

St. John the Baptist Parish

Pastor:

Fr. Brian Meredith



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MINISTRY CONTACT LIST

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Children's Liturgy

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Seniors Morning Gathering

Gina Espina

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Special Events

Stacy Grunert 306-421-1905

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Youth Groups

Connie Wheeler 306-634-2190 or 306-421-8447

December 6 & 7, 2014 Second Sunday of Advent

*"Show us your steadfast love, O
Lord, and grant us your salvation."*

- Psalm 85



St. John the Baptist Parish Office

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Email: stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net

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*After office hours please contact the Rectory
if you require the assistance of a Priest*

St. John the Baptist Parish Rectory

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 7:00PM

Sunday Liturgy: 9:00AM and 10:30AM

Weekday Liturgy: Please check the back of a current bulletin

Reconciliation: Saturdays 11:00AM

Sacrament of Anointing available at any time

please call 306-634-2190 (After office hours call 306-634-5790)

*Welcome
our new friends*

St. John the Baptist Parish would like to welcome all new parishioners.
To add your family to our Parish list please call the Parish office at
306-634-2190 or drop into the Parish office and we
would be happy to assist you.

We are now emailing the bulletin to our Parishioners that choose this option. If you are interested in having the bulletin emailed to you, please call the Parish office to sign up.

Stewardship: celebrating and sharing God's gifts.



Second Sunday of Advent

Today's second reading is about Christ's coming again, "The day of the Lord," St. Peter calls it, but that day isn't December 25th. It's that other day, that second coming day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation; strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?

CWL NEWS - ESTEVAN

Thank you to all who attended our annual Christmas supper, and to those who helped set up and prepare for it, and clean up afterwards.



Our next CWL meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2015.



If you are available as a Lector, Cup Minister, Announcer or Hospitality Host for Christmas or New Years, please notify Jo Ann Schopf as soon as possible. Your phone call is greatly appreciated.



Salvation Army Christmas Kettles Wednesday, December 10 Estevan Shoppers Mall

- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Richard Hagel
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm Bert Parent
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Bert Parent
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm Charles Loustel
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Ray Cossette
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Albert Petrash



ST. MONICA'S PARISH - BIENFAIT

Please call Mary at 388-2471 for Parish Hall bookings.



We are now accepting donations for the Christmas Hamper Fund. The approximate cost of a small hamper is \$170.00, a medium hamper is \$210.00 and a large hamper is \$290.00. Any donation is gratefully accepted. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Hampers, with your name, address and envelope number if you have one. Thank you for helping us bring Christmas to the needy families of our community.



The Living with Christ Sunday Missal is now available at St. John the Baptist Parish Office for \$5.00 each.

Community Christmas Supper

Turkey and all the trimmings!

Sunday, December 21st

Trinity Lutheran Church
738 2nd Street

Entertainment 3pm
Supper 5pm

Everyone Welcome

(No Charge)

For more information, or to RSVP,
Please call 306-634-7810

Our thanks to coordinator Gen Fichter, 20 Parish Ladies and a 10 year old boy for giving our church a thorough cleaning on Friday, November 21st.



Knights of Columbus Council 3165

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Monday, December 8 at 7:30pm at St. John's Community Centre, please use the back door.



Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish listed below and for all who are not listed, but are in need of prayer: Ella Messer, Donna MacDonald, Cheryl Heleta, Payton Sernick, Louise Frank, Florence Pho, Oliver Kennedy and Erlinda Balasbas.

Let us hold in prayer the family and friends of the dearly departed: Verna Styre, Roger Bizaire, Clayton Wheeler, Pat Dorosh and Lillian Gedak.



Baptism: The First Sacrament of Initiation

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

-Matthew 28:19-20a

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. We want to help you plan and prepare for the Baptism in the best possible way.

The next Baptism Prep will be on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 7pm in the Church Auditorium. Baptism Preparation is a prerequisite to Baptism. **The next Community Baptism will be on Sunday, December 21 at 3pm.** Please contact Connie at the Parish Office to register for Baptism Prep or the Community Baptism.



Every Thursday after the 9AM Mass coffee will be served in the Church Auditorium. Let's get together for friendship and visiting.



New Depression/Anxiety Peer Support Group - December 3, 7pm @ the seminar room at St. Joseph's Hospital

Pastor Brenna and Josh Lewis (Estevan Mercury) are inviting anyone struggling with depression or anxiety to attend a new peer support group meeting. Many in our community struggle silently with this type of mental illness and our hope is this can be a space where those participating can receive support, guidance and encouragement from others who understand.

This is not meant to be a substitute for medical treatment, but a complement to it. During our first meeting, we'll look at what shape we want the group to take for the future, and what format would be most useful. Please share this information with anyone who may find it helpful, and either Pastor Brenna or Josh (lewis_jm@outlook.com) can be contacted with questions.

Eucharistic Adoration



"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them."

-St. Peter of Alcantara

The Lord is longing to be with you, spend some time in a loving conversation with Him, through your Eucharistic prayer and adoration. We have the privilege of an open church and adoration chapel in St. John the Baptist Parish. Everyone is welcome to this adoration chapel. It is open Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 6:00pm, Tuesday until 7:00pm and Thursday until 11:00pm. During the day when there's adoration, the main entrance of the Church will be open. After 5:15pm, please use the side-door near the adoration chapel. If you would like to commit to one hour per week, please call Bridget at 306-634-3510.



St. John the Baptist Parish Adoration Information and Sign Up Call List

Mon.	Molly Heier	634-3530
Tues.	Kendra Fai	421-7400
Wed.	Joy Beahm	634-3072
Thurs.	Sharon Dauk	634-5568
	Geraldine Gervais	634-4409
Thurs. pm	Bridget Bittman	634-3510
Fri.	Bridget Bittman	634-3510

St. Monica's Parish - Bienfait

We are going to provide the educational series, Dogmatic Theology, on the four Sundays of Advent and then complete the series through the four Sundays of Lent. This is a video lead series with short discussions on the subject to follow. Past participants have found the sessions to be very light and informative. Meetings are going to commence on Sunday, November 30th, at 3:00PM and through the next 3 Sundays at the Church. We will take a break over Christmas and then reconvene on the first Sunday of Lent following Ash Wednesday. Each session will last approximately two hours with dainties and beverages being provided. There is no charge for these sessions and all are welcome to participate. Interested persons may contact Bill Mann for sign up and further information at 306-634-7427.

Please "like" us on Facebook.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan, Sask.

Keep up to date with the daily gospel reading, events our parish and Catholic trivia and reflections.





*Commitment
to the Future*

Commitment to the Future Parish
Appeal Goal for 2014 is
\$59,098.00

Total donations received as of
December 2nd: **\$60,778.05**

Thank you for your generosity for enabling our
Parish to reach our goal for the Commitment to
the Future. May God bless you a hundredfold.

There will be No Children's Liturgy starting the
weekend Masses of December 20th and 21st.
Children's Liturgy will resume on the weekend of
February 14 and 15, 2015.

Merry Christmas and
a Blissful New Year!



Needs list for the food bank at the Salvation Army

- canned fruit
 - juice (one litre bottles/cartons as opposed to juice boxes)
 - coffee
 - tea
 - Cheese Whiz (a popular item with children and with guests at the shelter)
 - turkeys or hams (various sizes including small sizes for single clients)
 - stove stop stuffing
 - Hamburger Helper
 - baking supplies like flour, sugar, miracle whip, seasonings, etc. (clients like to make nice meals for their families during the holidays)
 - crackers (soup)
- Also, cash donations and the donation of grocery store gift cards are much appreciated. Qualified donors receive a charitable income tax receipt for either one of these forms of donation. We use this money to purchase fresh foods, groceries and bread (we are now receiving very few bread donations and demand remains high).

We are looking for kettle workers as well. Much of the kettle funds we raise go to support food bank expenses. Volunteers are asked to call the Salvation Army office (634-2074) or drop by to book a shift.

Demand on the food bank typically spikes during the summer months and during December. On the whole this past year, demand remained steady in the spring, went up in the summer, was fairly steady in September, and has been growing through the fall and early winter. We are expecting demand to be higher than normal during December. We are hearing stories of job losses and workplace cutbacks from those seeking assistance that are a little more frequent than has been the case in the past.

We appreciated your support throughout the year.

Seniors' Morning Out

Seniors Morning Out will resume in
February 2015.



*We wish you a
Merry Christmas and
a grace filled New Year!*



Children helping Children is an Advent Project for Children in our parish! No one is too little to care about others. The Holy Childhood Association (HCA) is designed for Catholic Children so they can help other children around the world. The HCA helps children in Ghana, India, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Sri Lanka. How can our children help people so far away? You can Pray for them and you can also learn about their needs by checking out the Holy Childhood Association website www.missionsocieties.ca just click on the Holy Childhood Association Link for more ideas.

**2015 Donation
Envelopes are ready for
pick up in the Church
Auditorium.**



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR ESTEVAN

December 24, 2014	Estevan	7:00PM, 9:00PM and 11:00PM
December 25, 2014	Estevan	10:30AM
December 31, 2014	Estevan	7:00 PM
January 1, 2015	Estevan	10:30AM



*Gloria
in
Excelsis
Deo*

Book Club Christmas Party

Please join us for our last Book Club meeting/ Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30pm in the Community Center. We will be sharing supper together and then watching the movie "The Francis Effect".

This will be our last meeting for this session of the Book Club. Watch the bulletin for more information about our next session.



REV. DEACON XUAN THUY NGUYEN will be ordained to the Priesthood on Friday, December 12th at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina at 7:00 p.m. We ask that you please pray for Thuy and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



ALPHA FOR TEENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will meet at Pizza Hut on Monday, December 8 at 6:30pm. We will enjoy supper together and have a gift exchange.

Please bring a \$10.00 gift for the exchange. Our evening will be done by 8pm.

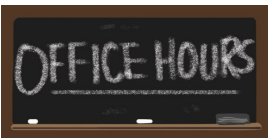
This will be our last Alpha For Teens meeting for 2014 and we will meet again on Monday, January 5 at 7pm.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Advent celebration. Thank you to everyone who came together to make this event happen: the K of C, A Little Taste Of Heaven Catering, the ladies who baked cookies, the Youth Leadership Team from Regina, and everyone else who helped in any way. It truly was a family celebration.



Parish Office Hours



Beginning Monday, December 15, 2014 and continuing through Friday, February 6, 2015 the Parish Office will be open from 1pm until 3pm each weekday.

Parish Office Christmas Hours

Wednesday, December 24 - Closed
Thursday, December 25 - Closed
Friday, December 26 - Closed
Monday, December 29 - Closed
Tuesday, December 30 - Open from 1pm-3pm
Wednesday, December 31 - Closed
Thursday, January 1 - Closed
Friday, January 2 - Open from 1pm-3pm



The last day of Adoration will be Friday, December 19th at 5:30 pm for the Christmas Season.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume Monday, January 5, 2015 at 9:00am.

