

PENITENTIAL SERVICES (7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, Dec. 17th – St. Vital, Beaumont

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, December 22 after the 11 AM Mass. to help complete decorating the church for Christmas.

Pancake Breakfast this Sunday after the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec. 8th 11:00 a.m. – St. Vital Parish & Parishioners

Thanks you to the ladies who volunteered their time for cleaning the church in preparation of Christmas.

PLEASE pick up your 2014 Donation Envelopes at the back of the Church. If you have not used donation envelopes previously and would like a set please contact the parish office or fill out the parish registration indicating that you would like a set.

CONFIRMATION

Are you a parent of a grade 6 student who would like to have your child receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year? If you missed the parent information and registration night in November, we will be holding a SECOND registration night on JANUARY 13th from 7-8pm at St. Vital Parish's basement hall. If you are hoping to have your child be Confirmation THIS year you MUST have either attended the November session OR this session! PLEASE RSVP to Theresa at [780-231-4196](tel:780-231-4196) or Theresa.st.vital.parish@gmail.com if you are wanting to attend this alternate registration night as the session will not be held unless there are enough parents who need it.

What: Confirmation Registration Night

Who: Any Parents of grade 6 students (who have yet to register)

Where: St. Vital Church basement

When: Monday, January 13th 7-8pm

YOU MUST RSVP IF YOU HOPE TO ATTEND THIS SESSION:

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Lapointe Knights of Columbus Meeting – Monday, December 16th @ 8:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus General Meeting – Wed., Dec. 18th @ 7:30 p.m.

Catholicism Series (Word on Fire)

Come join us for our final session this Advent! **The Catholicism Series (Word on Fire)** with creator and host Fr. Robert Barron, presents: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD. **Wednesday (December 18th) 7:30-9:30 PM** in the small meeting room of the church basement. ALL ARE WELCOME! NO COST!

Changes to Special Collections

Parishioners who have picked up their collection envelopes for the new year will notice a difference -- a number of special collections no longer have their own envelope in the set. This is because the Archdiocese is consolidating its nine special collections into one simplified annual appeal called Together We Serve. This new approach will begin in Lent of 2014. Together in charity, we will continue to serve the needs of Catholic causes at home, in Canada, and abroad. For more information about Together We Serve, check the Western Catholic Reporter this week. Archbishop Smith's letter announcing the new appeal is available at the back of the church or online at www.caedm.ca/WeServe.

Beauty of Stewardship

December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

This Sunday, we light the pink candle in the Advent wreath. Its colour is a symbol of JOY. A life of discipleship and stewardship is itself infused with perpetual joy. We discover that a Christ-centered life, not a self-centered life, is both joyful and rewarding. The joy radiates from giving. Thus, joy shared is joy multiplied. The rewards are found in a balanced lifestyle that is free from the excessive consumerism and materialism plaguing our society.

Courtesy of Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th 5:40 p.m. Children's Nativity Play

6:00 p.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. Mass

10:00 p.m. Mass

Midnight Mass (bilingual)

December 25th 10:00 a.m. Mass

Please bring a bell to ring at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

December 31st 5:00 p.m. Mass

January 1st 10:00 a.m. Mass

The Friends of SAINT-ANDRÉ Society would like to send out a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the parishioners who voted so hard for us in our quest to make the SAINT-ANDRÉ Playground Project a finalist for the Aviva Community Fund. It was such a close race that in the end every vote did matter. **We are ecstatic to announce that out of over 1000 entries from across the country, we are officially a TOP 10 finalist.** This means we get a guaranteed 5,000 for our playground, and now our entry will be passed along to a panel of judges who decide if we get additional funding beyond the \$5,000. Those results will be released in late January, so there just might be more good news then. Merry Christmas!

