

June 5, 2022 Father Nilo Macapinlac

Confession	11:00 AM Olds
Holy Mass	5:00 PM Olds
Sun June 5, 2022 Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds
	7:00 PM Olds
Divine Mercy Chaplet - Weekly	9:00 AM Olds
Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
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### PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday - 6:30 PM
Wednesday - 9:00 AM
Friday - 9:00 AM
Saturday - 5:00 PM
Sunday - 9:00/11:15AM
Sunday - 7:00PM

Confession every Saturday in Olds at 11:00 AM.

Our Lady of Fatima - Sundre
OLF celebrates a monthly Mass on
the first Friday of every month.

## **OLF Weekly Schedule**

June 3, 2022 First Friday Mass Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary – 10:00 AM

St. Anthony
June 11th – 7 PM – Holy Mass

### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear friends in Christ,

Today we reach the finale of the Easter season with the celebration of the great Feast of Pentecost. Reflecting on today's readings inspires a sense of awe as we consider the mighty power of the Holy Spirit at work giving birth to and sustaining our Church. Just as awesome — the same Spirit is calling to us this day to take up our part in the Church's saving work. In the first reading, from Acts, we see the creative genius of the Holy Spirit moving through the newly confirmed Apostles "who began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." The large crowd gathered from all over the world was "amazed" and "astounded" that each one could understand the Apostles speaking in their own language. Each one of us, young and old alike, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit into the same mission as that of the first Apostles — to advance the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world. Just as He did on that Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in our "own language" to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urge us to share it. We can think of our own language as the particular gifts, talents and passions we possess. We truly serve a personal God who sees each of us as unique and individual creations. Therefore each one of us has a personal mission to fulfill through the use of our personal gifts and talents in grateful service of the Kingdom of God. We see this described in our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians where he explains: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God...To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." When we consider the stewardship way of life we are called to live, we often focus on the challenges it poses. And living as a modern-day steward is indeed challenging. But on this feast of Pentecost, when we reflect on the unleashing of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Apostles, and through them the crowd, let's remember that we Christian stewards have much to celebrate. When we surrender ourselves to God, putting Him first in all aspects of life — our time, talents, and finances — we can count on a life that is challenging, yes, but even more so a life that is exciting, creative and deeply rewarding. In others words, we can experience life as a great adventure because it is a life guided and directed by the very source of power and creativity— the Holy Spirit. What's more, when live in grateful dependence on the Holy Spirit, we can count on not only adventure, but peace — the peace that cannot be found in a "worldly" way of life where one tries to find security in wealth or prestige or self-indulgence. Rather, it is the peace that Jesus brings to us as we commit ourselves to Him. As He said to the Apostles in today's Gospel reading from John, He says to us today, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As we celebrate the birthday of the Church today let's give thanks to God for calling us, His stewards, to the adventure of a lifetime! Please include in your prayers our First Communicants in Olds and their families for the upcoming First Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Blessings to all of you!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

## A FEW SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

Thank you to the many people who made all the services throughout the Easter season so very special! It has been a great gift to be able to celebrate these in community.

Thank you to all who attended the Annual General Meeting last Saturday in the parish hall. Good discussion. Thanks to all who brought food, set up and cleaned up.

Jim and Betty Stumpf would like to thank everyone for their prayers and many kindnesses during their time in hospital and while in recovery at home.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE - PARISH DINNER

Social Justice Presents A Parish Dinner In Support Of Father Adam Daniluk's Parish -Saint Augustine in Rozanka, Poland

in Aid Of Ukrainian Refugees

June 25, 2022 6:00 PM Parish Hall

Traditional Ukrainian Dinner by Ex-Granny Jack's Catering Guest Speaker on Ukrainian History and Present Crisis \$25 per person

Tables of 6 or 8 available

Tickets available after Masses and at Parish office

Donations are welcome - please see Parish office.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Becoming a member**: For any Catholic man, 18 years of age or older, looking to join the local Knights of Columbus and help us put our Faith in Action please contact our Membership Director Brother Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627 or by email at: <a href="mailto:dankilloran0521@gmail.com">dankilloran0521@gmail.com</a>

**Financial Presentations:** The second presentation; *The 4 Ways Prudent Business Owners, Farmers & Professionals Use Life Insurance* will be on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. please join us for short (30 to 40 minutes) but informative financial seminars. These online presentations are led by best-selling author and Life Insurance Educator, Jim Ruta. Here is the registration Information:

Click https://tinyurl.com/RutaJune16 to register. Thanks for your participation

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Children's Liturgy Program will run until the end of June. This program is for preschool aged children to participate in during Sunday Morning Mass. No need to register, but if you have any questions, please call Theresa at 403-559-6843

**SAVE THE DATE!** Vacation Bible School will be held this summer from July 18-22. We are looking for volunteers for our main stations (Faith, Games, Crafts, Snack, Music, Decorations, and organizing the Final Fun Day). These positions are absolutely essential and we will not be able to run the program without these positions filled. This is a wonderful week to offer our children full of fun and growing in faith with friends! Please join us in giving the children of our parish this amazing opportunity! There is a sign-up sheet on the catechism table or call/text Theresa at 403-559-6843.

# ST STEPHEN'S YOUTH - Upcoming events

June 17<sup>th</sup> - Holy Trinity School – Live Action Crusades - from 7:00-9:00. Join Peter for live action Crusades. More details to follow.

## CALL TO PROTECT TRAINING

On **Friday June 17, 2022 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm** there will be a Called to Protect training session. This is a requirement for all volunteers. The workshop will take place over Zoom. It will be approximately 2.5 hours long. Please share this with your fellow volunteers in your ministries.

Here's the link for the **Registration**: <a href="https://forms.gle/htZYnoyqBzFSK77F6">https://forms.gle/htZYnoyqBzFSK77F6</a>

## CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

"The feast of Corpus Christi was established to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the body and blood of Jesus Christ. By tradition, Catholics attend Mass and participate in the procession either before or after through the streets of their parish church's neighborhood, all whilst praying and singing."

St. Stephen's Parish will hold their procession on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> with our First Communicants who will receive their First Holy Communion that same day. All are welcome to join in this wonderful tradition as we follow a lovely procession through the church grounds.

### FAITH FORMATION

Come and join us for our *Prayer & Praise Evening* on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room. Bring your instruments along with your voices. Let us praise the Lord for His goodness and invoke the Holy Spirit for the parish and our intentions.

#### **AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

Just a quick reminder as your summer plans are starting to fall into place and you plan to be away, the Parish offers Automatic Contribution via Credit Card, Chequing and even through E-transfer. E transfers can be sent to <a href="mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com">ststephen102@gmail.com</a> and forms are available in the office to set up Automatic Contributions – just see Mia.

## LAUDATO SI

As the warm sun reminds us that June is here, we also embrace one of the fundamental concepts of Laudato Si in the simple growing of a garden. Our team is hard at it again tending to the planting and growing of the Parish garden. We encourage you to give of your time and talents to help our team in their efforts.

