

CWL meeting / Pot-Luck lunch on Sunday, January 19
following the 11 a.m. Mass. After lunch we will have a presentation on the Catholic Women's League Strategic Planning - a five year plan that encompasses all levels of the League for renewal. The presenters will be Yvonne Bachelu, Diocesan President and Janette Rieger, President-Elect. We will invite members from the other parishes in our region. Any women interested in learning about the league and its future is most welcome to attend.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY will take place
January 18 - 25, 2020. Service will be at St. George's Parish
on Wednesday, JANUARY 22nd at 7PM.

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The Assiniboia and District Pro-Life will be meeting on
Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Assiniboia Apostolic
Church in Assiniboia, starting at 7:30 pm. All interested
people are welcome to come to see what pro-life is doing and
share their ideas on its future work.

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Pastoral Reflection: The Baptism of Our Lord/Matthew 3,13-17
Self-Emptying.

Parties and performances are the usual ways individuals are introduced into public view. Once in the public's eye, people are expected to perform certain rituals with ease, whether it's small talk or demonstrating a sports talent or a musical ability.

How is one introduced to a public ministry? What ritual would prepare the person for the public eye? What activities

would prepare the public for a new minister? In the case of Jesus, the ritual was John's baptism.

In the discussion of Christ's baptism, the Catechism constantly refers to his "self-emptying" and God's power. As the instrument of God's will, Jesus emptied himself so God's power could be made present. By humbling himself to be baptized by John, Jesus showed his deference to the Father's will. God's will would lead to the death of Jesus, and reveal God's power in his resurrection.

To truly be God's instruments, we must be willing to empty ourselves. "Me, first" must become "We, together." "Right now" must become "Your will be done." "I want" must become "what is best for all." Emptying ourselves does not mean losing our identity, our purpose, or our passion. It means seeing the bigger picture and putting others needs on par with our own. When we act as if "we love others as ourselves," we open ourselves to God, align ourselves with his will, and become his instruments. Baptism calls us and empowers us to empty ourselves. Like Christ, our humility can openly declare our trust in God the Father. We are followers of Christ because we act like Christ.

Public baptism does not make us spiritually better than any one else. But it does empower us. God is now one with us (the heavens torn apart). The Spirit calls and equips us to witness to others (the descent of the Spirit). And the Father now declares we are his beloved children. Baptism enables us to truly be followers of Christ.

Church Finances

Sunday Collection DEC 29 - \$ 1692.00

Sunday Collection JAN 5 - \$ 1225.00

Maintenance Fund – \$1220.00

New Year's - \$ 1168.00

Envelopes Printing - \$ 232.00

Archbishop's Appeal Final Yearend

Total = \$ 8964.00 (46%) of our

GOAL which was \$19,292.00

Thank You to ALL donors !

NEW Rosary Lists are ready. Please know that Sandra Clark and Aime Morin will fill in if and when needed.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way and for all the donations for flowers and plants to decorate our church so nicely for the Christmas Season! Also **THANK YOU** for all music ministers!

Baptism of the Lord :

Today's feast is a powerful reminder of the vocation to which we are called. It recalls our own baptism in consecrated waters which cleansed our souls from the state of sin and was the beginning of our relationship with God. The seeds of the Christian life are sown in baptism which means we belong to God's family, are able to call od, 'Father' and Jesus Christ 'our brother'. Like Christ we have been chosen for a mission in the world of our time. The carrying out of that mission will only be possible if we are prepared to live in accordance with God's will.

Sunday Ministries

Sunday, JAN 19	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Tara Pedersen Aidan Pedersen
Rosary Leaders	Yolande Therrien Paulette Lapaire
Readers	Sue Robinson Philomene Brochu
Communion Ministers	Anette Pryce Gayleen Thomson Carla Leduc
Altar Servers	Alyssa Luke Lily
Children's Liturgy	
Collection Counters	Bev /Ben/Dave/ Anette
Sunday, JAN 26	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Yvette Wojcik Jackie Simard
Rosary Leaders	Irene Montgomery Gayleen Thomson
Readers	Rita Walters Janice Erfle
Communion Ministers	Doris O'Reilly Al Farwell Vicki Kachuik
Altar Servers	Khanesia Warken Bodyn Warken Lynn Rogers
Children's Liturgy	
Collection Counters	Gerald / Denise / Al