



FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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

Sat Feb 10, 2024	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Feb 11, 2024	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Feb 13, 2024	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Feb 14, 2024	ASH WEDNESDAY Ash Wednesday - Holy Trinity School Ash Wednesday	9:00 AM Olds HT School 5:00 PM Olds
Fri Feb 16, 2024	Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet - Our Lady of Fatima Stations of the Cross- Tri Parish Churches	9:00 AM Olds 10:100 AM - Sundre 7:00 PM Olds, Didsbury, Sundre
Sat Feb 17, 2024	Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Feb 18, 2024	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds

Father Nilo is away Feb 17 thru Feb 29. We will have a visiting priest with us for Weekend Masses and Donna will lead Morning prayer Tues, Wed and Friday. Confession will be available upon request with the Visiting Priest(s)

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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 – Feb 2, 2024 7PM
 Marian Cenacle – Wed - 7:00 PM
 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary –
 Friday - 10:00 AM
 In case of inclement weather, the
 Marian Cenacle and Chaplet may be
 cancelled.

St. Anthony - Didsbury
 Feb 10, 2024 - 2nd Sat Mass – 7PM

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners, People of God,

Greetings of joy, love, peace and God's manifold blessings!

Today we celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is also "World Day of the Sick and World Marriage Day. Blessings to all our married couples for this is a noble vocation from the Lord! We also pray for healing for all our sick brothers and sisters, let us entrust them to Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick for their miraculous healing and their well-being. In the last verse from today's Gospel from Mark, this simple statement is made: "...people kept coming to him from everywhere." Of course, Mark is speaking about Jesus, and the Gospel writer is making reference to the desire of people to be healed. Today's readings deal in large part with leprosy and lepers. There is a deeper meaning, as is often the case, in these references. Leprosy is not something we know much about because we do not experience the disease the same way people did in Jesus' time. The latent point of the Gospel is that we are all in need of healing. We are aware that we are sinners, and the Church takes great care to let us know that penance and healing are a part of our faith. The Season of Lent begins this week, Ash Wednesday on February 14 as the secular calendar calls it Valentine's day, and we need to avail ourselves of the opportunity for reconciliation. This is something we should do regularly, but certainly during the holy time preparing for Easter. Confession is a way we can return to God, and it is key that we acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before a priest. Pope Francis has said, "I cannot be baptized multiple times, but I can go to confession, and when I go to confession, I renew that grace of baptism." We believe in God who is Almighty that with our humility before Him, he can turn ashes to glorified Body like the resurrected body of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus the Christ. Let us spend our Lenten observance with its three pillars, prayer, fasting and alms giving. May the Lord enrich you with His manifold blessings! St. John Vianney wrote, "Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself." It is also God's call to pray and to care and look after our sick and elderly brethren, especially the dying and those who need the last rites of the Church whether it is day or night, please do not hesitate to contact me at 780-3521524 or 403-4156183. This is also a ministry and the Sacrament of Healing entrusted by Jesus to His Church. Blessings!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor



*Our Lady of Lourdes – Healing Rosary –
Saturday Feb 11, 2024 at 6:15 pm. Mass will
follow at 7 pm with anointing of the sick
to follow. Please invite all you know who may
be in need of healing.*

*Holy Trinity School – Olds, Alberta is hosting a Valentines
Day Dance on Friday, Feb 9, 2024 7-9 PM.. All Youth from
the Parish -Grade 6 and up are welcome..*



MARRIAGE PREP

St. Stephen's will be offering a Marriage Preparation course on the weekend of March 1 & 2nd. The Marriage preparation course is mandatory for anyone planning to get married in the Catholic Church. This includes newly engaged couples and couples who have been married in a civil ceremony that plan to have their Marriage convalidated or blessed in the Catholic Church. Preregistration is required. Please contact Kathy Kemmere (403-994-3364 or Judy Wahlstrom (403) 556-3661 as soon as possible. St. Stephen's offers the course once a year, but there are other courses throughout the Archdiocese that are available.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST COMMUNION – First Communion classes will resume in March. Watch for details in the bulletin.

CONFIRMATION - Class this weekend. The Archbishop will be coming to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with us on June 9, 2024

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAQUE

A friendly reminder that memberships are now due. Please see Laurel Arvay, Jo-Anne Sell or Joanne Fewster to pay. If you are interested in joining CWL please speak to any member. First year memberships are free. Come out and see what we are about, you have nothing to lose. Our next meeting is Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

CWL is collecting travel size personal care items to be included in welcome bags for refugees. We also collect toiletries and clothing for Morningstar an organization in Red Deer that provides aide to women who live on the street. Donation baskets are in the upper room to avoid congestion in the foyer

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next Baptism Prep Class is Feb 12, 2024 at 7 pm. The Baptism preparation course is mandatory for anyone planning to baptize their first child in the Catholic Church. The course helps guide your preparation – to ensure that all new parents understand what it means to baptize their child, to be fully engaged and knowledgeable about your child's first sacrament. If you have any questions, please call Tara at **403-507-1793**

IN HOUSE FOOD BOX



We are in need of non-perishable items for the In house food box. We have been able to assist a number of families through Christmas and into the New Year's and are finding our shelves bare. All staples including pasta, rice, soup, cereals, kids snack items, tea, coffee, peanut butter, jams, canned beans and vegetables, canned tuna, ham and chicken etc are needed. If you have any questions or need help deciding what to donate – please call Donna in the Parish office. 403-556-3084 x4

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Jim & Betty Stumpf and family would like to send a special Thank You to Father Nilo and to all who said prayers for Emmitt. They have modified his diet drastically and he is at home from the hospital. He is eating, sleeping, playing and happy! Thanks be to God – Many blessings to everyone

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

We have books that have been donated to our Parish Library that are being made available to our Parishioners to take home with you. They will be out on a table in the foyer leading up to Lent. A donation towards the parish is welcomed and appreciated.

OFFICE NEWS- *Income Tax Receipts*

The last of the envelopes are on the back table ready to be picked up. **Income Tax Receipts are out this weekend. If you have any issues or notice a need for an address change etc, please let Mia in the office know.** 403-556-3084, email – ststephen102@gmail.com or pop in to see me. Any receipts not picked up will be mailed out at the end of the month – to give everyone a chance to pick up.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon – Saint Joseph. On Sunday February 18th, prior to the 11:15 Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be offering a prayer service in honour of Saint Joseph and displaying the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon of Saint Joseph. We will begin about 10:15 and hope you all might plan to attend as we join together to give honour to Saint Joseph – Principal Patron of Canada, patron of the universal Church, and patron of the archdiocese of Edmonton. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627. All are most welcomed!

A reminder that K of C dues can be paid via etransfer to matthewcadrin@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY – BRIDGES OF LOVE – CERT TRAINING

THIS WEEKEND – CERT training – Community Emergency Response Team training that is aimed at strengthening community safety and preparedness through civil participation. The goal is to increase the ability of a community to provide disaster assistance, bridging the gap between the time of disaster and the arrival of emergency services, encouraging “Neighbours Helping Neighbours”.

February 9, 2024 – 6:30 – 8:30 Friday Dessert Evening with Key note speaker – Laura A Stewart – Fire Smart Specialist – “Wildfire Preparedness”.

February 10, 2023 - 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM – Training

February 17, 2023 – 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Training

Register through Eventbrite or call 403-649-0087 or email margpollon@bridgesoflove.net for more information. Training Course is \$199.00/person. If you can gather 5 or more parishioners from St. Stephen’s to attend the training, the course fee is 150.00/person

CALLING ALL MEN OF ST. STEPHEN’S PARISH

There are two Men’s conferences coming up in March, that are very worth of your consideration as an opportunity to grow in your walk with the Lord. It is good once or twice a year, as men, to refocus ourselves on our relationships with god, our spouses, our families, fellow men, our workplace colleagues and our communities. Many men from our parish have attended both of these events in the past and it would be good to get a group together to attend one of both of these events. These are both Catholic based ministries and the benefits would be substantial in many ways. Please consider signing up and attending. It would be great if we could get some groups of men from our parish to attend and travel together to reduce the cost. Please pray about what god is asking you to do. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Larry - 403-556-2360.

In HIS most Holy name, AMEN

God Squad – Way to the Father – March 22 and March 23 – Ascension Parish, Calgary, AB

Men of Integrity – Lead by Example – March 1 and March 2 – Holy Family Parish, St. Albert, AB

*There is a poster attached to the Bulletin with a QR code that can be scanned for Registration for God Squad. Use your phone to take a pic of the code and it will take you directly to the site.

*<https://catholicfamilyministries.regfox.com/set-the-captives-free-men-of-integrity>