

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Philip Cheverie, Sandi Mosienko, Clarence Kowerko, Pamela Bacani, Vicki Worton and all our shut-ins.

**St. Theresa's Community Social Events Survey** – In anticipation of trying to start a new Community Events ministry in the parish, we would like to do a survey inquiring about what social events that people might enjoy coming out for or supporting. Sheets will be available starting at the Masses this weekend and next and a box to return the surveys will be available at the back of the church. Please take this opportunity to let us know the kind of events that can help foster more community in our parish. Yours in Christ, Fr. Michael

**The Archdiocese of Winnipeg is celebrating our Centennial** at a special Mass at the MTS Centre on May 3, 2015. As part of our outreach and as a sign of our generosity, the Archbishop is asking parishes to take up a collection for "Returning to Spirit" on the weekends of Sunday, April 19 and Sunday, April 26. The Archbishop believes that there should be a good and practical work of charity attached to our Centennial event. "Returning to Spirit" is a proven method that does bring reconciliation and new hope to all concerned and as we mark our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we need to reach out to those in need as Pope Francis encourages us. By making this collection a success, we will celebrate our Centennial in a truly significant way by reaching out, towards our neighbour. Returning to Spirit is a non-profit charitable organization which aims to bring about reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities. The mission of RTS is "to create a cultural bridge and give everyone a chance to transform the negative legacy of the Residential Schools, to one of empowerment and possibility." A good number of our clergy and parishioners have taken part in the reconciliation workshops. Please consider supporting this reconciling work. Envelopes will be provided to accept your gift.

**Assisted Suicide, Euthanasia, Palliative Care** – Dr. Larry Rados M.D. will make a presentation to inform us about the impact on our society of the Supreme Court's decision on February 6, 2015 to strike down the ban on doctor assisted suicide. If doctor assisted suicide becomes law, what will this mean for our children, grandchildren and the future of our society? Did you know that in 2001 the Netherlands was the 1<sup>st</sup> country in the world to legalize assisted suicide. Even with safeguards in place, the number of assisted suicide deaths rose from 1882 in 2002 to 4829 in 2013. In the Flanders region of Belgium, 32% of all deaths by euthanasia occurred without request. 16% of those euthanized in Switzerland had no underlying medical illness. Be informed on this important issue. **Presentation is Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the main hall of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 4588 Roblin Blvd. Charleswood. Presentation is free.**



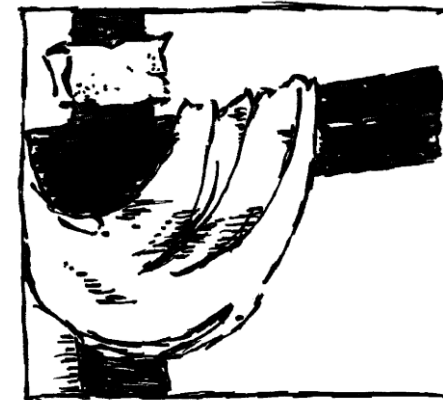
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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 19, 2015



Anticipated Sunday Mass - Saturday – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass – St. Margaret – 9:00 a.m.

Confessions  
Saturday – 4:30 p.m.  
Other times by appointment

## MASS SCHEDULE APRIL 18 – 26, 2015

### SATURDAY, April 18

St. Theresa's 5:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, April 19

St. Margaret's 9:00 a.m.  
St. Theresa's 10:30 a.m.

For all parishioners requested by Fr. Michael

### MONDAY, April 20

NO MASS

### TUESDAY, April 21

NO MASS

### WEDNESDAY, April 22

NO MASS

### THURSDAY, April 23

Middlechurch Home 6:15 p.m.

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

### FRIDAY, April 24

NO MASS

### SATURDAY, April 25

St. Theresa's 4:00 p.m.

First Communion Mass  
For all parishioners requested by Fr. Michael

### SUNDAY, April 26

St. Margaret's 8:30 a.m.  
St. Theresa's 10:30 a.m.

First Communion Mass

**Changes in Mass Times:** Saturday, April 25 – St. Theresa's at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 26 – St. Margaret's at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday, May 3 – St. Theresa's at 9:00 a.m.

### Income for April 12, 2015

Sunday Offering 1809.95

### Vocation View – What could convince someone to turn to God?

That God became man and is the sacrifice that takes our sins away. Let us pray - Lord Jesus, make Your word plain to us and set our hearts on fire with love when You speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of Your love.



### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, April 19 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass** – K of C Parish Breakfast in Hall

**Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.** – K of C Executive Meeting in Hall

**Wednesday, April 22 (evening)** – Caritas Dinner at RBC Convention Centre

**Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.** – Whist Drive in Hall

**Saturday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m.** – First Communion Mass at St. Theresa's

**Sunday, April 26 at 8:30 a.m.** – First Communion Mass at St. Margaret's

**Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.** – Confirmation Class in Hall

**Monday, April 27-Friday, May 1** – Archdiocesan Priests' Retreat in Pinawa



**1. C.W.L. Newsletter:** If YOU have a submission for our next newsletter, please submit it to Caroline or Laura before the end of April. Thanks.

**2. Rosary at Middlechurch Home** will be recited on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome.

**3. The next Prayer Shawl Meeting** will be held on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at 42 Vernon Keats Drive. Please let me know if you will be coming. Join us for an afternoon of knitting, crocheting and socializing. Call Myrna Schopohl at 204-338-5315.

**Toiletry and Cosmetic Donations** – You know all those little bottles of shampoos, conditioners, lotions, bars of soap, or samples we receive in the mail and take up space but are rarely used? We are starting a collection of small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, cosmetics etc. to be given to the shelters for the homeless. A bin for them is located at the entrance to the church, near the Winnipeg Harvest bin. The bottles and boxes must be unopened and unused. For more information, contact Myrna Schopohl - phone: 204-338-5315 or e-mail: pohlmyr@gmail.com.

**Dear parishioners:** On the weekends of April 11-12 and 18-19, we will be taking names for the lottery for tickets at the MTS centre for the Centennial Mass. Each household will be allowed to put in their name on a ballot with the names of those in their immediate family who they would like to get tickets for. Only one ballot per household/family. Please put down your phone number as well on the ballot so we can get a hold of you. The winners will be contacted after April 19<sup>th</sup>; pick up date for the tickets will be the weekend of April 25-26. Tickets not claimed by then will be given away to other parishes that can use them. Fr. Michael, Pastor



The 14 parishes of the Interlake Deanery are joining together for a fun **BBQ and Talent Show** on **July 12<sup>th</sup>** to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of our Archdiocese. Our first priority in planning is to find talent from each of our parishes to perform in the talent show. If you have been blessed with a God-given performance talent... singer, dancer, poet, magician, juggler...could even be a group doing a skit, please consider sharing your talent with us at our July 12<sup>th</sup> event. **The deadline to sign up is April 30**, so don't delay...call **Marilee at 204-389-3722** or send an e-mail to **marileep@mymts.net** today! **If you**

**would rather help organize the talent show or help at the event, please also contact Marilee...we'd love to have you on the team!**

**Stewardship Reflection – Reaching Out** – Someone made a Facebook comment that they do not believe in God or His word in the Bible. This is very unfortunate and troubling. But this is not uncommon - many people have a falling out with God. In fact, every person does at one time or another in their lives. Some have a falling out probably several times in their lives. Just remember this - God loves us - each and every one of us, and if we lose our way with Him, He patiently awaits our return. God's love for us is a *perfect love*, not like our love which can be weak and falter. And so God, because of His unending love for us, will wait patiently for us to return to Him. All we have to do is *pray* for His *forgiveness* and *open ourselves to His love* and He will take us back with open arms. He will never abandon us! The question might be, "what makes us so sure of this?" Our answer; because *we believe in Jesus Christ; we believe as the Son of God, Jesus was sent to this world to teach us Love;* and finally, *we believe that God's love for us is so strong that He gave His only Son to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus is real, God is the almighty, the Bible is real, filled with God's love for us.* But we must focus on the message in the Bible God wants us to learn and not the anger, fighting, killing and war depicted in the Books of the "Old Testament". We understand - we know the Bible can be confusing. We sometimes cannot take the Bible at face value - we must read over and over to discern the true message. We live busy lives but some of us find the time to become involved in assisting and helping people in the community that are for various reasons unable to help themselves. Great, by giving of ourselves in this way, we are already on our way back to God. All we have to do is *open our hearts to God's word - to His messages of love and to look closely at our lives for the gifts and blessings all around us through all our years - count off a few every day - soon we will realize God has actually been with us, in our life, all along. God Bless You!*

**Year 3** – Our garden activity is still officially registered as a Canada Food Grains Bank project with all garden proceeds going to the Development & Peace account for food aid and eligible for 4x matching funds from CIDA. We are the "SAINTS F.A.I.T.H. (Food Aid Initiative To Help)" Project. This is a first - a totally catholic growing project with CFGB for Development & Peace account. Hopefully we can be guiding lights and start a more involved trend of helping those desperately in need of assistance. In year 1 we raised almost \$3400 from sale of our garden produce; which with 4x matching funds amounted to \$16,808.00 for international food aid; plus we delivered 2600 lbs of fresh produce to Winnipeg Harvest and soup kitchens. In year 2 we raised \$6050 which generated \$30,250 in international food aid; plus we delivered 1100 lbs of fresh produce to Winnipeg Harvest and soup kitchens. Our partnership with St. Benedict's Monastery and the parishes of Holy Redeemer, St. Anthony's, and St. Theresa's have contributed much to the success of our project and have made a difference in helping to feed the hungry. Thank you to the St. Theresa catechism children and parents who jump started year 3 of our garden project with \$169.26 donated during our Lent poor man's lunch. If you are interested in contributing money donations, you can make cheques payable to Canada Foodgrains Bank and memo for Saints Faith Project. Donations over \$15.00 are eligible for income tax receipts and will be issued by CFGB. Your donations would add to our Saints Faith Project revenue and end up in the Development & Peace account and eligible for

4x fund matching for international food aid. Cheques can be mailed to Canada Foodgrains Bank, 400-393 Portage Ave., PO Box 767, Winnipeg, MB R3C2L4, or give your cheque in an envelope to Steve Gadiant. We look forward to your continuing participation with 1) volunteer help in the garden 2) sales help for the produce 3) purchasing our pesticide free fresh garden produce 4) donations to our garden project. With your help, we can make a difference feeding those in need.