

The Lord is my shepherd... there is nothing I shall want

Nov 26, 2023

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

Sat Nov 25, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Nov 26, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Nov 28, 2023	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Nov 29, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Dec 1, 2023	24 Hr Adoration Weekday Mass <i>Festival of Faith, Hope and Thanksgiving</i> Mass (First Friday)	24 hrs Olds 9:00 AM Olds 6:00-7:00 PM Sundre 7:00 PM Sundre
Sat Dec 2, 2023	Confession Holy Mass <i>Festival of Faith, Hope and Thanksgiving</i> Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds 6:00 - 7:00 PM Didsbury 7:00 PM Didsbury
Sun Dec 3, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Trochu

The Names of loved one who have passed can be entered in to the The Book of Remembrance in the foyer. The book will be placed before the altar before each Mass. .

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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
 Dec 2 – Festival of Faith, Hope and
 Thanksgiving 6-7 Mass 7:00 PM

Dear Friends, Parishioners: Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you! We are now on the 34th Sunday which is the last Sunday or week in Ordinary Time Year A. Today we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours — He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable. How can we properly honor and love such a King? By offering Him our very lives through the stewardship way of life. Our First Reading, from Ezekiel, describes our Lord as a tender shepherd who knows his flock intimately and actively seeks to heal and save us. “Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep... I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest... The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.” Such love is impossible to fully comprehend. All we can do is marvel at the greatness of our God and resolve to thank Him by giving Him the very best of ourselves — our time, our talents, our treasure — and by imitating His love as best we can. The Second Reading demonstrates that humble as He is, Jesus Christ is indeed King of all, having authority over all, both individuals and nations, both the material world and the spiritual world. He will restore all things and all people to proper order “when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” As intimately as we are called to love our King, so too, must we revere and respect His authority over us. We must be ever mindful that everything we have, every breath we take, is a gift from this all-powerful King. In justice, then, we must give Him His due. What is it that He expects from us? The Gospel passage from Matthew shows us. The passage begins with Christ’s own description of His Second Coming, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.” Then the moment of judgment will come. Some will be invited into the Kingdom of Heaven — the others to eternal punishment. This judgment will be based not on how influential we became in society, how high we climbed the corporate ladder, nor any “worldly” achievements, in fact. Rather our judgment will be based on how we treated the last of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers. “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” To make His point very clear, Jesus gives specifics — feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, caring for the ill and imprisoned. These are the priorities of our King. And these must be our priorities, too. The more deeply we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more closely our priorities will align with His. This way of life prepares us well for our judgment day and helps us to live in imitation of our King right now. As part of our renewed life as disciples 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. Blessings!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

FESTIVAL OF FAITH, HOPE AND THANKSGIVING

Join the Tri Parish Communities of St. Stephen’s, Our Lady of Fatima and St. Anthony’s for a Festival of Faith, Hope and Thanksgiving on the weekend of Dec 1 – 3, 2023

Friday Dec 1, 2023 – Our Lady of Fatima – Singing and Praise 6-7 Mass 7:00 PM

Saturday Dec 2, 2023 – St. Anthony’s - Singing and Praise 6-7 Mass 7:00 PM

Sunday Dec 3, 2023 – St. Stephen’s - Singing and Praise 11:00- 11:15 Mass 11:15 AM

Join us following Mass on Sunday at St. Stephen’s for a Potluck Meal to wrap up the weekend. St. Stephen’s has received a donation of Alberta Beef and Turkey with potatoes and salad to start off the potluck. Bring a potluck dish to share – suggestions include buns,



St. Stephen’s Music Ministry



St. Stephen's music ministry invites and welcomes ALL children ages 6 and up to join our Children's leader of song, Jenny, in singing songs of praise during scheduled weekend masses. If you have a child who would like to join Jenny, please contact Mary Trenholm. 403-507-9249 or maryjohntrenholm@hotmail.com. It is approx 1 Mass per month and practices flex as per Jenny's work schedule. They will be leading one of the Christmas Masses, so please let Mary and Jenny know as soon as possible.

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.

PRO LIFE ROSARY PROJECT

Rosaries are available to purchase on the table in the foyer where proceeds will go towards a nonprofit pro life organization and to rosary supplies. If you would like to donate towards the Rosary project, you can place money in the envelopes provided or write Rosary Project on an envelope with your donation can be placed in the collection plate or e transferred to the parish office @ Ststephen102@gmail.com. Donations of beads of all sizes, broken rosaries or ones no longer used would also be gratefully accepted. Thank you to Zoe Ginter who is running this project and is responsible for making the beautiful Rosaries.

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!

CWL MINI ADVENT RETREAT

This Saturday, Nov 25th St Stephen's CWL is hosting a mini retreat to help prepare for the coming of Christmas. Fr Dan from Mount St. Francis will be here to lead the retreat. The theme is "Rise Up With the Christ Child". The retreat is 9 AM - 3 PM. Soup will be provided. Please bring your own sandwich. We will collect a love offering for Fr Dan. All ladies are welcome to attend. **Please RSVP to Joanne at 587 796-1634**

DIDSBURY CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The Didsbury CWL will be holding a **Christmas Bake Sale** immediately after the Saturday December 9th & Sunday December 10th Masses in St. Stephen's Church lobby. **No sales will be made before Mass.**

This is an important fundraiser for the Didsbury CWL as the proceeds go to support their annual High School Scholarship, School Breakfast Programs, Local Food Banks and Hampers, OLVC and Outreach to Seniors. Any support given will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who assisted in honoring through the rosary the feast day of the Presentation of Our Lady on Tuesday evening. The next Living Rosary will be on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday Dec 12th following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Join us for treats afterward!

ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE - 2024

Once again our annual garage sale is fast approaching. The garage sale will be on Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27, 2024. Please mark your calendars and save your items for donation.

Please note –we do not accept the following items: shoes, undergarments, swimsuits, magazines, encyclopedias, old TVs, VHS cassettes, used mattresses, large sports equipment such as treadmills or spin bikes, no car seats, cribs, strollers or stuffed animals. No big electrical appliances such as stoves, fridges, washing machines, or dryers. Electrical appliances must be in working condition.

We appreciate and rely on the donated items and goodwill of our parishioners and the volunteer hours that go into preparing and organizing this huge sale. We ask that you DO NOT drop off anything that isn't suitable for selling as this causes extra work for the volunteers and additional costs involved in disposing of these items. Thank you for your cooperation!! Watch the bulletin for more details in January 2023.

MUSTARD SEED PROJECT

We will be doing one final drop off for the Mustard Seed donations. If you haven't had the opportunity to drop off your donations, please do so before the end of the weekend.

RDCRS presents an Evening w/ Chris Stefanik – Dec 7, 2023

Red Deer Catholic School Division is proud to host an evening with Chris Stefanick for parents and parishioners. Chris Stefanick is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. Chris will be speaking on the ways we can live the Joy of our Faith. Make living joy a part of your Advent journey this year, and join Chris on Dec 7, 2023 at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish, Red Deer, AB. as he shares the ways we can build new habits, change our thinking, and live a more joyful life.

NATIVITY PAGEANT, SOCIETY OF FRANCISCANS COOKIE WALK, CHRESCH DISPLAY, SANTA'S VISIT AND MORE

Join us on Sunday Dec 17, 2023 for the Nativity Pageant followed by lunch and fellowship downstairs where you can view the wonderful different Nativity Crèche's on display, walk and shop for a collection of cookies donated by our Society of Franciscan members and be entertained as the children await a visit from one of Santa's helpers.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE – Red Deer Deanery

Dec 5 - St. Margaret – Rimbey
Dec 6 – St Anne's – Trochu
Dec 6 – Our Lady of Assumption – Sylvan Lake
Dec 7 – St. Stephen's – Olds
Dec 11 – St. Augustine – Ponoka

Dec 12 – St. Stephen's – Lacombe
Dec 13 – St. Mary's - Red Deer
Dec 14 – Sacred Heart – Red Deer
Dec 15 – St. Matthew – Rocky Mountain House

All Penitential Services are scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM. A few parishes are not listed yet as a time was not confirmed at time of posting bulletin. I will info for next week's bulletin.

