

PAROISSE SAINT-FRANÇOIS-XAVIER PARISH



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISH:

John & Marguerite Peters, Joan Regnier, René & Lori-Ann & the future of our church. **St. François-Xavier, priez pour nous/pray for us. Lord, thank you for your constant watchful eye over us. Praise God!** Anyone wanting to add or remove a name please contact Odile (204-864-2367). Anne Lamothe is home now.

MINISTRY LIST:

Decembre 15, 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Welcoming Ministry: **Diane Kendall & Mike McCaughan;** English: **Elaine Senecal**

French: **Ray Vermette;** Clean the church: **LeGras**

Decembre 22, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Advent.

Welcoming Ministry: **Stan Breland & Lloyd Thibert;** English: **Patrick Hill;**

French: **Odile Thibert;** Clean the church: **Senecal**

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

St. François-Xavier Parish appeal target for 2024 is \$4,591.00

- Donations may be made by pre-authorized debit, Visa/MasterCard, or cheque. Cheques are to be made payable to Sharing God's Gifts. Pamphlets which include a donation section and **postage paid envelopes** can be found at the back of the church. Due to the Postal Strike envelopes can be placed in the collection basket.

- On-line donations may also be made via the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Website. Click on donation, select Sharing God's Gifts, select St. François-Xavier Church on drop down menu then complete the amount and your information.

Archdiocese of Winnipeg will send out the tax receipts for these donations in January of 2025.

Thank you for participating in this year's Annual Appeal.

ATTENTION TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

We have received a collection letter from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg for SGG arrears. The last two years we have not received an invoice for not meeting our appeal goal nor received a cheque for exceeding the appeal goal. I have now been in contact with the Archdiocese to see where we are at as of today.

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| 2022 Appeal Goal amount \$2,857.00. | Still owing \$27.00 |
| 2023 Appeal Goal amount \$3,679.00. | Still owing \$689.00 |
| 2024 Appeal Goal amount \$4,591.00. | Still owing \$2,431.00 |

TOTAL OWING \$3,147.00

Note: One donation which is tied up in the mail strike has been counted in my totals as received leaving the balance owing for 2024 as **\$2,431.00** owing by the end of the year – December 31st.

Joy to the World: A Christmas Sing-Along - December 15, 2024 TODAY!

Join the community of St. Ignatius Parish for an afternoon of singing Christmas Carols! This event is hosted by St. Ignatius Parish, and A Million Dreams Project - proceeds from this event will benefit the parish and dental/medical/vision mission in the Philippines. Tickets are \$10 for youth and adults, \$5 for seniors, and FREE for children 12 years old and under! Get your tickets by emailing amilliondreams333@gmail.com or by contacting the parish office.

Life Culture's Christmas Brunch - December 18, 2024

Join Life Culture for brunch on Wednesday, December 18th, to hear about the good work Life Culture is doing! This event is from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Hyatt House Hotel in Winnipeg. Tickets are complimentary, and an opportunity to donate will be given. RSVP by December 9th. Call 1-204-452-2227 for more information.

CCRS of Manitoba Presents: Unveiling the Gospels a Bible Study – Starting January 6, 2025

Understanding the four Gospels in depth can often be challenging, especially when reading them back-to-back. This course, however, goes beyond simply reading the Gospels. We'll delve into who the Gospel writers were, their unique audiences, their purposes in writing, and, most importantly, how each presents a distinct view of Jesus. There are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays groups available at 3 different parishes in Winnipeg. Call 1-204-452-2227 for more information.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

1. How do you wash your hands over the holiday? With Santatizer.
2. Why don't you ever see Santa in a hospital? Because he has private elf care.
3. Why is Santa afraid of getting stuck in a chimney? He has Claus-trophobia.
4. Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can ho ho ho.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

1. If you want to be always in God's company, you must pray regularly and read the Scriptures regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us. (St. Isidore of Seville).
2. Beware of the babbling tongue and of itching ears. (St. Jerome)