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NEW ITEMS

Archdiocesan News



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***NEW* The Good Shepherd Campaign 2024 – For the Life of the Church!**

VIDEO – Bishop LeGatt – Vocations, For the Life of the Church!

If you've visited one of our churches recently, you've probably noticed the posters announcing the Good Shepherd Campaign 2024! The chosen theme this year, *For the Life of the Church*, celebrates the many vocations the campaign has promoted since its conception. Thus, Monseigneur proposes us a reflection on the priestly vocations supported by the Campaign, but also on the broader vocations to which each person is called. Truly, we all have a vocation and through that vocation Christ calls us to be his hands and feet on the Earth. Let us continue to pray for vocations in our Archdiocese and for our personal vocations too, that we may continue to be good stewards of the gifts and talents the Lord calls us to use.

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at:
www.archsaintboniface.ca

→ Visit our new Vocations webpages by [clicking here](#)

→ Support the vocations in our Archdiocese! Donate to the Good Shepherd Campaign by [clicking here](#)

*Please pray for our seminarians as they discern God's will
in their lives and as they continue their journey toward the priesthood.*



***NEW* Bilingual Eucharistic Celebration on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 9, 2023**

You are all invited to participate in the December 9 celebration, patronal feast of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. Comme celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Cathedral. In celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary who committed herself fully to listening to the Word of God with an open and transparent heart, and who then also committed herself fully to living that Word, with her whole heart and her unwavering “yes”.

The celebration will also be live-streamed on the St. Boniface Cathedral’s YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0mC9pPKPwI>,

allowing for virtual participation as well. This Eucharistic celebration will be presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt.

Following the celebration there will be a time of coffee and fellowship in the Narthex.

Together, let us pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to St. Boniface for their intercession. May Christ, the Word of God, the Good News, enlighten and protect us by the powerful love of the Holy Spirit. Please invite your friends, parishioners, and acquaintances to attend!



***NEW* Advent and Christmas Activities**

We would like to suggest the following initiatives that could be done in our parishes and families to help foster a sense of community. Below, you will find a variety of Advent & Christmas Activities. For more activities and resources, visit our website by [clicking here](#)

Christmas Star

We will once again be encouraging the faithful to create a Christmas star to place in their windows during the Christmas season to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus and as a tangible symbol that Christ is in our homes.

Below are a few options for making your stars, but the possibilities really are endless.

[Lacy Gold Paper Star](#)

[Christmas Star Ornament](#)

[Origami Star](#)

[Paper Bag Star](#)

[3D Christmas Star](#)



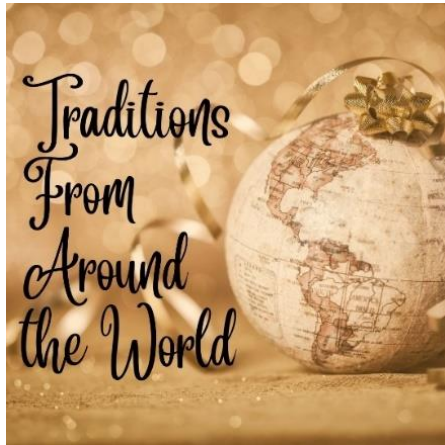


Epiphany Home Blessing with Chalk

To bring blessings to families for 2023, we would like to share a special European Catholic tradition, dating back centuries, of blessing homes at the Epiphany (January 6th) using blessed chalk. With the blessing of the chalk, we are asking the Lord to bless our home, all inhabitants of our home, as well as any guests who may pass through our door throughout the year.

Please click on the following links for further information:

[What is the Epiphany Chalk Blessing? \(article from 2022\)](#)
[Prayer Card for Families](#)



***NEW* Advent and Christmas Traditions from Around the World – La Griteria**

La Griteria is celebrated throughout Nicaragua on December 8, at the end of the Novena to the Immaculate Conception. Hosts will move their altars to the sidewalk or street, and groups of people will gather and go around to the different altars while singing to the Virgin Mary. After a series of songs, the leader will shout: “*Quien causa tanta alegría*” (who causes so much joy) and everyone responds, “*La Concepción de María*” (The Conception of Mary). After the shouting, the hosts distribute goods, candies, fruits, etc. to the group of people who “*Le Gritaron a La Virgen*” (shouted to the Virgin Mary). The group of people then move to another altar and another group takes its place; this can continue until midnight. Some neighbourhoods will also set off fireworks to celebrate *La Griteria*. **The Nicaraguan families of Nuestra Señora de La Asunción Parish will celebrate "The Griteria" on Sunday, December 8, after the 11 pm Mass at 200 Kenny St. in Winnipeg. They invite you and your friends and family to**

come and celebrate with them.

If you have a favourite cultural Advent or Christmas tradition you would like to share with us, please email a short description to khrizai@archsaintboniface.ca. All traditions will be added to our [website](#) as they are received.



***NEW* La Noche de la Velitas – Celebrated Traditionally in Columbia on the Eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – La Virgen de Concepción – December 7, 2024**

The Columbian families of Nuestra Señora de La Asunción Parish will have a candlelight celebration, with electric candles and a Rosary on Saturday, December 7 at 6:30 pm, followed by a Mass at 7 pm. After Mass, hot chocolate and pan dulce will be shared.



***NEW* La Guadalupe – Celebrated in Mexico and in Latin America, as well as North America – December 12, 2024**

Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*), also known as the **Virgin of Guadalupe** (*Virgen de Guadalupe*), is a title of Mary, Mother of Jesus associated with a series of five Marian apparitions to a Mexican peasant named Juan Diego and his uncle, Juan Bernardino, which occurred in December 1531, when the Mexican territories were under the Spanish Empire. A venerated image on a cloak (*tilmahtli*) associated with the apparition is enshrined within the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The basilica is the most-visited Catholic shrine in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site.

Come celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 12, at the 7 PM Mass at 200 Kenny St. in Winnipeg. They invite you and your friends and family to come and celebrate with them.

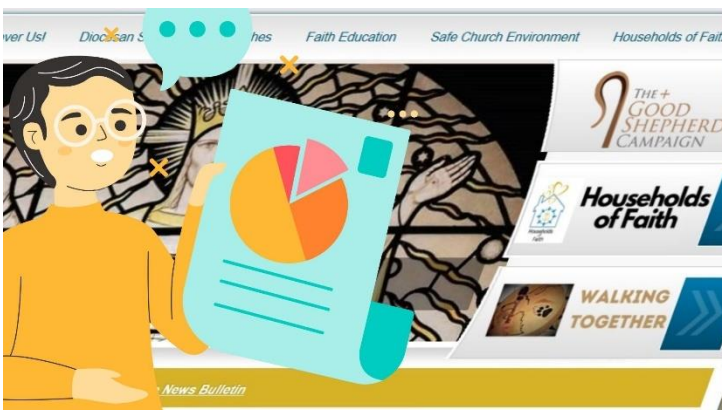
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***NEW* Journey Through Advent 2024 Videos now available!**

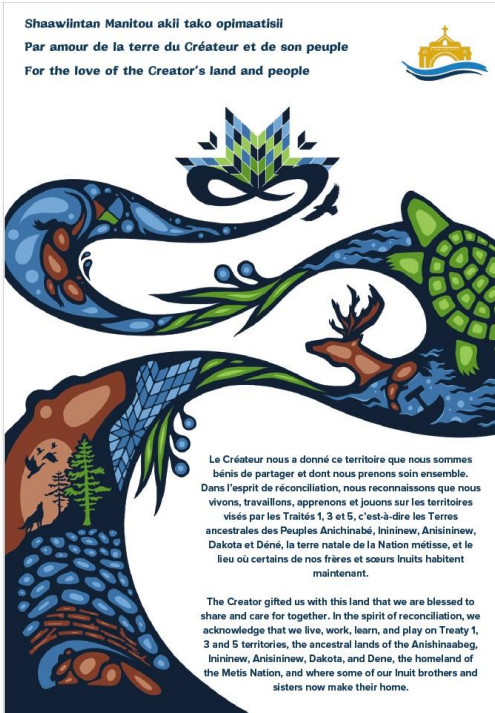
Visit the CCCB website or [YouTube channel](#) every week for a series of videos on Advent. *Journey Through Advent 2024* presents reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday leading up to Christmas and also serves as an introduction to the liturgical season of Advent.

To visit the *Journey Through Advent 2024* page, [click here](#)



***REMINDER* Archsaintboniface.ca Website User Survey**

The Archdiocese of St. Boniface is planning a website update. While we have some ideas of what changes and upgrades need to be made, we want to give our users a chance to give us their own feedback and suggestions. Please consider taking a few moments to fill in this survey by [CLICKING HERE](#). The survey will be open until **December 7**



***REMINDER* “For the Love of the Creator’s Land and People” - New Diocesan Land Acknowledgement**

The Archdiocese of St. Boniface is happy to present its new Diocesan Land Acknowledgement, titled “*Shaawiintan Manitou akii tako opimaatisii*”, which means “For the Love of the Creator’s Land and People” in Anishinaabeg. The land acknowledgement has been crafted with the assistance of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, and has wonderful artwork by Roslyn Boucha, a Anishinaabe / German Settler artist of the Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation. This artwork was originally commission during the 2022-23 school year by the Manitoba Catholic Schools.

This is Roslyn’s description of the artwork:

“This illustration is my love letter to the land just as I believe a land acknowledgement should be; an act of reciprocity and a commitment to care for the land just as the land cares for us. Referencing the woodland art style, I included flora and fauna from across Turtle Island that has been integral to Indigenous groups since time immemorial, as well as cultural references to First Nations, Inuit, and our Metis relatives. The overall shape of the design references water as our life giver, flowing from the bottom of the page through to the infinity symbol and Creator’s eye at the centre of the star blanket. I chose not to include human shapes in this piece. Not because we are not an integral part of this system, but because we are included as the viewer, within the words, and within the shapes and stories throughout the image. A gentle reminder that we are not separate from the land. We are the land and this story is about us.”

To download the Land Acknowledgement, please [click here](#).



***NEW* Announcements for the Sundays of Advent connecting the theme of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope and Advent**

Here are announcements for Sundays of December 1, 8, 15, 22 that link the theme of Advent to the pilgrimage of hope by reflecting on the journey of preparation, repentance, joy, and trust. Each Sunday invites parishioners to consider their role as pilgrims awaiting Christ’s coming and encourages them to deepen their faith in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025. We hope that you will read them aloud as we draw near to the Year of Jubilee!

Sunday, December 1, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent: Pilgrims of Hope Begin Their Journey

As we enter the holy season of Advent, we are invited to join together in a journey of anticipation and preparation. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the coming of Christ—both His birth at Christmas and His eventual return in glory. This year, as we begin our Advent journey, we also begin our participation in the Pilgrimage of Hope, a special initiative that prepares us for the Jubilee Year 2025.

The Pilgrims of Hope are those of us who, as the Church, are called to walk together, like pilgrims, through this season of waiting and watching. Just as pilgrims set out on a journey with a purpose, we too are called to make this Advent a pilgrimage of hope. A hope that guides us through this season, a hope that fuels our hearts to long for Christ’s coming and to renew our commitment to living in His light.

In today’s Gospel (Luke 21:25-28. 34-36), Jesus speaks about the need for vigilance and preparation. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy... Be vigilant at all times...." These words remind us that Advent is not only about preparing for Christmas but also about remaining alert to the ways God is coming into our lives today. Just as the pilgrims make their way to holy sites, we are invited to make our hearts ready, to remain awake, and to be prepared for Christ's arrival in every moment of our lives.

As we begin our pilgrimage of hope, let us ask ourselves: How can I be more alert, more awake, more prepared for Christ's coming? How can I walk with hope this Advent? May we take the first steps today and continue in faith through the weeks ahead.

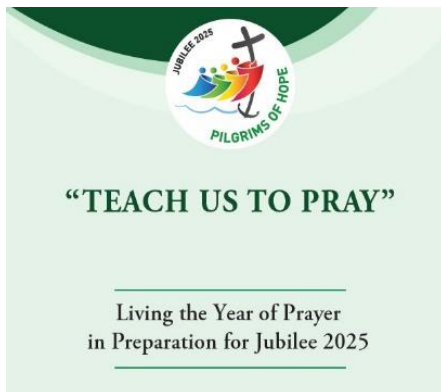


***REMINDER* Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope: What is a Jubilee Year?**

A Jubilee Year is a significant period of celebration and forgiveness observed every 25 years in the Catholic Church. This sacred time provides a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, where individuals and communities can reflect on their faith, seek forgiveness, and restore relationships. The essence of the Jubilee is rooted in the themes of mercy and hope, inviting everyone to partake in the grace of God and the joy of reconciliation. Pope Francis has called for a year of jubilee with the theme “Pilgrims of Hope” The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024, at 19:00 with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square, Vatican City. The rite of the Opening of the Holy Door will follow. For the faithful around the world, the local diocesan Masses are to be held on December 29, 2024. Save the date December 29th, 2024! The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Local Mass will be at Saint Boniface Cathedral at 15:00, on December 29th, 2024, presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt, D.D. All are welcome!

***REMINDER* SAVE THE DATE!!! Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope – December 29, 2024**

The Jubilee Year 2025 will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024. On December 29th, the Holy Door of the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, will also be opened by the Holy Father. On this same day, every Cathedral and co-Cathedral worldwide will celebrate a special Mass, presided over by the local Bishop, to mark the beginning of the Jubilee. To mark this significant event, Archbishop Albert LeGatt, D.D. will celebrate Mass on December 29th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the Saint Boniface Cathedral. All are invited to join in the opening of the Jubilee Year. Save the date!



***NEW* “TEACH US TO PRAY” – Document in Preparation of Jubilee 2025**

A Brief Introduction - As we move closer to the Jubilee of 2025, Pope Francis wants 2024 to be dedicated to prayer. Thus, he is inviting the whole Church to a time of intense commitment in preparation for the Opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s in Rome, on December 24.

The Jubilee will involve not only the city of Rome, but will extend far beyond, as God’s mercy is proclaimed to the whole world, thus becoming a great opportunity for evangelization. As Christians, we are invited to bear witness as authentic “Pilgrims of Hope” walking toward the Lord, who opens his merciful and forgiving arms to us, as well as to our brothers and sisters who are still waiting for the Gospel to be proclaimed to them.

Prepared by the Vatican’s Dicastery for Evangelization, “Teach Us to Pray”, is a resource aide, inspired by the magisterium of Pope Francis, intended to be used by the faithful during this time of preparation for the opening of the Holy Door. It is an invitation to intensify prayer as a personal dialogue with God.

To read *Teach Us to Pray*, please [click here](#).

To help us all prepare for Jubilee 2025, the **Weekly News Bulletin** will be offering tips drawn from *Teach Us to Pray*. This week, we focus on **the Prayer of the Faithful**...

The Catholic tradition has always emphasized the importance of communal prayer, in which faith is expressed in a participatory way. Ecclesial intercessory prayer which is part of the communion of saints is a powerful expression of the Church’s unity. This unity will be manifested in a particular way during the Holy Year, when the faithful from all over the world join in prayer, sharing in their desire for spiritual conversion that will enable them to experience the forgiveness proclaimed by the Jubilee Year.

Prayer of Intercession: “O Father, in Your mercy, hear Your children’s pleas. As we prepare for the Jubilee of 2025, renew our faith, increase the virtues of hope and charity in us, and help us be witnesses of Your love in the world.”

Prayer of Praise: “We praise You, Lord, for Your infinite goodness. In the upcoming Jubilee, open our eyes to the beauty of Your creation so that our hearts may rejoice in the wonder and greatness of Your works.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving: “We thank You, O God, for every blessing and for all the gifts we have received. As we prepare for the Jubilee, teach us to recognize Your hand in every moment of our lives and to welcome each day as a gift of Your mercy and love.”

Prayer of Petition: “Lord, source of all wisdom, guide us during this Year of Prayer as we prepare to celebrate the upcoming Jubilee. Open our hearts and enlighten our minds so that we may understand and fully experience the gifts of mercy and forgiveness.



SUGGESTED WORDING FOR A PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT:

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Apostolates and Ministries

Presents:
ALIVE

Come experience the power of the Holy Spirit through the charismatic current of grace!

7PM

DECEMBER 06, 2024 (FRIDAY)
St. John Cantius Parish
846 Burrows Ave, Winnipeg, MB

- Presided by Fr. Michael Wollbaum
- Testimonies Ed & Jasmin Villamar
- Praise & worship led by "St. John Cantius Charismatic Music Ministry"

*Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 6PM to 7PM
*Special blessing of sacramentals during Eucharistic Celebration - Water, Salt, Oil, etc.

- Priests & Deacons welcome to concelebrate
- Fellowship to follow
- Free will love offering

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***NEW* CCRS OF MB Presents – ALIVE, A Charismatic Event – December 6, 2024**

Join us on Friday December 06, 2024, at 7PM at St John Cantius Church – 846 Burrows Ave, Winnipeg MB. Eucharistic Celebration and Procession plus Healing Service - presided by Fr. Michael Wollbaum, Praise and Worship by the "St. John Cantius Charismatic Music Ministry". Personal Testimonies by Ed & Jasmin Villamar, plus procession with the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing, fellowship and more. Please note, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6PM to 7PM and we will have a special blessing for sacramentals such as Water, Oil, Salt, etc. Free will love offering. Come experience the power of the Holy Spirit through the charismatic current of grace!

For poster, [click here](#).

For more information: 204-895-7544

or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com or visit:

<https://www.catholicrenewalservices.com/events>



***NEW* "Illuminate" Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – December 13, 2024**

Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on **Friday, December 13 at 7:30 PM, at St. Emile Parish**. 556 St. Anne's Rd. Come and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of a vibrant Catholic community. All are welcome! For more information, www.illuminatemb.com or facebook.com/illuminatemb. Illuminate is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship music, and fellowship, with the opportunity to take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. See you there!



Marriage, Family & Life

***NEW* Marriage Tips**

Life is hectic and prayer rarely just “fits in” to daily schedules without effort. Be intentional and put aside time to pray with your spouse today.

***NEW* Reflections for the Separated & Divorced**

As we live Advent, let’s remember that things don’t stay the same. Everything that lives, changes. If it doesn’t change, it dies. As a Christian, you need to grow and change. You may find this difficult to accept because of your struggle with divorce. You may be suffering terribly from the pain caused by the loss of your marriage. But this change doesn’t have to be for nothing. St. Paul’s is a great example for anyone who is suffering. His life was difficult, but his sufferings did not deter him from his mission. He was always willing to go wherever the Holy Spirit led him, and he was always open to a higher purpose. Be open to the changes that will occur because of your new state in life. Like St. Paul, if you follow the Holy Spirit wherever He leads you, your pain will be transformed into peace. – Lisa Duffy, *A Road to Healing*

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

***NEW* Prayer Intention for December, 2024**

For Pilgrims of Hope – We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope

News from the CCCB (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Web site: www.cccb.ca



***NEW* Canadian Archbishop appointed to Catholic Near East Welfare Association board**

Archbishop will focus on relationship building with Christians in conflict zones

Ottawa – The Most Rev. Richard Smith, the Catholic Archbishop of Edmonton, has been appointed to the international board of trustees for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, the papal organization that responds to the needs of Eastern churches throughout the world.

The 65-year-old Archbishop from Edmonton, Alberta will serve a three-year term on the New York-based board. He has also been appointed to CNEWA’s Canadian board.

Archbishop Smith currently serves as President of the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories. The archbishop is also a member of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and chair of the ad hoc committee on Indigenous issues. He previously served as president of the CCCB and as general coordinator of Pope Francis’ 2022 visit to Canada.

Archbishop Smith says his work on the CNEWA board of trustees will be informed by his experience working and building relationships with Indigenous peoples. “We’ve

recognized that reconciliation happens one relationship at a time. We need to build relationships based on mutual knowledge and trust. Trust is probably the first thing to go in a war zone and in these conflict areas. We must recover, recapture, trust and a willingness to work together for the greater good,” Archbishop Smith said.

About CNEWA

An agency of the Holy See, CNEWA works for, through and with Eastern churches throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe, providing pastoral and humanitarian support. Founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926, CNEWA was incorporated in Canada as a registered charity by Canada Revenue Agency in 2003. For more information, visit cnewa.ca.



Parish Events



***NEW* Mary Mother of the Church Connection Café: Christmas Crafts, Caroles, Cheer and Prayer! – December 2, 2024**

The December café will be a really fun event! [Register ahead](#) please, as limited crafts available. NOTE – still lots of fun even if you don't want to make a craft.

😊. Our December theme is Christmas Crafts, Caroles, Cheer and Prayer. So, come on out and enjoy some Christmas cheer with fellow parishioners! 7-9 pm. We will supply the crafts. (suggest minimum goodwill offering of \$10 each). Please bring a glue gun and scissors if you can.

CHRISTMAS BAKING – Potluck - We encourage people to bring some of your favorite Christmas Baking to share.

CHRISTMAS SWEATER – We encourage people to dress up in your favorite (or ugliest!) Christmas Sweater. Prizes for best sweaters!

BEST CHRISMAS EVER – Dynamic Catholic- Matthew Kelly Book Review.

More details [here](#).

Social Justice



***NEW* The Beloved Ethiopia**

We share with you the open letter from Dr. Adriana Bara, National Director of Catholic Near East Welfare Association ([CNEWA Canada](#)), sharing a deeply moving account of witnessing Christ's love in action during a recent visit to Ethiopia. This journey revealed not only the physical transformation brought by CNEWA's projects but also the profound spiritual strength of Ethiopia's Christian communities. To read this letter, [click here](#).

Youth & Young Adult Ministry



***NEW* World Youth Day 2027 – Seoul, South Korea**

Are you interested in learning more about this pilgrimage of Catholic young adults from around the world? Fill out our interest-finder by [clicking here](#) and we'll be in touch regarding future information sessions and other essential details required to help you make your decision.

***REMINDER* Waiting and Witness - Advent Praise and Worship Evening – December 7, 2024**

The Youth and Young Adults of Mary, Mother of the Church invites you to an evening of Advent Praise and Worship - Waiting and Witness on Saturday, December 7 at 7-9pm at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish (85 Kirkbridge Drive). Join us for an evening of Testimony, Scripture Teaching and Song as we prepare ourselves for the Lords' coming! Reception and fellowship to follow afterwards. This evening is open to all and entry is free.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Cegayle, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leader at youth@mmoc.ca For poster, [click here](#).



***REMINDER* Catholic School of Evangelization - Winter Camp Registration is Open!**

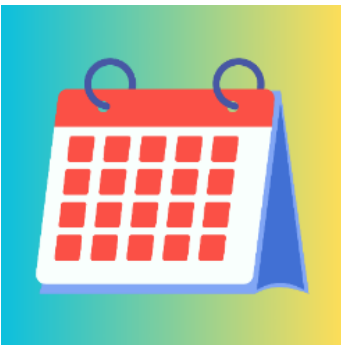
Overnight winter camps is a dynamic, fun-filled weekend for those who want to grow in their faith! Going to Saint Malo Catholic Camp is the perfect way for you to experience new activities, grow in character, build lasting friendships, and most importantly, have fun! Camps are available in both French and English for ages 8-17. Early bird registration ends on December 12th, so don't wait to get registered.

To register, [click here](#).

For more information, [click here](#)

Camps Dates:

- **Ages 8-12 * English Camp** * Jan 17 - Jan 19
- **Ages 8-12 * French Camp** * Jan 24 - Jan 26
- **Ages 12-15 * English Camp** * Jan 31 - Feb 2
- **Ages 12-15 * French Camp** * Feb 7 - Feb 9
- **Ages 15-17 * Bilingual Camp** * Feb 14 - Feb 17



Upcoming Youth & Young Adult Events

Sunday, December 1st

- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., 12 years old and up. Christ Our Saviour Parish, Steinbach.
Contact: Jason, cospyouthministry@gmail.com
- 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., grades 9 and up (French). Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish, Winnipeg.
Contact: Nadine, jeunesse.smc@mymts.net

Tuesday, December 3rd

- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Young Adults (18+). Christ the King Parish, Winnipeg.
Contact: Suzette, suzette@ctkp.ca

Wednesday, December 4th

- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Young Adults (18+). St. Emile Parish, Winnipeg.
Contact: st.emile.youth@gmail.com

Thursday, December 5th

- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., grades 6 and up (French). Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish, Winnipeg.
Contact: Nadine, jeunesse.smc@mymts.net
- 7:00 – 9:30 p.m., 13-17 years old. Holy Cross Parish, Winnipeg.
Contact: Dominique, holycrossparishyouthgroup@gmail.com



Friday, December 6th

- 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., Grades 7 and up. Blessed Sacrament Parish, Winnipeg.
Contact: Lydia, youth@blessedsacramentwpg.ca
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Grades 7-12 (French). Saint-Joachim Parish, La Broquerie.
Contact : Janique, janiqued10@gmail.com
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., grades 6-8. St. Emile Parish, Winnipeg.
Contact: st.emile.youth@gmail.com
- 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., grades 7-12. Sainte-Anne Parish, Ste. Anne.
Contact: Gillian, ste.anne.youth@gmail.com

Sunday, December 8th

- 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., Young Adults (18+). Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Winnipeg.
Contact: Jason, youth@mmoc.ca
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., 12 years old and up. Christ Our Saviour Parish, Steinbach.
Contact: Jason, cospyouthministry@gmail.com
- 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., grades 9 and up (French). Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish, Winnipeg.
Contact: Nadine, jeunesse.smc@mymts.net

Stewardship

December 1, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.





REPEATED ITEMS

Catholic Schools

St. John Brebeuf School Invites Applications

St. John Brebeuf School invites applications for Kindergarten to Grade 8. Over 75% of our student continue their Catholic education at St. Paul's High School and St. Mary's Academy. Bursaries are available for qualifying families. "Living, Learning and Serving in Christ" is our motto. Call 204-489-2115 to book an appointment to learn more.

For more information on St. John Brebeuf School, click here



OPEN HOUSE January 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM

St. Mary's Academy, established in 1889, is a Catholic school in the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Jesus and Mary. Our focus of learning, faith, service, and leadership defines the Academy as a distinguished girl school where students graduate empowered with knowledge, aware of their gifts, possess a desire for excellence in all endeavours, and embrace a sense of social responsibility to use their abilities in the service of others.

NEW! STUDENT APPLICATIONS DUE! FEBRUARY 1, 2025 Applications accepted for all grades, with major entry points in Grades 7 & 9. Please call admission available. All girls welcome.

St. Mary's Academy Open House – January 14, 2025

St. Mary's Academy Open House takes place on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

For families who are interested in an Academy education, this is a great opportunity to explore our vibrant community of learning, faith, and service. At St. Mary's Academy our core belief is in nurturing the whole person—spirit, mind and body. Our students graduate empowered with knowledge, aware of their gifts, possess a desire for excellence in all endeavours, and embrace a sense of social responsibility to use their abilities in the service of others. During the Open House, guests will have the opportunity to meet our inspiring students, dedicated teachers, administrators, and staff, and tour our beautiful campus. Find out more at

www.smamb.ca/admissions/OpenHouse.



St. Mary's Academy - Online Auction in Support of School Programs – November 30, 2024

St. Mary's Academy is holding its first ever Online Auction in Support of School Programs.

Auction opens November 18 and closes on November 30, 2024 at 3:30 PM. Bid on your favourite prizes and share with your family and friends! All proceeds directly benefit students through enhanced program offerings, such as experiential learning, leadership development, and mental health and well-being initiatives. Your participation helps ensure that the students of the Academy are equipped with the skills and supports they need to thrive in today's ever-changing world. Together, we can make a lasting impact. The Online Auction features exciting getaways, gourmet dining, exclusive sports and entertainment experiences, and more! Visit www.smamb.ca/support-us/onlineauction. For more information, contact foundation@smamb.ca or 204-560-6924.

Interchurch & Interfaith Learning (Ecumenism)

Faith in the Public Square - Panel discussion featuring the World Council of Churches General Secretary – December 8, 2024

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Reverend Professor Dr. Jerry Pillay, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, will be joined by local faith leaders to discuss how faith communities engage and contribute to society and how individuals can make a positive impact on the communities in which they live.

This event is FREE and open to the public. The gathering will be held in the Manitoba Teachers' Society classroom. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Panel Discussion starts 7:00 pm. Q & A to follow.

For information and tickets go online to Eventbrite:

Faith in the Public Square Tickets, Sun, Dec 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite

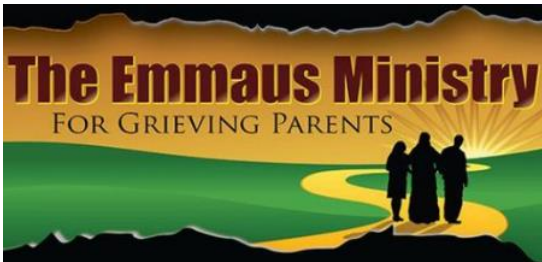


Marriage, Family & Life

Red Bird Ministries



Pope Francis' prayer intention for November is for those who are grieving the loss of a child. See the Pope's video message [here](#). If you or someone you know has suffered the loss of a child, Red Bird Ministries is a beautiful Catholic, pro-life/pro-family grief support ministry that focuses on bereaved families who have experienced child loss of any age and circumstance. They operate as Catholics with a ministry to serve anyone who has experienced the loss of a child during pregnancy or after birth as an infant, child, adolescent, or adult. Red Bird Ministries has resources including blogs, podcasts, downloads and books [here](#), as well as support help [here](#). They also have pregnancy and infant loss support [here](#). Check out some other resources on the Archdiocese of St. Boniface page [here](#).



Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of November is for those who have lost a child. Our hearts and prayers go out to you. The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents serves the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause.

<https://www.emfgp.org/program-schedule/>

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

One-Hour Monthly Midweek Gathering Retreats -Peace and comfort for a one-hour oasis during your busy week—offered monthly. Features a

Spiritual Leader or Parent Witness reflection followed by a brief discussion. <https://www.emfgp.org/2023-monthly-midweek-gathering/>

Half-Hour Self-Directed Remote Retreats - Featuring spiritual reflections, music, and prayers specifically for grieving parents, we invite you to join together with other grieving parents in unison every Saturday morning to pray these retreats together. <https://www.emfgp.org/emmaus-ministry-remote-retreat.../>

Ministry of Care

Loss and Grief Presentation – November 30, 2024

The Grief Support Ministry at the Parish of St. Timothy invite you to a special Loss and Grief presentation at the Parish of St. Timothy, 135 John Forsyth Road, Winnipeg. Grief - We all experience it. So, what do we do with it? Loss of a loved one, a job, a relationship, bad decisions... how do we feel if we live through such experiences? As we live grief, do we belabour loss, do we hold onto things that are no longer there or which we no longer can control? Is there a healthy way to grieve? In general, what do we do with grief? Father Eric Giddens, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, will be giving a workshop on grief and what we do with it. Fr. Eric will offer a biblical and Catholic faith grounded perspective on grief and loss, perhaps a perspective that will be very new to you. Fr. Eric will get you thinking, laughing, maybe even crying. Regardless, you will be glad you had the chance to hear him! Join us at the Parish of St Timothy, 135 John Forsyth Road, Winnipeg, on Saturday, November 30 from 9:30 – 11:30 am in the parish hall. Doors open at 9:15 am. Refreshments available upon arrival. Free-will offering accepted. Everyone is welcome!



Social Justice



Laos Project - Support the communities, orphans and the deaf of Laos!

Many thanks to all those who have supported the Catholic Mission Laos (the Laos project) financially for many years. Your donations enable Father Biengta's orphanage to continue to house and feed 12 young people, and also help a second community of deaf and mute young people to manage the gardens they have planted thanks to your donations.

If you would like to make another donation to the projects started by Father Gérard

Dionne some 30 years ago, please follow these guidelines:

Please send a cheque directly to the mission office at the following address:

Mission Catholique Laos - 457 Tissot Street - Winnipeg, Manitoba - R2J 0C6

To receive a tax credit, make cheque payable to: **MISSION CATHOLIQUE LAOS, INC.** Be sure to include your full name and address. Receipts will be sent at the end of January.

Thank you again for the support you offer to the various Laotian communities.

Spiritual Growth

Advent Retreat. Dwelling in Peace, Engaging the Head, Heart, Hands and Holy – November 30, 2024

St. Ignatius Spiritual Education Centre invites all to attend our Advent Retreat. Dwelling in Peace, Engaging the Head, Heart, Hands and Holy. Nov 30th 10 am to 4:30 pm. \$25 Lunch is Included. Bursaries available. Carmela at adult.education@stignatius.ca or call (204) 453-9243. [Follow this link for more information](#)

For more information, [see attached poster](#).

Walking Together (Truth and Reconciliation)



Reconciliation Education
4 Seasons of Reconciliation

4 Seasons of Reconciliation Online Course – Many Spots Still Available!

Knowing more about Indigenous realities, both past and present is a vital step in entering into meaningful and just relationships with the Indigenous, thus ensuring our future together will be one where justice and the dignity of all are truly lived out. To help Catholics in our diocese, the Archdiocese of St.

Boniface is offering the faithful the opportunity to take the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation online course. This course, developed by Productions Cazabon in collaboration with the First Nations University in Regina and the Oblate Fathers, allows individuals to watch compelling videos and read testimonials and other material about the history, challenges and hopes of the Indigenous in Canada, touching on many of the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. All told, the course takes about three hours to complete, but anyone can do it at their own pace. **The Archdiocese still has about thirty slots, available on a first come, first serve basis.** To more information or to register for the course, contact Daniel Bahuaud at 204-594-0277 or at communications@archsaintboniface.ca

To view a video about the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation online course and get more information, [click here!](#)

Visit our **French website:** <http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/index.html?lang=fr> to read the French bulletin, *Nouvelles hebdomadaires*, for announcements and activities that appear only in French.

Please note: All announcements must be submitted to the office of Communications: communications@archsaintboniface.ca, by Monday at 4 PM if they are to be published in the Tuesday bulletin.

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