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Monday–Friday — 7:45am

Saturday — 7:45am, 4pm

Sunday — 7:45am, 10am & 12pm

Thursday—10:30am at Catherine Place

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
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

**Responsorial Psalm 126 1-2a,
2b-3, 4-5, 6 (R.3): R.** *The Lord has
done great things for us; we are
filled with joy."*

2nd Reading: Philippians 3.8-14

Gospel: John 8.1-11

Parish Bulletin

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Fifth Sunday of LENT



Lazarus is ill, and his two sisters, Martha and Mary, seek Jesus' help. By the time Jesus arrives in Bethany, Lazarus has been dead and buried for four days. Jesus is met by Mary, Martha and the people who have come to console them. Upon seeing their grief, Jesus is deeply moved and he weeps, for he loves Martha, Mary and Lazarus. But more than that, Jesus knew that there were some people in the crowd who had *no* belief in him nor in the resurrection. And they—those unbelievers—acted like those who had no hope. The Way, Truth, and Life stood before them, and yet they remained unmoved.

Jesus assured the listeners who did believe, that Lazarus' illness did not lead to death. And they would soon see his power at work even over death. And far from death—it would end in resurrection.

Ever the teacher, Jesus used this event as an amazing opportunity to teach that he is Lord of all and has conquered death. So what can we learn from this event?

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. When life's trials get to be too much, it only takes thought of our Saviour to get us back on track. For a Christian, this earthly life isn't all there is. One glorious day Jesus will raise us and bestow upon us the glorified bodies he promised. Therefore, every day is a day to rejoice, for we are his and we are loved unconditionally.

Believers are to grieve with hope. We are not like those with no hope. Our hope is in the Eternal One, who will, one day, resurrect us to eternal life with him.

Jesus has compassion for each one of us. Jesus wants to love us intimately and offers us many opportunities to draw closer to him. We are always and forever held securely in his heart.

Jesus does everything for God's glory. In order to glorify God, we must first have faith in him, in the belief of what he has done, is doing, and will do. And that faith and trust brings glory to God.

Jesus' wisdom and knowledge supersede that of any human being. God's timing is *always* perfect. We may not see results as quickly as we might want. But God's ways are not our ways.

Let us trust that God is always doing what is best for us.

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

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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.

Solidarity Sunday (Share Lent 2025) Development and Peace—April 6, 2025



This Lent, Development and Peace invites us to reflect, pray and act on the unjust systems of poverty caused by ecological debt. This year's theme, "*Turn Debt Into Hope*," calls on economic policy-makers and governments to hasten the cancellation of unjust debts and advocates for an international financial reform. Countries in the Global

South are the most affected by the consequences of war and the intensity and increased frequency of climate change disasters which further exacerbate the poverty crisis. As a community of faith, let us continue to walk with the most vulnerable and marginalized by acting in a solidarity for our sisters and brothers in the Global South. On Solidarity Sunday, April 6th, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Envelopes can be found at both entrances of the Church.

Formed

Have you checked out [FORMED](#)? Do you want to be of service to the parish? We are looking for volunteers to help promote [FORMED](#), and create events with the support of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Financial Council, Fr. AniXavier, and Sister Charlotte. Are you interested? Please email ppc@holycrossparish.ca with your name and email address. We will contact you for a planning meeting. **Formed has a weekly Lent Series called, "This Week on Formed" and the link will be published in the bulletin each week. To view "This Week on Formed, April 6, 2025", please click [here](#).**



Coffee and Fellowship

Just a friendly reminder that there is coffee and fellowship each Sunday after the 10:00am mass except on long weekends and holidays. Come join us for coffee, a chat, and something sweet!

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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: **April 7, 2025**

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.

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

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 1st and 3rd 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 or Christophe at 431-866-5138 or cmaguet@hotmail.com for more information. **The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:00pm.**

Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer

Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer will be held in the church on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00pm. **The next one will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 7:00pm.**

Medjugorje Prayer Group

We will not have a Medjugorje prayer group meeting in April or May. **We will resume on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00pm.**



SAVE THE DATE! Diocesan Chrism Mass – April 15, 2025

Everyone is invited to join us in this year's celebration of the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass, presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt, D.D., a celebration during which the priests in our archdiocese renew their priestly promises, and the Holy Oils to be used in the sacraments throughout the upcoming year are blessed. **This Mass will take place in the St. Boniface Cathedral at 7:30pm on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.**

Sign-Up Sheets Now Available

As Holy Week is quickly approaching many extra volunteers are needed for communion ministry, ushering, altar serving and greeting. Please sign up at the table at the back of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Holy Week

Throughout the Holy Season and Holy Week please remember to **bring your missal** to enhance your participation in answering out loud, in some parts of the Passion of Our Lord, as you are the crowd. You are also reminded on Good Friday to bring a flower and/or a sealed prayer card with your disappointments, regrets, frustrations, sinfulness, negligence's, etc. to place at the foot of the cross during the Veneration of the Holy Cross. It will be burned in the fire on the Vigil of Holy Saturday. On Good Friday the parish will provide stones at the entrance of the church for those who desire to give to Jesus everything that is in their heart (sorrows, the loss of a loved one, the loss of faith, depression and so on) symbolized by throwing a stone of surrendering everything to His Holy Will at the foot of the Cross. In some countries after the body of a deceased is laid in the ground people throw little stones or dirt in the grave to give their last homage before it is closed and sealed. In other words, we can picture Jesus saying "...it is finished". On Good Friday there will be a collection for the Holy Land. For Easter Vigil (Thursday) and Easter Sunday please bring your bells to ring.

Holy Week "Tenebrae" Service – Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00pm



Tenebrae (meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows') is a religious service that occurs during Holy Week, where believers gather to reflect on the events of Jesus's death. It involves extinguishing candles one by one as the scripture passages lead us through Christ's passion. This service has deep spiritual and biblical meaning. The candles, darkness and strepitus (Latin referring to a loud noise or crashing sound) urges believers to meditate on Christ's sacrificial death and invites us to reflect on what Christ did that "Good Friday".

Please join us through a visual representation of darkness and the auditory experience of strepitus while being immersed in rich scriptural meaning. Running time under one hour.

Youth Group

There will be no youth group on April 17 since it's Holy Thursday. However, there will be an Easter party on **Thursday, April 24 from 7:00pm-9:30pm** in the basement to which all youth of the parish are invited to attend!

Holy Week Parish Office Hours

The parish office will **close at 12:00pm on Holy Thursday, April 17** and will **reopen on Tuesday, April 22** during regular office hours.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (Saturday, April 12)

4:00pm Palm Sunday Mass

Palm Sunday (April 13)

7:45am Palm Sunday Mass

10:00am Palm Sunday Mass

12:00pm Palm Sunday Mass

Wednesday (April 16)

7:00pm Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday (April 17)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30pm Adoration until Midnight (in the Church)

Good Friday (April 18)

9:00am-1:00pm Adoration continues in the Church

2:00pm Indoor Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday (April 19)

11:00am Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (April 20)

7:45am Easter Sunday Mass

10:00am Easter Sunday Mass

12:00pm Easter Sunday Mass

During Holy Week, there are no 7:45am Masses on Holy Thursday (April 17), Good Friday (April 18) and Holy Saturday (April 19).



Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday – April 18 2025

The Good Friday collection, established fifty years ago by Pope Paul VI and promoted by the Holy See ever since, is the only annual request that the Holy See asks of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. It helps the Church in the Holy Land to maintain the Christian sites that are so important to Christians all over the world, and to provide pastoral, educational and social works among the small Christian population.

The collection was a response to the needs of the Church throughout the Holy Land. At the time, the Church there was suffering persecution, unable to look after itself and losing the presence of Christians who wanted to avoid such hardship. Over time, and especially in recent years, this appalling situation has worsened. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters are counting on your help to maintain a faithful Christian presence in the land of our Lord. Please give generously during Good Friday celebrations.

Lift/Elevator

Good News! Our **NEW ELEVATOR** is fully functional and paid in full! Thanks to everyone for your generous donations.

On a note for users:

- Please **do not hold the buttons**. It operates as a "normal elevator."
- One touch of the button is all that is required.

The new markings are:

- **3 . . . Church/Washroom**
- **M . . .Lobby – Main Floor**
- **1 . . . Parish Office/Boardroom**
- **LL . . .Hall/Basement**
- There is a **HELP** button in the elevator, should you need immediate assistance.
- If the **HELP button** has been activated, please wait until the recorded message is completed. Then inform the operator of your emergency.
- If **HELP button** has been pressed accidentally, please remain in the elevator to inform operator that assistance is not required and the call will be cancelled. This is to prevent emergency services being dispatched.

This elevator is new and may require a few minor adjustments. Should you encounter any non-emergency problems, please inform the Parish Office during regular business hours: at 204 -233-7367 or office@holycrossparish.ca

Did you know ? . . . The current PPC needs several more members. Over the last few weeks the current PPC members have been informing the community about the PPC. Please pray for new members to come forward with their gifts and talents. If you feel that you are being called to serve the parish as a PPC member, please let us know. Or if you know someone who meets the criteria, call them forth to submit their name. You can speak with Fr. AniXavier or PPC Chair, Diane L'Arrivee or Coordinator of Parish Life, Sister Charlotte.

Criteria:

- A practicing Catholic who is registered in Holy Cross Parish.
- Already concretely engaged in the pastoral life of the parish.
- Works well with others.
- Has good communication skills.
- Understands the purpose of a PPC and its function.
- Is committed to the mission of the whole parish, not just a particular group or interest.
- Reflects the diversity of the parish such as age, gender, ethnicity.

Mass Intentions April 5–13, 2025

Saturday, April 5: Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00pm Aaron Duplak by the Savard family

Sunday, April 6: Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am Edward Myslicki by the Holy Cross CWL

12:00pm Cathie Vail & family by the Holy Cross CWL

Monday, April 7

7:45am Frank Remic by Ivanka Remic

7:00pm For the Members of the Friends of the Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, April 8

7:45am + Keith Jewell by Roger and Debbie Bouchard

Wednesday, April 9

7:45am + Paul Novog by Della Desrochers

Thursday, April 10

7:45am + Omer Malo by his family

Friday, April 11

7:45am + Deceased Members of the Jasnic family by Natasha

Saturday, April 12

7:45am + For Grandparents by Darija Vugrin

Saturday, April 12: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00pm George and Cathy Klowak by the Savard family

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:45am + Robert Klein by the Verrelli family

10:00am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

12:00pm Steven Kosa (Belated Birthday Intentions) by the family

April 2025 Papal Prayer Intentions

For the use of new technologies: Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Stewardship

April 6, 2025 - 5th Sunday of Lent



"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

Marriage, Family & Life

Marriage Tips

Go for a morning walk with your spouse, and enjoy the quiet time together. You can even make it a date by walking to a coffee shop or other tasty destination.

Lenten check-in: How can your family incorporate a spirit of Lent into your home? Maybe an extra prayer at dinner or a service project together?

Reflections for the Separated & Divorced

How does a separated or divorced person fast? Like everyone else!

Give up harsh words. *Use generous ones instead.*

Give up unhappiness. *Take up gratitude.*

Give up anger. *Take up gentleness and patience.*

Give up pessimism. *Take up hope and optimism.*

Give up worrying. *Take up trust in God.*

Give up complaining. *Value what you have.*

Give up stress. *Take up prayer.*

Give up judging others. *Discover Jesus within them.*

Give up sorrow and bitterness. *Fill your heart with joy.*

Give up selfishness. *Take up compassion for others.*

Give up being unforgiving. *Learn reconciliation.*

Give up words. *Fill yourself with silence and listen to others.*

- Lisa Duffy - *A Road to Healing*



Mother Daughter NFP Classes with Serena Manitoba — April 26th, May 31st, or June 14th, 2025

Discussing upcoming and ongoing changes in a girl's body from her tween to her teen years, to becoming a young lady, can be a delicate topic. Serena offers three Mother Daughter NFP (Natural Family Planning) / Body Literacy classes, each one appropriate for three

different age groups, stimulating and encouraging ongoing communication between moms and their daughters about their femininity in light of God. Our Mom & Tween class for **9 - 12 year olds** will be held **Saturday, April 26th at St. Emile Parish from 1 - 5pm**. The Mom & Teen and Teen/YA (Young Adult) Classes will be held on **Saturday at the Archdiocese of St. Boniface from 1 - 4:30pm on May 31st for 13 - 15 year olds** looking at Body Literacy and an Intro to Charting, and on **June 14th for 16 - 21 year olds** focusing on Advanced Charting. Suggested donation is \$15 per mother-daughter(s) set, per class. Payment can be made by cash or cheque at the event, or via e-transfer at mbserena@gmail.com before or after the event. Optional NFP items will be available for purchase at the Teen and Teen/YA classes. For more info, contact Janelle at mbserena@gmail.com or 204-783-0091. To register, go to bit.ly/mother-daughter-2025, or see the poster at bit.ly/mother-daughter-poster



Marriage Enrichment Afternoon – May 3rd, 2025

All married couples are invited to an afternoon of Marriage Enrichment offered by the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, with Worldwide Marriage Encounter and the St. Timothy Parish Marriage Formation Team.

Held Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

from 1:00pm to 3:30pm at St. Timothy Parish (135 John Forsyth Rd, Winnipeg). REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED.

THEME: Living Your Best Life in Love. Designed for married couples, this 2.5-hour Enrichment aims at enabling all couples to live their best life in love by growing in intimacy, and deepening their relationship. You will participate as a couple in two distinct yet connected activities. There will be no group sharing.

Register by Friday, April 25th at bit.ly/May3Enrichment

Suggested Donation: \$20/couple (donations received at the event)

For more information, contact Marie at the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Office of Marriage, Family & Life: 204-594-0274 / mfl@archsaintboniface.ca.

[See poster.](#)

REGISTRATIONS OPEN: Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration – May 4, 2025



Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year? (5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years or more).

You are invited to participate in the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary

Celebration, on **Sunday, May 4th, 2025! A mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Albert LeGatt at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:00pm.**

Couples will be invited to renew their vows and to receive a special blessing. A reception will follow. Celebrating couples will receive an Anniversary Certificate signed by Archbishop LeGatt.

TO REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/anniversary2025>

Contact person: Marie Brunet, Marriage, Family & Life Office; (204) 594-0274 / mfl@archsaintboniface.ca.

For poster, [click here](#)

Archdiocesan News



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Multicultural Mass & Celebration – July 1st, 2025

Mark your calendars! On **Tuesday, July 1st** His Grace Archbishop LeGatt

will preside at a multicultural Mass at 10:30am at the **St. Boniface Cathedral**, followed by cultural performances and food from many different countries! Want to get involved? We are looking for volunteers to help in the following ways:

- Mass Choir
- Prayers of the Faithful (in your native language)
- Cultural performances after Mass (song, dance, traditional instruments)
- Cultural display & food kiosks
- General volunteers

Email youth@archsaintboniface.ca or call 204-594-0271 and speak with Amber by **April 15th** about how you can get involved.

The Catholic School of Evangelization
Annual Banquet



UPDATED WITH NEW DATE CSE Annual Fundraising Banquet – May 29, 2025

The Catholic School of Evangelization is inviting you to attend our annual fundraising banquet on **Thursday, May 29 from 6pm-9pm**. This is a time for us to gather together as supporters and to rejoice over the many ways our Lord is working through the CSE. The evening will consist of a good meal and a short program. This year we will feature special presentations by our Outreach and Camp teams, with a special time of praise and worship as well. We hope you'll consider supporting our work. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.catholicway.net/banquet
For UPDATED poster, [click here](#)

SAVE THE DATE!! Ordination to the Priesthood of Peter Tran –May 31, 2025



Dear friends,
Having received Deacon Peter Tran's petition, having received the recommendation of the Formation Team of St. Peter Seminary and considering Deacon Peter Tran's integration into the life of our Archdiocese, I wish to inform you that I am calling him to ordination for the ministry of priesthood for our archdiocese.

The Celebration of Ordination will take place on Saturday, May 31 at 10:00am in the Cathedral of Saint Boniface.

All are invited to attend. I ask each of you to pray in thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ, High Priest and Good Shepherd, asking that all divine graces flow into Peter's heart as he prepares for ordination.

+Albert LeGatt Archbishop of Saint Boniface

Special Events

REMINDER Friends in Faith – Connection Café – April 7, 2025

Friends in Faith Connection Café



Join us for an evening of practical tips, spiritual support and fellowship. Refreshments will be served.
Advance Medical Care Planning & Decision Making

Inviting all people looking for spiritual support to get through life's challenges. Each monthly event features a practical life or wellness topic, discussion, prayer, fellowship and refreshments.

April's topic will be on Advance Medical Care Planning & Decision Making. Please join us for an informative evening and discussion as our guest speaker Katarina Lee-Ameduri will provide participants with an understanding of advance care planning and surrogate decision making. Specifically the presentation will highlight ethical principles that are important to Catholics as they navigate medical-decision making.

Monday, April 7 at 7:00pm at Mary, Mother of the Church, 85 Kirkbridge Drive. Please arrive early. Cost is goodwill offering.

See mmoc.ca for more info and [to register](#).

For poster, [click here](#)



Walk for Jesus on Easter Saturday, April 19th, 2025

We invite you to the Walk for Jesus on **Easter Saturday, April 19th, 2025, at 2:00pm.**

The starting point will be at the Legislative building. Once the walking route is confirmed it will be posted on our Facebook page. We are looking to unite as many churches as we can to remember and honour the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and how he sacrificed his life on the cross for all of us. We would like for the world to see the church of Christ come together in unity and love in the spirit of God. We would greatly appreciate your presence and church representation to walk with all of us and your prayers of course are always welcomed.

[Attached is the poster for April 19th.](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Todd at (204) 290-9033.

God bless you. - Walk for Jesus Winnipeg Group

Spiritual Growth

Lenten Fish Fries Bring Parish Families Together – Article by Ron Kuzlik

This History of Lenten Fish Fries

Friday evening fish fries during Lent have become a staple for many Catholic parishes.

It all started prior to Vatican II when Canadian bishops had a variety of restrictions concerning fasting (eating one full meal and two smaller meals that don't equal another full meal) and abstinence (refraining from eating meat on all Fridays and other designated days).

There were a large number of immigrants from Poland, Germany, and other Central European countries who migrated to Canada and the Midwest of the United States in the 19th Century. Because of the proximity to the Great Lakes and a number of other freshwater lakes, eating fish became an alternative to meatless Fridays.

With that, the Lenten Fish Fry was born.

Over time, these folks began to disperse and settle in other parts of the USA and Canada. And with them, they brought along the tradition of Lenten Fish Fries. Some of these restrictions were loosened after Vatican II in 1965. However, fasting and abstinence were still mandated for Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

Most Lenten Fish Fries are sponsored by local Knights of Columbus councils and held at local church parish halls, either alone or with other service organizations. Depending on the venue, there might be several dozen people to as many as 300 or more attendees. The fish fries serve to bring the parish family together and build community. Furthermore, the monies raised at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries benefit programs that benefit the poor, the elderly, and the challenged, as well as other service projects through local parishes.

Lenten Fish Fries in Manitoba



The Annual Lenten Fish Fry at Mary, Mother of the Church (MMOC) Parish in Winnipeg ([Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface](#)) is sponsored by Our Lady of the Prairie Knights of Columbus Council 5264. Brother Knight Ed Stemkoski explained, "Vic Bossuyt and his wife Viviane started this annual event 18 years ago, and they still lead it today. "MMOC parishioners look forward to it every year," he adds.

On the menu are pan-fried Pickerel fresh from Lake Winnipeg, baked potatoes, French fries, homemade coleslaw, buns and a variety of homemade desserts and beverages. The success of the fish annual fries is dependent upon a team of about 30 volunteers to purchase the food, set up the hall, cook and serve guests and do the after-event cleanup.

(Contributor photo from Mary, Mother of the Church)

The Fish Fry Effect



On a side note, Catholics are responsible, at least in part, for McDonald's Filet-O-Fish sandwich – a very unusually popular menu item at a burger joint. When franchise owner Lou Groen opened the first McDonald's in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area in 1959, most of the people there were Catholics. Although his new restaurant was an immediate success, he noticed that on Fridays, his sales decreased by about 75%. Why? Because of the Catholic Church's restriction about eating meat on Fridays.

Groen introduced the Filet-O-Fish sandwich in 1962. Fast forward to the present day, over 300 million Filet-O-Fish sandwiches are sold each year, and nearly a quarter of all McDonald's sales of Filet-O-Fish sandwiches are during Lent – as a result of the Catholic practice of abstinence from meat on Fridays.

(Image by [WikimediaImages](#) from [Pixabay](#))

(Article Source: Archdiocese of Winnipeg [website](#))

TEC Retreat - May 17 – 19, 2025



TEC retreats are starting up again this spring (**May 17-19**) at the CSE in St. Malo. TEC ("To Encounter Christ") is a unique experience in Christian living for both adults and teens over the age of 16. The central theme of TEC is the Paschal Mystery; a reflection on Christ's invitation to die to ourselves and rise to a new and fuller life. Eucharistic celebrations, sharing your faith with others, and the joy of being yourself are a part of what makes each weekend so meaningful. The cost for the weekend is \$150, and includes meals and accommodations.

You can apply online at www.gbtec.ca/apply-now or visit www.gbtec.ca for more information. For poster, [click here](#)

Already participated in a TEC weekend? We need you too! Please let us know how you can help out

at tinyurl.com/WorkOnTEC



Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Again this year, Fr. Anixavier is offering families an opportunity to bring their baskets of Easter Foods for a special blessing on **Holy Saturday, April 19 at 11:00am** in the Church.

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Happy Birthday!!!

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

(Image by [Alexandra Koch](#) from [Pixabay](#))

Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!



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

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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 life and 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.

Sunday Offerings March 30, 2025

Loose	\$393.10
Envelopes	\$2,880.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$922.00
TOTAL	\$4,195.10

*Thank you for your generosity.
Please no foreign currency.*

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

Proverbs 3: 27

The Week Ahead April 6—12, 2025

	Sunday April 6	Monday April 7	Tuesday April 8	Wednesday April 9	Thursday April 10	Friday April 11	Saturday April 12
Morning	11:00am Fellowship 11:00am CWL Meeting	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank 9:30am Children's Atrium	10:20am Holy Cross School Grade Grouping Mass (K-Gr. 1)		9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium
Afternoon	1:30pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's					
Evening		6:30pm FHE Spiritual Presentation or Witness 7:00pm FHE Mass followed by Adoration	7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00pm Youth Leadership Night	5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium 7:00pm Men's Group	7:00pm Youth Group	7:00pm Stations of the Cross	7:00pm Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer