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Sights and Sounds

February 20, 2020

For the Month of February



Birthdays

February 1 Brad Taylor
February 23 Fr. Albert Ulrich



First Vows

February 8 Fr. Heinner Paucar (25)

Wedding Anniversary

February 12 Brad & Christine Taylor (26)

Ordination

February 7 Fr. Richard Doll (56)
February 12 Fr. Heinner Paucar (20)
February 23 +B. Gerry Wiesner (57)



Fr. Lester Kaufmann was discharged from City Hospital on February 8th. Corrine and Br. Walter got Fr. Lester safely home to Trinity Manor where he continues to heal. He is doing very well.

Fr. Joe Jacek continues to do well in his recovery at Trinity Manor. He is now able to put some weight on his injured leg. He hopes to start Physical Therapy soon.

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### **February 7<sup>th</sup> & February 8<sup>th</sup> Community Days Report:**

*Harry Lafond, Councillor from Muskeg Lake Cree Nation spoke to us on Friday afternoon. His personal sharing and openness brought a sense of community and energy as well as evoked some very strong personal feelings. We would love to have Harry Lafond come back at a future Community Days gathering.*

*Fr. Ken Thorson's sharing of his Kenya trip also brought a lot of energy to the group as well as some great discussion. During the renewal of vows for the Oblates and commitments for the Oblate Associates at the Eucharist, Fr. Ken had us gather in a circle facing each other where a very strong sense of community was felt.*

*Gathering as a community always gives us a chance to share and have some great conversations; we need to continue to do this!*

***Submitted by Fr. Bill Stang***



*Harry Lafond, B. Gerry Wiesner*



*Fr. Glenn Zimmer, Sr. Adeline Behm,  
Fr. John Zunti*



*Lynden Zimmer, Fr. Joe Jacek,  
Br. Walter DeMong, Fr. Wendelin Rolheiser*

### **Happy Birthday Sr. Adeline Behm**



*Sr. Adeline Behm, Fr. Bill Stang*

*Community Days also gave some of us a chance to sing "Happy Birthday" to Sr. Adeline. She has been a long-time friend of the Oblate Community and currently keeps herself busy doing Spiritual Direction at Queen's House.*



### **Treasurer's Office:**

- *Please send in your remaining 2019 GST Receipts as soon as possible. We would like to submit them no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.*
- *SDC Audit will take place March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Please continue to send in all documents pertaining to income tax to Rita McKaig at the SDC Office.*

*Thank you,  
Corrine Pambrun and Fr. Paul Fachel*



***The next coffee gathering at Trinity Manor will be on Thursday, March 12 at 3:00pm. See you there!!***

### **Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI**

- On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie will be doing a workshop at Queen's House called First Nations Spirituality. He will be working in conjunction with Kairos Blanket Exercise Team, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Harry Lafond. This workshop will start at 9:00am and go until to 4:00 pm.
- Archbishop Sylvain will also be doing Parish Mission at St. Philips Neri Parish on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.



### **News from Meadow Lake - Submitted by Fr. Doug Jeffrey:**

On February 17 I was fortunate to have Christine Taylor and Fr. Richard Leonard SJ as houseguests. They were here because Fr. Richard was presenting an evening for the folks of Deanery 6 entitled, "Hatch, Match and Dispatch: A Catholic Guide to the Sacraments". His presentation looked at the seven sacraments and invited us to strip away some of our local practices and look at what is at the heart of our encounter with God when we celebrate these life moments. I had scheduled mass at 9:15 am and Christine was able to join with me and 11 other folks for a mass remembering the affirmation of our Rule of Life. We gathered in our little Chapel Hall afterward for muffins, fruit, cheese and refreshments. It was nice to have another Oblate present for this feast.

Later that day some 70 people gathered to share a wonderful potluck meal and to hear Fr. Richard. The reviews of the meal were excellent and the response to the talk was heartwarming as people noted the hope that his words inspired in their hearts. People came from Pierceland, Goodsoil, Loon Lake, Makwa, Barthel, Waterhen Lake and of course Meadow Lake. There was a unanimous, "We should do this again!" from the folks. I agree with them. In the midst of writing her thesis Christine organized a wonderful faith event that touched Prince Albert, North Battleford and Meadow Lake with new life and a sense of hope. The event really was good news and it was nice to celebrate it on the 17th!



### **Oblate Associates Night – February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

This is an invitation to the friends of the Oblates and Oblate Associates to attend an evening where they are invited to become Oblate Associates.

This will take place in the Rectory at St. Philip Neri Parish at 7 pm. All Oblates and Oblate Associates are invited to join us!

***Submitted by Fr. Mike Dechant***

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Queen's House News – Brendan Bitz, Director

We are gratified by the diversity and extent of our Queen's House program offerings as we focus on our second quarter slate. As Sarah Donnelly frequently expresses, we are so very grateful for the many relationships and partnerships that are at play with us in this important work – we could never do this work alone but only with the dedication and commitment of our engaged community. As all of our program developments unfold, planning for our 2020 Spring Fling Raffle is well underway; we await our final sanctioning from our Saskatchewan licensing agency and look forward to circulating the invitations to participate in both hard copy and electronically. And it is important to celebrate whenever we can and although a modest benchmark, we are at 15% mark of our Roots & Wings Campaign goal.

Our OMI Lacombe Leadership Team arrives in Saskatoon tomorrow and we look forward to the sharing and planning time with them and our Advisory Board Executive. We are grateful to all of our Oblate family for the practical interest and support that you provide. Final preparations for our upcoming audit are being completed as led by Corrine Pambrun as we ready ourselves for this important and essential aspect of operation. Although we often remark that our auditors are our “friends”, we really do value the care that they provide and the quality professional relationship that we have with them.

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