



St. Stephen's Parish Bulletin – June 11, 2023

St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima

Nilo Macapinlac

Sat June 10, 2023	Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass – St. Anthony's	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds 7:00 PM- Didsbury
Sun June 11, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Tues June 13, 2023	Holy Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed June 14, 2023	Holy Mass w/ Holy Trinity School	9:15 AM Olds
Thurs June 15, 2023	<i>Holy Trinity – Grade 8 – Graduation Service</i>	6:00 PM Olds
Fri June 16, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat June 17, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun June 18, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM – Olds 7:00 PM – Olds

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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 Unless otherwise posted. .

Our Lady of Fatima – Sunde

1st Friday Mass – July 7, 2023
Marian Cenacle – Wed - 7:00 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary – Friday - 10:00 AM

St. Anthony - Didsbury
2nd Saturday Mass – June 10, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ, "Corpus Christi". Our readings are focused on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist. This feast has deep significance to those of us living the stewardship way of life. Why? As stewards, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have been given are gifts from God. We are called to treasure these gifts and use them for God's glory. Aside from life itself, the most precious gifts God has given us are His Word and His Body and Blood. Our Solemnity today and the readings for this week invite us to a deeper gratitude and better stewardship of these two sublime gifts. In our first reading, from Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people that God "let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna... in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord. Do not forget the Lord your God." Our Heavenly Father is such a good teacher. He reminds His people that just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through lack of feeding on the Word of God. It is that important. God's Word is alive and He intends for us to feed on it daily. Yet, it is a gift that is easy to neglect. In this noisy modern world, it can be challenging to even recognize our spiritual "hunger pangs." And it is easier to feed them with the junk food of mindless distraction and entertainment. As Christian stewards, we must recognize our dependence on God's Word, and treasure this priceless gift — out of gratitude to the Giver and so that we can share it with others. Our Lord reveals the full meaning of this gift in our Gospel passage from John. He says to the crowds, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." In the Old Testament, God fed His people with manna. Now, He feeds us with the very Flesh and Blood of His Son. And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too is the nourishment of the Eucharist. Jesus could not make this any clearer to us: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." Notice that Christ does not say those who partake of His Body and Blood will have eternal life, but that they have eternal life — right here and right now! It is no wonder then, that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Eucharist as the "source and summit of our faith" (1324). As part of our renewed life and an act of gratitude, let us always be ready in looking after the needs of those around us. Charity begins at home. In caring our sick and elderly, the dying and those who need the last rites of the Church, please do not hesitate to call me at 780-3521524 or 403-4156183. Let us promote "Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in our parish. Our Lord Jesus' appeal to His apostles before he was arrested at the Garden of Gethsemane was to spend an hour praying with Him. Let us bring into our Eucharistic adoration the intention for healing those who are sick and the elderly in our prayer. Congratulations to our First Communicants and to all those who formed them in the richness of our Catholic faith. Blessings!

Yours devotedly in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

The Parish is hoping to renew the FORMED.org subscription in June, but we can't do it without you..

We have heard wonderful comments about those that are using it with their families, their prayer groups, in teachable moments with young kids, watching together with your partner and many other situations. We would encourage you to make a donation towards our Formed subscription, as it is a costly subscription, and one we don't want to lose. If you haven't had a chance to use it and are interested, call Mia for assistance and she will walk you through it. It is very easy to navigate.

You can include it in your weekly donation with a reference to "FORMED" or you can etransfer the Parish at ststephen102@gmail.com.

Not too late to make a contribution towards our FORMED subscription.

ST. ANTHONY'S AGM (DIDSBURY)

St. Anthony's Parish will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on June 10th following Mass. Please join them for the meeting and fellowship. St. Anthony's PPC is always looking for new members to join them

St. Anthony's CWL would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Stephen's in regards to their recent Bake Sale. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and allows us to fund our annual scholarship and school breakfast programs. **Thank you all.**

FAITH FORMATION

Registration forms for the St. Stephen's Campout on Fri. July 21st-Sun. July 23rd will be available on the Spiritual Development table as well in the foyer.

Vacation Bible School 2023 is coming! Vacation Bible School will run from July 10-14 this summer. Ages 3-11 are welcome! This program will run mornings from Mon-Fri with a family wind-up party on our last day! If you are available to volunteer to help us run this camp, please contact Theresa 403-559-6843. We are looking for adult leaders in Faith, Games and Crafts as well as youth volunteers to help guide the children. Sign-up sheets will soon be available in the church foyer.

SACRAMENTAL PREP – BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Baptismal Preparation coming up in June. The first class is scheduled on Wednesday June 15th at 7:00 pm with the second class the following week on Thursday June 22, 2023. Classes will be in the Upper Room of the Parish. Anyone who is planning to have a child baptised is required to attend this two evening program. Please note, the next course is not planned until the Fall, so if you are expecting in the upcoming months, you are encouraged to attend prior to the birth of your baby. Please contact Tara Miller for more information and to register (403-507-1793)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Next Sunday marks the end of the Knights of Columbus fundraising drive in support of our local Pregnancy Care Centre. You are reminded that you need to return your baby bottles filled coinage or a cheque by the end of next weekend. Also, if you would still like to make a donation of baby products such as diapers, wipes, baby hygiene products or clothing this would be appreciated, as well. But these items also need to be in the cradle by the end of next weekend. Thank you for your support. Contact Dan Killoran if you have any questions. 403-415-5627

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

St Stephen's CWL invites all parishioners to beef on a bun lunch following mass on Sunday, June 18 to celebrate Father's Day.

Our annual barbecue will take place June 21 at the Wahlstrom's home. Come out and enjoy fellowship with our members as we celebrate the end of another year of CWL activities. For more information contact Jo-Anne Sell (403 415-5022)

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP

More than a thousand volunteer and contracted hours have gone into preparing Our Lady of Victory Camp for relaunch in July. We need your help with our final push at a work bee on Saturday, June 10, 2023. We are seeking ONE HUNDRED volunteers who can spend the day (or half the day) with us as we get ready for summer 2023. Jobs at camp include cleaning buildings, organizing supplies, yardwork, and finishing work on the projects we've been working on throughout the spring. Please contact Deacon Claude Baril at 403-896-3745 or email cbaril53@gmail.com to let us know you're coming.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MASSES

Once a month, we welcome the students and staff from Holy Trinity School to Morning Mass. They will join us for the last Mass of the school year on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 9:15 am. We begin at 9:15 to allow time for the students to be transported by bus. We encourage you to join us at Mass.

VOLUNTEER TEA

As a token of our appreciation the Parish Pastoral Council and the Stewardship Committee would like to invite you to a **St Stephen Volunteer Appreciation Brunch** following the morning Mass on Sunday, June 25th.

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH – JUNE 18, 2023

St Stephen's CWL invites all parishioners to beef on a bun lunch following mass on Sunday, June 18 to celebrate Father's Day.

"THOUGHT" – FUL CORNER

Today we are sharing an excerpt taken from the book "**FREE TO BE NOTHING**" written by Edward Farrell shared with us by Gerry Wiper. As the Church focuses on New Evangelization which "calls each of us to deepen our Faith, to believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel" this statement makes it seem so simple. The author doesn't measure it by one specific action or thought, but by the way we, as Christians, come together to follow Christ, thereby, sharing the message and deepening our Faith in everything we do and helping those around us to do the same .

If you come across a passage or read something you would like to share, feel free to email Mia at ststephen102@gmail.com. I will do my best to find room in the bulletin in our "Corner full of thoughts"

"Evangelization is not one person, one thing. It is everyone, each in a unique way, each in a different way – sometimes consciously and consistently, and, other time, not so consciously and consistently- following Christ. Evangelization is a *community of disciples*, witnesses of Christ– a community which in spite of all of its deficiencies is a community precisely because all of its members form together with Christ himself, because they bear in their hearts the indelible mark of the Christian." Edward Farrell