

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
MOOSE JAW, SK**



**PASTORAL
PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
2014-15**

St. Joseph's Pastoral Parish Council Members
2014-2015

Pastor

Rev. Rick Krofchek

CWL

Suzanne Ellis

Associate Pastor

Rev. Adelberto Lillo

K of C

Milt Bonar

Chairperson

Clayton Bzdel

Holy Trinity School Board

Joan Schwinghamer

Vice-Chairperson

Facility Supervisor

Tony Hudson

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Paul Schauerte

Hospitality

Lisa Wiens

Liturgy

Andrew Gallagher

Evangelization

Therese Lyons

Faith Formation/Youth

Lamont Dyck

Outreach

Irene Thompson/Lucy Winkler

Finance

Al Rossler

Social Justice

Kyle Lichtenwald

Deanery Representative

Dale Toni

Parish Staff

Pastoral Assistant

Lamont Dyck

Administrative Assistant

Doreen Wagner

Caretaker

Rocky Nickel

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council
Annual General Meeting
May 14, 2014

1. Call to Order: Kyle Lichtenwald
2. Opening Prayer: Fr. Rick Krofchek
3. Adoption of Agenda: Kyle Lichtenwald/Clayton Bzdel
4. Adoption of Minutes: Al Rossler/Sharon Bourdeau
5. Reports:
 - a) Pastor's Report: Fr. Rick. Report Submitted. Protocol Screening Committee is keeping up where they need to be. Almost completed High Risk, working on general. Had an audit and were pleased at how far committee has gotten. There is a lot of work to this and have done well so far.
We are on a decline for population in church. Moving into next generation of unchurched Catholics. Last generation made sure kids were baptized. This generation really not caring.
 - b) Chairperson's Report: Paul Schauerte. Report submitted. Thanked everyone.
 - c) Liturgy Committee: Pat Rossler. Report submitted. No Marriage Prep in 2013. Asked couples to go to Marriage Encounters in Lumdsen.
 - d) Faith Formation: Lamont Dyck. Report submitted.
1st Communion/Confirmation in conjunction with Sunday Mass (900 am) went well. Most parents and candidates came out. No RCIA this year and is looking for help with this. Some highlights from Spiritual Feast Days. Has had someone come out and talk about their faith. This happened once a month for the last 6 months. May 26th is Confirmation date with the Archbishop coming out to celebrate it. Youth Group is going good. Have board games and snacks along with a safe place for the kids to hangout (grades 5-8).

- e) Social Justice: Kyle Lichtenwald. Report submitted. Doing wonderful things. Collected clothes for Pelican Narrows. They hauled up 2 trailers full. Fun meeting the people and they appreciated everything. We are doing it again this year. Social Justice group is active with 12 members. They are hosting the Archdiocese Social Justice Conference on Oct.18, 2014. Father Susai will be speaking. Kyle Lichtenwald will be chairing.
- f) Hospitality: Sharon Schauerte. Report submitted. Small functions have gone well. Driving program seems to be going smoothly. Welcoming new parishioners. 10 new parishioners in 2013 and 1 in 2014. Inquiring to see if Welcome Wagon would allow us to put in our information in their baskets. Maybe have a book at the front of the church for people to sign their names as new parishioners or even as visitors.
- g) Finance: Al Rossler. Report submitted. Have a shortfall of \$7000 but that is before audit. New priests coming from other countries and need training. Some \$18,000 downfall from 212 in our Sunday Collections. Decline in people attending Church. Overall Al is optimistic. Al has resigned as Finance Chair but will stay on until a new one comes forward.
- h) Deanery: Dale Toni not present. Report submitted.
- i) CWL: Suzanne Ellis not present. Report submitted.
- j) K of C: Milt Bonar not present. Report Submitted.
- j) Holy Trinity School Board Division: Joan Schwinghamer not present. Report submitted.

6. Nominating Committee:

Chair - ?????? Liturgy: Pat Rossler

New Members: Theresa Lyons, Paul Ellis. Clayton Bzdel one year left, Kyle Lichtenwald returning. Paul Schauerte retiring.

7. Comments or suggestions: Option to have AGM meeting between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Have a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the meeting.

8. Closing Prayer: Fr. Jake Ibay

St. Joseph's Parish Annual Meeting 2014

Pastor's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We began 2014 short-handed as the priest we were expecting to replace Fr. Barry Anwender, who was transferred to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Regina, had not yet arrived. On March 1st we welcomed Fr. Joaquin (Jake) Ibay to our parish. On August 1st Fr. Jake left us for the Church of our Lady and we welcomed Fr. Adelberto (Bert) Lillo as our new Associate Pastor. In September Deacon Bill Schnitzler joined us having moved to Moose Jaw from Medicine Hat, Alberta. We ended the year in great shape, pastorally speaking.

Let me begin with the Parish statistics. In 2014 there were 24 Baptisms, 32 Confirmations, 13 Weddings, and 45 Funerals.

We were again blessed to have Father Max Oliva lead us in a City-wide Parish Mission on the Last 4 Beatitudes in Lent of 2014 (We had Fr Max do the first 4 Beatitudes in 2013). This Mission was hosted by the Church of our Lady. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to be renewed in Spirit as a preparation for Easter. I thank all those parishioners who helped to make the Mission a success and all those who attended the evening sessions.

In March Lamont did a study of 'The Joy of the Gospel' (Evangelli Gaudium) for the Parish. It was a great opportunity for those who attended to get to know the spirit and thought of Pope Francis.

On August 14th, 2 trailers full of good winter clothing headed up to St. Gertrude's Parish, Pelican Narrows, Saskatchewan. Fr. Jake, Fr. Bert and I had the privilege of joining our parish volunteers in delivering this clothing. I would have to say that it was the highlight of my summer. It is good for us to help out our northern, native brothers and sisters, and they have much to teach us, too. I would like to thank all those who donated clothing, all who sorted it and packed it and those who delivered it. I would especially like to thank our Social Justice Committee for making the project happen.

October 18 and 19 we hosted the Archdiocesan Social Justice in Motion Conference at Vanier. Father Susai Jesu, the pastor of St. Gertrude's Parish, and four members of his parish participated in the conference and lead one of the break-out sessions. Their participation was well received not only by our parishioners but by all of the people across the diocese who attended the conference.

Over the course of 2014 we celebrated monthly Masses at Mulberry Place, Rivera (Bentley) Retirement Community and Pioneer Lodge as well as weekly Masses at Providence Place. We have helped out where could at our Schools (St. Michael's, St.

Agnes, St. Margaret's and Vanier). The schools have been very welcoming, and we thank them for their warm reception. Other pastoral involvements include regular visitations to the hospital and pastoral visits to shut-ins. It should be noted here that we priests are also responsible for St. John's Parish, Marquis, and St. Mary's Parish, Central Butte.

This year saw a small increase in our Archdiocesan Appeal Collection –from 40,365 in 2013 to 40,628 in 2014. We were \$18,000 short of our parish goal so we have got more work to do. Thank you very much for your generosity to the needs of our Archdiocesan Church.

On a personal note, I am ever so grateful for your generosity to the “pastor’s pot”. Through it my needs continue to be taken care of, and freed from paying me a salary, the parish has had extra funds to help the needy here in Moose Jaw, nationally and internationally. I am so grateful for your response. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to me and, through our parish, to the poor. People have asked me if they can contribute to the Pastoral Charities – and you certainly may do so.

I would like to thank all those parishioners who in ways large and small contribute to the growth and well-being of our Parish. Thanks to those people who are retiring from Parish Council and to those who have consented to let their names stand for the new Council. Thanks to the Liturgy Committee and to those who assist us in the Sunday Liturgies in every way. Thanks to the Altar Servers and the parents who work with them. Thanks to the choirs, and our musicians. Thanks to the adults and youth involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word. Thanks to the Pastoral Care ministers, to those who decorate the church, and those who look after the odds and ends that need to be attended to in order to keep the church facility and parish going. Thanks to the Protocol Committee, Finance Committee, the Social Justice Committee, those involved in putting on the Community Suppers, and all those who serve in the parish in ways large and small. Thanks to those who volunteer their time and effort in the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. A special thanks to Lamont, Doreen and Rocky who take such good care of the Parish.

May God be with us all as we begin another year in His service and in our Community of Faith.

Peace,



Rev. R. Krofchek
April 30, 2015

Pastoral Assistant Annual Report

2014/2015

This past year has given Katherine, Seraphina and I many blessings. We are very thankful of the prayers and words of encouragement from the people of St. Joseph. I hope to continue to work at St. Joseph's parish for many years to come. I am overwhelmed by the support and prayers as I complete my first year of the Permanent Deacon formation program.

First Reconciliation

- 34 Candidates
- Monthly meetings are held after 9:00 a.m. Mass, ended in Advent 2014

Confirmation with First Communion

- 33 Candidates
- Monthly meetings are held after 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Confirmation with First Communion was celebrated on April 27, 2015

RCIA

- I have been meeting with people in an informal manner who are interested in the Catholic Church
- We have two people brought into the Church this Easter Season

Baptism

- Group meeting once a month
- I still have individual meetings upon request

Marriage

- We are continuing with the couple to couple preparation called For Better & For Ever
- We have nine couples participating in the program

Family Faith Formation

- We have families gathering once a month a month for prayer time, faith talk, and lunch called Family Feast Day

Youth Group

- Active Junior Youth Group (grades 6, 7, and 8)
- We have 20 young people that attend, with 85% of the youth being unchurched
- Starting May we will meet every Friday 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. (it was Thursday 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.)

Web-site

- Updated at least once a week
- You can register for sacramental preparation through the web-site

Community Involvement

- Lead ecumenical prayer services at the local care homes
- Visit St. Agnes Wednesday afternoons when requestedIf you have any Questions/comments about the report please contact me at lamont.dyck@gmail.com or 306-694-1944

In the Redeemer



Lamont Dyck

Chairperson's Annual Report St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council 2015

This is my first report as the Chairperson of St. Joseph's Pastoral Council. I am proud to have been asked to take on this important role in our parish and look forward to serving my church in this capacity. Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Paul Schauerte for his many years of service as the Chairperson. Dedication like yours is inspiring. Thank you Paul.

When I took on this role my main focus was to ensure that Pastoral Council has a focus. We have done this agreeing on a major goal. The goal that we have adopted is to enhance the parish's communications. We see this happening by embracing new technologies such as social media, revamping our website to add more information and to develop a consistent graphic design that can be incorporated in all of our parish communications. This project has kicked off with the formation of the communications sub-committee and to date we have some initial plans, pictures and have asked for the parish's input through a survey. Over the next few months we will develop a full plan that will be executed in the fall. We hope to better communicate with all of our parishioners as well as reach outside of our parish to get our message out and make ourselves attractive to potential new parishioners. We are very excited about this project.

I would like to thank my fellow Pastoral Council members for their service. I would also like to thank those members that will be completing their terms this year – Kyle Lichtenwald and Paul Schauerte. We will be needing to replace these members and I encourage anyone wishing to help make St. Joseph's the best parish it can possibly be and keep it vibrant for years to come.

Lastly, I would like to thank Fr. Rick and Fr. Bert for their leadership in our parish and Doreen and Lamont for the support that they provide to the Pastoral Council efforts.

Respectfully submitted by
Clayton Bzdel
Chairperson

Liturgy Committee Annual Report April 2014-April 2015

Since last report the committee has held four regular and several sub-committee meetings.

This past year has seen Andrew Gallagher join the committee as the pastoral council rep.; Andrew's addition to the committee is most welcome, he adds a new insight and ideas to the committee. Thank you for your input Andrew.

There is of course an ongoing problem of recruiting volunteers for all areas of ministry within the parish, Altar Servers seems to show the greatest need to date, we are all encouraged to promote and pray that our children and grandchildren will come forward for this ministry; understanding that the children at times find it hard to take on the responsibility of the job.

There were no RCIA candidates this year for the Easter Vigil Mass.

As Committee chair I would like to thank our choirs at all the masses for their dedication to making the Liturgy of the Mass a work of beauty with their gift of music, and the many hours spent in practice to make the liturgy meaningful with music.

Thanks are also expressed to all the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ushers and Greeters, Masters of Ceremonies, Altar Servers and all others who work to make the liturgy a prayerful experience for their fellow parishioners.

A special thank you must also be given to the ladies and men who give so generously of their time and talents to help in the cleaning and decorating of the church environment for all the special seasons, without your help it would not happen, also included are the ladies who weekly give of their time to ensure that the Sanctuary area and entrances are kept clean and tidy. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank a special parishioner who for the last few years has donated several large poinsettias for the Christmas décor, they are most appreciated.

Last but be no means least I must express my own sincere thanks to Fr. Rick for his understanding and patience, over the past year, his dedication and love of the liturgy is an encouragement to me personally and to all who know him. It was with thanks that we welcomed Fr. Bert to the parish last spring.

I have served in the capacity of Chairman of the Liturgy Committee for several years and I really do think that the time is approaching when someone else should be taking on the position. I am most willing to help anyone interested in learning what is involved, and would encourage anyone to give consideration to Parish Council and the Chair of the Liturgy Committee.

Thank you to all the parishioners of St. Joseph for your trust and faith in me these past years and I will continue to serve as long as necessary.

Submitted April 28, 2015

Pat Rossler

Chair, Liturgy Committee

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
FINANCE COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2014.

You may recall in last year's report I was asking Father to be relieved from the position of your parish finance chairperson, well it never materialized and here I am still doing the annual report. My first comment is that from an operational stand point St. Joseph Parish had a fairly successful year, and the committee wishes to say thank you to all for your continued support and giving to your church's operating costs, however we do ask that you continue to review your giving practice as we go forward as 2015 looks like it could be a more demanding year. As I look back, the committee always struggles to put together the annual budget; however past practices such as using previous year's actuals and taking in inflationary costs, as well as getting the various parish committees' requests we look at a bottom line figure that makes best sense. As we reached yearend we were very happy to see that the weekend & holy day collections were only approx. \$3000.00 below our budget estimate. When we look at the expenditure side all our estimates were fairly close except when it came to wages. We budget for 2 priests salaries plus 2 months relief for holidays, for the year 2014 Fr Rick was alone for a few months & when we got an associate pastor they were from the Philippines and they were classed as being in orientation so the diocese covered their salary for 6 months from the "Archbishop's Appeal Fund" So overall the unaudited year end statement showed an approx. \$25,000.00 surplus in the operating fund. For that I again say thank you to you the parishioners. Just a few words on the "Commitment to the Future", once again St. Joseph Parish did not meet the requested goal, in fact it was lower than in 2013. As I mentioned earlier St Joseph Parish benefitted greatly from the "Bishops Fund" by covering a priest's salary. I ask that you look at this cause a bit more seriously, because the bishop needs financial help with various programs, the big one's being assistance to train new priests & deacons. I thank Fr. Rick for his confidence in me, as well as his help. I am pleased to say that our committee recruited a new member, Elaine Anton, however part way through the year Tony Hudson the facilities supervisor resigned & Dale Toni volunteered as his replacement. I personally give a huge thank to our faithful Parish Secretary, Doreen Wagner for all her help. Attached is a copy of the approved 2015 operating budget, and we ask that you all continue to support your church facility in the best way possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Rossler, Finance Chairperson

ST JOSEPH PARISH
2015 OPERATING BUDGET
WITH 2014 ACTUALS

INCOME:	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>
Ordinary Sunday Collections -	\$382,650.00	\$377,000.00
Other Sources -	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,100.00</u>
Total Projected Income -	\$392,850.00	\$387,100.00
EXPENES:		
Personal & Benefits -	\$209,500.00	\$173,675.00
Assessed Expenses -	\$ 87,930.00	\$ 97,245.00
Office Requirements -	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 23,655.00
Utilities (church & rectory) -	\$ 27,400.00	\$ 29,650.00
Maintenance (church & Rectory) -	\$ 25,470.00	\$ 19,628.00
Various Parish Programs -	<u>\$ 19,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,135.00</u>
Total Projected Expenses -	\$394,000.00	\$361,988.00
This leaves us with a deficit of -	\$ 1,150.00	Gain of - \$ 25,112.00

Dear Parishioners – The Parish Finance Committee met and approved the 2015 Parish Operating Budget. The estimated Income is based on a 1.5% increase over the 2014 actual ordinary Sunday collections.

The Expenditure estimates are based on past practises along with diocesan direction on salaries, various benefits and assessed taxations.

The committee asks everyone to review your giving practises, with the view of increasing your donation by at least the cost of living. This is also a reminder to you parishioners that use the automatic debit system. To increase your monthly donation please call Doreen at the Parish Office & she will make the necessary adjustment. It is your parish and the church relies on everyone to keep it operational.

Al Rossler
Finance Chair

Social Justice 2015 Report

Set a Spark, Light a Fire Archdiocesan Conference was a shared success by the many folks who pitched in. The organizing committee had support from the Holy Trinity Catholic School Board, Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus, for which we are very thankful. Numerous individuals stepped forward to lend their gifts to making the conference sensation. There were a 12+ presentations that focused on how we can work against the injustices that individuals and the environment face. We continue to receive correspondence from attendees of how the conference linked them with projects and individuals, these connections after the conference show that the fire of justice is spreading in our parish and throughout the province.

The second annual St. Gertrude Project was another highlight for the committee. Fr. Susi and the parishioners of Pelican Narrows presented at the Set a Spark conference and their gratitude was quite evident. Our partnership with the parish of St. Gertrude will continue with another clothing drive and continued support. Thank you to everybody that has contributed to this effort.

Through the Development and Peace initiative 'Sow Much Love' we educated parishioners on the topic of food security. This education lead to action; petitioning our MP Ray Boughen to acknowledge and address world hunger by supporting the way of life for small family farmers in the Global South. Together we asked the House of Commons for to actions:

- Adopt international aid policies that support small family farmers, especially women, and recognize their vital role in the struggle against hunger and poverty.
- Ensure that Canadian policies and programs are developed in consultation with small family farmers, and that they protect the rights of small family farmers in the Global South to preserve, use and freely exchange seeds.

MP Ray Boughen spoke to our petition in the House of Commons and we received correspondence from his office and from the office of Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz outlining their Federal commitments.

Elder Hope is a new initiative for the Social Justice Committee. The purpose of this action is to assist seniors in Ethiopia with housing and food. Seniors in the country have been forced from their lands and have little assistance from global organizations. It is our hope to assist this group in developing sustainable practices that assist their way of life.

As with previous years, we are ever thankful for the donations to Pastor's Charities. Fr. Rick is so generous in this regard! Please see the attached list of local, provincial, and national programs that the committee is able to financially support.

The social justice committee meets the first Monday of each month. We welcome everybody! If monthly meetings are not your thing we are always looking for helping hands on our various projects. We understand that hectic schedules make monthly meetings difficult but please don't let that hold you back. We appreciate any and all support from the parishioners of St. Josephs. If there is a justice issue that you feel needs more support please consider approaching the committee for assistance.

Kyle Lichtenwald
Social Justice Rep

(FOR YOUR INFORMATION)
PASTOR'S CHARITIES 2015

LOCAL 35% NATIONAL 33% INTERNATIONAL 32%

LOCAL: \$11,100 FOR....

- Riverside Missions...\$100 per month
- Marion Center...\$100 per month
- M.J. Food Bank...\$100 per month
- Hunger in Moose Jaw...\$100 per month
- Informed Choices Pregnancy Center \$100 per month
- St. Joseph's Parish Emergency Funds...\$100 per month
- M.J. Habitat For Humanity \$100 per month
- Moose Jaw Transition House...\$100.00 per month
- Providence Place Foundation...\$1000
- Phoenix Academy...\$500

○ **NATIONAL: \$10,500 FOR...**

- Sask. Pro Life Assoc.....\$5000
- Learning Disabilities of Sask...\$1000
- St. Gertrude's Parish in Pelican Narrows. \$4500

○ **INTERNATIONAL: \$10,000 FOR...**

- Elders Project \$10,000

Approximate total for 2015 \$31,600

Report to Parish Council

May 12th 2015

There is no Hospitality Committee. It has been changed and is now 2 separate committees

Welcoming Committee –

We had 4 meetings, and 4 sessions where we made baskets. The meetings were brain storming meets. Ideas have been brought forward to parish council, and a few have been adopted.

- 21 new families/singles have signed up since Stewardship weekend
- Pedestal is done and located at the front doors. The purpose of the Pedestal is to hold the guest book that new parishioners can sign in.
- We have been making and delivering baskets to welcome those new to the parish.

Suggestions to look at in the coming year.

- Have a time to greet others around us. **When could this be done?**
- Would like to see greeters ask people to sign in if they are new to the parish
- Incorporate more opportunities to introduce new parishioners to others.
Name tags for greeters. Cost would be about \$50
- More involvement with new parishioners ie: Potluck, home visits, take them out
- We will contact others groups ie: Knights, Children's Liturgy to get new people's names
- Speak at church about our committee
- Get book marks made to leave by the sign in book. **Cost about \$50**

We have not had a meeting for awhile, but will start up again with one meeting before breaking for summer. To brainstorm, and get some of these action items discussed.

Social Committee

Nov 2 – All Souls Day – no social

Feb – Mission – supply coffee, juice, loaves for 3 nights

April – Volunteer appreciation

April 27th - Confirmation and Holy Communion.

May 1 – St Joseph the Worker wine and cheese

2014-2015 Parish Council Annual Report

Education and Evangelization

This has been a successful year for volunteers running programs at St Joseph's. Many people have devoted many hours of their time to help enhance our Education and Evangelization ministries.

- 1- The Welcome Committee has reported great success. A pancake breakfast was held in the fall to welcome newcomers to our parish. We are seeing new families attending our church and it is very encouraging.
- 2- Two Bible studies were held over the year, one entitled "Catholicism" and one entitled "Mary". These studies were promoted extensively which resulted in a good turnout for both studies. A series of excellent, inspiring movies were also shown weekly during the Lenten period.
- 3- Youth Group, for children in grades 6, 7 and 8 was held every Wednesday evening, attracting a lot of neighborhood kids who don't attend St Joseph's.
- 4- Children's Liturgy is reporting more and more young children attending on Sundays. We hope the numbers will grow as our attendance continues to increase.
- 5- The Grief Share Program has been offered to assist people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, to help manage their grief. We encourage anyone who is grieving the loss of a spouse, a child or a friend to come and join others who are experiencing similar circumstances.
- 6- The Outreach Community Dinners were held four times this year. Great success was reported with over 200 people attending one of the dinners. Bulletin type lists of activities taking place at St Joseph's were distributed to people attending the dinners.
- 7- We held a "Mom's and Tots" program over the winter. A program called "Mominipotent" was used as a means to encourage young moms and to promote discussion. Toddlers were kept occupied with a little faith-based program of their own. Both programs were very successful and we hope to offer a similar program next year.
- 8- A Bible Study entitled "Lectio Divina" was offered twice this year. People are finding this method of reading the Bible very beneficial. The study is based on four steps: Reading, Reflecting, Praying, and Acting.
- 9- The Kids' Bulletins have been a huge success. We will continue to offer these bulletins every Sunday, and every two weeks during the summer season.
- 10- The Parish Community Baby Shower will be held on Sunday, May 3 at 2:30 PM in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to come and show support to our young families.
- 11- "Cat Chat" Vacation Bible School will be held again this summer. Volunteers are already busy preparing for this exciting children's event. Registration dates will be posted in the Church Bulletin in the near future.

Much appreciation goes out to all the volunteers who have expended many, many hours of their time to make all these programs a success.

I wish you all a great, safe summer. May you be blessed with good health, peace, and joy, as well as renewed energy to continue serving God in the future.

In God's Service,
Therese Lyons

Outreach Committee Report 2014-2015

---Community Suppers

We hosted **Four** suppers this year for the less fortunate.

FallChristmas.....Valentines...and Easter

Usual attendance is under 100, the Christmas Supper we fed 100 , they all ate, Santa came and there were treat bags and gifts for all.

All of this could not be done without your generosity in the form of Donations and wonderful volunteer help.

THANK YOU

Plan for next year is to have gifts for the **children only**,and penny parade raffle prizes for the adults.

--Halloween Candy Collection

We are always surprised at the generous donations . We made over 100 treat bags for Santa to give to the kids.

---Easter Candy Collection

The food bank appreciates Being able to provide family's with some treats for Easter morning.

---Gift , Used clothing and hygiene product Collection

There was a terrific assortment of gifts this year . Enough for all to receive something .

---Bible Study's

Instead of a bible study , this year we ran the Catholicism series. It will finish up just before Lent starts. During Lent we have Movies on the Thursday morning and evenings.

Plan For Next Year

--Fall On Thursday Evenings ,and or mornings. The study is yet to be determined.

Probably a study on the **Eucharist by Father Barron**

--Lent A Study or something else may be offered ,Yet to be determined.

Suggestions welcome.

Submitted by Irene Thompson and Lucy Winkler

Maintenance & Operations Report

Normal operations continued throughout the year to ensure the facility was ready at all times for use. Additional functions, i.e. Funerals, weddings, and extra Council Committee requests were handled as required. Grounds work coped with as dictated by the weather, with additional help in Winter by the Knights of Columbus. The Catholic Women's League provided Catering for some of the functions as did the Knights for Special occasions.

At Fathers special request work was done on the Southeast Tower from Main floor to Basement.

This area was particularly messy and tended to be an embarrassment when escorting Funeral families down-stairs. Repairs were carried out as required to clean up the area. As with any older building, during renovations, unforeseen problems were encountered and dealt with as necessary, making the problem larger than anticipated. However it is now completed and the result is clean and bright.

Additional work was carried out in the Parish Hall to accommodate the CWL's April Convention with satisfactory results.

New additional Speakers were installed on either side of the Stage in the Hall, along with a remote Microphone thereby giving better hearing and unrestricted wandering to the Host user. All in all another good year.

Please be advised that I have given my resignation as Facilities Supervisor to Father. After some 11 or 12 years it is time for someone else to take over.

Respectfully,

Tony Hudson

St. Joseph's CWL President's Annual Parish Report 2015

The CWL ladies continued to volunteer their time in the ministries of the mass, funeral lunches, helping out at Providence Place etc. but were also asked to volunteer their time in some new ventures this year.

The CWL ladies were asked to do the coffee breaks before and during the Social Justice Conference that was held in October. Some members donated the loaves used while two of our members made sure that the coffee and loaves were put out.

A potluck supper was held in June to mark the beginning of the summer, free from meetings, for our CWL ladies. During the summer the ladies continued to volunteer their time for the CWL mass ministries and prepare the lunches for any funerals we might have. A Welcome Back Supper in September brought all of the ladies together for a social event to start our year off again.

Representatives of the CWL laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day Celebrations at Mosaic Place. For this year's membership blitz, a DVD was produced with help of Jarred Robinson, Jolene Lichtenwald and Suzanne Ellis to highlight the fun we have and some of the volunteer work we do within the CWL.

A joint Christmas Party with the Knights of Columbus was held in December. The Elvis impersonator had everyone enjoying the social singing many of everyone's favorite songs from Elvis and Roy Orbison.

An Executive was chosen in August to plan the Regina Diocesan Convention for April 26-27th. After many hours of planning and endless work, a very successful convention was held. One of the speakers, Christine Boychuk, is one of our own parishioners. Our new theme of "One Voice - One Heart - One Mission" was introduced at our convention.

Hosting one of the lunches for the Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 retreat, giving gifts to the First Communion and Confirmation recipients, providing the lunch for the Annual Baby Shower, and contributing to the CWL Scholarship for a grade 12 recipient demonstrates the visible support that the CWL provides to the education and spiritual growth of our youth.

Before we take our summer break from meetings we will also be hosting our Father's Day Brunch, to honour the fathers of our parish and participate in the CWL regional pinning ceremony, held at Church of Our Lady.

A full year of fun, laughter and work has brought our members together to share their time and talents. I am thankful for all of the CWL volunteer members and those non-members who lend a helping hand, making our undertakings so successful. May we all continue to work together to make our church community a better place.

Submitted by
Suzanne Ellis
President

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT & PUBLICITY REPORT

By Milt Bonar, Parish & Publicity Director

It has been my pleasure to be the Parish representative for the Knights of Columbus, Father Lawless Council #1534, as well as the Publicity Director.

As the liaison between the Parish Council and the Knights of Columbus we have kept each other informed as to what is happening in each of the groups.

We continue to keep the parish and the parishioners updated on all the activities that the Knights continue to be involved in by regular notices in the Parish Bulletin and other publications as are deemed necessary. These activities include pancake breakfasts, community suppers, supper socials both for the Parish and the Knights. The Knights also put on the Mental Health Christmas supper, support the Right To Life Association, Heartland Hospice and raise funds through ticket raffles and several other fund raising efforts.

Keeping Christ in Christmas is also part of the mandate and this year we will be having a poster competition in the Catholic School system. This will be rolled out at the beginning of the new school year. The Nativity Scene that was donated to the Knights and was put up for bids and was sold with the proceeds going to support our charities.

I now wish to thank Fr. Rick, Fr. Bert and Deacon Bill for all the support they provide to the Parish and our Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Milt Bonar

Knights of Columbus Liaison on Parish Council

Holy Trinity Catholic School Division #22 Report to Parish Council

This has been a busy year led by Director Geri Hall. We continue to offer a vibrant Catholic education from pre-K to Grade 12 at our schools in Moose Jaw, Swift Current, and Shaunavon.

This year saw the opening of All Saints Catholic School in Swift Current. We were honoured to have the blessing done by Archbishop Daniel Bohan. We were very excited to have his Royal Highness Prince Edward attend the event and spend time with the children.

Vanier Collegiate Chamber Choir under the direction of Conductor Valerie McWilliams were invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Our students did us proud!

The Raphael Center serves medically fragile students with specialized programs. We are happy to report that several have transitioned into programming at Vanier.

Through Phoenix Academy we strive to reach students that require innovative formats and special supports to reach their learning potential.

We are moving ahead with technology for today's world. Chrome books are offered to our students at Vanier beginning with grade nine and continuing as those students move forward.

Our facilities are showing signs of aging and require continued attention and major upgrades. We continue to work with the provincial government to facilitate our needs.

We continue to offer excellent academic programs as well as competitive sports and music programs with an emphasis on Catholic values. We work with the community on many levels to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students.

Our mission is to create hope by fostering learning and honouring diversity in a Catholic environment.

Respectfully submitted by
Joan Schwinghamer

