

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.

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. –12 p.m. & 1p.m.-4p.m. **Email:** stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net Website: www.stjohnthebaptistestevan.ca Facebook: facebook.comstjohnthebaptistestevan Pastor: Father Sathi Antony 306-634-5790 or ansathisjb@gmail.com Pastoral Assistant: Connie Wheeler 306-634-2190 or 306-421-8447 or conniesjb@gmail.com Office Assistant: Karla Waloshin 306-634-2190 Finance Administrator: Doris Trobert 306-634-2190 Caretaker: Sigfredo Gonzalez



# **Mass Schedule**

Saturday : 7 p.m. Sunday : 10 a.m. Weekday : Please check a current bulletin

#### **Sacraments**

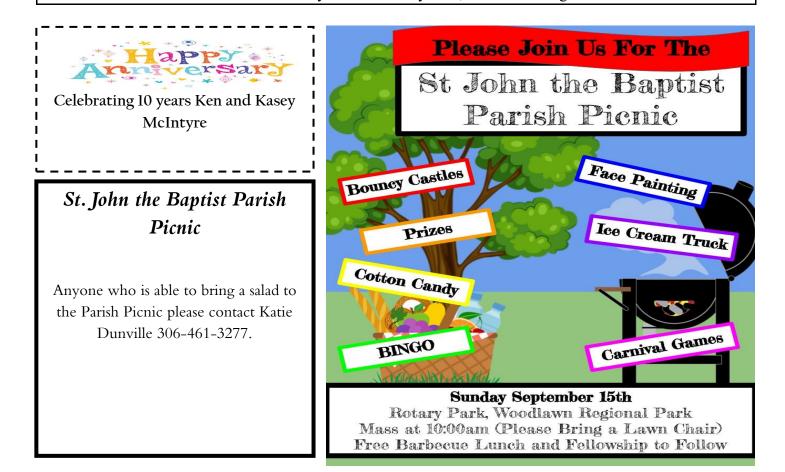
Reconciliation: Tuesdays 6p.m.- 6:45p.m. Thursdays & 1st & 3rd Fridays 8a.m. - 8:45a.m. or by appointment Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the pastor 6 months in advance

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### Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, September 7	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 8	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
	10am Holy Mass
Tuesday, September 10	7pm Holy Mass Special Intentions; Gary & Connie St. Onge
	7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting 🚸
Wednesday, September 11	11am (Hospital) Holy Mass +Gerry Keen; Mom
	7pm Baptism Preparation Class held in the Parish Hall
Thursday, September 12	9am Holy Mass <b>+</b> Henry Keen; Pat
Most Holy Name of Mary	9:30am Coffee After Mass held in the Parish Hall
	9:30am Adoration Meeting held in the Church
	7pm SJB Choir practice
Friday, September 13	10am (Creighton Lodge) Holy Mass +Richard Hagel; CWL
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the church	
Saturday, September 14	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 15	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
	10am Holy Mass at Rotary Park, Woodlawn Regional Park



Bible Study - Lectio Divina – Prayer

Learn something new in this great Bible Study - Lectio Divina – Prayer

Did you know that ancient Hebrew words were written together – the spaces between the words came about in the 9<sup>th</sup> century.

God is in the Silence

1 Kings 19:12



 $\label{eq:constraint} And after the earth quake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire the sound of sheers ilence.$ 

Having to read scripture with no spaces helps us slow down and pay attention to each word as we read it. Slowing down to read each word is part of praying Lectio Divina, part of finding God in our prayer.

Please join us in this upcoming Bible Study starting September 19, 2019.

The fee is \$50.00 payable before September 17, 2019. There are 6 sessions one at 1:30pm and the other at 7:00pm. The sessions start on Thursday, September 19, and will be held every Thursday with the last one being October 24, 2019. Registration Forms are available at the office and in the front entry way at the church.

Hope to See you there,

. The Bible Study Team.



**First Reconciliation** 

If your child is in Grade Three or older, they are invited to join us for First Reconciliation Preparation. Registration forms will be sent out through our Catholic schools soon. If your child attends a public school, registration forms are available at the Main Entrance of the Church and in the Parish Office. More information can be found on our website at stjohnthebaptistestevan.com or by calling Connie at the Parish Office. Completed

forms and the \$35.00 registration fee can be dropped off at the Office by Thursday, September 12.

We are offering two Parents' Meetings this year, one on Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm and the other on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30pm. A parent must attend *one* of these meeting. The children are not required to attend; this meeting is just for the parents. You will be given an outline of the year of preparation we have planned.

"Then I confessed my sins to you; I did not conceal my wrongdoings, I decided to confess them to you, and you forgave all my sins."

Psalm 32:5

## **CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION**

"And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself." (Acts 2:39)

Once again this year at St. John the Baptist Parish, Grade Two and above candidates will receive both the sacrament of Confirmation and the sacrament of First Eucharist at the same celebration. The preparation for these sacraments will take place in the Church, in the school and in the child's home. Preparation will begin in the fall and continue throughout the school year.



Registration forms will be sent through the Catholic schools soon. If your child attends a public school, please call Connie at the Parish Office to register.

Registration forms are also available at the Main Entrance of the Church and on our website: stjohnthebaptistestevan.com. Please bring in the completed registration form, the \$50.00 registration fee and a copy of your child's baptism certificate if they were not baptized at St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Monica Parish (Bienfait), or Sacred Heart Parish (Torquay) to the Parish Office before Thursday, September 19th.

On Monday, September 23, there will be a Parents' Meeting beginning with Mass at 6:30pm. On Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30pm we will be hosting another Parents' Meeting. You must attend one of these Parent Meetings. The children do not attend these



meetings, it is only for the parents. Both meetings will beheld in the Parish Hall. This meeting will give you an outline of the year of preparation ahead. If your child is older than Grade 2 and has not received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion, please contact Connie at the Parish Office to discuss a plan.

Attention CWL Members: Raffle ticket sales are now due for return. Please place them in the church's collection basket during Mass, drop off at the church office, or call Anita at (306) 421-7538 to arrange for pickup. Thank you.





**DON'T FORGET...** 

The days are going by fast and we just wanted to remind you

that we will be looking for pumpkins to decorate for Thanksgiving in the Church. If your garden is full and you have some

to spare, you can call the office at the end of September to arrange for them to be dropped off.



## September 8, 2019 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)* When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

## Soundboard Ministry Training

Have you ever thought about



being a Soundboard Minister? Are you an existing Sound Minister with a few questions? A workshop for all Sound Ministers will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 11:15am (right after the 10am Holy Mass). We will begin the workshop in the Meeting Room and then continue in the Church. If you would like more information about the ministry or the meeting, please contact Susan Bath at sbath@sasktel.net or 306-421-1095.

#### **Adoration Ministry Leaders**

There will be a meeting for those who either expose or repose the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharist Adoration on Thursday, September 12 @ 9:30am. The main purpose of this meeting will be for commissioning those with this ministry. Those who wish to join the ministry of Adoration are also encouraged to attend.





Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic and wanting to learn more about your Catholic faith? RCIA is for everyone—people who want to know more about Christianity, people who are curious about what the Church teaches, newcomers to the Catholic Church, "cradle Catholics" who want to know more about their faith! RCIA classes are starting in September. If you would like to join, please contact Connie Wheeler at 306-634-2190 or 306-421-8447.

# Truth or Dare

September 2019 brought to you by Faith Formation and Evangelization

Faith Formation – to help build personal relationship with the Holy Trinity - God our Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Evangelization – to be a disciple and take God the Father, Jesus Christ our Brother and the Holy Spirit out into the world.

**Truth** – Buy a journal, if you don't already have one, then read the story of Jesus and the Woman of Samaria (The woman at the well story), John 4:1-43. Read it slowly a few times over. Now ask yourself the following questions: How is this story true to you? Are you a certain person in the story? Is Jesus talking to you personally in this story? What is he saying to you? What are some of the questions or thoughts that are entering into your heart and mind? Take some time with this story and the questions that arise, then write down what ever comes to mind while in this prayer time.

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**Dare** – Come early before mass OR after mass hang back a bit rather than rushing out the doors. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know or talk to someone you haven't talked to in a long time. If the thought arises ask them if there is any special prayer intention you could pray for them either during or after the mass. Then pray for their intention.

Answers to June's Saint matching (June's bulletin is still on the St. John the Baptist Parish web site):

\_2\_St. Norbert\_6\_St. Ephrem\_3\_St. Anthony of Padua\_7\_St. Thomas More\_4\_St. Irenaeus\_1\_St. John the Baptist\_5\_Blessed Nykcyta Budka

NW/SE Chorus starts up its new season with practices in Crosby, ND starting Tuesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Members meet to carpool from St. John the Baptist Church at 5:15pm Tuesdays. Weekly practice Tuesday nights at 6pm (Cdn)/7pm(US)times. "A Star is Born" concert dates: Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's United Church, Estevan and Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Concordia Lutheran Church, Crosby. New members most welcome! Contact Debbie at 634-0199 or any concert member for more information.