

PARKLAND RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

PEROGY & SAUSAGE DINNER

will be held on Sunday, February 25th at 12:15 pm at St. Gerard's Parish Hall

COST: FAMILY \$25, ADULT \$10, AGES 6-12 \$5, 5 & UNDER FREE

DATE	Тіме	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT FEB 17	5:00 pm English	Sr. Suzanne Kokuruds	Saturday Evening Group	Ann Musey Jean Kitsch	
Sun FeB 18 1st Sunday of Lent	9:00 am Ukrainian	lvan Bachynskyy	Ed Pindus	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	
	11:00 am English	Terry Ruf	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Terry Ruf Nadia Ruf	Iris Skehar
SAT FEB 24	5:00 pm English	Bernadette Gabora	Saturday Evening Group	Paul Shewchuk Andy Mathuik	
Sun FeB 25 2nd Sunday of Lent	9:00 am Ukrainian			Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	
	11:00 am English	Dave Spelay	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Dave Spelay Faye Spelay	Iris Skehar

SUNDAY	Received in 164 Regular Envelopes\$	3,274.00
COLLECTION	Loose Collection	. \$ 81.00
2018	Received in 10 Other Envelopes	\$ 526.00
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ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Christ is Among Us! He is and will be!



The parish community of St. Mary's extends a warm *Welcome - Вітаємо*

to everyone who is with us today, especially all visitors. We are pleased that you have come to pray with us this Sunday. May the Lord bless You.

Pastoral Care of the Ukrainian Redemptorists

Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSsR - Pastor Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSsR - Assistant Pastor Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSsR - Assistant Pastor

OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:15 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Office 306-783-4594 Info Line 306-782-0654

SICK CALLS - Anytime

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES* by Appointment *Please contact the pastor at least six months before the wedding date.

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Христос Посеред нас!

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Saturday 5:00 pm English Sunday 9:00 am Ukrainian 11:00 am English

WEEKDAYS

8:00 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am Saturday

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

7:00 pm Wednesday & Friday English

WAY OF THE CROSS

6:00 pm Sundays English/Ukrainian

Beloved Parishioners and Guests.

A few years ago I shared some thoughts on the **role of** the priest in the Christian community. As we commence our Lenten preparation for the joyous feast of the Resurrection for 2018, I wish to re-state them. Please forgive me for the constant use of "I" - but this is my personal sharing. I cannot speak for others -only for myself!



"As a priest I strive to commence each day with the cel- PASTOR'S DESK ebration of the Divine Liturgy and lovingly pray for all those who have requested divine assistance – for those I remember and for those I have forgotten. I also pray that our Lord Jesus will use me in the course of the day to faithfully witness to Him, and in many diverse ways, be **HIM** for those I come in personal contact with as the hours of the day slip by!

"The priest is just a man called by God to serve, to heal, to forgive, to bless, to share the Good News - that God Our Father in heaven truly loves each of us so very much. The priest must willingly be prepared to use his weak and frail humanness and he, like Christ, must use this 'humanness' most generously to help others and himself to become more 'divine' and ever more Christ-like...

"Often this great responsibility frightens me; often I am very much aware of how I frequently fail to fulfill this lofty ideal and sincerely pray for forgiveness for the many times I have become an unfortunate "obstacle" rather than a living "channel" of God's bountiful blessings.

"I fondly reflect over the week and prayerfully recall how the hands and heart of a priest were needed and even used – I vividly re-live the pain and hurt of a family who have sadly lost a 'loved one' and desperately needed the presence of a priest. I pray to God that my words of comfort were Christ's embracing words...

"I humbly consider the Christ-given power that is granted to the priest, unworthy as we are, to celebrates the sacrament of forgiveness and thus to offer peace and comfort to a troubled heart and a pain-filled soul...and then experience the joy of reconciliation with God, with our fellow Christians and with oneself...

"I also gladly and tenderly reflect upon the 'love commitment' a young loving couple make - as they happily prepare to celebrate their wedding vows and again, I realize how very important it was for them to have the sacramental blessing of the priest the blessing of Christ upon their love and their lives...

"With the new excited parents, I joyfully share the gift of their new-born child as we warmly and prayerfully prepare for the sacrament of Baptism, realizing what a wonderful gift of Life they have been given by the grace of God. How gratefully they offer thanks to the priest who has christened their precious baby into the Lord Jesus...

"And I peacefully pause and quietly whisper a heartfelt prayer: 'Thank you, Lord Jesus, for letting me serve you as your priest!""



	UPCOMING EVENTS	
February 25	Bible Study DVD Series (Church Basement)	10:00 am
March 2	Final day to submit reports for Annual Report Book	
March 4	First Solemn Holy Communion Class & Parents' Class	9:45 am
March 5	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
March 5	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
March 7	Knights of Columbus Bingo	1:00 pm
March 7	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Bingo	7:00 pm
March 11	Knights of Columbus Brunch	10:15 am & 12:15 pm
March 12	Cultural Centre Board Meeting	7:30 pm
March 13	Holy Rosary Hour	12:00 Noon
March 18	Annual General Meeting	
March 19	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
March 20	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
March 25	Feast of the Annunciation	
March 29	Golden Agers Birthdays & Anniversaries	1:00 pm
April 1	Resurrection - Easter	·

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND St. Andrew's United Church 7:00 PM



"All God's creation is very good!" (Genesis 1:31)

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. This year, the people of Suriname, South America, want to raise awareness about climate change and caring for the environment. As a prelude to the World Day of Prayer there is one more bible study focusing on our role as Christians in the world of God. Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm, St. Andrew's United Church Upper Hall. Please use the street level entrance on Smith Street. There is an elevator for those who have difficulty with stairs. You are encouraged to bring your bible with you.

All are welcome.

COVENANT OF CARE ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT PROTOCOL



The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Covenant of Care Abuse and Misconduct Protocol is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) *Geraldine Koban* at 306-782-0270 or *Deb Larmour*, Eparchial Coor-

dinator of Care at (306)653-0138 ext. 228 or email: covenantofcare@skeparchy.org

More information is available on the Eparchial Website, www.skeparchy.org



CHRIST THE TEACHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

for the week of Feb 19-23

Mid-Winter Break ~ NO School

Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2018 Lottery Winners for January

\$20.00 Winners: Joanne Wandzura-Saskatoon, Mary Omelan-Wakaw, Jayne Paluck-Regina, Helena Demchuk-Regina, Ellen Shalley-Edmonton(AB), Mel Osolinsky-Wakaw, Mary Peake-Prince Albert, Fr. Warren Dungen-Kamsack, Deb & Bob Burak-Goodeve, Leo Lucash-Veregin, Diane Boyko-Saskatoon, Eugene Pantella-Wakaw, Edna Maddaford-Yorkton, John Postey-Saskatoon, Marvin Breitkrevz-Springside, Jim & Darlene Poncelet-Tway, Natalie Horejda-Regina, Elaine Harrick-Yorkton, Bridgette & Ernie Shwytky-Aberdeen, Donna Metanchuk-Borden, Jerad Charko-Carrot River, Adeline Bosovich-Canora, Helen Krakowski-Wadena, Marsha Hadley-Erin(ON), Terry Sharanowski-Winnipeg(MB). \$50.00 Winners: Randy Pederson-Gunn(AB), Anne Schiller-Regina, Patty Giandi-Regina. \$100.00 Winner: Carolyn Schur-Saskatoon. \$200.00 Winner: Dawn Ciona-Saskatoon. \$250.00 Winner: Peter & Chris Osze-Wakaw.

Congratulations to all the winners
There are still 334 chances to win cash prizes in the 2018 Calendar Lottery!

Lottery License #RR17-0035

Musée Ukraina Museum Annual General Meeting

The Board of Directors of Musée Ukraina Museum invite you to the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 4th at 1:00 pm at 222 Avenue M South, Saskatoon

Deadline for Executive Director position with BBESSI has been extended to February 19th!

Board of Directors of the Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. invites applications for an *Executive Director*. We are seeking a highly motivated and ethical professional who will lead our organization in generating funds to achieve stewardship and fundraising goals of the Eparchy of Saskatoon.

Please visit our website at www.bbessi.org to view the detailed job profile and more information about how to apply for this position.

Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. is an organization under the auspices of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon whose primary objective is to develop, organize and implement fundraising initiatives and programs for the purposes of enhancing Eparchial programs.

YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

Please note: this schedule is subject to change, please check regularly

CALDER	Sunday, February 25	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
MELVILLE	Sunday, March 4	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, March 18	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY FEBRUARY 18, 2018

The theme of Sunday is always Resurrection. We invite you to refrain from kneeling during the Divine Liturgy.



Today's special liturgical parts & readings are found in the
Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings
booklets that are found at the entrances of the church.

Next Week's Readings: Epistle - Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel - Mark 2:1-12

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S				
SUN	9:00 am	. Divine Liturgy		
	11:00 am	. Divine Liturgy		
	6:00 pm	. Way of the Cross		
MON	9:00 am	. Divine Liturgy (Civic Holiday - Family Day)		
	7:00 pm	. Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting		
TUES	7:00 pm	. Parish Council Meeting		
WED	7:00 pm	. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts		
THU	10:30 am	. Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors Residence		
	1:00 pm	. Golden Agers Birthdays & Anniversaries		
FRI	7:00 pm	. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts		
SAT	9:00 am	. Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty		
	5:00 pm	. Divine Liturgy		

OFFICE Hours - The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Family Day.

WEDDING PLANS ??- If you are planning to be married at St. Mary's or any of the Yorkton District parishes, *please contact Fr. Bohdan (306-783-4594) at least six months before the wedding date.*

DEADLINE for submissions to the bulletin is Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.



EMAIL BULLETIN - If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: **cssrmonastery@sasktel.net**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
Annual General Meeting
will take place on: **Sunday, March 18**th **at 2:00 pm**at St. Mary's Cultural Centre, Yorkton

All parishioners are urged to attend.



Attention Parish Council: This is a reminder to get your annual reports to the Parish Office by Friday, March 2nd.

If possible, please submit by email to: st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

First Sunday of	of Lent / Sunday of Orthodoxy	Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2 ~ John 1:43-51	
MON Feb 19	Holy Apostle Archippus	Romans 15:1-7 ~ Matthew 18:10-20	
9:00 am*	+Tom & +Lena Yaginiski	Sandi & Brian	
9:00 am*	+Br. Isidore (1 Year)	Family	
TUES Feb 20	Venerable Leo of Catania	Galatians 6:2-10 ~ Matthew 4:23-5:13	
8:00 am	+Theodore, +Julia, +Mary, +Brent, +Katherine, +Laudy and +PeteGeorge Lazurko		
8:00 am	+Calvin, +Karl, +Karen, +Andrew, +VeronicaStella Halldorson		
WED Feb 21	Venerable Timothy	2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 ~ Matthew 5:20-26	
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts		
THU Feb 22	Finding the relics of Martyrs at Eugenie	os 1 Corinthians 10:5-12 ~ Matthew 5:27-32	
8:00 am	+Norman Yasinsky	Sylvia Gazdewich	
8:00 am	+Elsie Denischuk	June Malinsky	
FRI Feb 23	Priest Martyr Polycarp	Romans 12:6-14 ~ Matthew 5:33-41	
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7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts		
SAT Feb 24	1st & 2nd finding of John the Baptist's he	ead 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 ~ Matthew 11:2-15	
9:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty		
5:00 pm	Members & Families	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS - If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: Ukrainian Catholic Mission

SOROKOUSTY - If you wish to have your deceased family members remembered during Sorokousty on the All Souls Saturdays, please use your yellow Sorokousty envelope and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. Sorokousty is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy on "All Souls Saturday". *The dates remaining for this year are: February 24, March 3 & 10 and May 19.*



Bailey's Grief Group

Mondays beginning, March 5 - April 23

7:00 - 8:30 PM AT BAILEY'S FUNERAL HOME (45 Fifth Ave. North)

This eight week series is designed for anyone who is experiencing grief from the death of a loved one.

Me meet to learn coping skills, share, listen and watch an informational DVD.

There is no cost for attending, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Crystal at 306-783-7552 or email crystalbailey@sasktel.net

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



Balance of the Fund to date: \$ 324,157.50 Thank you very much

Donations may be given anytime.

All funds collected will be used for the future renovations of our church. Building Fund Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church

St. Mary's Church Donations

In Memory of Mike Lackmanec

Dennis & Rosela Spelay \$ 50.00 Peter Wyatt \$ 20.00 Alex & Diane Greschuk \$ 20.00 Mike Smud \$ 20.00

Thank you very much

CHURCH DONATIONS

To ensure that your donation is properly recorded and acknowledged, please mark your envelope and the memo line on your cheque "In memory of..." or "On the occasion of..."

GREAT LENT - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (English) Wednesdays & Fridays - 7:00 pm

Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty (English & Ukrainian) Saturdays (Feb.24, Mar. 3 & 10 only) - 9:00 am

Way of the Cross (English & Ukrainian) Sundays - 6:00 pm

Announcing the Discovering the Unity of Life and Love Podcast:

Discovering the Unity of Life and Love is a document of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, which in our Family and Life Office podcast will be divided up into "bite sized" chunks, narrated by our own Bishop Bryan and followed up by either some thought provoking discussions or web links to help us go deeper and explore important questions like "what it means to be human—male and female?"; "the compatibility of faith and science"; "the role of beauty in our faith"; "how do we discover the true meaning of love?"; "what is true human freedom?" and many more. A new segment will be released each Sunday for the next nine weeks. Find the podcast by going to the Eparchy of Saskatoon Family and Life Office website. Or go to www.skeparchy.org and click on the Family and Life Office icon. This week's discussion is an intro to the general questions which will be considered in the upcoming episodes and why these are important questions to us. So take some time to go deeper in your faith...its just a few clicks away.

WELCOMING BISHOP MICHAEL BUBNYJ, CSsR...

On **Sunday, February 25th, 6:00 pm**, we have the privilege of welcoming **Bishop Michael Bubnyj CSsR**, a young Ukrainian Redemptorist Bishop who was consecrated on April 7, 2014 as the Exarch of Odessa and Administrator of Crimea. Before he was able to be installed, the Russian army under the guise of "little green men" invaded Crimea and still controls the country by force.

Bishop Bubnyj will join us in the celebration of the Stations of the Cross and we will have a small reception in his honour. He will have a chance to share his story and to meet our parishioners. Please do come and also consider giving a small donation to support him as he struggles to re-gain his Eparchy and to educate future priests for this challenging before him.

^{**}In accordance with the New **Eparchial Stipend Schedule** (effective November 1, 2017), the recommended **stipend** (offering) for a Divine Liturgy Intention is now **\$20.00**.

LIFELINES

Life Issues Bulletin February 2018

"To serve human life is to serve God. All life, from life in the mother's womb to that of the elderly, the suffering and the sick, and to that of the troublesome and even repellent, is to be welcomed, loved and helped." (Pope Francis, January 1, 2018, New Year homily)



LifeLines will appear four times a year, to remind us of this message of love for life. We are responsible to God to care for every life, from birth to natural death, and for the weak and helpless especially.

Saved by a Song

A few months ago, some people from Holy Family Church in St. Albert, Alberta, were praying across the street from the abortion clinic. Inspired to start singing that early morning, they soon noticed a woman looking at them from across the street. She came over to them and said she was irresistibly drawn by their singing, was pregnant and desperate, and going for an abortion.

They talked, urged her to consider life for her child, and offered help. They kept in touch. Months later, a happy mother and newborn came to Holy Family Church, to receive a generous shower of love and gifts.

On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering: Pope St. John Paul II wrote a profound Apostolic Letter, on the topic which would make excellent Great Fast reading:

Access this document online at:

https://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/1984/documents/hf_ip-ii_apl_11021984_salvifici-doloris.html



Dving naturally

"Dying naturally allows terminal patients time for resolution and growth," declares Dr. Luke Savage, family physician in Three Hills, Alberta, "We don't hear these stories in the news." We don't hear of the truly brave people who want something more than death, who refuse to lose hope."

His patient, Ann, a few years into retirement, was quite healthy. But earlier this spring, tests showed advanced metastatic ovarian cancer. Surgery was not an option. Chemo would only give a few extra months plus unwanted side effects. Ann did not turn to despair, fear or defiance and seek to end it all. Rather, she turned to family, friends and faith in God.

May be enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised that the saints will inherit... Eph 1:18

Ann explains, "We have so much excellent help available to control symptoms. I do not fear that I will experience uncontrollable pain or suffering. To me, emotional pain is a powerful amplifier of physical pain. I am finding peace. I am not desperate to prolong life. To die naturally in the presence of my family is my hope."

(Dr. Luke Savage is a member of Canadian Physicians for Life. A longer version of this article first appeared in the Edmonton Journal)

Seek Sound Advice before Making a Life and Death Decision

Be wise and discerning in what you read or overhear in a conversation or see in the media. Deceptive, irreligious ideas might sound quite acceptable at first, for example; "Euthanasia is o.k. God doesn't want us to suffer." But is that true? Consider Jesus on the cross!

Suffering, when accepted, and united in love and faith to Christ, can actually work towards nobility, inner and relational healing, holiness, compassion, prayer and an intimate relationship with God. This is not the easy path. However, uniting ourselves to Christ is the best path.

From the Fathers of the Church:

The cross is the door to mysteries. Through this door the intellect makes entrance in to the knowledge of heavenly mysteries. The knowledge of the cross is concealed in the sufferings of the cross. And the more our participation in its sufferings, the greater the perception we gain through the cross. For, as the Apostle says, 'As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by The Ascetical Homilies of St. Isaac of Syria



RESOURCES

Questions about continuing or ending a pregnancy? A warm voice on the line at: • Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Center; http://www.saskatoonpregnancy.com/contact.php;

- (Call)306.665.7550 or (text) 306.361.2760
- Informed Choices Pregnancy Center Moose Jaw, http://www.icpcmoosejaw.ca/; 306.690.8462
- Options Pregnancy Center Resources and Lifestyle Coaching Inc., Regina, http://www.reginapregnancy.com/ 306-757-3344

Concerns about end of life care or pressures to accept euthanasia or assisted suicide?

- See a priest for information about the Church's guidance and wisdom in life and death matters.
- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition: http://www.epcc.ca 1-877-439-3348
- Call Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan; catholichealth@chassk.ca; 306-955.2427

Troubled by a previous abortion - yours or another's?

- See a parish priest and/or contact any of the above Pregnancy Centers
- Fountain of Hope: http://fountainofhopeonline.org/
- Rachel's Vineyard; http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/
- Priest for Life—After Abortion; http://www.priestsforlife.org/afterabortion/

Make time for Life: Consider hosting a Dying Healed Seminar in your parish. The purpose of this program is to create lay people confident in their ability to accompany those who suffer, bringing love, hope and a sense of belonging to counter the 'culture of death'. Please contact for more information:



Deb Larmour at uwitness2family@skeparchy.org

FOR LENT - What can I give up for the sick, the dying, for the desperate and lonely, for the poor and suicidal? What prayers, sacrifices, what service can I offer this Lent to give life and hope to someone? "Lord, show me..."

Together we can build up a treasure house of loving deeds to save souls.

ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN'S PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of (..... give the child a name) the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion, who has so much joy and love to give! (Pray this for nine months)

LifeLines originates with Life Associates, Edmonton, Alberta. Contact: lifeassociatesedmonton@gmail.com Lifelines Sk. Edition, Family and Life Office, Eparchy of Saskatoon; uwitness2family@skeparchy.org