



**PARISH COUNCIL  
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## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY – KAREN EWEN**

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It has been another exciting year for the Children's Liturgy Ministry! We are welcoming more children each week and we have had up to 65 children attending our program on Sunday! WOW, what a beautiful sign of a thriving parish! Our new 3 year program is complete and this year our focus will be developing seasonal activities that will include interactive bins to help us celebrate special feast days, our sacraments and the Saints! Thank-you for the continued dedication of our planning team and all our teachers as this ministry continues to grow!

This year all of our teachers renewed their criminal record checks and we implemented a program to invite parents to volunteer in the classrooms with their children! We are always looking for volunteers to join our team and we run periodic training sessions Dorothy Gareau continues to help coordinate the scheduling for Children's Liturgy and take care of our facebook page. Thank-you Dorothy for your continued dedication to our Ministry, we are sooo blessed to have you!

This year the children continued to learn about a different Saint each month with coloring pages and summaries of the Saint, sent home on Baptism Sunday each month. We are continuing to use the Cat Chat songs as a way to correspond the themes with the teaching that Sunday. The Children are mastering some of their favourite songs and actions, so be sure to ask the kids about the songs that they sang on Sunday and how they corresponded with the teaching that week! The kids are still very responsive to the movement based learning and are having a lot of fun learning!

The children participated in a number of the masses this year, at the offertory, bringing different gifts to the altar that correspond with their learning that day. The children also had the opportunity to participate in the Christmas mass as they processed in with candles and took part in the offertory where they brought their gifts up to the altar and were able to see baby Jesus at the front lying in the manger! On Epiphany Sunday the 3 magii joined us for the procession into the church and they visited the liturgy rooms in costume with their gifts so the students could get a close look and learn about the symbology of the gifts they brought. Then the children brainstormed and wrapped the gifts that they could bring to their newborn Saviour and they processed in behind the Star and the magii during the offertory, laying their gifts at the base of the manger. We were able to offer liturgy during some of the Triduum masses and the children were able to participate in the washing of the feet, children's stations of the cross, the passion of Christ, and veneration of the cross using many different visual aids that allowed the children to really prepare their hearts for the death and resurrection of their Saviour.

The teachers created beautiful opportunities for the children to enter into the learning, using their individual gifts. They created beautiful last supper dramatizations, brought beautiful visual aids that corresponded to the lessons and created crafts that spoke to their hearts as teachers. Thank-you to each and every teacher who brought a personal story, created an adventure, and developed personal resources on top of the programming; your passion and desire to pass on God's truth in your own beautiful way allowed a special connection and transformation of the Living Word to reach all the different personalities of our youth. May God Bless you abundantly for your care and service to these children of God!

The numbers of children attending children's liturgy continues to grow and new volunteers are always welcome to join our ministry as a part of the planning team, as a teacher or as a teacher helper in the class to help with classroom management! If you have ever felt the Holy Spirit nudging you towards this beautiful ministry, please send an email to the parish office, or come speak to myself or Dorothy Gareau!

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARTION – JOCELYN CHILLOG**

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This years Sacramental Preparation class consisted of 36 children who were preparing for Reconciliation (6 classes), and Communion and Confirmation (8 classes, as well as an additional Reconciliation and rehearsal evening leading up to their Celebration). The classes ran from 9:30-10:45 on Sunday Mornings. Our teachers personally prefer this time slot. It does however prove a little difficult for the Children who were involved in weekend tournaments and competitions, attendance is an issue because of this. Myself and Hannah Fahlman lead the lessons this year (it was so nice to have a partner!)

Apart from the Videos included, the new program that was purchased was not used as I found it much easier to engage with the children when we lead open discussions. The children learned the major prayers of our faith, about the Trinity (focusing on the Holy Spirit) as well as the 10 commandments, and examining ones conscience. We looked at sinfulness and the effects of sin in our lives, God's grace, and forgiveness. We spoke about prayer, intercessory prayer, Mary, the Angels and the Saints. The children were well prepared for their visit with Father in the Confessional and the majority of them came out with smiles on their faces. The kids also learned about the 7 Sacraments and the grace within the Sacraments. We talked about the Mass, did a tour of the church and pointed out all of the sacred spaces and vessels. The kids did a "scavenger hunt" during the mass where I asked that they pay special attention during consecration as to be more aware of the miracle at Mass. We talked about the Holy Spirit, his gifts and fruits. We did the stations of the cross and talked about Lent and the value of sacrifice. The kids will have completed service projects and presented their chosen Saint in a Saints Fair by the end of our year together.

I've been thinking lately about what would be the absolute best case scenario for teaching the Sacraments. After many years of teaching I have a good understanding of what works and what doesn't. The #'s as of the last few years have been 35+ children in one classroom. We have too many children to put them at tables so they sit on the floor. Rather than individual classes for parents and students, my recommendation is that we find a facilitator that would lead parents through lessons that they could work on with their children at their side. I think this would be most accommodating for the children's focus, comprehension and behaviour. It would serve two purposes and create a spiritual bond between parent and child.

It would be great if we could offer the Sacramental Prep in the church hall as a workshop where attendance is mandatory. It has been really difficult to get the families to attend Mass following their Sunday lesson, sadly many leave right before Mass starts. Another recommendation might be that we break the children up into much smaller groups. The class size at the present cuts down on the children's ability to be vulnerable and to ask questions. The only problem I see here is that we only own one set of videos and usually only one set of teachers. We do however have two classrooms which is great. If we can access the video's on "formed" somehow that would solve that problem.

As always this program is open to anyone who would like to help, especially during the Easter, Christmas and year-end celebrations. We are open to feedback as we wish the program to serve our parish the best that it can. I personally will be moving on to other ministries when this year concludes. It's been rewarding and I will miss elements of this ministry for sure. Thankyou.

We will be taking registrations again in the month of September 2019.

## **MINISTRY OF CARE – JANE CHORNEYKO**

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**Pastoral Care:** care giving continues to send cards on behalf of IHMP to parishioners who are ill or who have lost a loved one. The names are included in the intensions at Mass and placed in the bulletin for on going prayers.

**FUNERAL PLANNING:** IHMP was contacted by 1 family to assist in the preparation of the celebration of their loved one's life.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Upon request is taken to ill or elderly who are unable to attend mass  
Continue to visit one elderly person every second Sunday of the month.  
Request for communion due to illness: 7 parishioners

**MEMORIAL MASS:** November 2 presider Fr. Peter  
Invitations were sent out to 10 families

All parishioners were welcome to take part in the Candle Lighting Ceremony of Remembrance  
Mass was well attended. Coffee and fellowship followed mass

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK HEALING MASS:** February 11 presider Fr. Peter  
Special prayers, blessings, and anointing were given to all who attended.  
Mass was well attended, Coffee and fellowship followed mass

### **CARE HOME DEVOTION AND COMMUNION**

Warman Care Home (12 members)

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month Fr. Peter meets with the residents for anointing and communion

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Care giving member meets with the resident for communion, devotion

Mennonite Care Home (1 member)

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Care giving member meets with resident for communion and devotion

### **CHRISTMAS MASS:**

December 17: Novakovski home attended by family and friends

December 22: Warman Care Home

### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS:**

Advent: 7 containers were delivered to the Martensville Food Pantry

Containers will remain in the hall for on going donations throughout the year

THANK YOU to the members of the Care Giving Committee

Julian Ugwu, Clarence Shul, Pat Zunti, Dan Niblack and Laverne Ducherer

## **MAINTENANCE – DALE JOHNSTON**

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Maintenance this year was focused on the day to day operational issues of the church. Heating such as furnace inspection and repairs, Plumbing such as washroom issues, Electrical such as inspection and repairs, Fire Code requirements and inspections.

Some longer-term issues have been discussed such as the parking lot, and fencing however due to financial restrictions we have not moved forward on these.

Going forward our focus will still be on the day to day operations. However some long term maintenance requirements will need to be planned and budgeted.

Tuesday April 30th will be a spring yard cleanup starting at 6pm and we are looking for volunteers to help for 2 hours. please bring rakes/shovels etc .

### **BAPTISM – DANIELLE ZIMMER AND HANNAH FAHLMAN**

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This baptism Team has facilitated four classes last year with a total of 31 couples. There were 30 families who had children baptized last year, some with up to 3 children. We continued to offer classes as a one-time class with the program running on a Saturday morning in the home of either Hannah and Adam Fahlman or Dan and Danielle Zimmer. We have found that facilitating baptism classes in our homes provides a comfortable learning environment for the couples.

We are continuing with the Reborn Series which seems to be well-received by the groups. We have also started to incorporate some shorter talks by Fr. Mike Schmitz and Bishop Robert Baron to change the presentation format slightly.

Last year, we started charging a \$40 fee per couple which is covering the costs of our expenses. Our current most challenging aspect of the program is scheduling. Often times we have couples attend class, commit to a Baptism and then change last minute which causes scheduling issues and difficulty in predicting the number of participants on Baptism Sunday.

Overall, we have found a good balance in terms of method of communication with participants, length and content of course and ability to connect with families where they are at, despite their faith background. God is doing great things!

### **MARRIAGE PREP – MARILYN JACKSON**

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Marriage Preparation was held on February 22nd and 23rd. There were 12 engaged couples who participated. Four team couples from our parish and a team couple from St. Anne's made presentations. There were also 12 married couples in the parish praying for the engaged couples.

The only challenge we face is not having enough team couples. Several of the couples have done it for three years and this year we had to go outside of our parish in order to cover all topics adequately.

I don't mind coordinating but we need married couples to step up and help. Marriage Prep is an excellent opportunity for evangelization and is the responsibility of the whole parish.

Thanks to Bev & Pat Zunti, Chris & Ginette Bosch, Jocelyn & Tyson Chillo and Claire Rancourt for helping this year. Also to Sharon & Colm Leyne from St. Anne's.

Marilyn & Ken Jackson

## FINANCE – CLAIRE RANCOURT

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We launched the Every Member Matters campaign in the spring of 2018 and saw Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) increase significantly. Overall, Sunday collections have increased about \$3,000 over 2017 and total revenue increased about \$8,000. Unfortunately, our net income from operations is still running at a shortfall of about \$9,700 annually. In order to mitigate the effects of this, the Finance Committee asked each ministry within the church to construct a budget for their specific ministry and required Finance approval for individual expenditures over \$250 during the year. This has a two-fold benefit, as it helps the individuals at the ministry level to become more aware of the annual needs of their ministry and helps all involved to understand that funds are limited.

Our church family has been blessed in 2018 by the dedication of its members in honouring their pledges to the building fund. There was an excess of \$20,000 in the building fund at the beginning of 2019 that we were able to apply to the church loan. This will reduce the interest cost significantly. The Church loan has a balance of \$27,600 at the end of March 2019. We have persevered and it has paid off; our building loan will be paid in full by this fall.

Our church family is growing and the needs of our church will undoubtedly increase with it. For example, it would be great to be able to hire a youth leader again and offer that person enough hours to retain him/her; this would address the spiritual needs of the youth without requiring so many hours from volunteers. Already discussions have begun for new capital projects; some individuals would like to see an updated kitchen, others would like to see the purchase or building of a rectory for the priest. No decisions have been made, but if we all work together in giving our talents, time and treasure, all things are possible with God's help.

### Building Fund

Jan 1, 2018 Loan balance	\$ 126,174.97	
Payments	\$ 61,827.07	
Expense (Interest)	<u>\$ 5,484.12</u>	
Dec 2, 2018 Loan balance	\$ 69,832.02	
Building Fund Giving – Envelopes & PAG for 2018		\$ 84,950.16
Dec 2, 2018 Loan balance	\$ 69,832.02	
Payments	\$ 42,828.74	
Expense (Interest)	<u>\$ 602.96</u>	
Mar 29, 2019 Loan balance	\$ 27,606.24	
Mar 31, 2019 Building Fund Bank Account		\$ 14,429.30

**Income Statement 2018**

Revenue	
Collections – Envelopes, PAG and loose	\$124,373.88
Reimbursement - Priest (Langham)	\$15,000.00
Other	<u>\$24,774.91</u>
Total Revenue	\$164,148.79

Expenses	
General & Administrative	\$ 50,530.49
Rectory	\$ 20,699.78
Payroll	\$ 69,785.98
Utilities & Maintenance	<u>\$ 24,789.58</u>
Total Expenses	\$173,895.83

Net Income (Deficit)	
Revenue	\$ 164,148.79
Expenses	<u>\$ 173,895.83</u>
Deficit	\$ 9,747.04

**Operating Net Income January 1 – March 31, 2019**

Revenue	\$ 36,938.54
Expenses	\$ 39, 331.54
Deficit	\$ 2,393.00

Operating bank account balance March 31, 2019 \$27,903.78

**SOCIAL JUSTICE – ABBY SCHNAIDER**

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We ran a few campaigns this year. The first was the Bishops annual appeal. We were able to slightly surpass the fundraising goal set for our parish by the diocese which was a blessing. The second was the Campaign for Conscience Rights for health care workers to obtain legislature that will allow them to opt out of euthanasia procedures. Again we had a high level of participation.

We also held a fundraising event for St Theresa Girls' College, one of the schools owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Jos, Nigeria. We were able to raise enough funds for them to drill a well right on the compound. The project has been completed on their end as well.

I continue to work with Hands at Work Africa. They work with foster families in and around Martensville, Warman and Saskatoon. Our work is to support families that provide foster care and journey with them so we know what they need most. Once a month I go to a Foster family support morning and will soon help with the second foster family celebration day which has been a blessing.

## **WOMEN OF IHMP – LISA WEDEWER**

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This year we have 11 dedicated women who give their time and commit to our club. Women of the parish are welcome to join us anytime and come to our meetings which are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the meeting room at church at 7:00pm. We had another great year of faith, fundraising and fun.

June - We gave out Father's Day ice cream

Nov. - Soup & Bun Lunch

Dec. - Christmas Bake Sale

Feb.- Catered 1 funeral

March -Pancake Breakfast

April- Easter Vigil Wine & Cheese

May 4th - Salad Celebration

This year we were able to use our funds to donate at 3 levels:

1. Locally:

~We donated \$200 each to Avah Chillog & Eleanor Hayworth to help with their fundraising for their trip to Rome.

~We bought a BUNN coffee maker for the kitchen (\$445.00), 6 pancake syrup dispensers, 4 napkin dispensers, and a Square card reader (\$61.95) which gives parishioners another form of payment.

~Our spiritual gift this year went to Donna Delainey for her tireless work over the years decorating the church and serving in the choir.

2. Diocesan:

~ 1 Blessing Basket for \$200 at Christmas

~ \$100 to Telemiracle

3. Global:

~ We donated \$100 to Chalice.

We are hoping to have the involvement with the Ladies Club grow and continue to serve the parish with the growth of the church. I would like to thank all the members of our club for their dedication and commitment this year.

### **PASTORAL TEAM – Father Peter Ebidero, Christy Dupuis, Maryann Niekamp, Dan Zimmer, Julie Paquette, Heather Fiolleau**

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**Ministry meetings** – Three Ministry meetings were held throughout the year. August was our Retreat, November and February. Each meeting had a spiritual growth component and a time to inform ministry leaders of the ongoing activities of the parish and other ministries.

**Welcome Back BBQ-** September

**Amazing Parish Conference-**Milwaukee was attended by Christy Dupuis, Dan Zimmer, Maryann Niekamp, and Karen Ewen. This conference was funded by the Diocese and the participants. This conference provides much information on how to renew our parish and move from maintenance to mission.

**Servant Sunday:** This year we asked those in special need of volunteers to make a presentation at Mass and then set up a table in the hall to be available for questions and have parishioners sign up.



**School Ministry**-Father & Christy visited the two catholic elementary schools in Martensville & Warman monthly throughout the year. There was an opening school mass and Ash Wednesday Mass. These visits have been extremely well received and are a priority for the Pastoral Leadership Team.

**Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion and Eucharist.** A new program was launched this year with a parent and child component. Christy Dupuis and Karen Ewen facilitated the parent component and Jocelyn Chillog the children. The parents are to attend 3 sessions for the Reconciliation component and 4 sessions for the First Communion and Confirmation component. Sessions for the children are weekly. The purpose was to encourage the parents and children to grow in faith and holiness together as a family. Many other parishes are experimenting with this method to engage and evangelize.

**Hospitality Teams** have been modified by Rhonda Gareau our coordinator and Maryann Niekamp. We now have fewer teams with more parishioners on each team. These teams provide an irreplaceable role in providing snacks, lunches and major hospitality to many activities in our Parish.

**Meeting with Bishop:** In December the Pastoral Leadership Team met with Bishop Mark about- new P.C. guidelines, the new PC job description and organizational chart as well as Pastoral Leadership Team function. Ministry Leaders now report to Pastoral Leadership Team rather than Parish Council which meets only 4 times per year. Much of this still has to be perfected as time goes on to see the strengths and weaknesses of this new initiative.

**Sunday Welcome Strategy-** Christy Dupuis designed a new program for welcoming each Sunday. The purpose is to answer questions, sign up new parishioners, and in general welcome and identify new people coming into our parish to make them feel welcome. This is an ongoing project and we will see improvements and changes going into next year.

**Youth Council:** This was established to have an ongoing outreach to the youth in our parish. We hired a youth ministry leader in the fall after Amanda Chan took a full time appointment at St. John Bosco. However Christine left us in December in search of a position with more available hours and future. Since our funds are limited to hire a youth minister, we now have volunteers setting up some activities and using activities in other parishes. David Rybinski is coordinating senior youth activities and training senior youth to plan activities for junior youth. We are hoping in the future funds will be available for a youth minister or a full time pastoral assistant to help with our youth.

**Lenten Mission-** Brett Salkeld from the Archdiocese of Regina gave a mission on “Why Sacrifice is Important” Mar 24 & 25.

**Penitential Services** were organized in December and in April.

**Programs Offered by Parish:** Two Alpha programs, Wild Goose, RCIA, Biblical Walk through the Mass, Launch- Evangelization Training, Fulfilled. These were all well attended and are building intentional well-formed disciples.

**Building & Maintenance Ministry:** – Father as appointed two people to head this committee now so are now acting together as a team and having meetings regarding their area of expertise.

**Pastoral Assistant Position:** Christy Dupuis is now on maternity leave and this position will be filled by Heather Fiolleau for the next 12 months.

**Wedding Ministry:** Since we have a lovely facility, we now have more couples looking to marry in our church. Tyson & Jocelyn Chillog and Trent and Kristen Ducherer are the new wedding ministry team.

We are presently requesting volunteers for Funeral Ministry and Sacramental Preparation Ministry for next fall.

## **LITURGY – HEATHER FOLLEAU**

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Generally monthly meetings are held for liturgy with attending ministries: Liturgy: Heather Fiolleau, Sacristans: Donna Brasseur, Claire Rancourt, Music: Maryann Niekamp, Ushers: George Galambos, Décor: Donna Delainey, Sound/Tech: Dan Dupuis, Caregiving: Jane Chorneyko, Children's Ministry: Karen Ewen (by request or report submission) and Fr. Peter Ebidero.

Donna Delainey will take on Chairing Meetings and Meeting Minutes for the year while Heather Fiolleau attends as Pastoral Associate commencing in May 2019.

**Saturday 5PM Mass:** Saturday evening Masses began in the fall and are attended with consistency between 50-70 ppl approximately. Currently Saturday Mass is weekly excluding the first Saturday of the month due to Langham's Mass schedule. Sunday volunteers are generally rotating to cover all ministries but we are looking to slowly develop ministry volunteers from the Saturday parishioner group over time. Dedicated sound and tech help is needed.

**Rosary:** Rosary started being said 20 minutes prior to Sunday Masses which has both been well observed and helped maintain reverence in the church sanctuary before Mass. News and Announcement slides also run before Mass in the hall and in the church.

**Servant Sunday:** Liturgy was put in charge of handling Servant Sunday and the Serving to Grow campaign took place September 8th. A number of new ministry volunteers were signed up through personal approach and the campaign and directed to the ministry leader.

**Sacristans:** We currently have 3 dedicated sacristans, Donna Brasseur, Claire Rancourt and Heather Fiolleau who cover setup, clean up and volunteer attendance for weekday and weekend Masses, special celebrations and liturgies.

**Altar Servers:** Heather Fiolleau heads the altar servers and has a number of mature servers who lead. 14 Servers attended a mini-pilgrimage to St. Laurent Shrine for the Assumption of Mary and served with Bishop Albert and 16 priests from the Diocese of Prince Albert. It was a beautiful, well attended and well received event with an outdoor BBQ supper. We will be welcomed back in the fall. Leaders and parents all pitched in and this took place at no cost to the parish.

The servers put on a gift shop prior to Christmas which was intended to support them for future pilgrimage events.

The servers held a formal Christmas Dinner for Priests and served a four-course meal to a dozen priests at the Fiolleau Residence complete with their own personal server, entertainment and a parting gift. The event took place as a gift instead of having the standard annual Christmas party themselves. The evening was very highly regarded by the guests, parents and servers themselves. The even was put on at no cost to the parish through leadership and parent donations and a supporter.

A Lenten Service Project took place where altar server families served at the Friendship Inn on two Saturdays over the busy lunch hours.

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** All new and existing lectors and Eucharistic ministers (approximately 60 ppl) attended training formation sessions in September and were commissioned at an Installation Mass.

**Music:** Maryann Neikamp leads and reports on behalf of all music ministry groups. We have four active and dedicated groups: Parish Choir, two praise and worship teams (Dupuis/Gauthier & Zimmer/Fahlman), youth choir and senior youth who cover every second Saturday.

Youth choir supper practices are ongoing. 20 youth choir members attended the Chris Tomlin concert in Saskatoon on Sept 26th.

**Décor:** Donna Delainey heads décor and has a new partner assisting, Roginne Gendreau. They began taking donations for Christmas and Easter flowers in memory of loved ones which has both enhanced the décor, honoured the loved ones and covered the cost that is typically in the parish budget.

**Ushers:** George Galambos heads the ushers who assist faithfully at Sunday Masses. Tom Maxin has moved to Saturday evening Mass and handles all responsibilities on Saturday each week. The side doors are now routinely unlocked for those with mobility challenges who appreciate the use of the new entrance. Wheelchair signs have been placed to reserve the space beside the open areas for wheelchair in the back pew. Glass doors sit closed to the church while the rosary is being said to block noise from the hall.

**Sound/Tech:** Dan Dupuis covers sound and technology. A number of tweaks were made over the year to improve the sound quality in the church and have helped. A donation was given to the parish and a much-needed new projector was purchased as the previous one was hardly visible. Technology is a very strong component of our Sunday liturgies with music, slides for Mass and music, homily slides and videos, etc. and we are very blessed with the privilege we have and have continual need for improvements. Willing and available volunteers for this ministry is the greatest challenge. A callout and training session will be held May 7, 2019.

We would like a mounted screen in the hall and a TV screen in the entrance for news, etc.