

St. John the Baptist Parish

Pastor:

Fr. Brian Meredith



Year B

MINISTRY CONTACT LIST

Adoration

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Elizabeth Olson 306-634-4215

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Mary Ellen Barreth 306-634-9004

Children's Liturgy

Gina Espina 306-634-2190

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Cecilia Wanner 306-634-4024

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Joan Fingler

Folk Choir

Stacy Grunert 306-421-1905

Funeral Choir

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Maureen Daoust

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

Seniors Morning Gathering

Gina Espina

Social Justice

(Development & Peace a component)

Katie Dunville 306-634-7150

Special Events

Stacy Grunert 306-421-1905

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Youth Groups

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

December 13 & 14, 2014 Third Sunday of Advent

"My soul shall exult in my God."

- Luke 1



St. John the Baptist Parish Office

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Phone: 306-634-2190 Fax: 306-634-6845

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Email: stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net

New Website: stjohnthebaptistestevan.com

*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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Fr. Brian Meredith 306-634-5790 Cell Phone 306-540-4528

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

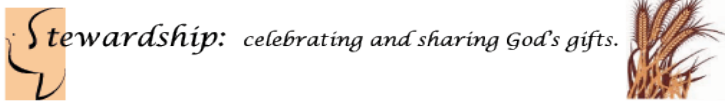
Sacrament of Anointing available at any time

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.



Third Sunday of Advent

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as its members wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.



ST. MONICA'S PARISH - BIENFAIT

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

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

Alpha For Teens will resume on Monday, January 5 at 7pm in the Formation Room. Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!!

YOUTH FILM SERIES

Alpha

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.



Each month, our parish will be praying for seminarians and candidates for the Permanent Diaconate in our Archdiocese. These men are our brothers, sons, fathers, husbands and friends. You will find a poster at the back of the church with their names and photos. Please remember them this week.

It's because of your prayers and financial support that these formation programs are available. Please also consider a sacrificial offering through a donation to the Annual Appeal or a bequest in your will in recognition of your support for their commitment and dedication for our Catholic Family.

For more information please contact Christina Attard 306-352-1651- ext. 220.



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.



Knights of Columbus Council 3165

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2015 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:



Edna Deland, Chad Olson, 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, Lillian Gedak, Alice Marklinger and Anton Schoff.

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.

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

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



Eucharistic Adoration



"Devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace."

-St. Pope Pius X

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

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| 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 |

Please "like" us on Facebook.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan, Sask.

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



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.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan, SK.

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| Sat. | December | 13 | 7:00pm | Estevan | †Vincent and Barbara Fernandez; Fernandez Family |
| Sun. | December | 14 | 9:00am | Estevan | Mass for Parishioners |
| Sun. | December | 14 | 10:30am | Estevan | †Margaret Finch; John & Joan Finch |
| Mon. | December | 15 | | Estevan | No Mass |
| Tues. | December | 16 | 9:00am | Estevan | †Greg Breckenridge; Collins Family |
| Wed. | December | 17 | 10:00am | Hillview Manor | No Mass |
| Wed. | December | 17 | 11:00am | Hospital | No Mass |
| Thurs. | December | 18 | 9:00am | Estevan | No Mass |
| Fri. | December | 19 | 10:00am | Nursing Home | No Mass |
| Sat. | December | 20 | 7:00pm | Estevan | †Mike Leptich; Carrie & Family |
| Sun. | December | 21 | 9:00am | Estevan | Mass for Parishioners |
| Sun. | December | 21 | 10:30am | Estevan | †Emile Bouchard; Marieanna Bonokoski |

St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

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| Sun. | December | 14 | 9:00am | Bienfait | Lay Service with Communion |
| Sun. | December | 21 | 9:00am | Bienfait | Lay Service without Communion |

Ministries for December 20 and 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cup Ministers and Announcers:

7:00PM Debbie Augey, Virginia Wheeler, Don Vatamaniuck, Eden Pacunayen, Dawn Hengen(Ann)
9:00AM Breanne Swarbrick, Theresa Fernandez, Joyce Bonokoski, Theresa Beck, Trenea Hirsch(Ann)
10:30AM Jo Ann Schopf, Carol Cundall, Guy and Gloria Chicoine, Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm(Ann)

Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz 9:00AM Trent Knobel 10:30AM John Kish

Lectors:

7:00PM Clara Weinrauch & Joan Fingler
9:00AM Adele Belanger & Beckey Franke
10:30AM Jackie Phillips & Gil Sotto

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Virginia Wheeler & Norma Kuntz
9:00AM Gerald & Agnes Seipp
10:30AM Ernie & Helen Yanish

Collection Counters: Elaine Walton, Darla Wilhelm, Theresa Fernandez, Ron Wilhelm, Gerald Reich

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Trixie Elguira
9:00AM
10:30AM Shanelle Rioux, Queen Lontoc, Lyle Guino, Christian Quin

Readings:

1st Reading:

2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b
-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading:

Romans 16.25-27

Gospel:

Luke 1.26-38



*Commitment
to the Future*

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

Total donations received as of
December 11: **\$68,918.05**

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.

The Estevan Deanery is once again looking into
hosting some adult education workshops. There
was some interest from Parishes on having
workshops on the following:
Sunday Liturgy of the Word: Training for those who
wish to minister to their parishes in the capacity of
leading Lay Services or helping.
Funeral Vigil Prayer Leaders: Training for those who
wish to serve their parishes in this ministry.
If you are interested in either of these workshops
could you please notify Jackie Phillips at
306-634-3812.

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!



Seniors' Morning Out

*Seniors Morning Out will resume in
February 2015.*

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



Blue Christmas

Not everyone is up and cheery for the holidays. Dealing
with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or
separation, coping with the loss of a job or of a home, living
with cancer, struggling with chronic mental illness or other
disease make the holiday festivities a difficult and painful
time for many people.

**Please join us on
Thursday, December 18
7:00 p.m.**

St. Joseph 's Hospital Chapel

Join us in this sacred and hospitable setting for a
reflective service that will acknowledge the reality of
where we are emotionally. Hear a message of hope and
assurance of God's presence with us even in the midst
of our darkness.

Music—scripture—silence—reflection—prayer

**It is the most wonderful time of the
year.**



**For Christ is born, Love has come. God
is with us!**

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



Prolife Estevan & Area, Inc.

Thank You to thank all of our volunteers,
bakers and those who came out to
support another successful Pro-Life
Cookie Parade which raised **\$1,362.50.**

*Thank
You*

There is no law in Canada to protect Pre-Born Children.
Pro-Life is actively trying to create the first law to protect
our most vulnerable - our young girls and the unborn.
Do you know a young girl needs their parents permission
to have a tattoo, a piercing or even go to a tanning salon
under the age of 18 but not to have an abortion? Please
help protect our youth against predators and provide
support and education for this life-altering choice. Go
on line a SK.PARENTALCONSENT.CA or WE NEED A LAW
to find out how you can help.

Donations can be made locally. Call 306-634-3735

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR ESTEVAN



*Gloria
in
Excelsis
Deo*

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| 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 |

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.



Those who are
Called
to serve

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, December 21 at 10:30am. This is a Mass for Rev. Thuy who was ordained on December 12. **Following the Mass, brunch will be served for everyone.** There is no cost for the brunch. Please come out and help us celebrate Father Thuy's ordination.

Sunday
Brunch

Parish Office Hours



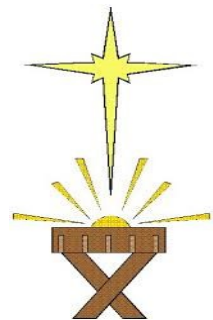
Beginning Monday, December 15, 2014 and continuing through Friday, February 6, 2015 the Parish Office will be open from 1pm until 3pm each weekday.

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.



Development and Peace Prayer (Sow Much Love)

*Loving Creator, source of all life and light,
 we thank you for the work of many weathered hands
 that labour to grow our food.
 It is the right of all of God's children to enjoy the fruits of the
 Earth.
 May we become more aware of the challenges that farmers
 face to feed the hungry.
 Lord Jesus, may we be open to learning of the many factors,
 including our complicity,*

*which contribute to world hunger.
 Help us learn how to walk lightly on the Earth, using only
 what we need.
 When we prepare and delight in the bounty with which we are
 blessed,
 May we remember with gratitude those who have sown and
 harvested.
 Spirit of God, keep us ever mindful of your beautiful Earth
 and all our sisters and brothers. Amen.*