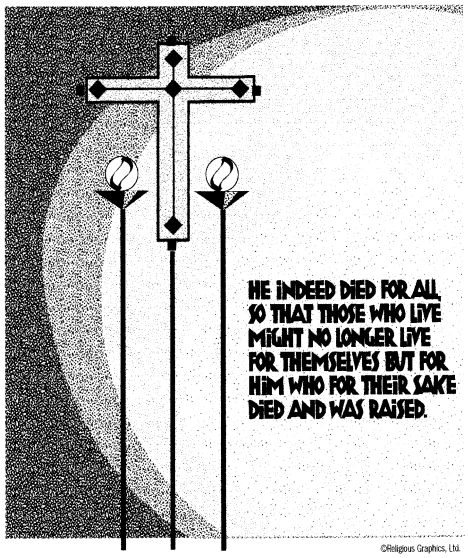

Water, Water Everywhere

Today we have a dramatic story of salvation on the water. The ancient Hebrews had a drastically different view of water than we have. They believed God ruled the heavens, and that God had given humans dominion over the earth. But the one area beyond human control were the powerful and unpredictably dangerous seas. Now we can understand why stories of Jesus taming the sea, or walking upon the raging waters, were so important to the early Church. These stories clearly showed the divinity of Jesus: with a few simple words, he exerted the authority of God over the forces of evil, as represented by the violent waters. No wonder, too, that the apostles' fear and terror changed to wonderment and awe. They didn't understand it all--but they knew they were in the presence of God. Jesus also asks us: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" When Jesus says, "Do you not yet have faith?" he is really asking, "Do you believe you are saved, not just from drowning, but from ultimate destruction?" Let's face it, all of our boats are leaking: when we suffer Alzheimer's or cancer, illness or addiction, or death. Yes, Jesus cares. "But the love we're talking about is a mindful love." God is intimately mindful of each of the precious sons and daughters God has loved into existence. Every creature exists because we are "on God's mind." From the giant redwoods to the simplest blade of grass--God knows, God loves, and God saves. The martyrs had absolute faith in this reality. May we inspire each other to have their spirit: "Fear is useless—just believe." Go in peace to love and serve our God! (Twelfth Sunday in Ord. Time – June 21, 2009)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. June 23	9:00 am	The Unborn	Houlihan Family
	9:00 am	RIP Reginald Plante	Plante Family
Wed. June 24	7:30 am	Jean & Joan	Carla Villafana
	9:00 am	Youth & Chastity	League for Life
Thurs. June 25	9:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Bernadette & Joe De Fazio
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Stanley Romanowsky	Czeslawa Sieklicki
Fri. June 26	9:00 am	RIP George Pavlin	Velma
	12:15 pm	RIP Marie-Paule Lariviere	Greg & Yvonne Skura & Family
Sat. June 27	10:00 am	Earle, Karlene, Ian De Pass	Mom & Dad
	7:30 pm	RIP Gladys Simms	Terry & Pam Szmon
Sun. June 28	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	11:00 am	Fr. Leo	Ken, Karen & Steven
Souris: June 28	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
July 05	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

Knights of Columbus, Council #1435, Brandon Centennial Banquet Message: The Centennial Celebration will begin on Saturday, June 27th, with a Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Augustine R.C. Church, at 5:00 PM, followed by a banquet in the Parish Center. Seating will be limited to approximately 180 guests. To ensure your spot, please purchase your tickets by June 19th by contacting: Bro. Rudy Bidinosti at (204) 727-5780 or Email: bidinost@mts.net Net proceeds from this event will be donated to Wheelchair Foundation Canada.

Thank you -I would like to thank Rebecca Weitzman, Eileen Smith, Francesca Lee, Gwen Gumieny, Leo LeBlanc, Rod Ferris and Charles Lwanga for giving of their time and talent in helping us clean up the church. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you, Ken De Roo

***A Swing & A Prayer"* Golf for Vocations**

MONDAY, JULY 27 *Breezy Bend Golf & Country Club*

You don't golf? That's ok! You can still help. We are in need of prizes. You, your company or organization could sponsor a hole or an event. For more information on Sponsorhsip Opportunities contact: Dan Potvin, Director of Stewardship & Development Phone: 452-2227 ext. 228 or Email: danpotvin@archwinnipeg.ca A Registration Form is Available Online www.archwinnipeg.ca

12th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Catechism of the Catholic Church
1762-1770: The passion; the passions and moral life

Mon. **St. Paulinus of Nola/St. John Fisher/St. Thomas More**
(Genesis 12.1-9)
(Matthew 7.1-5)

Tues. Genesis 13.2,5-18)
(Matthew 7.6, 12-14)

Wed. **Birth of John the Baptist**
Isaiah 49.1-6)
(Acts 13.22-26)
(Luke 1.57-66,80)

Thurs. (Genesis 16.1-12, 15-16)
(Matthew 7.21-29)

Fri. (Genesis 17.1, 5, 9-10, 15-22)
(Matthew 8.1-4)

Sat. **St. Cyril of Alexandria**
Our Lady's Saturday
(Genesis 18.1-15)
(Matthew 8.5-17)

Sun. **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24)
(2 Corinthians 8.7, 9, 13-15)
(Mark 5.21-43)

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus commanded Peter: "feed my lambs … feed my sheep." May many young men heed the call of Christ Jesus to do the same as priests of the New Covenant. Let us pray the Lord to send labourers to His harvest.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	22	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	23	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	23	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	23	Youth Ministry Forum	7:30 pm
Wed.	24	K of C Executive Mtg.	7:30 pm
Thurs.	25	Serra Meeting	11:30 am
	25	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	26	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	26	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	26	Holy Hour	4:00 pm
	26	Benediction	5:00 pm
	26	Vocational Discerners	7:00 pm
Sat.	27	K of c 100th Anniversary Mass & Banquet	5:00 pm

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday June 14, 2009

Offertory Collection (Brandon)	$6649.00
School Fund Collection	$ 20.00
Restoration Collection May 31, 2009 -	$ 605.00

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of

George Dinsdale

The **Myriam Sisters** will be returning to St. Mary's in Souris this summer. The camp will run from Monday, July 13th to Thursday July 16th. The day will begin at 9:30 and end at 3:30. This camp is open to everyone from ages 6 - 16, and you don't have to be Catholic to attend. The cost is $20/child for the week with a family maximum of $40. Please contact Barb Murphy, (204) 483-2502

YOU ARE CALLED TO SHARE YOUR FAITH in September by sharing your talent and faith by being a Catechist at Weekly catechism classes. Classes are Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 pm and Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm. If you are interested please call the parish office or email Sr. Therma, M.A.C.E. stiajoc1966@yahoo.com.

CONGRATULATIONS -

to the members of the Catholic Women's League who collected $1010.49 for Project El Salvador at their banquet on June 2nd. The money is being directed toward the health needs in the community of Loma Linda.

to Donna Young, the recipient of the **Maple Leaf Pin** in recognition of her service both to the League and to the broader community, and

to **Joyce Shewan** who received a **Certificate of Merit** from the local CWL Council for her outstanding service. Among the many ways in which Joyce has served the League at the fundraiser, she spearheaded which resulted in a $5000 donation to the Women's Shelter for the purpose of refurbishing and furnishing one of the rooms.

CWL Post-Convention will be held Sept. 19, 2009 in Winnipeg at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Registration is $5 and lunch is $10. All CWL members welcome! If you are interested in attending please contact Dianne Fox. Registration deadline is Sept. 8

From Father Dominic's desk:

Year For Priests: Last year the Holy Father, Pope Benedict announced a year to honour St. Paul. This year he has proclaimed the Year For Priests with the theme *Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests.* It was inaugurated by Pope Benedict on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus , which was last Friday. The Year for Priests coincides with the 150th anniversary since the death of St. John Mary Vianney, patron of parish priests. This special year is intended to encourage priests in their striving for spiritual perfection on which their ministry depends. Thus, this year is a year of prayer by priests, with priests and for priests. It is a year for the renewal of the spirituality of the presbyterate and of each priest. The Eucharist is, at the heart of priestly spirituality. Thus, Eucharistic adoration for the sanctification of priests is strongly encouraged. We are so fortunate that Father Barry Schoonbaert introduced Eucharistic adoration here at St. Augustine's when he was here as pastor.

Brandon Doors Open Heritage Tours: Once again this year St. Augustine's has been asked to participate in opening our beautiful church for the public to tour. This will take place on the afternoon of Saturday & Sunday, July 18 & 19. I already have a couple of parishioners who have volunteered to be tour guides. However, if there are any other parishioners who would be interested in this opportunity as a tour guide, please contact me.

Summer Camps: Now is the time when parents begin thinking of sending their children to summer camp. We have placed a number of Catholic camp particulars on the bulletin board outside of the parish office. Some of them, although in Saskatchewan, are relatively close to Brandon: Kenosee & Fort Qu Appelle. I need not mention the benefits of sending children to Catholic camps and the risks of sending them to denominational run camps.

Fathers' Day: Today, (Sunday) we salute all fathers. To be sure, being a father in our culture, day and age is a challenge, to say the least. I read an article on fatherhood in the Knights of Columbus magazine Columbia, April 2009. I would like to share a part of it with you.

"Clearly, now is the time for fathers to take a strong and active role in their families, yet many men suffer from a lack of direction and identity. They may have been put off by radical feminism or witnessed the divorce of their own parents, leaving them without a strong father figure and fearful of commitment. Or they may simply be unsure of how masculine virtues and the instinct to protect and provide, play out in a modern, technological world.

Whatever the problem, help is available on a new Knights of Columbus Web site designed for men to live out a fulfilling fatherhood. Fathers for Good www.fathersforgood.org addresses the questions that are central to a man's life: faith, family, finances, the economy, the domestic church, teens, and sex, love and marriage, grace and God. All of these topics and more are covered on the site in a contemporary, yet decidedly Catholic manner." Check out the website!

Thank you Bruce Ray: Our parish trustee Bruce Ray has been busy patching the cement near the east and west entrances to the church. This repair work will extend the life of the cement pads and hopefully prevent further water damage due to freezing. Bruce has also invested a lot of time and patience in requesting quotes to determine the cost of repairing the pavement in the parking lot between the church . Bruce has also worked hard in obtaining various quotes to re-point the bricks on the exterior façade of the church. I know that Bruce has done much more for the parish that I am not aware of, or have forgotten. For all of these we thank you Bruce for giving us a fine example of stewardship.