

## Know Christ, Love Christ, and Love Christ in Others

"Love one another as I have loved you," says Jesus. At the heart of all Christian faith are the words of the apostle John, who says that God's very being is love. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "You are to love one another....it is I who chose you."

Has God chosen us to love everyone? Some people are easy to love, especially those who act and think like us. At times, though, it can be difficult to show love towards family and friends we generally like, let alone those outside our circle of friendship. Why is this? The main reason we have trouble loving others is sin, both ours and the sin of those we are trying to love. Without the power and grace of God, we can be very selfish. Without God's grace, it's easier for us to love ourselves and prioritize our own time, wants, needs, and narrow-minded wills than to love others through the eyes of God, whose holy will is always in our best interest.

Jesus never promised that love would be easy. He showed love and compassion to everyone, even those who mocked and hated Him. He embodied love in all His words and deeds, showing love back to those who hurt Him and those nobody else seemed to care about. He especially loved the poor, vulnerable, marginalized, and excluded. Jesus was unafraid to show love by setting healthy boundaries, sharing hard truths with the lost, and giving correction and forgiveness to those who repented to direct them on the right path.

God's love is divine, and we are mere humans with too much reliance on our feelings and selfish attitudes, so how can we possibly love everyone as God commands? God demonstrated His love for us through the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, His only Son, who suffered, died, and rose again to save us. He showed us that love is a sacrifice of ourselves for others. The more we know Jesus, the more we love Him, and we will want to love Christ as reflected in the faces of others. Every time we receive Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist and we trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us, Jesus strengthens us to love as He loves.

**Questions for Personal Reflection**: How have you experienced God's love for you? How have you seen God's love revealed in the lives of others? How can you give the love of Christ to someone this week?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing**: How can we love others by sharing Christ's truth and hope? How does loving others fulfill our joy in the Lord? How does receiving the Eucharist help us to love others better?

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Upcoming Celebrations *****				
Sat.	May 4	10 AM Tatagwa	Dean Miller +	
		5 PM Mass	Adeline Haines +	
		7 PM St. Mary's	Special Intention	
Sun.	May 5	9 AM Mass	Elizabeth & Maurice	
			Thibeault+	
		11 AM Mass	Dane Ernst +	
Mon.	May6			
Tues.	May 7	6:30 PM	Lay Service	
Wed.	May 8	9 AM	Lay Service.	
Thur.	May 9	9 AM	Lay Service	
Fri.	May 10	9:30 AM WSCH	Jered Johnson Int.	
		10:00 St. Mikes	Adoration	
		12:10 Mass	Don Corbin +	
Sat.	May 11	10 AM Tatagwa	Agnes Kerowatski +	
		5 PM Mass	Camille Goski Int.	
		7 PM St Mary's	Ed Rettig Int.	
Sun.	May 12	9 AM Mass	Layne Kot Int.	
	-	11 AM Mass	Pat Dufour +	

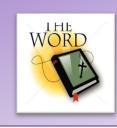
A HUGE WELCOME TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF Parish Pastoral Council; Ron Wormsbecker, Nhar Pinon and Jason Vinck! May the Holy spirit be with you and guide you on this new path. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! To Brenda Kosior, Sarah Ayeri and our dearly departed Jim Wanner for their extra years of service when we needed them. God bless you for your service!

The St. Vincent de Paul Religious Articles Shop will be holding a lobby sale at all Masses the weekend of May 25 and 26. We have many new items in stock, including gifts for First Eucharist, Confirmation and Weddings. We have cards, rosaries, jewelry and Children's Bibles. Please stop by! You will be surprised at the variety, the quality and the affordability.

**Knowing the Catholic Faith**: Are you free Wednesday evening? Wondering what to do with yourself? Join us downstairs at the church for a video about the Catholic Faith. Drop in for coffee when you can or mark every Wednesday at 7:00 on your calendar. You are always welcome.

### Enrollment in the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular: May 26 at the 11:00 mass,

By wearing the scapular, we tell the Blessed Virgin Mary every moment of the day that we love her, venerate her and trust her.



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Ps 98:1-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

Heavenly Father, direct your healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will restore them to full health. We call them by name: Ev Corbin, Layne Kot, Camile Goski, Rita Wanner, Mary Jarvis, Amanda Kopec, John Tuchscherer, and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of, the dearly departed the thoughts and prayer of your church family are with you.

St. Michael School invite all parishioners to celebrate Catholic Education Week 2023 during the week of May 5-12, 2024. In celebrating this year's theme, We are Called to Love, the students and staff will focus on showing love as people of hope, faith, mercy, justice and joy. Daily prayer, scripture sharing and calls to action will encourage everyone to participate fully on their faith journey. Please feel free to join in other special activities by contacting your local school to find out more.



### Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the foyer! As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the office.

### Catholic Education Week: We are Called to Love. May 6-10 "If we love one another, God lives in us." 1 John 4:12 We are called to love as a people of hope, faith, mercy, justice, and joy!

**Pray for Palliative Care Thursday, May 16.** Join us as we pray for greater access to palliative care for the terminally ill. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church - so that there will always be someone in attendance to pray. Please plan to join us. If you are unable to attend, we invite you to spend some time with us in spirit. **Tuesday - May 21**, Jenny Patterson - Palliative Care Coordinator from SHA will be a guest speaker at our next CWL general meeting.



Stewardship Bulletin Bit; 6th Sunday of Easter "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you one has

greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13Do you love

Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him, we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation, or do you share freely out of love?

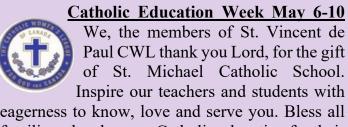
Sask. March for Life: The annual Saskatchewan March for Life is May 9 at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina. Meet at 12:15pm to recite the Rosary followed by Mass at 1pm. At 2pm the 2.2km walk from the Cathedral to the Legislature begins. Program on the Legislature grounds is at 3pm. Parking is available at both locations, bring a lawn chair if you wish. We hope many St. Vincent de Paul parishioners will be present standing up for the cause of Life. If you can't make it that day we encourage you to spend some time in prayer for the Pro-Life movement. See you in Regina!

**Outdoor Rosary in the Park:** Join us for a special outdoor Rosary in the park on Sunday May 12, 2pm. We will meet at the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart statues on South Hill. What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than spending some time in prayer with our Blessed Mother? Bring your Rosary and your lawn chair. Everyone is welcome, hope to see you there.



**Chiara Lubich: love conquers all** (**DVD**)This movie portrays the life of Chiara Lubich, the founder of the Focolare Movement. With a message of friendship and relief towards her neighbour, especially the poor and suffering, Chiara contributed towards

the renewal of the Church through the work of the Focolare Movement. Her mission had the support of the Popes of her lifetime, including a close association with Pope St. John Paul II. Her cause for canonization is ongoing. Now available in the Parish Library. *Pro Libris!* 



families who choose a Catholic education for their children. Through Christ and the Intercession of our Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, we pray. Amen!

Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal tickets: Are available for sale from any KofC member until Oct 15th, 2024. The draw will be held Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, in Kelvington SK. Tickets are \$1.00 each, and available in books of 10. Payment may be by cash or cheque (payable to KofC Weyburn C1731). You may drop off cash or a cheque (with a note with your name, address, and phone number), in a sealed envelope addressed to KofC Weyburn C1731, at the StVdP office or in the offertory collection during any StVdP Mass, or eTransfer (to kofcc1731@gmail.com) in whole multiples of \$10.00, and the draw stubs will be completed for you, the receipt stubs recycled, and you will be eMailed with the ticket book number(s). If you want the draw stubs completed for anyone else, include their name(s), address(es), and phone number(s) in the note or eTransfer comments.

Stewardship Time & Talent- May 4 & 5, 2024						
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM			
Readers	Patricia Redman Derek Redman	Pat Wolensky	Carole Toles Glenda Shupe			
Eucharistic Ministers	Dave Creurer, Brian Winter, Steve Zackrisson, Lloyd Zyla	Susan Kot. Jean Woodard, Chris Marcotte	Danette Tracy, Judy Van Betuw, Val Wing			
Acolytes	Stella Hoffart, Ken Beroy, Kurt Beroy	Frank Porte	Stella Hoffart, Haroun Mathews			
<b>Power Point</b>		Gerry Langlois				
Hospitality	Brian Winter, Dorothy Gaab, Dave Creurer	Lynn & Kevin Colquohoun, Ken & Susan Kot, Amanda Kopec	Sheldon LeBlanc, Joe Glab, Norm Mondor, Tiffany Bohn			
Children's Liturgy			Leslie/Maggie			
Counters	Sherry Dreis, Kerry Dolter, Richard Wick					
Stewardship of Time & Talent May 11 & 12, 2024						
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM			
Readers	Lloyd Zyla	Wendy Pitre Danielle Smith	Shirley Mondor Connie Regier			
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Loos, Mary Ann Piwarski, Kim Haupstein	Past Wolensky Theresa Istace	Carole Toles Aime Isabey			
Acolytes	Armand Delanoy, Peter Richards, Maggie Richards	Chris Dayaan, Richard Wick	Mel Van Betuw, Dave Alcade, Austin Davies			
<b>Power Point</b>		Gerry Langlois				
Hospitality	Bernice Driscoll, Heather Fellner, Ev Corbin, Marilyn Isabey	Rosanne Mantei, Willie & Adele Jimegeers, Audrey Michel, Betty Herlick	Judy & Mel Van Betuw, Gordon Rutten, Danette & Calvin Tracey			
Children's Liturgy						
Counters						

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> **Sacraments:** Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior.

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