

Greetings from Father Sam

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia. Many thanks for our choir, lectors, extra ordinary ministers of communion, ushers, lectors, Holy water angels, decorators and all who volunteered to make our Easter Sunday Liturgy so beautiful. Many thanks also to our custodian and office staff who provided us with everything we needed to pray!!

Remember, Easter is a 50 day Feast and will end on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. During the Easter Season our first reading at the mass is from the Acts of the Apostles which is St. Luke's Second Book.

The Acts tells the story of the Church in its earliest days. The Acts is not a History in the sense of an eyewitness account of the beginnings of Christianity; rather it is an interpretation of this history, explaining how Christianity spread outside of Judaism to the Gentile world under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

CIAO FOR NOW

I will be away from Monday April 9 to Thursday April 19 celebrating a friend of mine 70th Birthday. We have known each other since we were 18 years old. Please pray for safe trips. Fr. Gerry Ward and Fr. Michael Koryluk will be Sacramental Ministers until I return.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

- 1. Gianfranco Leuzzi 2. Isabella Consiglio 3. Monti Bell

Festa dei Santi

FESTA dei SANTI - SAINTS' SOCIAL Dinner & Dance

Saturday, April 21, 2018 - Church Hall 6:30 - Midnight

Tickets \$20.00 - available from Saints' members & from Church office

First Communion Dates

Date: May 6 and 20, 2018,

Time: 12:00 noon Mass

Confirmation Date

Date: June 24, 2018

Time: 12:00 noon Mass

Parish Financial Support Weekend April 8, 2018

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Envelopes (\$3735.00), Loose Cash (\$724.00), Good Friday (\$50.00), SGG (\$280.00), Heating (\$5.00), Least Coins (\$90.00), Easter Flowers (\$5.00), Easter Sunday (\$185.00), Church Maint. (\$20.00)

Church Donations

ENVELOPES AND DIRECT DEPOSIT

The Finance Committee would like to remind parishioners of the convenient option of automatic withdrawals from your Debit Card. Our donations have been decreasing steadily the past few years. A lot of our church family do not attend mass in the summer months because they go to their cottages and in the Winter a lot of our parishioners go away. The church still needs to pay its bills throughout these times. Forms are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

ENVELOPES

Please do not use OLD envelopes. Envelopes should not be stapled or taped unless loose coin is used. Please remember to put your names legibly on your envelopes.

VIGIL CANDLES

Just a reminder that the cost to light a candle is \$5.00. This barely covers our cost. Thank you for your understanding.

USED STAMPS

Members of Development & Peace who are philatelists, sell these used stamps to stamp collectors. Simply cut off stamps from your envelopes without damaging the perforations and deposit them in the box at the back of the church. Over \$500,000.00 has been raised for Development and Peace through their stamp collections

Holy Water Angels

Many thanks to the Holy Water Angels for this year's Holy Water bottles which continues our Easter tradition.

- Diane and John Lewis Connie Fiorentino-Scerbo Mary and Ralph Vinci Bill and Carol Beitzel

Saluti da Padre Sam

Cristo è risorto, è risorto davvero. Alleluia, Alleluia. Mille grazie al nostro coro, i nostri lettori, i ministri straordinari di comunione, uscieri, lettori, angeli de l'acqua Santa, decoratori e tutti coloro che si sono offerti volontari per rendere la nostra Liturgia della Domenica di Pasqua così bella. Mille grazie anche al nostro custode e al personale dell'ufficio che ci ha fornito tutto ciò di cui avevamo bisogno per pregare !!

Ricordate la Pasqua è una Festa di 50 giorni e termina il giorno di Pentecoste, il 20 Maggio. Durante la stagione Pasquale la nostra prima lettura alla messa viene dagli Atti degli Apostoli che è il secondo libro di San Luca.

Gli Atti racconta la storia della Chiesa nei suoi primi giorni. Gli Atti non sono una storia nel senso di una testimonianza oculare degli inizi del cristianesimo; piuttosto è un'interpretazione di questa storia, che spiega come il cristianesimo si diffuse al di fuori del giudaismo nel mondo dei gentili sotto la direzione dello Spirito Santo.

CIAO PER ORA

Sarò assente da lunedì 9 aprile a giovedì 19 aprile celebrando il 70mo Compleanno di un mio caro amico. Ci conosciamo da quando avevamo 18 anni. Per favore pregate per un viaggio sicuro. Fr. Gerry Ward e Fr. Michael Koryluk saranno i Ministri dei Sacramenti fino al mio ritorno.

Catechism News

Our children did a great job raising money for Development and Peace. A total of \$324.00 was raised. The children did chores and helped for donations which they then used to fill the big jar. Great Job everyone. A draw was held and the Grade 4 class won the juice and Tims party.

The contest may be over but you can still continue to do good deeds and donate the money to the church. This will help you form a great habit of giving to help support our church and community.

Our Catechism program is coming to an end. The last day of classes will be April 29, 2018. We want to thank all families for your commitment to bringing the faith to your children. We also want to thank all our volunteers for their dedication to helping our children deepen their faith.

Online registration for September 2018 will open soon. Please check the bulletin, website and Facebook for updates.

See you all in September!!!

Seeds of Friendship Concert

Saturday April 21st 3:00PM St John's College Chapel University of Manitoba campus

Sunday April 22nd 7:00 PM St Join Brebeuf Church Lanark and St John Brebeuf Place

Joie de Vivre Choir, St John Brebeuf School Choir, and Plain Salt Celtic Ensemble will perform popular songs, folk songs, and spiritual and other Religious Music.

FREE WILL OFFERING: food, clothing, money Proceeds to Our Place/Chez Nous Drop-In Centre Reception to follow the concerts

Catechism Update

Our Children's Catechism program depends on volunteers to ensure our children receive faith formation. We have several volunteers that are leaving our program this year and therefore are in need to fill several positions.

If you have these qualifications we need you:

- *love working with elementary age kids *love to share your faith with others *want to learn more about your faith *able to commit to teaching every Sunday September to May *able to follow the program we use *must attend the Safe Environment workshop *submit a criminal record check and child abuse registry Our church community needs you to ensure we continue to share our faith with future generations. The volunteer positions is perfect for future educators, parents and young adults.

Note we also need several youth helpers for our program.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Julia Stiller at julia.stillerhr@gmail.com Don't delay do it now!!!!

Cultivating Relationships, Emotional & Spiritual Care for Cognitively Impaired Older Adults Crescent Fort Rouge United Church Saturday, April 21, 2018, 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

This is the third of three sessions on dementia related issues We will focus on developing and understanding of dementia that promotes a focal shift from dysfunction to capacity. As a community we might re-vision supportive care for persons with dementia.

Presenter will be Ina Baas-Penner, B.A. (Comparative Religions, Psychology), M.A. (Theology) has many years of experience working with older adults in Long Term Care. She retired as a Spiritual Practitioner/Chaplain, from River Health Centre, where her clinical areas included acquired brain injury, dementia care, geriatric assessment, and palliative care.