

# AUGUST BULLETIN

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My dear friends and parishioners,

A blessed summer to all of you!

The month of August is dedicated in venerating the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A loving heart which is the cause why the Incarnate Word was conceived in her womb and finally was made flesh and dwelt among us, Jesus. A virgin's heart totally in love not to the created things of this world but to the Creator, author and lover of life. This month of August has several Marian feasts in her honor, namely: August 2, feast of Our Lady of the Angels (Refuge of Sinners), August 5, Dedication of St Mary Major, & Our Lady of the Snows, August 13 Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15 Feast of the Assumption, August 21, Our Lady of Knock of Ireland & August 22 Feast of the Queenship of Mary, August 25 Our Lady Health of the Sick, August 26, Our Lady of Czestochova, Queen of Poland August 27 Feast of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary, etc. Let us entrust our pilgrimage of faith to the Blessed Virgin Mary and also amidst this pandemic as Health of the Sick. May her maternal care and miraculous intercession, may we find relief, consolation and solution to our problems as she crushed the head of the ancient diabolical serpent, satan. Our Lady Help of Christians whose Immaculate Heart is burning for the care and love of us all, your children, pray for us.

This month's readings should inspire the Christian steward with deepened gratitude to our God Who loves us with such fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response every day to return love for Love. Like Mary in her "Magnificat", song of praise: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."

In the book of prophet Isaiah, we hear God calling to us, even trying to entice us, to come and be filled with the good spiritual food He wants to give us. "Come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!" And, "Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare." Note that He uses the word "heed" in that verse and then repeats it in the next, "Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life." We must be intentional in going to God on a regular basis through prayer and the sacraments. We must "heed" and "listen" to receive the nourishment He want to give us. We must choose Him — above our selfishness, above the worldly diversions that surround us constantly. But if we seek Him intentionally, we can be sure He will reward us: "I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David."

And we can have complete confidence in this promise of His faithful love. From the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us emphatically that nothing and nobody can keep God from loving us. No anguish, distress, persecution, famine... and we might add pandemic, economic loss, relationship strife — nothing — can keep our

God from His faithful love for us. His love is so powerful that not only does it allow us to survive all these things and more, but, “in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly.” God has got us in the palm of His hand.

And yet, this assurance is only the beginning of God’s gifts to us. The Gospel passage from Matthew recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This of course, is a foreshadowing of the miraculous gift the Eucharist, which feeds us not with bread but with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. This is so marvelous to contemplate that it is tempting to skip right over the beginning of the passage to get to the miraculous part. But let’s look at the first verses of this passage, for they reveal a little of the tender heart of Jesus for all of us.

As the passage begins we find that Jesus “withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.” He had just heard of the death of His cousin John the Baptist and was attempting to find a few moments of solitude. But the crowds would not leave Him alone. They followed him and tracked him down. Yet, our Lord was not frustrated with their interruption.

Rather, “his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.” What generous and compassionate love He shows. But even that is not enough for our Lord. He remains with the people, ministering to and teaching them well into the evening. The disciples suggest that Jesus should send them away so that they could buy some food. But Jesus will not hear of it. He insists that the disciples feed them right then and there. And then, He provides the miraculous abundance of food out of the few loaves and fishes the disciples could round up.

What a privilege for those disciples to participate in Christ’s miraculous plan for His people. This privilege is ours, too, as Christian stewards. Let us make a grateful response to such amazing love. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. Amen. Keep safe, keep well, keep healthy and strong, keep holy in the Lord. God bless and protect you all!

Yours devotedly In Christ & Mary,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

## *Parish Community*

- ❖ Many *thanks* to the Knights of Columbus for helping to move us from the farm outside of Didsbury to our new home in Olds. God bless you, Henry and Ursula Kuelker.
- ❖ A month has passed now since Viviane Ganser had her stroke, and she is progressing nicely. We attribute this principally due to the prayers that she has received from the parishioners of our church congregation and prayer groups in Olds, Didsbury and Sundre. You don’t know how much we appreciate this and thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Viviane is presently in a rehab program ,and will be there for a while longer as she relearns many of the living skills that we all take for granted – walking, dressing, personal hygiene, etc. Unfortunately on Friday July 24, they discovered COVID 19 infections in the Red Deer Regional Hospital, so all visitors have been denied access into the hospital, until further notice. This is unfortunate, as I looked forward, on a regular basis, to see the daily improvements that Viviane was making. For the time being I would kindly ask that you keep Viviane in your prayers until she once again returns home. Thank you, Alvin
- ❖ A belated Happy Golden Anniversary to Bill and Gerry Wiper, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



- ❖ In the Fall, we are hoping to have a spot in the bulletin to share our talents – if you have a Business - Home, Professional or otherwise that you would like to share, please call the office or email a picture of your business card to the office – [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com). We wish to recognize our Catholic Business owners – both big and small.

## Coffee Parties

### *Wednesday Coffee Party*

Change up the scenery for your coffee party with the guys or gals and join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 am under the parking canopy of the Church.

We will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.

Coffee, tea, juice and chairs will be provided. We hope to see you there.

### *Coffee Get Together - Visiting Covid Style*

Community Life and Family Life are hosting a Coffee get together after Mass on Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. We will be set up in the South Parking Lot

Have you heard of Speed Dating – we are going to try Speed visits!!

Come and join in the fun. Please bring your own chair.

### *Flower Power Coffee Party*

Community Life and Family Life are hosting coffee after Mass on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. Please bring your own chair.

### *Bible Study on Zoom*

Beginning in September, Father Nilo will host a Bible Study using Formed.org and Zoom on Tuesdays at 7pm. If you are interested in participating from the comfort of your living room, please contact the office. Please do not hesitate to call and ask any questions about Formed – it is a very user friendly site and we encourage you to visit it often.

### *Summer Office Hours*

The office will continue to be open from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm - Mon thru Fri throughout August, unless otherwise posted. If you should require access to the Church between 1-4 (Tues-Fri), you can contact Father Nilo at 403-556-2681 (rectory) or 780-352-1524(cell). You can email the Parish office – [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com).

### ***Knights of Columbus News***

The Knights of Columbus, Father Forsyth Council 4748, of Olds, Didsbury, and Sundre wish to convey its sincere thanks and gratitude to our outgoing Grand Knight, Terry Cody. Brother Terry has led the council for the past number of years culminating in this past year with a number of awards for the council. Awards received for programs delivered, membership achieved, and KofC Insurance. These awards made it possible for the council to be considered for “Star Council” status for 2019-2020 – a very important achievement within the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

Additionally, GK Terry was recognized as a runner-up *Grand Knight of the Year* by the State Council for Alberta/NWT. Congratulations to GK Terry and all council members for their hard work and for keeping their *Faith in Action*. Our new Grand Knight will be Brother Dan Killoran. *Vivat Jesus!*

## Sacramental Prep – First Communion

Just a reminder that we have Sacramental Prep Books and CD's here at the Church for our little people who are signed up and preparing for their First Communion. These are fantastic resources for you to review as a family with your child.

1 child - \$20

2 children - \$30.

Payment can be made at the office.

▼▲ – **TIP FOR FREE** – Formed Is An Amazing Resource For First Communion Prep –  
Check It Out And See What Videos Are Available For You

## FORMED.ORG

The parish has acquired a subscription to [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) and would like to encourage you to sign-up online and take advantage of this wonderful Catholic resource. FORMED pulls together the best of Catholic movies, children's programming, Bible studies, documentaries, books and audio talks from leading Catholic experts that will help you grow in understanding your faith. See the office for more details OR follow the steps below;

Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

Sign up under "Parish"

Select "St.Stephen's Catholic Parish – Olds, Alberta"

Enter your name and email address

*Voila*– you are now signed up with Formed

## Holy Mass

### Mass Schedule.

Saturday evening – 5:00PM

Sunday – 11:15 (1st, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)

Sunday – 9:00 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)

Live stream will continue on Saturdays at 5 pm for those still unable to attend.

\*\*\*\* We are hoping to move forward with a weekday Mass on Thursday evening at 7 pm. We need to have Volunteers available to schedule this. If you are able to help us on Thursday evenings, please contact Father Nilo or the office. \*\*\*\*

If you haven't had a chance to sign up online, we suggest you do so. This process helps us to create a spreadsheet of Parishioners attending Mass and expedites the process upon arriving. If you are unable to do so, we will continue to require each family to fill out a Contact Tracing Form at each Mass. The sign in link is available on our website, on our Facebook page or you can contact the office to have them send it to you directly. You only have to fill out the online form ONCE to be included on the spreadsheet, you do not have to do it each week.

As we enter into August, Mass will follow the same format as we have throughout July. We thank everyone for their cooperation and patience in adhering to these protocols. We are blessed to gather together, and appreciate the opportunity to do so during this time.



## Parish Giving

We are providing some additional links for sites where contributions towards the Church can be made. Your financial contributions at this time are needed more than ever. Thank you to all who have taken time to drop off or mail your donations, every little bit helps to keep us going during this time.

**CAEDM-** [www.caedm.ca/donate](http://www.caedm.ca/donate) - You can select St. Stephen's in the drop down box

**CANADA GIVES** - <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/890356249RR0001-the-catholic-parish-of-st-stephen/>

**E-TRANSFERS ARE AVAILABLE NOW:** A Donation can be sent via interact transfer to St. Stephen's Catholic Parish – use the email address – [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com). Please include your name and or envelope number in the message section, so donations can be recorded correctly. For anyone who has been looking for an alternate method, here is something for you.

**Automatic Contribution:** Paperwork is also available for anyone wishing to sign up to have their monthly contribution automatically applied through debit or credit. Please contact Mia in the office for assistance.

*Please note:* There will not be a regular collection, however, a collection basket will be available before Mass. If you prefer to continue to give through e-transfer or alternative methods – your Contribution is greatly appreciated.

## Finance Report for June

Income by Month and Year				Expenses by Month and Year			
	2018	2019	2020		2018	2019	2020
Jan	28,191.00	28,252.15	28,881.56	Jan	17,932.00	22,988.00	25,070.00
Feb	21,615.00	18,123.98	19,441.41	Feb	29,310.00	21,500.00	17,365.00
Mar	25,061.00	20,022.20	15,296.98	Mar	17,352.00	19,484.00	19,999.00
Apr	23,004.00	24,740.27	18,206.46	Apr	56,630.00	11,599.00	23,124.76
May	23,526.00	26,753.60	22,233.88	May	23,954.72	16,351.00	19,922.15
June	20,408.93	19,480.04	27,045.85	June	20,938.86	17,944.59	21,141.86
Surplus (Deficit) by Month and Year							
	2018	2019	2020				
Jan	\$ 10,259.00	\$ 5,264.15	\$ 3,811.56				
Feb	-\$ 7,695.00	-\$ 3,376.02	\$ 2,076.41				
Mar	\$ 7,709.00	\$ 538.20	-\$ 4,702.02				
Apr	-\$ 33,626.00	\$ 13,141.27	-\$ 4,918.30				
May	-\$ 428.72	\$ 10,402.60	\$ 2,311.73				
June	-\$ 529.93	\$ 1,535.45	\$ 5,903.99				
Cumulative Position:	-\$ 24,311.65	\$ 27,505.65	\$ 4,483.37				

