



# Holy Cross Parish

January 8/9. 2011

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### Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9 a.m.–12 noon, 1- 4 p.m.  
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## The Baptism of the Lord

**First Reading:**  
**Isaiah 42.1.4, 6.7**

**Second Reading:**  
**Acts 10.34.38**

**Gospel:**  
**Matthew 3.13-17**



**Reflection:** The importance of the words of Isaiah in connection with Matthew’s account of the baptism of Jesus not only illustrates that God was with Jesus, but also illuminates the divinity of Christ.

As Jesus began to minister after his baptism, the apostles and others gradually came to discover who Jesus really was. Only after his death and resurrection would the early Christian community come to see him fully as Lord.

### Questions:

**Adults:** How does your own baptism provide you with a call to serve others? In what ways do you serve?

**Children:** When has the Holy Spirit helped you treat someone fairly?

**Prayer:** Lord, through your Son Jesus you have revealed your love for us. You have taken us by the hand and, by your word you continue to form us. Send us your Spirit, Lord, to strengthen and guide us as we grow in our love for you. Amen.

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK January 9-16

SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Mass (Carolyn Kowolski)
	7:30 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	MASS (Anne Kambeitz)
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	Prayer Group Meeting
THURSDAY	9:15 AM	MASS with St. Andrew
	7:00 PM	Baptism Class
FRIDAY	8:00 AM	MASS (Anne Kambeitz)
	1:00 PM	Whist
SATURDAY	4:15 PM	RECONCILIATION
	5:00 PM	MASS (Chito Opluencia)
	5:00 PM	Gr 2 Communion Class
SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS
	9:30 AM-12:30 PM	K of C Pancake Breakfast

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon:</b> Hebrews 1.1-6	Mark 1.14-20
<b>Tues:</b> Hebrews 2.5-12	Mark 1.21-28
<b>Wed:</b> Hebrews 2.14-18	Mark 1.29-39
<b>Thurs:</b> Hebrews 3.7-14	Mark 1.40-45
<b>Fri:</b> Hebrews 4.1-5, 11	Mark 2.1-12
<b>Sat:</b> Hebrews 4.12-16	Mark 2.13-17

### Sunday - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

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**1st: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6 2nd: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3**

**Gospel: John 1.29-34**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Donations received on December 24, 25, 26, 31, January 1, and 2.

Envelopes: \$18,923.50

Loose \$3,071.14

QVE Sunday Envelope \$ 234.00



### Stewardship

The angel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she had been chosen by God to give birth to a son. Mary asked how this could be and the angel replied "...with God, nothing is impossible."

As Stewards, we need to understand this simple truth. If we commit ourselves to a life of stewardship, if we share our talents and our resources, we will never lack the ability to keep sharing. We will discover what the angel knew - God will always be with us.

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."* Peter 4:10

**Baptism of Our Lord:** Our Baptism, Like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church".

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** The next 3 month term for preparing weekly Prayers of the Faithful is open. Is this a way that you might be willing to share your spirituality with our Parish Community? Call Susan.761.2035 for information.

### CWL NEWS:

- ⇒ CWL membership fees of \$20 are now due.
- ⇒ Monday January 17, executive meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Tuesday, Feb 1, mass 7 pm followed by general meeting. We will be hosting a Shower for Birthright. We are collecting for our hampers. Boxes are located at both entrances. **All parishioners are invited to participate.** Specific items needed are: baby food, receiving blankets, diapers, clothes (mostly newborn), new and used will be greatly accepted.

### K OF C:

- "I Am My Brother's Keeper"
- 2011 Membership fees are now due. Please send payment to Leonard Kolb.
- Next meeting is on Monday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m.

**ARCHDIOCESAN HISTORY BOOKS:** There are lots of books still available. Cost is \$30 each or 2/\$50. The books can be purchased at the office during regular office hours or speak to Father Thomas after mass.

**Did You Know....** the beautiful hand-crafted oak railings going up to the sanctuary and the Nativity scene displayed this Christmas, were donated by some of our generous Holy Cross Parishioners.

### CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

December 25 (\$100): Loretta Jelinski

December 26: Louella Butchko

January 1 (\$100): Greg Wensel (second year in a row!)

January 2: Delores Deis



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us at St. Andrew's on Sunday, January 16 from 9:30 am to 12:30 p.m. for the K of C pancake breakfast.



### THERE ARE LEADERS ALL AROUND US, ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?

The Archdiocese of Regina is implementing a resource called **The Growing Faith Project** which is being hosted at Holy Cross. Are you one of the natural leaders to help facilitate this series designed for Lent. If you would like to learn more, please see the bulletin board in the Gerein Centre or call the parish office.



**GIVE IT A SHOT!** The K of C free throw basketball competition is being held Sat., January 22. Registration 10-10:30 a.m., competition 10:30 to noon at St Andrew's Gym. Open to all youth 10-14 years old. For more information see posters on the bulletin boards or call Gerard at 536.9841.



**WHIST:** Please join us for all the fun & fellowship on Friday, January 14 and 28 at 1:00 p.m.

### LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

#### YEAR FOR PRIESTS BY Prof. Michael Barber

These profound talks will help Catholics respond to Pope Benedict XVI's call to celebrate a "Year of Priests", and increase appreciation for the holy priesthood. Michael Barber, Prof of Theology and Scripture at John Paul The Great Catholic University, and Chase Hilgenbrinck, seminarian and former professional soccer player, share rich insights about this vocation to which select men are called by God to serve Christ and the Church.

**This CD is available at the kiosk  
Located in the Gerein Centre  
The recommended donation is \$5.00**

### Thank you!

- \* Thank you to everyone who donated flower money and who helped out with all the Christmas festivities.
- \* Thank you to Dutch Growers for the excellent service and donation of extra poinsettias.
- \* Thank you to Rona Home Centre for the donation of 30 poinsettias.
- \* Thank you to all the lectors, communion ministers, altar servers, ushers & greeters for volunteering your time for our Christmas and New Year's masses.
- \* Thank you to all parishioners for everything you do to make our parish family so warm and inviting.
- \* Thank you to all who helped to sort and pack the food hampers and gift bags on December 18. We gave 48 hampers to families in need. This helped 74 adults and 104 children. God bless you for caring and sharing!

# January 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 AM MASS
2 10:00 AM MASS  Epiphany of the Lord	3  Office Closed	4 7:00 PM Mass 7:30 PM CWL Meeting 7:30 PM Finance/ committee chair meeting	5 7:00 PM Mass 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Prayer Group Meeting	6 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Baptism Class	7 8:00 AM Mass 8:30 AM Adoration 12:00 PM Benediction	8 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Mass 5:00 PM Confirmation meeting (Grade 5/6)
9 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	10 7:00 PM Spiritual Education Meeting	11 7:00 PM Mass 7:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting	12 7:00 PM Mass 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Prayer Group Meeting	13 9:15 AM Mass with St. Andrew School	14 8:00 AM Mass 1:00 PM Whist	15 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Mass 5:00 PM Communion meeting (Grade 2) 5:00 PM Baptisms
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23 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	24	25 7:00 PM Mass 7:30 PM Finance Council Meeting	26 7:00 PM Mass 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Prayer Group Meeting	27 8:00 AM Mass 8:30 AM Study Group 7:00 PM Growing Faith Project Training	28 8:00 AM Mass 1:00 PM Whist	29 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Mass 5:8:00 PM Children's Youth (k-4)
30 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	31					

## CONFIRMATION 2010/2011 GRADE 5 & 6

All meetings begin with mass at 5pm.

**All Candidates & families are expected to be at mass**

After mass we will share in a meal together with an hour of instruction time.

Each class runs from 5pm-8pm.

**Classes-** January 22<sup>nd</sup> February 5<sup>th</sup>,  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>



## FIRST EUCHARIST 2010/2011 GRADE 2

All meetings begin with mass at 5pm.

**All Children & families are expected to be at mass.**

After mass we will share in a meal together with an hour of instruction time.

Each class runs from 5pm-8pm.

**Classes-** January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>,  
April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Jesus Day/ Holy Spirit Retreat** – May 25 9am-12pm  
(lunch is provided)

All Children are also strongly encouraged to attend Children's Youth Group as this is where they will partake in fun activities which bring the course to life.

Please Email Louise Reeve at [ym.holycross@sasktel.net](mailto:ym.holycross@sasktel.net) or call the Parish office at 757-1325 with any questions or concerns.

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

**PARISH BRUNCH:** Join us at St. Peter's on January 9 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm for the K of C Parish Brunch. Free will offering

**BLESSED VIRGIN & HER SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Join us on Sat., January 22, 7 p.m. at St. Peter's. This 4 part series is open to everyone interested in learning why Mary is so important to the Catholic Church. Sponsored by Spirituality of Single Life. Please call Dwaine 596-1755 or Lloyd 527-3109 for more information.

**WANT TO EXPLORE THE MEANING OF LIFE?:**  
**Come to Alpha!** Alpha is a opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relax friendly setting. The Course begins on Wednesday, January 26. Supper at 6:30 at Holy Child Hall. To register please call Carole 789-2693.

**ANOTHER DAY WITH OUR BISHOPS:** A day of reflection with Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Cindy Halmarson, Anglican Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and Roman Catholic Archbishop Daniel Bohan along with Franciscan Provincial Minister Dennis Vavrek, ofm on January 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Michael's Retreat, Lumsden. To register call 731-3316 or email office@stmichaelsretreat.ca. Suggested offering of \$20 includes lunch. See bulletin board for more details.

**FACE TO FACE RETREAT:** Join us at St. Joseph's Parish in Balgonie, on January 22-23. This is a two day high energy Catholic retreat. Come renew or discover meaning in a relationship with God. See poster for more details or visit www.f2f.ca, registration forms available at both entrances.

**GENTLY USED GIFT BAGS:** Sacred Heart Students are in need of gently used gift bags. The bags will be used for their 2011 Santa Store purchases. Please drop bags off at the school. We appreciate your tremendous support.

**ST. MARTIN'S FUNDRAISER:** Join us on January 29 for our annual Roast Beef dinner. Tickets \$35 (\$10 tax receipt), proceeds to Capital Expenditures. Raffle Prizes, Jewelry on Ice, Silent Auction, Entertainment by Christ the King Players. Cocktails 6 pm, dinner 7 pm, Tickets are available after January 8 from St. Martin Parish Office. See posters for more information.

**DAY OF RELECTION FOR LOVE & LIFE LOST:** Pro-life groups recall how on January 28, 1988 the Supreme Court of Canada struck down Section 251 of the Canadian Criminal Code, thereby allowing abortions throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Stats Canada shows over 120,000 abortions yearly, including over 2100 abortions in Saskatchewan. To be truly human, we must foster a culture that respects all human life from it's conception to natural death. Take some time on January 28 for reflection and please pray to help end abortion.

*Friday Evening Mini-Retreat for Women:  
Who does God want you to be?*

Start your weekend with this prayerful evening retreat focused on the virtue of Maturity. Mass is at 7 p.m. followed by reconciliation, meditation, a talk on this virtue, and social time. Nursing mothers welcome. Friday January 21 from 7-10 p.m. here at Holy Cross. Tickets \$5 at the door. Contact Diane at 565-0083 or diane.goski@accesscomm.ca for more information.

*Hosted by the women of Regnum Christi*

### NEW PARISHIONERS/CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are new to the parish or have recently moved, please complete this form & place in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

New  Change  Would you like Parish Envelopes?

<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULE – 3rd Sunday</b>			
January 15/16, 2011	5:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVER CAPTAINS	Dianna Onyango	Elene Wanner	Aidan Piwowar
MINISTRY TEAM	Susan Askin	Judy Miazga	Candide Wollbaum
USHERS		Merv Schuster	Roy Taylor
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Jason Gagnon Emily Morris	Alma Wanner Elene Wanner	Briditte Leibel Natasha Bigeau & Adrianna Luce
MUSIC	Adrienne Gagnon		Joyful Noise
COLLECTION COUNTERS	Team 8 Henry & Barb Patenaude (Jim & Susan Mahoney)		