



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH  
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

St. John the Baptist Parish is a warm and inviting family, living out our Baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments and witnessing God in others.

## *Welcome*

*we are so glad you joined us today!*

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1p.m.- 4p.m.

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7 & 8, 2020

## Mass Schedule

Saturday : 7 p.m.

Sunday : 10 a.m.

Weekday : Please check a current bulletin

### Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tuesdays 5:30p.m.- 6:15p.m.

Thursdays 11:30a.m. - 12p.m.

or by appointment

Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the pastor 8 months in advance

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## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, March 7	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
<i>St. Perpetua &amp; St. Felicity</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 8	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
<i>St. John of God</i>	10am Holy Mass
Tuesday, March 10	6:30pm Holy Hour Adoration
	7:30pm Holy Mass †Teresa Stephanson
	7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, March 11	11am (Hospital) †Jerry Wock
	7pm SJB Choir Practice
Thursday, March 12	10:30am Funeral Mass for Clara Mehler
	7pm Lenten Bible Study
Friday, March 13	9am - 6:30pm Lenten Adoration in the Church
	10am (Creighton Lodge) Holy Mass Special Intentions
	6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass †Lloyd Smith
Saturday, March 14	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 15	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
	10am Holy Mass

Jocelyn Hall and Kathy Thompson



### FAST AND FEAST DURING LENT

When we hear about Fasting, often and always it reminds us of abstinence from food. But there are certain areas, which will help us to be more holy if we can fast; at the same time we can feast on certain levels of our lives.

**Fast from Suspicion and Feast on Truth**

**Fast from Complaining and Feast on Appreciation**

**Fast from Judging and Feast on Christ with in others**

**Fast from Idle Gossip and Feast on Purposeful Silence**

**Fast from Anger and Feast on Forgiveness**

**Fast from Discouragement and Feast on Hope**

**Fast from Worry and Feast on Trusting God**

**Fast from Unrelenting Pressures and feast on Unceasing Prayer**

**Fast from Lethargy and Feast on Enthusiasm**

**Fast from Emphasizing the Differences and Feast on The Unity**

**Fast from Thoughts of Illness and Feast on the Healing Power of God**

It is that time of year. The Bienfait CWL will be making Apple and Turkey Pot Pies on March 28 & 29.

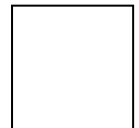
Prices are as follows:

Individual Size Turkey & Apple Pies - \$5 each

Family Size Apple Pie - \$12 each

Family Size Turkey Pot Pie - \$15 each

To order, please phone or text 306-421-8861 or email [crystallmann@sasktel.net](mailto:crystallmann@sasktel.net) with your order.



## Estevan Ministerial Association Lenten Service and Lunches

This year the theme is

**“Fruits of the Spirit in the Passion of Christ”**

Friday, March 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church - Faithfulness

Friday, March 20 at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church - Goodness

Friday, March 27 at St. Joseph’s Hospital Chapel - Self Control

Friday, April 3 at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish - Peace



*Each service begins at 12:10pm and is followed by lunch. A free will offering will be accepted for the lunch and all proceeds will go the Estevan Ministerial Association for the community groups that they support.*



**St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extra ordinary communion minister visiting the sick and homebound? Would you like to be a part of a team that provides a lay presided service to our care homes on Sundays? Would you like more information? Please contact Connie Wheeler at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.**

*“I was sick and you took care of me.” Matthew 25:36*

## St. John the Baptist Parish Lenten Events

### Tuesdays During Lent

Adoration at 6:30pm  
followed by Holy Mass at  
7:30pm.

### Wednesdays During Lent

Holy Mass at Hillview  
Manor on the first  
Wednesday of each month  
at 10am

Holy Mass at 11am at the  
Hospital.

### Thursdays During Lent

Holy Mass at 12:10pm

Lenten Study at 7pm in the  
Parish Hall

No Greater Love: A Biblical  
Walk Through Christ’s  
Passion

(Must be pre-registered.)



### Fridays During Lent

Adoration will be held in the  
Church from 9:00am until  
6:30pm.

Ministerial Association  
Lenten Service and Lunch at  
12:10pm

Station of the Cross at  
6:30pm followed by Holy  
Mass

The Holy Masses at  
Creighton Lodge and the  
Nursing Home will stay at  
their regular times.

### Lenten Reconciliation

Sunday, March 22 at 7pm in the Church.

Tuesday, March 31 at 7pm in the Church.

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



## Homily Corner

This is a recap of Father's homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent. The Gospel reading was Matthew 4:1-11.

Jesus is fully human and fully divine. When he is tempted by the devil in today's Gospel, it is important to understand that it was Jesus' humanness that was tempted, not his divinity. Jesus overcame the temptations by not touching any of them. By using the power and wisdom from God, he knew this was a temptation and not a challenge. He surrounded himself with the Word of God and overcome these temptations.

When we were Confirmed and when we receive the Holy Eucharist, we receive the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding from the Holy Spirit. We are called to use these gifts to discern whether any situation in our life is a temptation or a challenge. We have to be very careful to not fall into temptation. Ask yourself: Is this a temptation or a challenge? Pray and discern. Take the challenges, don't touch the temptations.

When you fall into temptation, you will always be the loser. Your heart will be hardened. When you pray and discern and see that you are facing a challenge, and you take that challenge, you will come out of it the winner. And your heart will be one made of flesh.

We should seek the wisdom of God and the intercession of others when we are discerning and when we are in the challenge, struggling. Ask the people sitting near you at Holy Mass, ask your family and friends to pray for you. Reach out to your Parish Family and community when you are struggling. Also, call on the intercession of the saints, the angels and our Mother Mary.

This week, as you contemplate in prayer and as you receive the Holy Eucharist: Am I seeing my brothers and sisters in their struggles and praying for them? Am I using the wisdom, knowledge and understanding that God gave me to discern whether I am facing a temptation or a challenge?

See you next week as we reflect on the 2nd Sunday of Lent.

—Father Antony

### Sacrament of Anointing

Following the Holy Masses during the weekends of Lent, you will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. As we journey toward Holy Week, this sacrament brings us healing of our minds and bodies. Please pray for healing before and after you receive this sacrament.

that you might  
  
BE HEALED

The CWL invites all members to an Organization Workshop, Saturday, March 14th; 9:30-11:00am SJB Parish Hall. The workshop is presented by Janette Rieger, Regina Diocesan President-Elect.



## MINISTRY COORDINATOR CONTACT INFO

If you are discerning joining a ministry and becoming an Activated Disciple, please contact the following coordinators with any questions you have about the ministry you are discerning:

Sacristan Coordinator - Darla Wilhelm	darla.wilhelm@accesscomm.ca
Hospitality and Welcoming Coordinator - Colleen Harkins	c.harkins@sasktel.net
Lector Coordinator - Debbie Augey	daugey@sasktel.net
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Music Ministry Coordinator - Sandra Bazin	sembazin@gmail.com
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Decorating Coordinator - Elaine Walton	erwalton@sasktel.net
Children's Liturgy - Cindy Billesberger	billesberger.cynthia@gmail.com

The Catholic Women's League ask all the women of our parish to pray and discern what role they can take in this remarkable organization.

### Who we are:

We are the voice of Catholic women united in faith, promoting Christian values in the home and in the world.

### What we offer:

We offer hospitality, friendship, sisterhood, support and affirmation that empowers women to reach their full potential.

### What we do:

We provide faith-based opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development and many avenues for service, advocacy and social justice.

### Why we do it:

As Catholic women, we are empowered by the Spirit to renew our commitment to the call to holiness through service to the people of God, one in heart, voice and mission as we work to strengthen family values, create sanctuaries of peace and be the Good News to all.

*The effect of the Holy Spirit is to take all that God has given us – our gifts, experiences, passions, and knowledge – and set them to work, bringing glory to Christ in the Church and in the world.*

For membership information, please visit our website at [www.stjohnthebaptistestevan.com](http://www.stjohnthebaptistestevan.com), the CWL website at [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) or contact:

Brenda Keating – 306-634-2331; Anita Kjersem – 306-421-7538; Annette James – 306-421-8360

Registration forms are available in the pamphlets at the entrances of the church. You may return the completed form to one of the women listed above or place it in the collection basket.

*The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.*



## Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar!

Our Annual General Meeting is on Sunday, March 22 at 11:30am. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. It is your opportunity to help our Parish Family grow by bringing your valuable suggestions and recommendations. It is also your right to attend the AGM as a full member of our Parish. See you there!!

## The Activated Disciple

The St. John the Baptist Parish 40 Day Challenge for Lent will help you to make the transformation to Activated Disciple building on the relationship you have with God right now.

You are challenged to set aside time to reflect on “the shape of your day” as you cultivate the eight characteristics that mark the life of a disciple:

Love	Selflessness
Forgiveness	Kindness
Humility	Attentiveness
Patience	Contrition

To become a follower of Jesus Christ is to be his disciple. Jesus said, “This is the will of my Father, that you should become my disciples” (John 15:8). A disciple literally means “one who is learning.” Learning and growing are lifelong tasks. When we cease to learn and grow we cease to be disciples and will experience stagnation in our spiritual lives. Attending a Faith Formation program is one way to continue learning. Our commitment to growth helps those around us to fulfill their own commitment and our whole Parish Family becomes more fruitful.

Jesus also said, “The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.” (Mark 10:45) The essence of the Christian life is to serve God and one another. We are called to serve and in this way we give witness that the Church is the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. Every disciple of Jesus has something to offer, something they do well and can do for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Pray and discern about how you can serve? Is it as a lector, a Holy Communion minister, in the Pastoral Care Ministry? There are many opportunities in our Parish to live out our call to serve.

**Each day, during your time of reflection, pray this prayer for our Parish:**

***O God, our loving Creator, You are the Giver of all our good gifts. Bless our Parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to elevate Your kingdom, here in our own Parish Family and throughout the world. Be with me as I choose each day to show your Presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call. We pray especially for those who serve you in ministry. Open the minds and hearts of many others—men, women, and young people that they may accept your vocation to build the Kingdom in our parish, responding to Your Call to be True Disciples and Apostles. I ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

We invite you to take the challenge. Each week in the bulletin, we will have suggestions for prayer and reflection on the eight characteristics. The Stewardship Prayer above will be available in the Adoration Chapel as well. As you reorient your life toward Jesus, you’ll notice the profound transformation as close relationship with him brings each day.

**We had the right to ask you to help us. But we worked to take care of ourselves so that we would be an example for you to follow. When we were with you, we gave you this rule: “Whoever will not work should not be allowed to eat.” We hear that some people in our group refuse to work. They are doing nothing except being busy in the lives of others.**

**2 Thessalonians 3:9-11**

