

*CWL are supporting the Moose Jaw Transition House
They are currently in need of full size hygiene items, such as
shampoos, conditioners, body wash, etc. and adult toothbrushes.
Household and kitchen starter kits are essentially any items that a
woman would need when moving into a home and has nothing.
These are items such as spices, flour, sugar, baking soda, cleaning
supplies (broom, dishsoap, windex, etc.) tea towels and dish cloths,
coffee, tea, toilet paper, measuring cups, rolling pin, can opener, etc.
A laundry basket placed in the entrance of the church for donations.
Thank you*

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*POTLUCK LUNCH following the mass on Sunday, Dec. 1 (First Sunday
of Advent) EVERYONE WELCOME
ADVENT ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES
Sunday, Dec. 1 (First Sunday of Advent) the CWL will be doing
activities with the children for Advent/Christmas.
All children and their parents/grandparents/family are welcome to
attend. There will be a pot luck lunch for the parish previous to the
activities.*

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*CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
Thursday, Dec. 5 beginning with mass at 6:00 followed by a catered
supper (\$20) and fellowship.
Payment must be made in advance.
Guests welcome. Please sign sheet in the entrance of the church by
Sunday, December 1 if you plan to attend.
Please give payment to Lynn Rogers or Maureen Beauchesne. Thanks*

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*FOWL SUPPER REPORT: Profit = \$6945.29; served 485 people, which
includes takeouts. THANK YOU to all who helped in any way, to make
our 25th year a huge success, by donating food, money for turkeys and
working Saturday and Sunday of the supper ! God bless everyone !*

Children's Christmas Tree: The parish wants children to decorate a tree which is all their own. Each Sunday in Advent, children are invited to bring an ornament special to them which they will receive back later.

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Jesus Calls Us to Stay Awake

Jesus wanted the Jews of His day to "stay awake" and watch for the signs of impending destruction. In their case, He wanted His followers, all of them Jews, to flee their beloved Jerusalem and not try to defend their treasured Temple (see Mt 24:16). He wanted His Church to survive the catastrophe and live on to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In our case, as the parables in St. Matthew's Gospel that follow our reading make clear, Jesus wants us to "stay awake" in order to be good stewards of the Gospel, to grow in virtue, to remember that we, too, will one day need to give an accounting of the gift of life He has won for us.

Do we need to hear this call to wakefulness? Our own time is full of the everyday business of life. There is the constant bustle of human activity that can, paradoxically, lull us into a sleep that forgets this life is not an end in itself. There is life in the Kingdom of God that is more real than this one, because it is eternal. It is the kingdom for which we long (and pray for in the Our Father). The Church, often compared to Noah's ark by the Early Church Fathers, sits now on the dry land of this passing world. She is the ship of our salvation, and she is a sign of the life of the world to come. Advent is the season that calls us back to the expectation of that life and, most importantly, a preparation for it.

Should we resolve today to ask for Jesus' help in the weeks ahead to shake off the drowsiness of our self-absorption and listen afresh to His call to "stay awake"?

(Gayle Somers)

Church Finances

Sunday Collection NOV 17 - \$ 2021.00

Sunday Collection NOV 24 - \$ 1232.00

Maintenance Fund – \$ 120.00

Thank You!

**MISSALS AND CALENDARS ARE IN !
PICK UP YOURS NOW!**

Christmas Blessings

**If you missed the shoebox campaign or are looking for an alternative way to spread Christmas blessings, please consider a 'Christmas gift to fulfil a missionary's Christmas wish' by making a donation to Catholic Missions in Canada to sustain missionaries in Canadian dioceses. This kind of gift can also lower your taxes! To learn more go to cmic.info
OR**

Purchase a gift from Chalice for a loved one, such as seeds or fruit trees so farmers can grow crops; or baby chicks so families can sell eggs or breed for sale; or eyeglasses or vaccines, and the list goes on. Chalice is a Catholic international charity focused on child, family and community development based in Nova Scotia.

To learn more go to chalice.ca

There are some forms and a chalice catalogue in the church entrance. Please feel free to take a form and the catalogue home but bring the catalogue back when you have looked through it. Thank you.

Sunday Ministries

Sunday, DEC 8	
Collection	Second Sunday in Advent Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Myra & MJ Villanueva
Rosary Leaders	Irene Clermont Rita Walters
Readers	Carla Leduc Gerald Delorme
Communion Ministers	Lynn Rogers Walter Agopsowicz Vicki Kachuik
Altar Servers	Rita Walters Ben Pasloski Philip Bergeron
Collection Counters	IRENE / MAUREEN
Sunday, DEC 15	
Collection	Third Sunday in Advent Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Bill & Claire Seal
Rosary Leaders	Paulette Lapaire Yolande Therrien
Readers	Ben Pasloski Gail Delorme
Communion Ministers	Irene Montgomery Gayleen Thomson Carla Leduc
Altar Servers	Lynn Rogers Anette Pryce Rita Walters
Collection Counters	BEV / BEN / DAVE / ANETTE