#### BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth  $\diamond \quad \diamond \quad \diamond$ 

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:55am-12 Noon

Program for 3- & 4- yearolds; Grades K-8 Program for the children of registered parishioners

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#### CONFIRMATION

For Grades 8-12: Enquire at Parish Office in September  $\Diamond \quad \Diamond \quad \Diamond$ 

#### YOUTH EVENTS

#### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Enquire at the Adult Education Centre if interested in joining the Catholic Church. $\Diamond \quad \Diamond \quad \Diamond$

#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** Arrange 12 months in

advance.

## SICK CALLS: Request through the Office. Someone

will gladly visit the sick.  $\diamond \quad \diamond \quad \diamond$ 

#### HEALING PRAYER

MINISTRY: for prayer, call Valerie, :204-453-9243  $\Diamond \quad \Diamond \quad \Diamond$ 

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meet 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month at 7:30pm

Readings: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)			
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel	
Acts 5: 12-16	Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19	John 20: 19-31	

#### THE CRUX OF BELIEF

When the risen Jesus made himself present among of the disciples who were hiding in the upper room, his words and actions recapitulated everything he had done with them, especially at their last supper together. He greeted them saying, "Peace be with you." [He breathed the Holy Spirit into them and charged them with the remission of sin.]

John could have ended his Gospel [here]. But that might have made it appear that the Gospel closed with the women and men who were present in that room. Composing this Gospel more than 60 years after the Resurrection, John was writing for Christians, some of whom had never seen Jesus or any of the original disciples. He was writing for us and wanted to include us in the story. Thus, he introduced us to Thomas, the twin brother of everyone who was absent on that first night.

Like the disciples who couldn't believe that Mary and the women had encountered the risen Lord, Thomas was not convinced that Jesus had been among the disciples. Was it his pragmatism? If it was lack of faith, in whom did he lack faith, in the Lord or in his fellow disciples? Thomas explained only that he needed certainty.

Thomas wanted to see and touch Jesus. He wanted to rely on the experience that Jesus had denied Mary Magdalene when he told her that she couldn't cling to physical evidence of what is transcendent. No physical expression proves love. At best, the physical is a sign of what exists on a much deeper level. In the same way, Jesus' appearances were signs, but not the essence of his resurrection or his ongoing presence.

Thus, when the risen Lord appeared to Thomas and greeted him with peace, the disciple who had said he needed to put his hands on Jesus' body was instead so touched by Christ's love that all he could do was proclaim his faith.

Jesus' last beatitude was, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Blessed are we when we believe that sin and death have been conquered. Blessed are we when forgiveness makes us one. Blessed too when the Spirit impels us into the mission that allows us to share the very life of God.

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#### Served by:

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#### ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

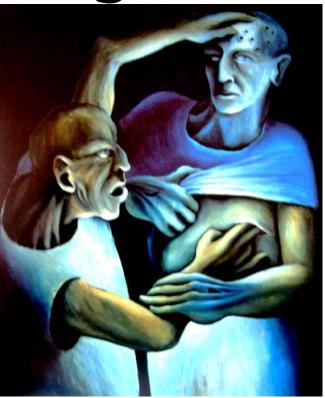
Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for children of registered parishioners. **Principal:** Jeannine Pistawka **Admin Asst:** Michele Lampertz 204-475-1386 www.stignatius.mb.ca

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# The Community of **St Ignatius**



Doubting Thomas by Michael Smither (New Zealand, 1968)

### 28 April 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

WEEKEND MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES		
Saturday:	5:00pm	Mon:	7:15am (& Communion Service 11am)	
Sunday:	8:00am	Tues-Sat:	11:00am	
	9:30am		T OF RECONCILIATION	
	11:00am	Fri May	$3^{rd}$ 4:00 - 5:00pm No Confession	
	3:40pm (Spanish)	Sat Fri May	$4^{\text{th}}$ 9:45 - 10:45am Fr Obrigewitsch 10 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 5:00pm Fr Obrigewitsch	
	8:30pm	Sat	$11^{\text{th}}$ 9:45 - 10:45am Fr Newman	

#### 28 April 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (C)

**Special thanks** to the Liturgy Committee, the Ministers, and all who helped make our Easter Triduum such a beautiful celebration. Thanks also to those who contributed flowers, to the Knights of Columbus, and to the many other volunteers who helped at the Easter Vigil reception.

Sharing God's Gifts: There is a collection *next* weekend.

This is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will say a special prayer after the Prayer of the Faithful.

*Living as Treaty People:* Final Truth & Reconciliation Dialogue – Wind-Up Session between St Kateri and St Ignatius Communities, Thursday 2 May 7pm, St Ignatius Parish Main Hall (please enter on the Jessie side of the church, using the door at the bottom of the wheelchair ramp). Teaching on the medicine wheel by Stan Fontaine and Joan Molloy. Followed by a feast, an Indigenous dance demonstration, and a friendship dance for all. All invited. Free admission. To register, email Sr Thuong, *maithuongrndm@yahoo.com* 

Preparation Days for the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, five Tuesdays: 30 April, and 7, 14, 21, and 28 May at 7pm in the Adult Education Centre. A five-week commitment to daily prayer, journaling, and weekly group teaching. This introductory stand-alone retreat program also serves as a pre-requisite for a fuller program in the autumn. To register or for info, contact Valerie, 204-453-9243 or adult.education@stigantius.ca



#### Community Health & Wellbeing Program: Wednesday 1 May, 1:30pm,

Temple Shalom, 1077 Grant Ave. *Tai Chi for Life* – an introduction to its ancient origins, basic forms, and health benefits for all ages. Presenter: Kathy Carlson. All welcome, especially 55+. Free refreshments.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thursday 2 May**, 6:30pm in Ed Centre Library and every first Thursday of the month. Knitters and crocheters welcome. Monetary donations to purchase supplies are requested; they may be dropped off at the Office.

*Pope Francis: A Man of His Word*: Friday 10 May, 1pm in the Adult Education Centre. This 95-minute documentary highlights the Pope's integrity, mercy, simplicity and nearness through a series of intimate interviews on his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions. For more info contact Winn, 204-779-3031, or Fr Newman.

**Eucharistic Adoration on 56<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday 12 May**, 7pm, St Mary's Cathedral. Presider: Archbishop Richard Gagnon. Let us join our local prayers with those of the Universal Church asking God to "send labourers into His harvest": many priests, religious, and deacons. Info: contact Fr Peter Nemcek, Vocations Director 204-947-0294 or *vocations@archwinnipeg.ca* 

#### **Financial Report**

**2019** *Sharing God's Gifts* Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): We take up our SGG collections every second week. Our Parish's assessment for 2019 is \$65,453; we still have to collect \$43,454. Please make cheques payable to the Parish, earmarked "Sharing God's Gifts" – and print your name and envelope number clearly on the Sharing God's Gifts envelope. Thank you for your generosity towards the various Archdiocesan ministries!

**St Ignatius Statement for this week:** To our regular Sunday collections you gave \$16,328, to our Easter collection you gave \$9,042 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$991. To Agape and the Poor Box you gave \$105. To the Good Friday collection you gave \$4,829 which will be used for the Holy Land, Rossbrook House, and other local charities. Thank you for your generosity.

**Please consider using Pre-Authorized Payments (PAC)** for your contributions to the church: an easy way to donate. **To start a new PAC or increase an existing one, please fill out a form available from the Office.** 

**Congratulations** to the students of St Ignatius School who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Thanks to their parents and their teachers for guiding them through this major development in their life of faith.



Mas	s Intentions	for the Week of April 29th-May 4th
Mon	Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:15am +Inocencio Cabahug
Tues	$30^{th}$	11:00am +Wilfred Zunti
Wed	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00am +Alexina Sniatowski
Thu	$2^{nd}$	11:00am +Sony Pacheco
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am +Fr Brian Massie, sj
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am +Jack Ryan

"The Believers were all together in Solomon's Portico" (Jerusalem Temple) (Acts 5) by James Tissot