

Parish News

MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council
2nd Thursday

Finance Committee
As Announced

Knights of Columbus
3rd Thursday

Youth Meetings
2nd & 4th Wednesday (5 pm to 7:30 pm)

Ladies Group
As Announced

CHUCKLE CORNER

An old man named Sam prayed every day for God to let him win the lottery before he turned 80. On the eve of his 80th birthday, he complained to God:

"All these years I've prayed to you every day asking to win the lottery. You couldn't give me that one little thing.?" God responded: "Sam, you have to help me here-- buy a ticket!!"

Coming Events at St. Anne's

Sun. March 5 - St. Anne's Church

Celebration of Baptism – Kenji Joanquin Lagmay.

Sun. March 5 - After Sunday Mass - St. Anne's Church Hall

Annual Meeting - Everyone is Welcome to attend.

Thursdays, March 9 - April 6 - St. Anne's Church Hall

Soup & Sandwiches lunch from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Thur. March 9 - 7:00 pm- St. Anne's Church Hall

PPC Meeting

March 19, 20 & 21 - Lenten Mission - St. Anne's Church

Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie will be the preacher. Please mark your calendar.

Pembina Pro-Life Annual Banquet.

Pembina Pro-Life will be hosting our annual event on Friday March 3, 2017 at the Barrhead Senior's Drop-in Centre. The evening includes a guest speaker, catered dinner, silent auction and short AGM. This year's speaker will be Steven Defer, M.Div. Coordinator for the Office of Life and Family, speaking on 'The Why and How of Pro-Life'. Doors will open at 5:30pm, dinner will start at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25 with dinner included and are available at Barrhead Flower Shoppe, Westlock Flower Shoppe and Neerlandia Co-op Grocery Store until February 24. For more information, questions or to donate an item for the silent auction, please call Louise at [780-674-4131](tel:780-674-4131) or Eveline at [780-349-5562](tel:780-349-5562).

Charge Accounts: A Friendly reminder: Please remember to give your receipts to the office and indicate what it is for when you are using the charge accounts. Thank You!



MASS TIMES AND INFORMATION

St. Anne's Parish, Barrhead

Saturday: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

St. John the Evangelist, Swan Hills

Sunday: 1:00 pm

St. John Vianney, Fort Assiniboine

Last Wed. of the month 7pm

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday:

9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Pastor

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

"The Lord become my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom, he saved me because he delighted in me."

First reading Isa. 49.14-15

The exile in Babylon was a test of the faith and patience of the Hebrews. The unknown wandering preacher whose sermons are preserved in Isaiah 40-55 (second Isaiah) encourages his fellow exiles to have faith in the providence of God.

Second reading 1 Cor. 4.1-5

As Christians, we must be persons of expectation and hope, serving others with no thought of earthly reward-but simply for the Lord.

Gospel Mt. 6.24-34

We must have unlimited trust in God while at the same time working with all our might to do the things expected of us.

PREPARING FOR LENT

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Dear friends, Lent is a time for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church; i.e. fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Lent is also the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. (From Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2017)

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact the office at 780-674-2662 to register for Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Johnny will be available for the Sacrament an hour before the weekend Masses or call the office for appointment.

Marriage

Please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Johnny.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing of the sick.

Mass Times, Dates and Intentions February 27 to March 5, 2017

Monday, February 27 - St. Anne's Church From

No Mass

Tuesday, February 28- St. Anne's Church

7:00 pm Edward Warry (RIP) Bev & Buddy Kubrak

Wednesday, March 1- Keir Care Centre

10:00 am Mary Thompson (RIP) Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, March 1- St. Anne's Church – Ash Wednesday

3:30 pm Children's Mass

7:00 pm Evening Mass

Thursday, March 2 - HillCrest Lodge

9:30 am Sue West (RIP) Edie Proft & Barb Fleet

Friday, March 3- St. Anne's Church

9:00 am Vivian Hoffman (RIP) Edie Proft

Saturday, March 4- St. Anne's Church

7:00 pm Anna Giovanni (RIP) Pina Granger

Sunday, March 5- St. Anne's Catholic Church

9:30 am All Parishioners

St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

Sunday, February 26, 2017

1:00 pm Lenora (SI) Sharon Slager

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

BARRHEAD

General	Children
\$2,756.90	\$19.05

SWAN HILLS

General
\$165.00

Catechism: Our 1st Reconciliation will be on March 8 Parishioners please keep the children and their parents in your prayers as they are getting ready to celebrate this Sacrament.

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LENTEN SEASON

This year we start Lent from March 1st, and conclude it on April 8th. Then we enter into the Holy Week with the Palm Sunday on April 9th. Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer and for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. During this Lent we will have our **Parish Mission on March 19, 20 and 21** and the **Chrism Mass in St. Paul on April 11. Please save these dates.**

St. Anne's Parish, Barrhead, is organizing a bus to go to the Chrism Mass at St. Paul, **Tuesday April 11, 2017.**

For anyone who is interested in coming on the bus, please contact Lorraine Badry @674-7742. The Chrism Mass will start at 7:30pm, with a lunch to be served after (around 9:30pm).

Cost per person will be around \$20.00 (depending on the number of people).

Depart from Barrhead: 3:10pm - Arrive St. Paul 6:30pm

Depart from St. Paul: 10:00pm - Arrive Barrhead: 12:30am

Soup and Sandwiches: Our ladies are putting on their very popular Soup and Sandwiches lunches again this Lent. Dates are **March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6. Sign-up sheets in the entrance. Or call Yvonne Fluet for details 780-674-3467.**

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Each year, **Development and Peace**, our principal Catholic charity agency, in a '**Share Lent Campaign**', invites contributions toward helping needy people elsewhere in the world. The theme they have for the year is "**Women at the Heart of Change**". Free materials relative to the selected charity are available at the entrance of the church.

There will be a 2nd collection on the 5th Sunday of Lent intended for Development and Peace.

2016 Tax Receipts: Please pick up your 2016 Tax receipts and 2017 contribution envelopes from the office Thank you!

PARISH CONTACTS

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Finance Committee

Hans Mourits (780-674-9415)

Liturgical Ministry / RCIA

Judy Lefebvre (780-674-3805)

Altar Servers

Ellen Mourits (780-674-9415)

Eucharistic Adoration

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Catechism

Suzanne Koopman (674-5306)

Parish Choir

Chris Mast (780-674-2607)

Music Ministry / Decorating

Brenda Dahlseide
(780-674-4663)

Youth Group

Monica Waggoner (674-0637)

Knights of Columbus

Mike Maykut (780-305-5053)

Prayer Chain

Vicky Properzi (780-674-3258)
Sharon Espeseth (674-2461)

Hillcrest Bingo

Sandra Hein (780-674-3943)

Meals on Wheels

Marie Menshik (780-674-3094)

Funeral Lunches / Ladies Group

Yvonne Fluet (780-674-3467)

St. Anne's Cemetery

Ed Robinson (674-3276)

Maintenance

Greg Gramlich (780-674-3520)

Communion to the Sick

Lorne Zallas (780-584-2687)