

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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Through the intercession of our patrons St. Joseph and Mary, Our Holy Mother, we remain faithfully committed to following our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ in the advancement of our Vision and Mission.

PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORTS
2023

Vision

Grounded in our belief in the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, St. Joseph Parish is on a collective journey to grow as a Eucharistic centered and hope-filled faith community. Present and future generations of parishioners, representing people from all cultures and walks of life, will always find a home in our parish community where they will feel inspired by the Holy Spirit to become active witnesses of the Good News.

Mission

St. Joseph Parish engages the faithful at the local level in building the universal Church. This engagement is recognized in the form of active ministry made visible through programs that are relevant to the present and future needs of the Parish, liturgy that is worthy of the Lord to whom we give praise, outreach that is focused on the poor and vulnerable and facilities that are well maintained for generations still to come.

**St. Joseph's Pastoral Parish Council Members
2023-2024**

Parish Priest:	Rev. Fr. Adelberto Lillo
Parish Council Chair	Warren Michelson
Finance	Gerry Gieni
Liturgy	Jeremy Anderson
Parish Council Secretary	Donna Appel
Faith Formation	Deacon Lamont
Youth Outreach	Christopher Yasinski
Social Justice	Kyle Lichtenwald
Buildings & Grounds	Michael Diacon
Social / CWL Representative	Lucy Winkler
Protocol	Cheryl Thul
Member	Jodie Bzdel
Member	Kerri Flanagan
K of C Representative	David Lyons
Holy Trinity School Representative	Alison Bradish

St. Joseph's Pastoral Parish Council Members

2023-2024

Pastor:

Rev. Adelberto Lillo

Assisting Priest:

Rev. Felipe Faustino

Pastoral Parish Council: (Elected)

Chairperson	Warren Michelson
Secretary -	Donna Appel
Liturgy Chairperson	Jeremy Anderson
Youth Outreach Chair	Christopher Yasinski
Social Justice	Kyle Lichtenwald
Faith Formation	Deacon Lamont Dyck
Social	Lucy Winkler

Appointed Pastoral Parish Council Reps:

Finance Chairperson	Gerry Gieni (Pastor Appointed)
Buildings & Grounds	Michael Diacon (Pastor Appointed)
Protocol	Cheryl Thul (Pastor Appointed)
Deanery Rep	Warren Michelson (Pastor Appointed)
School Division	Alison Bradish (Appointed by Holy Trinity)
C.W.L Representative	Lucy Winkler (CWL Appointed)
K. of C representative	Dave Lyons (K.C Appointed)

Parish Staff:

Pastoral Assistant	Deacon Lamont Dyck
Administrative Assistant	Elizabeth Granil
Caretaker	Martin Rossler

Saint Joseph Parish Pastoral Council

Annual General Meeting AGENDA April 24, 2024, 7:00 PM Parish Hall

We begin this Parish Pastoral Council Meeting with a reminder that we, as Treaty People, gather on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nehiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota and Metis peoples.

Call to Order – Warren Michelson

Opening Prayer – Kerri Flanagan

Adoption of the Agenda –

Adoption of Minutes of March 26, 2023

REPORTS: Pastor Father Bert

(Elected Positions)

Chairperson – Warren Michelson

Liturgy – Jeremy Anderson

Faith Formation – Deacon Lamont

Social Justice – Kyle Lichtenwald

Social /Hospitality – Lucy Winkler

(Appointed Positions)

Finance – Gerry Gieni

Protocol – Cheryl Thul

CWL –

K of C –

Holy Trinity School Division

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination Report

Election

Other

Closing Prayer

**St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council
Annual General Meeting Agenda
March 26, 2023 – 12:00 P.M.
In the Parish Hall**

As we begin this Parish Pastoral Council Annual Meeting, Let us be reminded that we, as Treaty People, gather on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nehiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota and Metis peoples.

The meeting took place downstairs in the Parish Hall. Coffee and donuts were available.

Present: Warren, Donna, Gerry, Fr George, Deacon Lamont, Jodie, Pat, Kathy, Alison, Elizabeth

Call to Order – 12:20 pm Chair Warren

Opening Prayer – led by Warren

Adoption of the Agenda – moved by Pat, seconded by Kathy, carried

Adoption of Minutes of March 27, 2022 – moved by Kathy, seconded by Jodie, carried

Deacon Lamont

- Report attached.
- There is interest in adults (3) becoming Catholic, soon
- Works hard visiting those outside looking in.
- People want Christ in their lives.
- Thank you Lamont for your spiritual work in our Parish.

Reports – (elected positions)

Chairperson – Warren Michelson

- Report attached.
- Appreciative of new board members.
- Took over from Al just this past September.

Liturgy – Jeremy Anderson

- Warren presented the report which is attached.
- Jeremy is an enthusiastic leader.

Youth Outreach– Chris Yasinski

- Warren presented the report which is attached.
- This is new and the kids are loving it.

Social Justice – Kyle Lichtenwald

- The report is attached.
- Maybe the coffee can collection will need to be explained by the MC before mass.
- St. Gertrude will be invited to come this spring, so maybe they could take the collection from a previous time (some clothes are being stored for them as there was a storm that interrupted the visit from before). Maybe we could do food gift cards as well. Discussions with them as to how much they can take back with them.

Social – Lucy Winkler

- The report is attached.
- The multi-cultural potluck was awesome.

Reports –(appointed positions)

Finance – Gerry Gieni

- The Report is attached.
- \$6000 deficit. Much lower than anticipated through COVID period.
- Big increase in Insurance. Discussion regarding researching insurance. Will follow up.
- The balance sheet is balanced assets \$400 000 – liabilities.

Grounds & Buildings – Dale Toni

- The facilities report is attached.
- Furnace pump and rectory sewer leak were costly projects.
- Dale is stepping down. We are looking for a replacement.

Protocol – Cheryl Thul

- The report is attached.
- Criminal record checks are being processed.

C.W.L. – Stella Richards

- the report is attached.
- Jodie suggests Parish and CWL along with K of C work together on things like Social Justice, through stronger communications.
- too much overlap for the same effort, can work together and achieve more.

K. of C. – David Lyons

- the report is attached.

HTCSD- Alison Bradish

- Report is attached.
- National in-person conference in Saskatoon.
- Parent-teacher interviews, Parish could set up an information table.
- Warren and Deacon Lamont will work on this for the next school year.
- Not just a table, but someone from the Parish as a Deacon cannot get to each school at this specific interview time, maybe at the welcome week as well.

New Business –

- Directory – we have about 100 now. Should we arbitrarily enter everyone with the option of each individual being able to withdraw their listing? Advertise it well. This may cause some backlash. Suggestion to just keep reminding people instead. We should set up after mass and just try and catch people. The pictures put in the directory are important.

- Signage for bathrooms is necessary as visitors don't know where to go. Discussions for a washroom at the back on the main floor as our basement washrooms are far away. Our elderly and mobility-challenged people need this. Our ushers could be available to help and direct people. What is the priority for renovations? The suggestion was that a main floor washroom is most urgent. Conditions of our present bathrooms need to be more presentable (clean).

- Training/review sessions should be organized for liturgical readers, ushers, etc so that everyone is on the same page and the Liturgy flows smoothly.

- Elections – all elected personnel are willing to stay in their positions.
We are looking for a facilities manager to take over as Dale is leaving.

- Other – Warren thanks the committee, we are a good group.

Pastor's Report, Closing Prayer – Fr George

- Report is attached.
- Thanks to the council and Warren for their good work.
- Thanks to Elizabeth for her good work as secretary.
- Thanks to Deacon Lamont for his faithful work and teaching.
- Thanks to Jodie for bridging the church and schools.
- Thanks to Alison who responds to our needs from the schools.
- Thanks to Kathy who serves on the finance council.
- Thanks to Pat for being a sound engineer.
- Everyone is doing a good job, everyone is trying to please Jesus and God Bless.
- Father led us in prayer to close the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm

Chairperson Annual Report

2023/2024

Our Parish Council and committees continue to promote positive Catholic Christian values through Liturgy, Faith Formation, Social Justice, Hospitality, Faith Outreach, and youth. It is with great thanks to Council Members for their dedicated service within the Church and throughout the community.

2023 was a year of change, with challenges and blessings to our Church Community. Of most significance was the blessing of Father Bert as our new Parish Priest and spiritual guide, along with Assistant Priest, Father Filipe. At the same time, we bid goodbye to Father George after 6 years at St. Joseph's.

Father Bert assumed the leadership responsibilities quickly and established a uniqueness with his directive. His guidance was welcomed to some protocol alignment of the Parish Council.

A significant change to our Parish was the passing of our brother and leader Al Rosler. Al's unexpected passing left vacancies in a number of areas. His leadership was significant; however, we are blessed with several volunteers who became further involved, taking on a variety of tasks and ministries.

St. Joseph's is greatly blessed with the many volunteers within our Church community. Our thanks to all of them who do so much to assist with the liturgy, growing our faith in Jesus in so many aspects. We're also grateful for the many volunteers helping with the operation, outreach, and maintenance of our Church.

Another major undertaking was the Parish Directory. Thanks to those who became a part of this family directory. Looking through it is like perusing through a family photo emblem to see our brothers and sisters in Christ. I would encourage those that were not able to be in the directory, along with any new parishioners to be included in our parish family directory by contacting the Parish Office.

There were also some challenges we faced throughout this past year, with the replacement of the kitchen stove, and the repairs to the elevator. Both have been replaced or repaired. The

bathroom behind the children's liturgy room was upgraded, and the elevator door along with the back entrance were painted to enhance the outward appearance of the building making it more welcoming.

In looking forward, a special committee is presently being formed to develop the vision of phase two of Church renovations. The exterior building renovations were completed in 2017. Now it is time to consider upgrades and repairs to the interior. This will be a community participation plan which will be discussed as we move forward. A special thanks to those who came to the initial information meeting.

The Parish Council meets monthly, or as required, to provide, promote and enhance the works of Jesus through our Catholic Community. We welcome your suggestions and appreciate your support. If you would like to become further involved, please make it known to any of our Council members. Volunteers are always welcome.

Thank you. May God continue to bless us.

Warren Michelson
Parish Council Chair

Pastoral Assistant Annual Report

2023/2024

Katherine, Seraphina and I deeply appreciate the prayers and support we've received from the St. Joseph's parish community. Together, we've fostered numerous avenues for spiritual growth and fellowship. This past year has been abundant with opportunities to experience the presence of Christ among us. **Sacramental Preparation**

- We completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation preparation during the Advent season
- We will celebrate Confirmation with First Communion on July 12 @ 11:00 a.m. We have about 30 candidates
- Baptism preparation once a month with Baptisms being celebrated during Mass
- Ongoing marriage preparation
- We had 2 adult baptisms this Easter Vigil and at least one planned person coming into the Church during the Easter Season
- We have a few people who are interested in being Catholic and the hope is that they will enter the Church next year

Parish Life and Community Outreach

- I have been doing home visits weekly with people who have requested a visit. If you would like a home visit or know someone who would please contact me at (306) 694-1944 or deacon.lamontdyck@gmail.com
- Regular Wednesday visit at Providence Place, with Mass
- Weekly visits to Phoenix school on Tuesday
- I assist at 9:00 am Mass every week and I give the homily at all three Masses once a month
- I give the homily on Friday's Mass
- Many school visits throughout the year with church tours, classroom talks, teacher visits, prayer liturgies, and distribution of ashes, just to name a few events. I am always willing and excited to work with Holy Trinity Catholic Schools and thank you very much Ward Strueby and Lisa Busta

- I coach the boy's basketball team at St. Agnes
- Gravesite blessings (November), Epiphany Chalking (January) and home blessings throughout the year
- Lead a Lenten Mission March 19 to 21 2024
- After 13 years we are pausing Family Feast Day. We had monthly meetings until February 2024. I will be looking forward to September to resume outreach to families
- A@W coffee once a month
- Weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 11:50 to 1:30 (100 Minutes)
- I have helped with many funerals and marriages
- My sixth ordination anniversary is on June 15
- I am in my second year of being the Director of Deacons for the Archdiocese of Regina

Parish Website: <https://www.stjosephmj.com/>

- The website is updated weekly with the bulletin
- Through the website you can: email the parish, register for sacramental preparation, re-watch the videos that are played during Mass, find information about Mass times, and news from the Archdiocese (to name a few things)

If you have any suggestions/comments please contact me at deacon.lamontdyck@gmail.com

In the Redeemer
Deacon Lamont Dyck

Liturgy Report for AGM

2023/2024

This was my first full year in the role of Liturgy Coordinator and it could not have been completed without the support of Fr. Bert, Deacon Lamont and all the volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our Church looking beautiful and our Liturgies meaningful.

I wish to thank Marcel Gagnon, Joanne Yuke and Donna Appel who oversee Coordinating the Ministry Schedule for each Mass. Under their guidance and witness much fruit has come to bear, and many new volunteers are coming forward and getting involved in our Sunday Liturgies. My shortfall in this has been a lack of proper training opportunities which I hope to rectify in the coming months.

The Décor Committee has worked tirelessly through each liturgical season to enhance our worship space. I wish to recognize Vanessa Waldenberger, Karen Brule, Debbie Sebastien and Riya Joy for their commitment to the committee and for always being there to ensure our Worship space is ready to go for our celebrations.

We are so Blessed at St. Joseph's to have incredible music ministry teams led by Rick Diacon, Ben Boots, Simonne Deyotte and Lisa Mitchell. Music brings so much life to our Liturgies and we cannot thank them enough for all they do.

I wish to make everyone aware of the upcoming celebrations:

May 1 – Feast of St. Joseph, (our Parish Feast Day) Mass at 7 pm

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima, Mass at 7 pm

May 20 – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church – Mass at 7 pm

June 2 – Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – One Sunday Mass at 10 am

June 7 – Daniel Malone's Ordination to the Priesthood in Regina

Thank you to all members of the Parish for your prayers and support.

Jeremy Anderson

Liturgy Chair

St. Joseph Parish Social Justice Committee Annual Report

2023/2024

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

We are pleased to present the annual report for the Social Justice Committee of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Parish. This year has been a testament to the power of community and the impact we can have when we work together for the common good. Your involvement and generosity have allowed us to support those in need and make a meaningful difference in our local and broader community. In fact, at St. Joseph Parish, every parishioner is a member of the Social Justice Committee because we are all called to do God's work. Together, we strive to embody the principles of compassion and service, reaching out to those in need and making a positive impact on our community and beyond.

Highlights of the Year

1. Bottle Drive for Pelican Narrows Furnace Replacement:

We are proud to announce the success of our bottle drive to support the furnace replacement in Pelican Narrows. Thanks to your contributions, we raised a substantial amount that will help ensure the residents have access to warmth and comfort in their homes. In total, the Social Committee donated \$5000 to this project.

2. CWL and Walk For Warmth:

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) organized a team for the Walk For Warmth to raise funds for those in need of an emergency shelter and warming space during the winter months. Your participation and donations made a significant impact on the lives of many individuals and families.

3. Knights of Columbus Support and Fundraising:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for their constant and ongoing support and fundraising efforts. Their dedication to service and charity has been an inspiration to us all. I want to especially thank the late Al Rossler for his motion to support the Pelican Narrows Furnace Replacement Project with a donation of \$5000.

4. Development and Peace

Thank you to Jodie Bzdel for leading the charge on this project. Jodie presented at all 3 Masses and is coordinating a bake sale to raise funds. Thank you to everyone who helped with the bake sale.

5. Guidance from Fr. Bert:

We are deeply grateful for the guidance and leadership provided by Fr. Bert. His wisdom and spiritual direction have been invaluable to the committee and our parish as a whole.

Invitation to Join the Committee

As we reflect on the past year, we recognize that our work is far from over. We invite all parishioners to consider joining the Social Justice Committee. Together, we can continue to create positive change and uplift our community. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to us for more information.

Closing Remarks

We want to express our sincere appreciation to all the members of the Social Justice Committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Your commitment to serving others is truly inspiring. To all parishioners, thank you for your ongoing support and generosity, whatever actions you take to make the world a better place are an act of God's love. Whether you have helped serve meals at the Mission, organized a fundraiser for people in need, or put a few extra dollars towards the Christmas Collection, every contribution makes a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

Let us continue to work together in the spirit of love and compassion as we strive to make our community a better place for all.

With gratitude,
Kyle Lichtenwald
St. Joseph Parish Social Justice Committee Chair

Social/Community Meals Report

2023/2024

- April 8, 2023, Social after Holy Saturday evening Mass.
- May 14, 2023 Social following 1st Communion and Confirmation.
- June 8, 2023, Volunteer Appreciation Supper July 30, 2023, Fr. George's farewell
- Nov 8, 2023, All Souls Mass followed with refreshments
- Mar 19, 20 and 24 Social following Lenten retreat
- April 14, 2024 Volunteer appreciation supper.

Lucy Winkler
Social / CWL Representative

Finance Committee Report

2023/2024

During 2023 we began a weekly stewardship update – which was added to the rotating announcements projected on our screens at all Masses prior to the start of our Eucharistic celebration. We anxiously watched as the weeks went by - updates that typically reported that our expenses for the week exceeded our donations. By the end of November, we were anticipating a significant deficit for the year. I have thanked you – our parishioners, several times and let me once again express the sincere thanks from our Finance Committee for your overwhelming response to our appeal in November. December donations were fantastic – pretty much wiping out the anticipated deficit and taking us to a break-even situation for the year – as you will see in the attached financial report.

The financial statement for the year ending December 31, 2023, is attached – here are some highlights from the year-end report:

- On the revenue side, our collections for the year ended up very positive ... with total collections of just over of \$406,000 – up from \$357,000 in 2022. As a result of the increase in donations, the year ended up with a modest surplus.
- You will note that we are showing revenues of \$5,513 as “Miscellaneous”. This is mainly made up of collections which were received to cover the cost of Father George’s 50th Anniversary celebration and the printing of our Parish Directory. This revenue is basically a wash as you will notice on the second last line of the expenditures listed for these 2 projects in the amount of \$4,693 ... which would leave a modest excess going to our operations.
- On the expenditure side – our spending stayed within budget – total expenditures were \$405,718 – as compared to a budgeted amount of \$404,240.
- With reference to the attached Balance Sheet .. you can see that we do have \$363,000 set aside for future renovations. This is a nice jump start for Ben Boots who is Chairing the Phase 2 Renovation Campaign dealing with the interior of the church. You will also note on the Balance Sheet that our overall surplus for the Parish is sitting at a modest \$25,788 – this has decreased over the years because of some deficits experienced in prior years.

I would like to thank my dedicated finance committee members for their support and advice over the past year ... they are Father George and Father Bert, Marcel Gagnon, Dianne Ireland, Warren Michelson, Cathy Schick, Dale Toni and Al Rossler. Sincere condolences to the families of Dianne Ireland and Al Rossler – who have since passed away. Their contribution to the Finance Committee was much appreciated as they were both actively involved.

I end by thanking you – our faithful parishioners for your ongoing support – and encourage you to consider a small increase to your weekly donation during the upcoming year – as we will need to cover higher operating expenses because of the sharp inflationary increase we are experiencing.

Respectively
Gerry Gieni
St. Joseph Finance Chairperson

St. Joseph Parish
Statement of Revenue & Expenditure - Unaudited
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

REVENUE

Sunday and Holiday Collections	378,617
Other Revenue	5,513
Hall Rental Revenue	16,408
Recoveries	5,912
Total Revenues	<u>406,450</u>

EXPENSES

Wages	191,168
Employer Wage Benefits	11,829
Priest's Pension	16,153
Car Allowance & Honoraria	3,760
Diocesan Assessment	35,537
Property Taxes	6,638
Insurance - Building & Liability	45,140
Bank Charges	1,938
Building Supplies	3,244
Building Security	2,115
Ceremonials	1,377
Décor	1,313
Maintenance - Church	7,729
Maintenance - Rectory	9,913
Office Supplies & Equipment	12,037
Printing	2,091
Sacramental Preparation	3,074
Social Justice & Outreach	1,203
Telephone, Internet	6,960
Utilities	33,359
Church Directories & Fr. George Anniversary	4,693
Youth Activities	4,447
Total Expenditures	<u>405,718</u>

Surplus [Deficit] For The Year **732**

**St. Joseph Parish
Balance Sheet - Unaudited
As At December 31, 2023**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	642
Bank - General	142,740
Bank - Centennial Renovations	244,855
Term Investments - General	42,030
Term Investment - Redemptorist Scholarship	13,311
Total Assets	<u>443,578</u>

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	17,985
Trust Collections	32,614
General Purpose Collections	3,706
	<u>54,305</u>

LONG TERM LIABILITIES

Loan Payable - Archdiocese	-
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RESERVE FOR FUTURE EXPENDITURES

363,485

SURPLUS - YEAR TO DATE

Accumulated Surplus Prior Years	25,056
Surplus / Deficit - Current Year	732
	<u>25,788</u>

Total Liabilities & Equity

443,578

St. Joseph's Maintenance Report

2023/2024

I am pleased to offer this report on the state of maintenance for both the Rectory and the Church

Most Notably.

- **ELEVATOR** - Our elevator is nearly 29 years old.

The elevator, which we all have come to rely on, was shut down for an extended period while repairs were sought at a reasonable cost. A company was finally contracted to make the necessary repairs and get it back operating.

Considering its age there are some components that will need replacing/upgrading. We are in the preliminary steps of looking at this. This will be done to ensure the continued use of our elevator.

- **RECTORY**
-Cleaning

As Fr. George was leaving it was decided that a good cleaning of the Rectory take place. Walls were washed, carpets cleaned and two truckloads of refuse were removed from the rectory garage.

-Odours

In March an unpleasant odour was occurring in the Rectory office area. Investigations led to the discovery of yet more leaking sewer pipes in the crawlspace. Repairs were completed and the air is fresh again.

- **INTERIOR/EXTERIOR**
-Lighting

Failure of some of the light in and around the church has led to them being replaced with more energy-efficient types

-Kitchen

A newer, new to us, commercial-style microwave has been procured for use in the hall kitchen...thank you, Dave Lyons. Work is progressing to have it installed.

-Front Steps

As many of you are aware there are issues with the East stair entrance. Several holes have appeared. This has led to the infiltration of water into the space under the stairs and is causing some spalling of the brickwork located in the lower hall entrances. Quotes are being reviewed to have repairs completed.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Diacon
Facility Manager

Volunteer Protocol Annual Report ***2023/2024***

November 2023 when Al Rossler, a great leader in our parish died we had a void in so many areas.

Since then so many parishioners have stepped up to volunteer, thank you. Elizabeth and I share duties of ensuring applications, contact information and criminal record checks are up to date. Thank you, Elizabeth.

Deacon Lamont will do any interviews or reference checks as required. Thank you, Deacon Lamont.

Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 21-27th, the theme this year is: Celebrate Service – an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve.

Cheryl Thul
Protocol Chair



St Joseph's CWL Annual Report

To Pastoral Council, April 2024
2023/2024

We continue to meet every month alternating evenings and afternoons.

Fr. Bert Lillo was installed as our new spiritual advisor in January 2024.

Our new executive was installed during a mass in January. We have filled most of our positions.

We continue to embrace the new national CWL theme "Here I am Lord Send Me." We have transitioned to the three committees of Service, Faith and Social Justice as recommended by our National Council.

We have completed registration for the 2024 year with 113 members with 13 new or transferred members. We served a welcome social for our new members.

We continue to communicate with Church of Our Lady who hosted our Fall Gathering and will also host our service awards in May 2024.

We sold out the missals for this year. We donated \$500 to St Gertrude's to help with their furnace replacement and recently we have donated \$1,000 to the elevator fund.

Our CWL Girls League continues to thrive with monthly meetings coordinated with our evening meeting. They continue to serve within the capacity of Service, Faith & Social Justice.

We had nine members attend the World Day of Prayer in Moose Jaw. The CWL ran the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

We continue with our research on the unhoused here in Moose Jaw attending some seminars and events and working with our Pastoral Council and Knights of Columbus. The Walk for Warmth allowed us to donate \$200. This was coordinated by 2 CWL members gaining pledges and donations.

We are encouraging members to attend the CWL National Convention in Saskatoon in August 2024 and also the Diocesan Convention in Assiniboia in April 2024.

Cheryl Thul Spiritual Director at Providence Place attended our last meeting with a presentation on her work at Providence Place. This month we have invited the Holy Trinity School Board to update us on the school division and the new school.

Our fundraising capacity is through our funeral lunches. We have a great group of ladies who volunteer within our parish to help us.

We look forward to coordinating events with the Pastoral Council and the Knights of Columbus to make St Joseph's Parish a welcoming and faith-filled community.

I hope this gives you a general overview of our activities.

Respectfully submitted.

Stella Richards President St Joseph CWL Moose Jaw.

"Here I am Lord – Send Me.

Holy Trinity School Division Report for St. Joseph's Annual General Meeting 2023/2024

The Holy Trinity Roman Catholic School Separate Division serves approximately 2,345 students in nine schools in the communities of Moose Jaw, Swift Current and Shaunavon. The HTCSD annual report can be accessed at <https://22.files.edl.io/176c/03/15/24/192551-d2b7a5a6-132f-4047-aeff-bed7a15fa050.pdf>.

The Holy Trinity School Board holds a public meeting monthly except for July. Meeting agendas, minutes, and board highlights are posted on the division webpage.

Each year the board appoints members to represent the HTCSD board at each of the parishes in the division. Alison Bradish is the HTCSD board representative for St. Joseph's Parish. She attends parish council meetings and submits reports based on the board's work plan for the upcoming month and highlights from the previous board meeting. The next organizational meeting where representatives of the board are appointed will take place in November after municipal elections.

Recently the board approved the naming of the newest Catholic school in Moose Jaw which is Our Lady of Hope Elementary. This school is part of a joint-use school with the public division and is scheduled to be open in 2025. The new school will replace St. Mary's and Sacred Heart.

The board will complete its strategic planning in May based on the 10-year Provincial Education Plan released in November 2023.

At the March parish council meeting a presentation was shared with St. Joseph's Parish Council about the vision and mission of our publicly funded Catholic school system that serves the communities of Moose Jaw, Swift Current and Shaunavon. This presentation was attended by Ward Strueby, the Director of Education, Joann Blazieko, HTCSD board chair, and board member Christine Boyczuk. Lisa Busta, the division chaplain, led the presentation to help inform the parish council of what is taught in our schools and how the division aims to work with parishes, and the Archdiocese of Regina, to better serve our students and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Bradish
HTCSD Representative



Knights of Columbus Report

2023/2024

Father Lawless Knights of Columbus Council #1534 would like to thank Father Bert for his ongoing support and spiritual guidance. We appreciate the collaboration with the CWL and the ongoing work they perform and the service they provide for St Joseph's parish. We sincerely thank Elizabeth for the work she does for our council in copying and receiving/disseminating information and mailings.

In spite of our aging and deceased members, we had a slight increase in our membership thanks to the 8 Catholic men who joined us in the last year. We went from 199 members last year to a current membership of 207. Along with the many Brother Knights who individually help the Parish regularly, in a variety of ways, the Knights continue to provide the ministries on the first Saturday of the month at 5:00 mass. We always appreciate the parish's support of our pancake breakfasts, Fall supper and other special suppers we provide.

This year we decided to implement 3 Lenten Meatless Suppers to raise funds for church renovations. Our total profit for all 3 was \$1,865.00.

We held a successful provincial Men's Spiritual Enrichment weekend in March and we were very grateful that we were able to combine it with our parish's Lenten preparation in the form of the Stations of the Cross and mass.

Our brother knights from other parts of the province were quite pleased and impressed. Thank you for allowing us to share the *Roe Canada* video with the parish. We look forward to assisting with the Feast of Corpus Christi procession in June.

We also look forward to implementing a **Family Fun Day** in June for the whole parish in River Park. Thank you again for all the support and assistance we receive from the whole parish, without your help, we could not provide the programs, services and support to the Church, the community and the world. God Bless you all! Vivat Jesus! Gilles L'Heureux, Grand Knight Fr Lawless Knights of Columbus Council #1534

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