

## It's MARDI GRAS

### time again!



On Sunday, February 11th, after Mass.

Tickets are \$5.00 each.

An event always enjoyed by everyone. We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Debi Simone at 705-691-3448.

### **THANK YOU:** We are grateful to Lorraine

Mei and the CWL for making new Purificators for use during Mass.

### **FROM THE GARSON FOODBANK:** Thank

you for all your support throughout the year. We serve over 300 families; your help is very much appreciated.

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE**

**YEAR:** This year, this event takes place on Saturday, February 24th.

You heard Tristan speak about it

this weekend. Her team, with Kim Monaghan and other family and friends is called "Gramma's Soup-a-Stars". All funds raised will go to support The Samaritan Center.



### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**9:30 am Mass at St. Bernardine in Skead**

**7:00 pm Mass at St. John's in Garson**

**Theology on Tap:** An event for young people, ages 19 to 35. February 22, 2018 7:00 pm, The Laughing Buddha.

Guest Speaker: Bishop Damphousse

## Silent Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola

Theme: *The Name of God is Mercy*

Where is God in our rather dark and scary world? How should we respond to the fearful and threatening pressures we face? How can religion heal the world, or is religion the problem? These questions have been in the hearts of many. Many people feel estranged or distant from God, especially when God is so often invoked or portrayed in violent or judgmental ways. When we return to the treasures of our tradition with searching and open hearts, a comforting but challenging picture emerges. The golden thread uniting both the Old and New Testaments consist of the passages that proclaim mercy as God's essential nature. During this retreat we will pray with these passages for enlightenment, hope, and transformation on our spiritual journey.

**Dates:** From Friday March 2 (7pm) to Sunday March 4 (1pm) 2018

**Director:** Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J.

**Cost:** \$230.00 live-in/\$130.00 commute

### **The New Evangelization Summit:**

This year, the New Evangelization Summit takes place at St. Benedict's Highschool on April 27-28th. The move from St. Charles College (last year) will allow for more comfortable seating for participants. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to register using the online form: [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca).

The cost for the Summit is \$40.00, which includes lunch. **The Parish will reimburse any parishioner who attends; please just submit your receipt to the office.**

The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson**

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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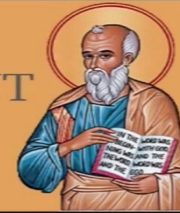
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**Office hours:** Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 am. to Noon.

SAINT JOHN



### **Pastor**

**Fr. Michael Williams**

## **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

### **Pastoral Support**

Marie Bardswich

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Ivon Chaumont — Chairperson

Mary MacGregor — Secretary

Myron McCormick — Finance

Marie Bardswich, Debi Simone, Sue Quackenbush

## **ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

### **Parish Contact**

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### **Communion to the Sick**

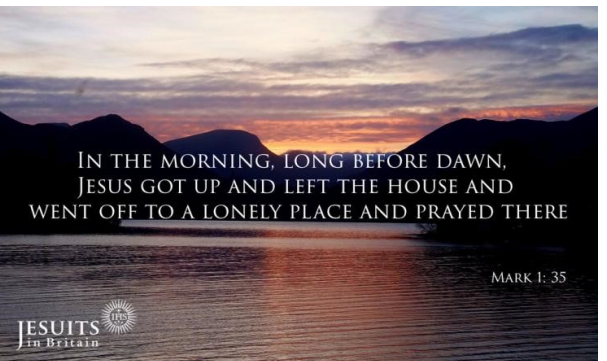
Rolande Kehoe 705-969-2838

### **PRAYER LINE**

Elaine Lamarche 705-693-3339

Rachel Corbett 705-693-3241

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Sunday, February 4th, 2018**



### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

9:30 am See inside for this week's schedule

### **SUNDAY MASSES:**

Saturday 4:30 pm. St. John the Evangelist

Sunday 9:00 am. St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday 10:30 am. St. John the Evangelist

### **CALL THE PARISH OFFICE REGARDING:**

- Home Visit & Communion or Anointing of the Sick
- Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

### **FOR BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:**


Please speak with Fr. Michael at any weekend Mass (6 months minimum needed for Marriage)

Mass Schedule February 5—February 11, 2018		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday February 5		No Parish Mass
Tuesday February 6	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday February 7	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Thursday February 8	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Friday February 9	11:00 a.m.	Mass at Extencicare Falconbridge
Saturday, Feb 10 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:30 p.m.	For Pamela Astgen By The Family
Sunday, Feb 11	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday February 11	9:00 a.m.	For David Labbe by John & Jeanie Salvalaggio

**The Catholic Women's League**

The weekly CRAFTS group gathers to create their handiworks in the Parish Hall following Mass every Wednesday morning. They continue through lunch and into the afternoon, and are always happy to welcome new participants.

The CWL monthly meeting begins at 1:30 on Monday afternoon.



**ROSARY AT FINLANDIA:** Led by the Parish Pastoral Ministry, it begins at 11:00am.

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** Are now available at the entranceway of the Church. After this weekend, the remaining receipts will be mailed out.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be prayed on all the Fridays during Lent (except March 2nd), beginning at 7pm each night.

**LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY:** BOTH of the highly acclaimed "Journey Through Scripture" Bible studies by St. Paul Media will be offered for FREE during Lent. Both "The Bible and the Sacraments" and "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" are superb presentations you will not want to miss. You will need to sign up online to follow one or both of these courses. Once you do, 2 lessons (about 30 minutes each) will be e-mailed to you each week during Lent. You can watch and re-watch them when you please over the next 2 weeks. To register for this golden opportunity, go here:  
<https://stpaulcenter.com/lent-2018/>  
**You will not be disappointed.**

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** May 10th in Ottawa. Interested in going? There are busses that will make the return trip that day. Or, travel with Fr. Michael and have time to smell the tulips. If interested, speak to him.

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION:**

**Mark the dates:** Our Parish Lenten Mission takes place this year from February 26-28th. Each day, there will be a mini-conference at Noon, with Mass. Each night, the main conference begins at 7pm in the following locations:

Monday: At Holy Redeemer Church,  
Tuesday: At St. Andrew the Apostle Church,  
Wednesday: At St. John the Evangelist.

The Mission will begin with a Lenten Reconciliation Service at Holy Redeemer Church on Sunday, February 25th, beginning at 5:30pm.

Our Mission Director will be Fr. Robbie McDougall from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. He is a renowned Retreat Director, Singer and Composer. You can read more about him here: [www.adoramus.ca](http://www.adoramus.ca)

Please come, and bring your family and friends to all 3 evenings. Everyone is welcome. A free will offering will be taken up each night to help us defray the costs.

**YOUR SUNDAY OFFERINGS for January 28, 2018**

*Thank You*

<b><u>St. John the Evangelist</u></b>		
Envelopes: \$1,965.00	Loose: 91.61	Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$921.50
Native Sector: \$25.00	Initial: \$10.00	Other: \$194.59
		<b>Total: \$3,207.70</b>
<b><u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u></b>		
Envelopes: \$380.00	Loose: \$30.00	Native: \$5
		<b>Total: \$515.00</b>