<u>Visitation is important to us and to you:</u> Unfortunately sometimes we are unaware of your situation : if you would like a home visit from your clergy, please let us know. You may call the office, leave your name and telephone number and we will get back to you to arrange a convenient time.

<u>Christmas Communions</u>: if you aren't currently receiving home communion but would like to have your name added to our list to receive Holy Eucharist during the holidays please call the office. Thank you.

### Schedule: December 8,2013 Baptism

8:30am-Holy Eucharist, 10am–Holy Eucharist 7pm Evening Prayer

Thursday Choir practice @ 6:30

Warden: Aura Farrell

Sidespersons: Team #1 Gerry Fagan

Eucharistic Assistants

8:30am–Calvin

10am–MaDonna R., Bertha, Isabelle, Barb C

#### <u>Greeters</u>

Baptism dates

Baptism prep – Dec. 5th – Baptism – Dec. 8th

10am – Dave , Jocelyn

7pm–Violet, Calvin

Readers Baptism

<u>Counting</u> Team # 7 <u>Servers</u> Allie P, Caitlin T, Ashley E

The next <u>personal home care</u> visitation is December 3rd, 2pm @ Allison Manor Worship Service Planners Schedule Dec. 8th—Enid Dec. 15th—Alma Dec.22nd—Sunday School Dec. 29th—Clergy





All Saints Candle Shining a light on what's happening in our parish!! December 1, 2013

# Management

#### Parish Christmas Social: Wanna come?

It is being hosted by your vestry on December 13th downstairs in the parish hall. Our planning is underway and we will fill you in soon. But be sure to mark your calendar to join us for a great evening of fun. See you there!

#### Advent

Did you know that Jesus is coming to the world not for the good people with a perfect past but for those who are less than good and who have a problem past. There's hope for us all! As you prepare for Christmas don't forget to prepare your heart and home for Jesus: He is the reason for the season .

<u>Advent Folders</u> are now available at the back of the church . If you want one, please pick it up on your way out.

#### Is life filled with chances or choices?

Mary is part of the process of bringing hope into the world. Why Mary? Why did God choose her? When Gabriel spoke to her, Mary responds as though she has a choice in the matter, and she probably does. "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said." God chose a young girl, to help bring hope into the world, and she said, "Yes, I will do it."She was willing to submit to the Lord. What has God chosen you to do? What will our response be? Life is not about chances; life is about choices."Mary made her choice.

#### Vestry Update

Vestry met on November 19th and from all reports presented it was understood that your parish is important to you. You are giving of your time, talent and treasure to ensure that parish ministry continues at All Saints. As of Oct 31st total income for regular offering: \$287,157.22 ; total expenses: \$320,275.21 We continue to need your support.

#### "Ho Ho Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall, Thursday, Dec. 5, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship. For tickets call Barbara at 834-4795 or Golda 834-7110."

"Breakfast with Santa, Parish Hall, Saturday, Dec. 14, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Everyone welcome."

#### ACW Christmas Dinner, Parish Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:00 p.m.

Menu includes half Cornish hen dinner with dessert at a cost of \$15.00. "Please notify Barbara Tilley @ 834-4795 by Dec. 4 if you wish to attend". Ladies of the parish are all welcome.

**On behalf of the CBS/Paradise Community Food Bank** we would like to thank each and everyone for your past and continuing support. Again this year our board has decided to prepare and distribute our Christmas Hampers in one day; therefore; we are asking the churches to accept monetary donations. Food items will automatically be sent to the Food Bank.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please feel free to contribute whatever amount you wish, no amount is to big or to small. We are responsible for 40 Christmas Hampers at a value of \$60.00 each.

Food hampers will be prepared and distributed on Friday December 20th. **Christmas Hamper Costs:** Full Hamper — \$60.00, Turkey — \$20.00, Fruit/Vegetables — \$10.00, Other Items — \$5.00

## **Thank Offerings and Memorials**

#### Christmas Memorials and Thank offerings

If you plan on making a donation to your church as a thank offering or memorial in our Christmas Bulletin we ask that you have your information and donation into the office no later than **December 18th at 3pm.** 

#### A Memorial has been given to All Saints Parish in loving memory of:

**Sidney Mercer** (remembering his 65<sup>th</sup>. birthday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.) by Lillian, Sidney, Jeannette, Mackenzie & Noah.

**Jordan Fagan** (remembering his death, November 23, 2003) by Christine, Don, Nelson, Sandra, Michelle and families.

#### A Thank Offering has been given to All Saints Renovation Fund by:

Rachel Fagan's 91<sup>st</sup>. birthday on November 4<sup>th</sup>. by:

Bill & Rita

Jean Mercer & Family

# OUTREACH

#### **PWRDF responds to Flooding in the Philippines**

An initial grant of \$20,000 has been sent to the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP)—and another \$20,000 has been promised. All donations received between Nov 9 and Dec 9, 2013 will be matched dollar for dollar by the Canadian government for the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund. You may make your donation through the church and we will forward it on your behalf. You will receive credit on your year end financial statement.

#### Don't forget your local FOOD BANK: ITEMS NEEDED

Include: Meatball/gravy	- Tin fruit	-Tin stews Tin milk	-Sugar- Sidekicks
$\Rightarrow$ Tin pasta (zoodles, spaghetti) -Cereal -Mr. Noodle -Rice -Powdered juice(tang)			
-Crackers - Chef Boyardee <u>Special needs</u> -Flour- soup -crackers -cookie			
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS are gratefully accepted as well.			

#### All Saints' Blue Christmas Service: Dec 15th at 7pm

We recognize that the Christmas season is a time to celebrate hope, love, joy and peace, yet for some it can be a time of depression, sadness and grief. Please join with us as a church in special recognition of the struggles that many people face during this season. The service is reflective, with a focus on hope and healing. Prayers, scripture and music are selected to offer assurance that God is with those who are struggling. Candles will be lit as a memorial to those we love but see no longer.



#### **Bible Studies:**

Monday afternoons from **2 to 3:30.** Location home of Madeline Critchell Wednesday mornings from **10:00-11:30**. Location All Saints Chapel Thursday afternoons from **2:00 – 3:00**. Parish Hall

#### **Mission Statement**

The purpose of All Saints is to be a family of worshipping Christians dedicated to Christian Education, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Care, Outreach and Fellowship.