

Catholic Education Sunday



Nov 12, 2023

St. Stephen's, St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima
Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Nov 11, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Nov 12, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Nov 14, 2023	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Nov 15, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM
Fri Nov 17, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM
Sat Nov 18, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Nov 19, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds

The Book of Remembrance is located in the foyer. Enter the names of your loved ones who have passed, and the book will be placed before the altar before each Mass. .

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Tue – Thurs 9-2pm

Fri – closed

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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 – Sundre

1st Friday Mass – Dec 1, 2023

Marian Cenacle – Wed - 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary –

Friday - 10:00 AM

St. Anthony - Didsbury

Date to follow in next weeks
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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Parishioners: Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you! Thank you for your participation in the life of the parish and in sharing your gifts. We are grateful for the gift of our Catholic faith and the Holy Trinity Catholic School in Town of Olds. We've just celebrated the Catholic Education last Sunday. Well, we are now on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and it is key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us. Our First Reading is taken from the very Book of Wisdom. It instructs, "Taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her [that is, wisdom's] sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care." How does the seeking of wisdom — not worldly wisdom, but the wisdom that comes from the Holy Spirit — "free us from care"? It causes us to rely on God to lead and guide us. This is indeed a freeing way to approach life, removing the pressure from us to have all the answers — because the truth is, we don't. The world is too complicated and unpredictable. The Christian steward can rest in the power of the Holy Spirit to help us navigate any situation. No situation is more complex (or painful) than death, a subject that St. Paul takes on in our Second Reading from his letter to the Thessalonians. Paul teaches us to be wise in our attitude towards death — our own and that of our loved ones. He advises that we not be "unaware... about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep." This is both comforting and sobering. It reminds us that death does not have the final word, because Jesus has conquered even death. But it also calls to mind the inevitability of death. We are wise stewards if we live our lives with this truth in mind, setting priorities that will keep us ready to face our judgment day. Jesus makes this point very explicitly in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talents and Treasure — is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom. Authentic wisdom bears fruit of charity. 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. Blessings to all who live the art of Christian Stewardship as we celebrate the Stewardship Sunday here in North America.

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child



The miracle that is the unborn child continues to grow and develop at the two month mark. The baby's facial features continue to develop including little ears on each side of the heart and little buds as they grow into fingers and toes. The brain, spinal cord and nervous system are well formed and will only continue to develop over the next few months. The embryo begins to move, although the mother may not be able to feel it, the miracle of life is alive and well inside of her.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION - The Archbishop will be coming to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with us on June 9, 2024. If you have a child who will be at least 12 yrs old on or before this date, they are eligible to sign up. Registration forms are available in the foyer and can be submitted to Donna in the office. For more information, contact Maria at 587-796-0903.

Classes this weekend – Sunday at 10AM.

Thank you to all who attended the Culminating Rosary Rally for the month of the Rosary last Friday Oct. 27th. Many thanks to Sheila and the Confirmation class for their efforts to make the Rosary so beautiful.

The Journey with Jesus (Confirmation) class would thank all participants of their All Saints' Day Potluck and Party last Sunday. Thank you to all the confirmandi who worked hard to get the games ready.

PRO LIFE ROSARY PROJECT

Rosaries are still available on the table in the foyer in support of pro-life. Proceeds from the sale will go to Rosary supplies and the rest will be donated to a non-profit pro life organization. If you would like to donate towards this worthy project, please write Rosary Project on an envelope with your donation which can be placed in the collection plate, or cash/cheque brought to Mia or e-transferred to the parish office. Donations of beads of all sizes, broken rosaries or ones no longer used would also be gratefully accepted. There will be a basket on the Rosary table. Thank you to Zoe Ginter who is running this project and is responsible for making the beautiful Rosaries.

HOSPITALITY

If you, your family or your group would like to host a coffee party, please sign up on the Hospitality Calendar in the foyer. It would also help organizing if the groups could write their activities on the calendar as well once you have checked with the office, so that everyone could see what dates are still open. Ex. Thanksgiving Supper, All Saints' Day Party. .

CALL TO PROTECT

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session, will be offered on **Monday November 20, 2023, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**. The two-and-half-hour session is mandatory for all clergy, employees and volunteers of the Archdiocese who have not yet participated in this training. This will be a Zoom session open for all. Please register.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2zwKx-sA8duBTJ0oOm5Uo7fIWFD3fuHqJ5IDBuhdNIK-1Vg/viewform>

CWL MINI ADVENT RETREAT

On Saturday, November 25 St Stephen's CWL will host a mini retreat to help us prepare for the coming of Christmas. Father Dan from Mount St. Francis will be here to lead the retreat. The theme is "Rise Up With the Christ Child". The retreat runs from 9 AM until 3 PM. Soup will be provided. Please bring your own sandwich. A love offering will be taken for Father Dan. All ladies are welcome to attend. **Please RSVP to Joanne at 587 796-1634**

MUSTARD SEED PROJECT

This project will be closing soon as we come into Advent. If you have anything you would like to drop off still for the Mustard Seed. Please do so soon. St. Stephens Social Justice Committee is seeking your help with our 5th annual Street Backpack project in partnership with The Mustard Seed. As our weather is getting colder, our hearts go again to the people living in the streets dealing with the upcoming freezing winter. . This year with inflation increasing the cost of

food and basic necessary items the need for help and compassion is even greater. The items we put in a special backpack for these folks are necessities that provide immediate comfort. YOUR gift will give them hope and comfort in knowing that someone cares especially for them.

Please pick an item or two from the list below; bring this item to place in the labelled boxes in the foyer. If you would prefer to donate cash for the Mustard Seed to purchase items, a cheque can be left with Mia at the office made out to the Mustard Seed. Thank- you so much for your generosity!

Backpacks Coats Toques/Mitts Jogging pants boots jeans/ cords socks Small Towels
Deodorant trail mix and granola bars Underwear (New) Hairbrushes reusable water bottle
sleep Masks / Ear plugs Hand lotion, body wash, tissues (travel size) coffee thermos belts
blankets chapstick, nail clippers female hygiene products hand warmers down vest notebook/pen
small paperback books shamp/cond (travel size) Mens/Women's T-Shirts
Winter Items: Can be new or clean gently USED

FAMILY BALLROOM DANCE AND POTLUCK SUPPER



St. Stephen's Family Ballroom dance will be held on Saturday December 9th after 5 pm Mass. Bring a dish to share, and come for the fun!! There will be instructions and then dancing! \$20 / family \$10 / single
See you there!

OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE - CARETAKING

We need to fill our Caretaking role temporarily for the upcoming months. The individual/individuals would be responsible for the cleaning of the Church Building – Main floor, upper level and basement. This does not include Bathrooms or the rectory. It is based on approx 37 hrs a month. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact Mia in the office for more details. 403-556-3084 or ststephen102@gmail.com

*Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture, and Serve.
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The office will be closed on Monday.

