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# Holy Cross

## Roman Catholic Parish

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### MASS TIMES

Monday–Friday — 7:45am  
Saturday — 7:45am, 4pm  
Sunday — 7:45am, 10am & 12pm

### RECONCILIATION

Monday–Saturday — after the  
7:45am weekday masses.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Friday — 8:30am – 12pm  
**Closed on Mondays, Weekends and  
Holidays.**

### Coordinator of Parish Life

Sister Charlotte Leake, S.N.J.M.

### Office Assistant

Rachel de Jesus

### Custodian

Gerard O'Neill

### Catechetics & Youth Group

Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon

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### 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 33.14-16

**Psalm 25:** "To you, O Lord, I lift my  
soul."

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3.12 – 4.2

**Gospel:** Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

### PARISH BULLETIN

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT • December 1, 2024

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent—December 1, 2024

Scripture readings about the Second Coming of Christ can really make our hearts quicken—but not necessarily with excitement. They can make us feel as if a dark cloud just passed over, heralding doom and destruction.

Today's readings are an invitation for us to take stock. If we ask the Lord to come in and purify us, we will find joy and peace, not fear and judgment. We may have some work to do, but it won't be pointless labor. It will be more like spring-cleaning, resulting in a heart that is free of clutter and cobwebs. The closer we get to the Lord, the more we will want to be free of the sin that binds us.

Our God is not a harsh judge waiting for us to fail. He is our Father and Creator. He longs to form us into a people set apart for himself, a people who are ready to welcome Jesus when he returns in glory. Every step that we take towards Jesus, is a step towards getting ready. It is one more step out of the old life and into the new life. It is one more step away from hardheartedness and towards the soft heart that loves us fully and completely.

Jesus is coming back one day. He will bring judgment upon the sins of the world. But he will also bring salvation to all who are looking for him.

So let us not focus on anxiously preparing for the tumultuous end of the world. Rather, let us be confident in Jesus' victory and prepare for the glorious beginning of eternal life. Let us walk in faith, not doubt; be full of hope, not anxiety; seek to grow in love, not fear. Jesus has overcome the world. He has defeated sin and death. And now he is waiting for just the right time to come back and take us home!

Blessings in the holy names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

Yours in Christ,

Sister Charlotte Leake, S.N.J.M., *Coordinator of Parish Life*



### The Good Shepherd Campaign 2024 – For the Life of the Church! VIDEO – Bishop LeGatt – Vocations, For the Life of the Church!

If you've visited one of our churches recently, you've probably noticed the posters announcing the Good Shepherd Campaign 2024! The chosen theme this year, *For the Life of the Church*, celebrates the many

vocations the campaign has promoted since its conception. Thus, Monseigneur proposes us a reflection on the priestly vocations supported by the Campaign, but also on the broader vocations to which each person is called. Truly, we all have a vocation and through that vocation Christ calls us to be his hands and feet on the Earth. Let us continue to pray for vocations in in our Archdiocese and for our personal vocations too, that we may continue to be good stewards of the gifts and talents the Lord calls us to use.

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at: [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)

- Visit our new Vocations webpages by [clicking here](#)
- Support the vocations in our Archdiocese! Donate to the Good Shepherd Campaign by [clicking here](#)

*Please pray for our seminarians as they discern God's will  
in their lives and as they continue their journey toward the priesthood.*

### Silence in Mass During Consecration

Father Ani has requested that no movement and silence in the church is expected at the time of consecration. This cue can be observed by the ringing of bells. Should this happen while you're in route to/from the washroom, please be considerate by stopping and waiting until after the consecration.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception Novena

Prior the great Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother, we wish to honor Our Lady in a very special way with a novena of prayers. For all those who desire to begin Advent and prepare their hearts for the coming of The Lord, **please join us at 6:30am in the church from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>**. This year only the Feast is moved to the Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with Lauds, then novena prayers with rosary. Let us pray for our community, in thanksgiving, for conversion, healing of our land, peace and more.

### Children's Choir

Does your child or youth enjoy singing Christmas carols? Like these past years, we will have a children's choir sing some carols **before** the children's Christmas Eve Mass. If you would like to participate, we'll be having 1 hour practices in the multipurpose room after the 10:00am Sunday mass on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have any questions, you can email Dominique at [holycrossparishcatechist@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossparishcatechist@gmail.com)

### Friends of the Holy Eucharist

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to experience the power of the Eucharistic Lord with the *Friends of the Holy Eucharist*.

Place: Holy Cross Church, 252 Dubuc Street

Date: **December 2, 2024**

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.

7:00pm Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary for Priests and Vocations.

### 2025 Mass Intentions

**The Holy Cross Parish intention book for 2025 will be open beginning Tuesday, December 3, 2024.** Please review the guidelines on the new mass intention request [form](#) found on our [website](#), parish office, and both entrances of the church, as we have made some changes to be in alignment with the policies established by the Archdiocese of St. Boniface for scheduling mass intentions. Please contact the parish office at [office@holycrossparish.ca](mailto:office@holycrossparish.ca) or (204) 233-7367 with any questions. Thank you for your understanding as we try to follow church guidelines, have masses available for the recently deceased and accommodate those who have regular mass intentions.

### Holy Cross Parish Men's Group

Attention men of Holy Cross! All men ages 18 and up are invited to the Holy Cross Men's Faith Sharing and Prayer Group, which meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the every month at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the church. The format will be video presentation, sharing, and the rosary . We learn, we share, we discuss, and we pray. Please contact Charles at (204) 235-1725 or [cppref@mymts.net](mailto:cppref@mymts.net) or Christophe at (431) 866-5138 or [cmaguet@hotmail.com](mailto:cmaguet@hotmail.com) for more information. **The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** where we will be introducing the "*Into the Breach*" program during the Advent season. *Into the Breach* is a 12-episode video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. This video series seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world. It is inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Thomas Olmsted of the Diocese of Phoenix. The goal of *Into the Breach* is to help men grow in their faith and become the men that God is calling them to be. The 12 episodes are titled: Masculinity, Brotherhood, Leadership, Fatherhood, Family, Life, Prayer, Suffering, Sacramental Life, Spiritual Warfare, Evangelization, and The Cornerstone.

### First Friday Mass at 7:00pm

On the First Friday of every month, there will be a holy mass at 7:00pm, followed by adoration in the church. **The next one will be on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** All are welcome.



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception Adoration in the Church on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Following the morning Mass on this feast day, we will be having silent Adoration of the blessed Sacrament until 1:00pm. At 12:00pm noon, we will have prayer devotion related to the Hour of Grace, including praying Psalm 51. Benediction at 1:00pm will close the devotional time.

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### Adoration Chapel Key Cards

The computer system that issues the adoration chapel key cards is out of service. Therefore, no adoration key cards can be issued at this time. We are trying to have the matter resolved as soon as possible. Our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### 12 Noon Mass Lectors Needed

We are searching for new or retired lectors that would be willing to join the 12pm noon mass lectoring ministry team. Speaking the Word of God is a very fulfilling way to reflect reverence. If interested please reach out to Nicole Gougeon at [nicolegg1@mymts.net](mailto:nicolegg1@mymts.net) or Marina Espinoza at [vmari.espinoza@gmail.com](mailto:vmari.espinoza@gmail.com)



### Eucharistic Celebration on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

You are all invited to participate in the **December 9** celebration, patronal feast of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. The celebration will also be live-streamed on the St. Boniface Cathedral's YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/a0mC9pPKPwl>, allowing for virtual participation as well. This Eucharistic celebration will be presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt. Following the celebration there will be a time of coffee and fellowship in the Narthex. Together, let us pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to St. Boniface for their intercession, May Christ, the Word of God, the Good News, enlighten and protect us by the powerful love of the Holy Spirit.



### Advent Penitential Service

As we prepare for the Christmas season, we invite you to partake in our Advent Penitential Celebration on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.**

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### Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer

Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer will be held in the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 7:00pm. **The next one will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 7:00pm.**

### Do You Know the Quiet, Important Work of a Parish Sacristan?

In nearly every parish there are men and women who do the quiet work of preparing for and assisting Mass. A sacristan's role is often overlooked. Their service is absolutely necessary. They make the priest comfortable and ready to celebrate for the people at every Mass and also make the church welcoming for the people. Sacristan's serve God and the church in any helpful way possible. They give their time and efforts in a humble, quiet fashion and at their best they are not noticed. They lay out what is needed, prepare what is required as it is simply expected to be there, then join the congregation in expectation of God who does the real work anyhow. As the Advent and Christmas season approaches, volunteers are needed. If you would like to help or learn more about Holy Cross sacristan's ministry please contact John Scatliff at [johnscatliff@gmail.com](mailto:johnscatliff@gmail.com)

Submitted by Nicole Gougeon, Lector/ECM Ministry



### Christmas Chocolates for the Food Bank

The Holy Cross Food Bank is collecting boxes of chocolates to hand out to patrons this Christmas. It is that time of the year when everyone appreciates a special treat to celebrate the holidays. If you can spare a box of chocolates for a family this Christmas, please drop them off at the parish office (during office hours) or give them to Marianne Savard. Thank you kindly for your generosity.

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### 2025 Offering Envelopes

We are currently preparing our list of families who will receive offering envelopes for next year. If you don't have a set and would like Holy Cross to provide one for you, leave your information at the parish office by email: [office@holycrossparish.ca](mailto:office@holycrossparish.ca), phone: (204) 233-7367 or in person. You may also fill out the registration forms at both entrances of the church and drop it in the offering basket. Keep us informed if you have moved or your contact information has changed. We will announce when the envelopes will be ready for pick-up.

### Youth Group Bake Sale

On behalf of the Holy Cross Parish, the Youth Group would like to extend its gratitude for the support we received from our bake sale. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1,174.45 for 40-Day for Life! We truly are so thankful for your support! God bless!

## Did You Know...

**Did you know...that it's important to show proper reverence for Mass! One way we can do that is to enter the church in silence and don't talk in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus – it is Him you have come to visit. Don't talk as you leave either. Some people may still be praying. Another way - would be to not start leaving the church until the final hymn is complete. Stay to thank God for the Graces you received from Him in the Mass. May God's blessings be upon you!**

# Advent Reflections 2024 — Week 1

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: Awaken

Each of us must awaken in our own lives, because we fall asleep spiritually amidst our daily concerns and activities—and don't know it. That is the most dangerous thing about spiritual slumber: souls are not conscious of it. The Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch", but we have learned to tune Him out with the distractions of our world.

### Awakening from Spiritual Sleep

What does it mean to be spiritually awake?

It means to be aware of the true state of affairs: to remember that earthly life is temporary, and eternity forever; that God is present with us, whether people acknowledge Him or not; that we have a vocation to holiness and a heaven that awaits us; that the devil has every intention of preventing us from this holy destiny. For our battle is not against flesh and blood, St. Paul tells us, but against the spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12).

Monsignor Charles Pope, respected pastor, writer, and speaker, tells us:

"Waking up spiritually means that we gain, increasingly, self-mastery. We engage in the **battle against sin**, and against inappropriate desires or excessive desires, and we seek to **moderate them and gain authority over our life**. We act as men and women who are **free and responsible** for that freedom. And **when we sin, we call it what it is**, and we repent."

—Monsignor Charles Pope, Advent homily

We can't accomplish any of this without God's help, of course, which means that we need to seek grace from Our Savior through a consistent prayer life.

### Practical Steps to Overcome Spiritual Slumber.

An exhortation by St. Anselm suggest to us three action-items we can practice and put in our own lives:

#### Action 1. Identify—and resist—personal sluggishness.

Each of us experiences, in varying degrees and situations, "sluggishness". We must examine ourselves and consider the ways in which we personally struggle against inertia.

It's possible to **identify personal sluggishness** very quickly: we can start by identifying repeated situations in which we know what we're *supposed* to be doing and yet prefer to do something else. For example, we might have a bad habit of social media scrolling when we *know* we're supposed to be getting to bed or unloading the dishwasher.

Next, we have to **decide on concrete ways** to resist these temptations. We have to surprise ourselves and fight back at inertia with one swift act, however small it may be.

#### Action 2. Practice diligence in small things.

St. Anselm tells us to stop wasting time in useless imaginings, to let go of sloth, and to practice diligence. To be diligent means to persevere in faithfully accomplishing the responsibilities that are ours—and to **do them to the best of our ability**.

Whether we're cleaning out the fridge, punching in an eight-hour workday, or changing the baby's diaper, we can complete our tasks for God to the best of our ability. Being diligent in small things is crucial since, as Jesus told us, "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10).

We also need to be diligent in turning off the "do, accomplish, perform, putter" urge and to **set aside times for proper rest** and wholesome recreation. After all, the vice of sloth manifests itself both in lassitude *and* in constant busyness.

#### Action 3. Meditate on the reality of eternity.

St. Anselm urges us to "cleave to the good things which are of God" and to spend time in holy meditation. He reminds us that we cannot, as Christians, be submerged in worldly matters as if this life were all we had and this world our only reality. Earthly life is temporary. Eternity is forever. We can't keep half an eye on our spiritual life and presume that we'll end up in heaven. It takes effort and attentiveness.

The efforts can be small, thoughtful ones. Offering quick prayers and thoughts to God throughout our day keeps our minds on Him.

Let us meditate often on the joyful eternity that awaits us if we do the will of God.

With God's grace, we can remain spiritually awake this Advent and always.

## Apostolates and Ministries

### CCRS OF MB Presents – ALIVE, A Charismatic Event – December 6, 2024

Join us on Friday December 06, 2024, at 7:00pm at St John Cantius Church – 846 Burrows Ave, Winnipeg MB. Eucharistic Celebration and Procession plus Healing Service - presided by Fr. Michael Wollbaum, Praise and Worship by the "St. John Cantius Charismatic Music Ministry". Personal Testimonies by Ed & Jasmin Villamar, plus proces-

sion with the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing, fellowship and more. Please note, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6:00pm to 7:00pm and we will have a special blessing for sacramentals such as Water, Oil, Salt, etc. Free will love offering. Come experience the power of the Holy Spirit through the charismatic current of grace!

For poster, [click here](#).

For more information: 204-895-7544

or email [ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com](mailto:ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com) or visit: <https://www.catholicrenewalservices.com/events>



### "Illuminate" Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – December 13, 2024

Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on **Friday, December 13 at 7:30pm, at St. Emile Parish**. 556 St. Anne's Rd. Come and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of a vibrant Catholic community. All are welcome! For more information, [www.illuminatemb.com](http://www.illuminatemb.com) or [facebook.com/illuminatemb](https://facebook.com/illuminatemb). Illuminate is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship music, and fellowship, with the opportunity to take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. See you there!

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

### Waiting and Witness - Advent Praise and Worship Evening – December 7, 2024

The Youth and Young Adults of Mary, Mother of the Church invites you to an evening of Advent Praise and Worship - Waiting and Witness on **Saturday, December 7 at 7:00pm-9:00pm at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish (85 Kirkbridge Drive)**. Join us for an evening of Testimony, Scripture Teaching and Song as we prepare ourselves for the Lords' coming! Reception and fellowship to follow afterwards. This evening is open to all and entry is free.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Cegayle, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leader at [youth@mmoc.ca](mailto:youth@mmoc.ca) For poster, [click here](#).



### Catholic School of Evangelization - Winter Camp Registration is Open!

Overnight winter camps is a dynamic, fun-filled weekend for those who want to grow in their faith! Going to Saint Malo Catholic Camp is the perfect way for you to experience new activities, grow in character, build lasting friendships, and most importantly, have fun! Camps are available in both French and English for ages 8-17. **Early bird registration ends on December 12<sup>th</sup>, so don't wait to get registered.**

To register, [click here](#).

For more information, [click here](#)

#### Camps Dates:

**Ages 8-12 \* English Camp** \* Jan 17 - Jan 19

**Ages 8-12 \* French Camp** \* Jan 24 - Jan 26

**Ages 12-15 \* English Camp** \* Jan 31 - Feb 2

**Ages 12-15 \* French Camp** \* Feb 7 - Feb 9

**Ages 15-17 \* Bilingual Camp** \* Feb 14 - Feb 17

## Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

### December Papal Prayer Intentions

**For Pilgrims of Hope** – We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

## Stewardship



### December 1, 2024 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

*“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (LUKE 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

### Tips for the Prayer of the Faithful

Ecclesial intercessory prayer is a powerful expression of the Church’s unity. This unity will be manifested during the Holy Year, when the faithful from all over the world join in prayer, sharing in their desire for spiritual conversion that will enable them to experience the forgiveness proclaimed by the Jubilee Year. Here are some examples:

**Prayer of Intercession:** “O Father, in Your mercy, hear Your children’s pleas. As we prepare for the Jubilee of 2025, renew our faith, increase the virtues of hope and charity in us, and help us be witnesses of Your love in the world.”

**Prayer of Praise:** “We praise You, Lord, for Your infinite goodness. In the upcoming Jubilee, open our eyes to the beauty of Your creation so that our hearts may rejoice in the wonder and greatness of Your works.”

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** “We thank You, O God, for every blessing and for all the gifts we have received. As we prepare for the Jubilee, teach us to recognize Your hand in every moment of our lives and to welcome each day as a gift of Your mercy and love.”

**Prayer of Petition:** “Lord, source of all wisdom, guide us during this Year of Prayer as we prepare to celebrate the upcoming Jubilee. Open our hearts and enlighten our minds so that we may understand and fully experience the gifts of mercy and forgiveness.

## Mass Intentions

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### November 30–December 8, 2024

#### Saturday, November 30: First Sunday of Advent

4:00pm Debbi Murphy-MacDonald by Pam & Barry Murphy

#### Sunday, December 1: First Sunday of Advent

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners  
10:00am Birthday Blessings for Debbi Murphy-MacDonald by Pam & Barry Murphy  
12:00pm + Antoine & + Angele Gobin & + Viviane Dokken by the Christle family

#### Monday, December 2

7:45am Sophia Lafrance by the Lafrance family  
7:00pm + Florence Ziprick by Betty Man

#### Tuesday, December 3: Memorial for St. Francis Xavier

7:45am + Claire Chenier by Theresa Man

#### Wednesday, December 4

7:45am + Pete Makarchuk by Robert & Martha Hoehn

#### Thursday, December 5

7:45am + All Souls in Purgatory, + Antoinette Hamid & All Those Who Died During COVID by Maricelli Peña

#### Friday, December 6

7:45am + Claire Chenier by Betty Man  
7:00pm + Vicki Fanslau

#### Saturday, December 7: Memorial for St. Ambrose

7:45am + Daniel Kennedy by Michael & Arlene Soenen

#### Saturday, December 7: Second Sunday of Advent

4:00pm + Rose & + Alfred Ross by Christine Ross

#### Sunday, December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

7:45am Fr. Robbie McDougall by the Holy Cross CWL  
10:00am For the Intentions of All Parishioners  
12:00pm + Thomas O’Brien & + Evelyn, + Douglas & + Martin Cairns by Erin & family

## CWL Corner



The Advent Tree will be in its annual spot at the back of the church, starting this weekend, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

This year, we are asking for your assistance to decorate it with SOCKS. NEW SOCKS of any size & color for the less fortunate children & adults of the inner city.

(Christmas Tree Image by [wixin lubhon](#) from [Pixabay](#))

(Socks Image by [anastacia bankulova](#) from [Pixabay](#))



## CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

*Sponsored by  
Holy Cross Parish & The CWL*

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Following All Masses*

*We would greatly appreciate your donations of any baked goods for the sale.*

*Leave Baking at Parish Centre, Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> During Office Hours*

or

*Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 P.M. in the Church Basement*

**Not Able to Drop Off?**

Contact [204-254-4659](tel:204-254-4659) or [nicolegg1@mymts.net](mailto:nicolegg1@mymts.net) &  
Arrange for Pickup

Donating **Gluten Free** – Please Mark Accordingly

**50/50 Draw**

Winner to be Announced after 12:00 Noon Mass

**Ticket Prices** - 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

**Knitted/Crocheted Items & Other Crafts Available for Sale**



**Happy Birthday!!!**

Happy Birthday wishes, prayers and blessings to everyone celebrating their birthday in the month of December.

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**Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!**

Congratulations and blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of December.

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**Norwood Knights of Columbus**

We are a Catholic men's service organization, practicing Catholics 18 and over, who are here for the church and community's needs. We have a life, disability insurance and investment opportunities, we are rated one of the best insurance providers. We have been with Holy Cross Parish over 65 years. Our church representative is Bryon Burvill (204) 233-7904. We are in need of new members to help us reach our objectives.

| <b>Sunday Offerings<br/>November 24, 2024</b>                         |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Loose   | \$376.20          |
| Envelopes   | \$1,987.00        |
| Pre-Authorized Donations  | \$1,127.50        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$3,490.70</b> |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity.<br/>Please no foreign currency.</i> |                   |

*But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. Matthew 6: 3-4*

**The Week Ahead December 1—7, 2024**

|           | Sunday<br>December 1                                 | Monday<br>December 2  | Tuesday<br>December 3         | Wednesday<br>December 4  | Thursday<br>December 5  | Friday<br>December 6                           | Saturday<br>December 7  |
|-----------|--|---|-------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Morning   | 11:00am Fellowship after Mass<br>11:00am CWL Meeting | Parish Office Closed  |                               | 9:00am Food Bank<br>9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium                                     |   | 7:45am Mass followed by First Friday Devotions | 7:45am Mass followed by First Saturday Devotions<br>9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium<br>9:30am-11:30am Sacramental Preparation<br>9:30am-2:00pm Legion of Mary Annual General Reunion<br>10:00am Legion |
| Afternoon | 2:00pm Legion of Mary                                | 3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's  |                               |  |   | 1:00pm-3:00pm Ladies Crafting                  | 12:00pm-2:00pm Confirmation Preparation<br>1:30pm-3:30pm RCI-Teen   |
| Evening   |  | 6:30pm Friends of the Holy Eucharist (FHE) Spiritual Presentation or Witness<br>7:00pm Friends of the Holy Eucharist (FHE) Mass followed by Adoration | 7:00pm Youth Leadership Night | 5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium<br>7:00pm Men's Group<br>7:00pm Household of Faith (HoF) | 6:30pm Bible Study Fellowship<br>7:00pm Bible Study<br>7:00pm Youth Group | 7:00pm First Friday Mass followed by Adoration | 5:00pm CWL Bake Sale Fundraiser (after all Sunday Masses)<br>7:00pm Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer   |