M Via Crucis - Stations of the Cross
- February 28, 7:30 P.M Mass and Lenten Reflection
- March 2, 3:00P.M Via Crucis - Stations of the Cross
- March 7, 7:30 P.M Mass and Lenten Reflection
- March 9, 7:30 P.M Via Crucis - Stations of the Cross
- March 16, 3:00 P.M Via Crucis - Stations of the Cross
- March 23, 7:30 P.M Via Crucis - Stations of the Cross
- March 29, 8:00 P.M Mass of Last Supper Italian & English
- March 30, 12:00 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)
- March 30, 3:00 P.M Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Italian)

First Communion Dates
May 6 and 20, 2018

Confirmation Date
June 24, 2018, 12:00 noon Mass

Parish Financial Support
Weekend Jan. 28, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3,246.50
Loose Cash	\$ 677.00
Initial Offering	\$ 40.00
SGG	\$ 205.00
Heating	\$ 20.00
Least Coins	\$ 416.00

Italian Canadian League of Manitoba

NOTICE

Interested in serving your community? Various positions on the League Executive Board will be open effective May 1, 2018. Prospective candidates are required to submit a brief resume' outlining formal education, experience and area of expertise. Applications should be forwarded to Chair, League Nominating Committee, Centro Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Ave. Winnipeg, R3P 2L7 Applications will be received up to Friday, March 16, 2018

Rekindling The Fire Within:

Please join this Lenten Mission for two hours for three evenings with three priests in a choice of more than four parishes. **Feb. 6-8 at St Charles Parish; Feb. 20-22 at St. Theresa Parish; March 13 at St. Francis Xavier Parish; March 14 at St. Eustache Parish; Mar. 15 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Elie. Sessions run from 7-9 p.m.. Presented by Fr. Michel Nault, Fr. David Kowalski and Fr. Michael Wollbaum.** Each night there will be talks, activities, prayer and fellowship. This mission is open to all, whether Catholic or not, those who go regularly to church or not. Tuesday evening will focus on the gift of faith; Wednesday evening will be on the gift of hope; Thursday evening will focus on the gift of love.

The Winnipeg Tri-Diocesan Bat Kol Committee

will be presenting two sessions on Tuesdays, Feb. 13 and 20 at 7 p.m., 505 Watt Street, Holy Eucharist Church, in the basement. Cost: \$10/session; \$15/series. Session One will examine the experiences of the early prophets. Session Two will focus on the experiences of the later prophets. Through music, meditation, and text, the possibility of prophetic experience in our lives today will be recreated. The second session will conclude with an informal farewell reception for Rabbi Green. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome. For more information: email wpgtri.batkol@gmail.com, phone 204 594-0273.

Saluti da Padre Sam

La stagione di Quaresima inizia con mercoledì delle Ceneri il 14 febbraio. Ogni anno ci spostiamo nel deserto spirituale per liberarci di atteggiamenti, azioni e opinioni contrarie alla vita del Vangelo. Ora è il momento di prepararsi per la Quaresima. Tutti noi dobbiamo fare un piano di Quaresima e per aiutare, abbiamo i libri di Quaresima sul tavolo in chiesa. L'opuscolo ha una copertina nera, quindi per favore prendete uno a casa e usatelo ogni giorno.

La nostra penitenza comune è: **Non mangiare carne nel Mercoledì delle Ceneri e tutti i venerdì di Quaresima.** La gente di 14-59 anni è incoraggiata a digiunare durante la Quaresima. Il digiuno di solito è il cibo, ma si potrebbe desiderare di digiunare dal computer e dalla TV e festeggiare con la lettura e la visita alle persone che sono sole.

Desidero iniziare una nuova sezione nel nostro bollettino: **Pregare per i malati.** Nel Manitoba abbiamo leggi molto rigide sulla privacy, quindi se volete che preghiamo per un membro della famiglia, solamente la famiglia può chiamare la parrocchia (204-284-5140) e chiedere di far stampare il nome della persona.

St. Maurice School Public Open House

St. Maurice School Public Open House: St. Maurice Parochial School of St. Vital Catholic Church will hold its annual Public Open Houses on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm for Grades 7-12 and on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm for Kindergarten to Grade 6. St. Maurice is a Kindergarten to Grade 12 Catholic school located at 1639 Pembina Hwy (entrance from Manahan Avenue). Everyone is welcome to attend. The priority deadline for applications for the first intake is March 9, 2018. Visit our website at www.stmaurice.mb.ca

Marian & Eucharistic Pilgrimage to Germany & Belgium

Please join father Gerry Sembrano of St. Emile parish in a beautiful and unique Marian and Eucharistic pilgrimage to Germany, Belgium and Holland- May 08,18,2018- visiting Munich, Erding and Altotting, waldrum, Cologne, Aachen, Banneau, Brussels, Bruges, Amsterdam and much more. For more information please contact Adriana Lombardini . Tel 204-262-6079- cell 204-228-4764- email: adriana.lombardini@caamanitoba.com

Discernment Retreat

Discovering the beauty and goodness in all vocations **February 23rd to 25th, 2018** at the Catholic School of Evangelization in St. Malo, MB

Are you between 17 and 30 years of age and considering what Vocation God may be calling you to? This will be a relaxed and intimate weekend where you will be invited to take a step back from your busy life to reconnect with God, and to be guided in your vocational discernment.

You'll experience: prayer times, one-on-one spiritual accompaniment, sharing, reflection, games, great food, and so much more! Facilitators will be travelling from across North America to share their experience with you, to pray with you, and accompany you. Discover the beauty of all vocations: to the married life, to the priesthood, or to the religious life. Investment is \$50 per participant, including food, lodging, and all retreat materials.

To register or for more information, contact Kevin Prada, kevin@catholicway.net, (204)-347-5396.

St. Mary's Academy

Closet Pop-Up Shop: Sat., Feb. 10, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Academy Closet is an afternoon pop-up shop that will consist of shopping, refreshments and socializing. Everyone is welcome to join us, our Atrium will be brimming with gently used women's clothing, shoes and accessories. Guests are asked to bring a donation of a feminine hygiene product (i.e. tampons, pads, deodorant) at the door for admission. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund. All left over clothing and admission donations will go to North Point Douglas Women's Centre. ant

Pause and pray

Audio Divina: Feb. 17, 10am-3pm - Contemplation through Music --Experience music in a new way-- as a way to contemplative and encounter God. participants in this day workshop will listen to music past and present and make connections to their own inner experiences. Journaling and sharing will be part of the day. led by Patricia Frain and Liz Coffman * **Fermata** (means 'pause') is a weekend retreat for those who want to push the pause button, to slow down, to learn again how to pray and reflect deeply, to deepen a relationship with God. **Feb. 23-25** at St. Benedict's led by Rachel Twigg Boyce and Kalyn Falk, spiritual directors and experienced retreat facilitators. Room, board and tuition \$165.