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WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED

We know from Scripture, Jesus was reared by Mary and Joseph pretty much in obscurity. We can deduce this from the hometown skeptics' who voiced surprise when Jesus came healing, and teaching about the Kingdom; "Is not this the carpenter's son? ...Where did this man get all this?" These humble origins increase the complexity and wonder of the Incarnation. Jesus was Emmanuel, God with us, miraculously born, but fully one with us in our humanity. We can only imagine that his life was quite normal, progressing physically, mentally, and socially through the stages of growth like other children. Yet, on the day of his baptism, the Holy Spirit and the Father endorsed him as Son. The Spirit in the form of a dove descended to rest on him, while the Father spoke from heaven, "You are my beloved Son. With you I am well pleased."

As far as we know, Jesus had not performed any miracles, taught any crowds, proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom, told no parables, and had called and led no disciples. Yet, the God the Father, was not simply pleased with him, he was well pleased with him.

The worth and value of Jesus the Son, was intrinsic, part of his essential nature. He was significant because of who he was, not only because of what he would do. In fact, what he later did was a result of who he was, not the other way around. This incident also indicates that the Father does not assign us worth based on our utilitarian value. We can not impress God, or make him love us more, or esteem us more valuable because we are useful to him. Contrariwise, we have value and significance because we are created in his image. In addition, through conversion and transformation we are being recreated into his divine image, "...through them [his power and promise] you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust and may become participants of the divine nature." (2 Peter 1:4)

Each baptism we observe should remind us to recall the Lord's baptism, where he totally entered into our humanity, the Father and the Spirit esteemed him as the Son, well pleasing. And we should be reminded of our son-ship, that we too are the Father's child, esteemed as significant and well pleasing through faith in Jesus, and have been made "heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ."
Emmanuel Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.

Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
Diocesan Social Justice Rep

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
See bulletin for schedule

Reconciliation/Confessions
Sat 4:00—4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism
Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage
Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call the office

Secretary
Sandy Johnson
Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Ministry Schedule - January 19/20

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich
10:00 am - Elaine & Chuck Parry

Altar Servers
5:00pm -
10:00 am -

Children's Liturgy
Andrea Esposito

Next Hospitality Sunday
February 3

January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Katarina Shields
#2 - Yolanda Baldasaro
10:00 am #1 - Sue Armstrong
#2 - Mary Pikula

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom
10:00 am - Nick, Paula & Bianca

Stewardship Counting
James Gunn & Elaine Parry

January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	Jan 14	NO MASS. Father Christopher's Day Off	
Tuesday	Jan 15	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Riky Mulder 10:00 am- 11:00am Father Christopher at Tai Chi 7:00 pm Parish Discernment Team Meeting Rectory	by the Newman family
Wednesday	Jan 16	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth	by the Newman family
Thursday	Jan 17	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Aleksander Sekula 10:00am - 11:00am Father Christopher at Tai Chi 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm West Lincoln Loaf of Bread Dinner Parish Hall	by Irene Lipiec
Friday	Jan 18	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth For the salvation of the Lewis family	by Sylvanna & Doug Oliver by Pauline Lewis
Saturday	Jan 19	The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sunday	Jan 20	10:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Antonietta Carbonara +For the repose of the soul of Antonio Borges 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Father Christopher at ACTS18 Reunion Gathering Mississauga. 5:30pm - 7:30pm Father Christopher ALPHA COURSE Smithville Christian Reformed Church	by Vern & Josie Dell by Maria Borges

NEW PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

January 1st to December 31, 2019

A one year commitment will be required with the possibility of renewal for another year.

UPDATED: Lisa Poort (Recorder) Elaine Parry. Andrew Steger. John Mataseje. Dick Van Geest, Father Christopher Gillen Pastor and Chair. Tracy Piggott (Honorary member- parish financial recorder).

First Meeting Tuesday, January 24, at 7:00pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Guidelines contained with today's bulletin.

Next week Application Form.

Read, inform, discern, join.

Tai Chi (12 Weeks) - \$40.

West Lincoln Arena Hall

Tuesday & Thursdays 10:00am to 11:00am

Start Date January 15 at 9:45 am for registration.

Bring balance and flexibility to your life by practicing the health improving movements of Tai Chi.

PARISH EVENTS GROUP

The Annual Parish Pasta Dinner will take place on February 9th. Please book the date. More information will come as we approach this time.

(NEW) YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST.MARTIN'S

Youth Group Ages 12-14

Group will meet bi-weekly centered around the 5:00pm Mass and engage in a number of activities following Mass in the parish hall and in the community.

- **Saturday, January 12, 2019 is our Kick Off** Scheduled event is Mass, Pizza and Skating.
- **January 26 Mass: Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, Tobogganing at local hill, hot chocolate.**

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD 2019

The West Lincoln Loaf of Bread programme will offer a fully home cooked meal and social every Thursday beginning January 3, 2019 to June 27, 2019 inclusive from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm. Please pass this invitation along to anyone whom you feel would benefit from this programme.

Host Churches:

January & March St. Martin of Tours

February & April Smithville Canadian Reformed Church

May & June St Ann's Community Church

Fall of 2019 TBA Smithville Christian Reformed

If there are any interested individuals who would be interested in serving and cleaning up after, please contact Josie Dell at:

vernandjosie@gmail.com or call 905-346-1830

PARISH DISCERNMENT

The Team gathers to implement the pastoral mandates from the Report or Parish Survey results. We kick off 2019 with a team spirit because working alone in the trenches isn't the best idea. We see this time as an opportunity to move our parish from maintenance to mission in 2019. So, let us not only kick off the year for the Team, but for our Teens and all Disciples of our faith community of St. Martin.

More than any other time in our collective ministry, this time of year can set the tone for the kind of year we will have. Let us invite our young families into a vibrant parish life ready to tackle the new pastoral year together. So let us take the necessary steps to bring them into this exciting new year of parish life, ministry and outreach.

The next Parish Discernment Team Meeting is scheduled for: January 15, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

PLEASE SIGN UP - EXPLORE ALPHA...

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JANUARY 5/6

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Loose:	\$ 176.00
Facility Maintenance (39 Env):	\$ 579.00
Loose:	\$ 25.90
Late New Years Day (1 Env)	\$ 5.00
Initial Offering (8 Env):	\$ 190.00
Loaf of Bread (1 Env):	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

Justice and only justice

you shall pursue.

(Deuteronomy 16:18-20)

8 DAY BIBLE STUDY FOR JUSTICE

One of the resources available for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25) is a very thoughtful eight-day bible study guide prepared by the Christian Churches of Indonesia.

This resource could be for individual use, or for small study groups. The eight daily themes are: *True Worship leads to Action, Standing Up For Truth, Called to Be Gracious and Merciful to Everyone, Living Simply and Contentedly, Bringing Good News to the Poor, Caring For Creation, Empowering Women in Our Communities, Summing Up Our Conversations.*

This resource is available at: wpcu2019.ca or by emailing mprindiville@golden.net

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

The Church calls us to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity between Jan 18 and Jan 25.

Please join with Bishop Bergie for a 'Service of Prayer for Christian Unity' at the Cathedral, on Sunday Jan. 20, at 3:00 p.m. followed by coffee and cookies.

The themes and materials for this year's world-wide prayer were prepared by the Christian Churches of Indonesia. Their key verse is: "*Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue.*" *Deuteronomy 16:18-20* and the theme of the prayer service is "*Moving from words of justice, to actions that establish justice.*"