

Bulletin for March 1, 2026

That GOD may be glorified in all things



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2nd Sunday of Lent – Year A 2026

Dear Parishioners,

On this Second Sunday of Lent, the Word of God leads us on a journey of faith, promise, and transformation. In the **First Reading from Genesis (12:1–4)**, we see Abraham called by God to leave his country, his security, and everything familiar to him. God asks him to trust in a promise he cannot yet see: “Go from your country... to the land I will show you.” Abraham sets out in faith, guided only by God’s word. Lent invites us to make the same journey—to leave behind whatever keeps us from God and to walk forward in trust, even when the path is unclear.

In the **Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:8–10)**, St. Paul reminds us that we are called to bear hardship for the sake of the Gospel, relying not on our own strength but on the grace of God. Our salvation is not something we earn; it is a gift given in Christ Jesus. Yet that gift calls for courage. Like Abraham, we are asked to step out in faith. Like Paul, we are invited to remain faithful even when discipleship involves sacrifice.

The **Gospel of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–9)** brings these themes to fulfillment. After speaking to His disciples about His coming suffering and death, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain—traditionally associated with Mount Tabor—and is transfigured before them. His face shines like the sun, and His clothes become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear, representing the Law and the Prophets, and the voice of the Father declares: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

The Transfiguration strengthens the disciples before the scandal of the Cross. Before they witness His agony, they are given a glimpse of His glory. Peter wants to remain in that radiant moment, but Jesus leads them back down the mountain. The Christian life does not remain on the heights of consolation; it continues through the valleys of daily sacrifice. The glory they behold is not separate from the Cross—it confirms that the way of suffering is the path to resurrection.

As we continue our Lenten journey, the readings remind us that faith means trusting God’s promises, even when we cannot see the outcome. Abraham walked into the unknown. Paul endured hardship for the Gospel. The disciples followed Jesus down the mountain toward Jerusalem. May this holy season help us to listen more attentively to Christ, to embrace our crosses with hope, and to trust that beyond every sacrifice lies the promise of new life. May the light of the Transfigured Lord strengthen our hearts and prepare us to celebrate the joy of Easter with renewed faith.

Marriage Tips

“Who do people say that I am?” (Mk 8:27) Just as our public persona does not always reflect our true self, spouses are privy to the hidden truth/weaknesses of each other. What do you know about your beloved that perhaps no one else does? Honour this privileged information.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Saturday	Feb 28	5pm	Oakbank	
Sunday	March 1	9am	Garson	
		11am	Cooks Creek	Catholic Women's League – For the Repose of the Soul of Mildred Burek
Tuesday	March 3	9am	Garson	
Wednesday	March 4	9am	Garson	
Thursday	March 5	10 AM	Cooks Creek	
Friday	March 6	9am	Garson	
		1pm	Beausejour	World Day of Prayer service
		6:30pm	Cooks Creek	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	March 7	5pm	Oakbank	
Sunday	March 8	9am	Garson	
		11am	Cooks Creek	Darlene & Roger Ingram – For the Repose of the Soul of Annette Boucher

Monthly Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

The Diocese of St Boniface

The Diocese issues a weekly bulletin with information on events and happenings in the Diocese Please use the following link to access that bulletin [The Saint-Boniface Diocesan weekly bulletin is available here:](#)

***NEW* Interested in Growing Your Faith?**

The Saint-Boniface Adult Faith Formation Fund provides financial assistance for adults within our diocese seeking formation in the Catholic faith. Applications are now open for 2026. Support is available for studies, courses, resources, and faith-based events. Applications will be accepted from February 1 through March 31 of every year. Decisions will be made by May 31. More details are available through the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface website www.archsaintboniface.ca under the Faith Education tab: [CLICK HERE](#).

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Say a Prayer for members of our parish communities and others who are in need of our prayers. Please forward their names to our bulletin email address. The one important request is that permission to print in the bulletin **must** be received from the person(s) being named. This will be the responsibility of the person submitting the information. What better way to support our parish family than to **Say a Prayer!**

- ❖ For **Trudy Simard** that she receives healing, strength and health as she journeys through her treatments.
- ❖ For our **education providers** at all levels who provide intellectual growth and a framework for educational studies.
- ❖ For the **people of the Ukraine** for their safety and well being
- ❖ We continue to pray for **Frank Kotello, Bertha Black, Tamara Simard Pozeluzney, Dorothy and Sheldon Oberik** for healing, strength and returning health.
- ❖ Members of **our parish communities** who are experiencing difficulties
- ❖ For **vocations** to the priesthood and religious life. Please pray the Hail Mary
- ❖ For all our **health care workers** we are truly thankful to these wonderful people
- ❖ For the **people of Nigeria** in the midst of civil unrest
- ❖ For those **fleeing their own countries** – Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries



St. Michael's Parish

Church Hall: 204-444-6044

www.stmichaelsrc.com



Our next **Fellowship Sunday** is Sunday March 8th after mass. This will be our annual soup Sunday. Come and enjoy some fellowship and homemade soup. Proceeds will be directed to Development and Peace.



Food Bank Saturdays – Our volunteer days at the Food Bank are the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of the month from 9:30 am to noon at the Anola United Church.

A reminder to please let Greg Ward (204-793-1502) know if you are able to volunteer. The food box needs to be filled! All non-perishable items greatly accepted. Please ensure that the donations still have a shelf life. Past date items cannot be used. Currently items that are needed: canned fruit, apple sauce packs, tuna, mayonnaise, jam and baked beans.

It is in giving that we receive!

St. Michael's Administration

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM and volunteered to prepare the lunch. A copy of the Book of Reports is posted on our website.

Red River Co Op number is 238086. Please consider using it when making purchases at participating Co Op Stores

St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council

Stations of the Cross will begin Fridays at 6:30 PM. Hope you can join us!

Our next movie night will be March 13th after the Stations of the Cross

The next PPC meeting is Tuesday March 10th at 7PM in the Church Hall



Sacred Heart Parish

www.sacredheartgarson.com



Come join us for Mass on Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

We welcome all new members, and appreciate all our regulars, especially those who have fallen out of practice. We provide sanitizer for your comfort.

Let us remember in our prayers everyone who cannot attend mass.

Stations of the Cross every Friday to March 27.

At Sacred Heart, Stations of the Cross will be at 8:30 AM followed by Mass.

At St. Micheal's Stations of the Cross will be starting at 6:30 PM.

Gerard Lannoo continues to collect all scrap metals, large and small implements and vehicles for fund raising. He can be reached at 204-268-3224 or cell 204-268-5458.

The email address for contacting the Board is adminboard@sacredheartgarson.com

The email address for contacting the cemetery is cemetery@sacredheartgarson.com

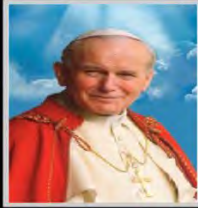
Our website is www@sacredheartgarson.com

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Garson, Manitoba R0E 0R0



SACRED HEART OF JESUS FUNDRAISER
ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026
GARSON HALL (9 THOMPSON AVE. GARSON, MB)
DOORS OPEN: 4:30 PM DINNER: 5:30 PM
ADULTS: \$24.00 6-12: \$12:00 5 UNDER FREE.
SILENT AUCTION 50/50 CASH BAR

For tickets call Carmen – 204-268-1173, Richard-204-268-3220,
Emilie-204-268-1265 or Ed-204-266-0194



St. John Paul II Church

www.stjohn-paulii.org



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors in our church community and invite you to register and join our parish. To register, please complete the form that is available at the back of the church and is also on our website at <https://stjohn-paulii.org>. Completed forms can be placed in the offertory basket. We invite you to be a part of our church community and to share our spiritual journey together.

On March 7th following Mass, we will resume having our AGM. Please join us for fellowship and a light supper followed by a review of our Parish. Cost of this event is a free will offering.

The **Rosary** is said every Saturday before Mass at 4:30

We offer **Catechism** at 4:30 pm before Mass. Please contact Michelle at 204-444-4313 to register.

Sunday Church Missals are now available for 2025/2026. Thanks to an anonymous donor, there is no cost for the Missals this year.

That Man Is You!

St. John Paul II Parish in Oakbank hosts a Catholic men's group program on Saturday mornings, from September through April, called ***That Man Is You!*** It is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. Combining the research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, *That Man Is You!* seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

The timeline we follow is:

7:30 - 8:00 am: breakfast and fellowship

8:00 - 8:30 am: view a *TMIY!* video presentation

8:30 - 9:00 am: small group discussion with some guiding questions.

There is no cost, though a \$10 donation to the breakfast fund is suggested.

Just a friendly reminder, we can only accept pop and beer cans. You may drop them off at the church on the east side of the building under the stairs. A big thank you to everyone who is saving and bringing them to the church.

We are now accepting non-perishable food and/or items for the Food Bank. The box is located at the back of the church. St. John Paul II has a membership number with the Red River Co-op. If you would like to donate your fuel purchases, our number is 500286.

Weekly Collections Options:

To provide greater flexibility for giving of your weekly offering, there are a couple alternative options offered:

- Donate online via the Archdiocese of St. Boniface's website at <https://www.archsaintboniface.ca>. Simply click the donate to your parish and follow the prompts, selecting St. John Paul II as the parish to receive your donation.
- Pre-Authorized debit withdrawals. The ability to give your weekly or monthly contributions automatically via direct withdrawal is an option more and more of our parishioners are choosing. Forms are available via our website at <https://stjohn-paulii.org>.
- You can also request a form via email to stjpii@stjohn-paulii.org or call (204)-268-9020 and one will be provided promptly



Come celebrate World Day of Prayer

Friday March 6th at 1 PM St Mary Parish in Beausejour
 530 Atlantic Avenue
 Refreshments served afterwards.
 This year's prayers come from the country of Nigeria.
 All are welcome.

Perogies are available for sale. Please see Alice or Fern \$7 a dozen.

It's that time of year to renew your **CWL Membership**. Fee is \$39.00. Ladies 80 years old and up do not pay. Please see Carmen or Alice for different methods of payment available.

CWL Sunday is the last Sunday of the month. Members serve as greeters and gift bearers.

Pill bottles are also being collected for donation to Agape Table. Please remove the labels before donating. The bottles can be left at the back of the church.

Development & Peace – Caritas Canada

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's work in a nutshell



Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote **justice, peace and dignity**.

Guided by **Catholic Social Teaching**, we support **partner-led projects** that reach over **7 million people in more than 30 countries** around the world.

Our **St Boniface Diocese Share Lent Workshop** will be held at the Bishop's House 151 rue de la Cathedral on Saturday March 14th at 10 AM.

Contact Liz for more info and to register. 204-801-0829

Cooks Creek Heritage Museum www.cchm.ca

Thursday March 5th at 1 PM, our Polski Czat class is hosting a movie afternoon. The film we will show is " Chłopi" The Peasants". It is a historical drama done in a very interesting format of animated paintings. It is in Polish with English subtitles This is not a regular class and anyone who might be interested is invited to attend. Please RSVP to Liz at 204-801-0829 Refreshments provided.....there will be popcorn!! The drop in fee will be \$5



Join us for our annual **Easter Egg Decorating Workshop Saturday March 21st**.

Two sessions will be offered 10AM to Noon and 1 PM to 3 PM

Cost is \$15 per participant All supplies and instruction will be provided

This event is suitable for ages 6years and up

Pre registration and payment required

Payment can be made by eTransferring to treasurer@cchm.ca

Please put the names of participants in the message box and time slot preferred

Please call Liz @ 204-801-0829 for more information



The Cooks Creek Heritage Museum provides summer employment opportunities for local university students. These positions are 35 hours per week and will begin approximately May 6th and end on August 31st. If you are such a student or know of someone who may be interested please have them forward a cover letter and resumé to board@cchm.ca. For more information please contact Jill 204-793-8933 or Liz 204-801-0829

Jesus Shows His Glory



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun- so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of that moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven.

Jesus gave this experience to the three apostles just a little while before He went to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross. He knew that they would be terrified and very sad when He died so He gave them a preview of the glory He would go back to after He rose from the dead. That way they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

Sometimes we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.



Answer to Word Find: until He had risen.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1st, 2026

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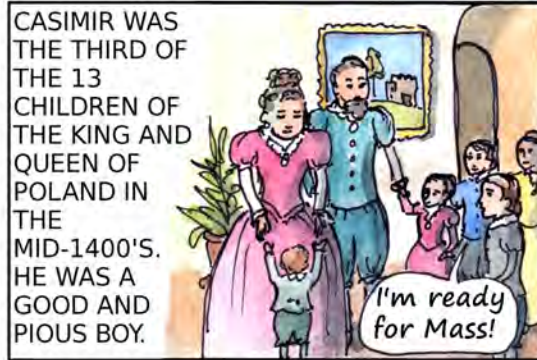


What did Peter, James and John hear from the bright cloud when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain?

Look in the mirror to find out!

Saint Casimir

March 4



CASIMIR WAS THE THIRD OF THE 13 CHILDREN OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF POLAND IN THE MID-1400'S. HE WAS A GOOD AND PIOUS BOY.



EVEN AT A YOUNG AGE HE WOULD STAY UP AT NIGHT TO PRAY, OR SLEEP ON THE FLOOR.



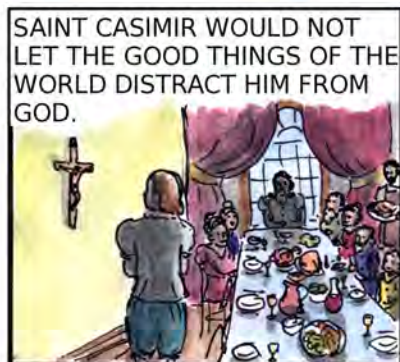
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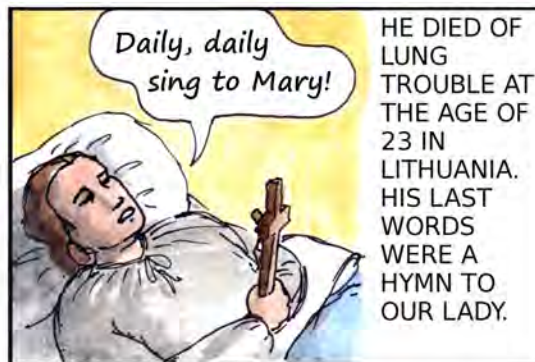
BUT HE LEFT AFTER HE WAS TOLD TO FIGHT A BATTLE THAT THEY COULDN'T WIN.



HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO MARRY SO THAT HE COULD DEDICATE HIS LIFE TO GOD.



SAINT CASIMIR WOULD NOT LET THE GOOD THINGS OF THE WORLD DISTRACT HIM FROM GOD.



HE DIED OF LUNG TROUBLE AT THE AGE OF 23 IN LITHUANIA. HIS LAST WORDS WERE A HYMN TO OUR LADY.

SAINT CASIMIR WAS OBEDIENT TO HIS FATHER AS LONG AS HE WAS ALSO BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE LISTEN TO OUR PARENTS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY TEACH US TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TODAY TO OBEY YOUR PARENTS AND PLEASE GOD?

Word Find

JESUS took Peter, JAMES, and JOHN his brother, and led them up a high MOUNTAIN by THEMSELVES. And he was TRANSFIGURED before them; his FACE SHONE like the SUN and his CLOTHES became WHITE as LIGHT. And behold, Moses and ELIJAH appeared to them, conversing with him. Then PETER said to Jesus in reply, "LORD, it is GOOD that we are here. If you wish, I will make THREE tents here, one for you, one for MOSES and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright CLOUD cast a SHADOW OVER them, then from the cloud came a VOICE that said, "This is my beloved SON, with whom I am well PLEASED; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they FELL prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "RISE, and do not be AFRAID." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus ALONE.

Find all the words in CAPITALS above in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks below.

After all this happened, Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone

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