

welcome

to

St. Stephen's Parish

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Oct 10, 2021 Bulletin

Sat Oct 9, 2021	Confession Holy Mass - Confirmation Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Oct 10, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Olds 11:15 AM – Trochu 7:00 PM ** - Olds
Tues Oct 12, 2021	Holy Mass	6:30 PM** - Olds
Wed Oct 13, 2021	Holy Mass K of C Meeting- Didsbury	9:00 AM 7:00 PM – Trochu 7:30 PM
Thurs Oct 14, 2021	We Remember - Informal Gathering – Meeting #1 Youth Night	7:00 PM 7-9 PM
Fri Oct 15, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Oct 16, 2021	Confession Holy Mass -K of C Membership Drive	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Oct 17, 2021	Holy Mass -K of C Membership Drive	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM - Olds 7:00 PM - Olds

WE REMEMBER - UNDERSTANDING AND HEALING

In keeping with the *Day of Truth and Reconciliation*, St. Stephen's is holding a series of meetings in an effort to learn more about the First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures to further understanding and healing. The first evening will be held on Thursday **October 14th at 7 p.m.** in the upper room, covid restrictions applying. Entitled "We Remember", it will be an informal gathering to share stories and open communication about the residential schools situation and the ongoing struggle to retain the cultures of our ancestors. All are invited, and please bring your own beverage. Due to the personal nature of the stories, the meeting will not be available on zoom or live streamed. The next session will be on Oct 24, 2021.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear People of God & parishioners,

Blessings to you and thank you for praying with us daily the Most Holy Rosary this entire month of October! The beauty of Nature during this Fall Season speaks of the beauty, truth and goodness of our Creator God. With the document of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, we are called to become protector, care-taker and stewards of our environment. We are called to fully live a life of good Christian Stewardship. Part of the beauty of stewardship spirituality is its simplicity and practicality. It can be summed up in the simple phrase, "All I have is a gift from God and I must make a grateful return to Him for all He has given me." So simple, that even our youngest parishioners can grasp the concept. Simple, however, does not necessarily mean easy. Simple also does not mean shallow. Today's readings invite us to look into the depth of a stewardship way of life. And they reveal that it requires the commitment of our whole being to God. It is anything but easy or shallow. It points us to seek after higher things — the wisdom of God and Heaven itself.

Our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, shows us a way to obtain such wisdom — it is available to us right in the Scriptures, which are the *living* word of God. Every time we approach them in a spirit of prayer, they will speak to us. God's wisdom is right there for us. All we need to do is commit some daily time to seek it. Our Gospel Reading from Mark is one of the better-known passages in the Gospel — the story of the rich young man. In response to the man's question on what he must do to obtain eternal life, Jesus tells him to keep the commandments. The man replies that he has always done this much. But he rightfully suspects there is more to being a disciple of Jesus than just following the external rules. We are called to be so much more than rule-followers; we are called to be Christ followers. A stewardship way of life frees us follow Christ with all of our being and so to find eternal life. A life of simplicity, humility, holiness and detachment are the key ingredients or virtues in following Christ wholeheartedly. To have Jesus Christ at the centre of our life is at the heart of Christian Stewardship. To love the Lord our God above all things and to share in His ministry is the heart beat of our mission. May Christ be our true wealth, salvation, eternal life and who is all in all. God bless you richly!

Yours totally in Christ our Lord,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER – The Year of St. Joseph – Dec 8 2020 – Dec 8 – 2021



Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin, loving the child Jesus as your Son, you rescued Him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of Victory. Amen

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Office Hours 9-2pm

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday – 6:30 PM
Wednesday – 9:00 AM
Friday – 9:00 AM
Saturday – 5:00 PM
Sunday – 9:00 / 11:15 AM
Sunday – 7:00 PM

The new schedule is now in effect.
This is a temporary trial from
September thru March as
authorized by the Archdiocese.

Our Lady of Fatima - Sunde

First Friday of the Month
Confession – 6:00 PM
Mass – 7:00 PM

Weekly Schedule

Monday – Marian Cenacle 1:00
Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
& Rosary – 10:00 AM

St. Anthony's - Didsbury

Oct 23 – Holy Mass - 7 pm
Nov 13 – Holy Mass - 7 pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance committee for St. Stephen's has an immediate need for a Chairperson. We have an established committee that is looking to add one or more members, including a person to take on the role of Chair. This individual will work with the committee to guide the Parish in Financial matters including Committee budgets, future planning and fundraising efforts. Please see Father Nilo if this is something you would like to dedicate our time and talents to.

YOUTH

Join us on Thursday October 14th, 2021 from 7-9 PM for an evening of MISSION IMPOSSIBLE Activities, games and devotion with one of Red Deer Catholics Youth Ministers. Youth grades 6-8 are welcome to attend and youth leaders in grades 9-12 are encouraged to help. Contact the Parish office if you have any questions.

MARIAN CENACLE PRAYER GROUP



All confirmed Catholics – young and old, are welcome to join our Marian Cenacle Prayer Group to be held on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 PM prior to Mass. If you have a desire to increase and magnify your love for Jesus and Mary, this is the place for you. A personal Cenacle Purpose/Guide will be provided. Starting date to follow once registrations are received. Please contact Jann at 587-444-1100

FAITH AND FAMILY FORMATION

The *Faith and Family Formation Committee* is planning "Welcome Wagons": teams of two who will visit newcomers to the parish, moms with new babies and newly married couples. This will aid in connecting with the parish's hospitality. The visit will include "baskets" of baked goods (according to covid restrictions), a pamphlet on the parish and its ministries along with contact information; and gift certificates from Catholic businesses and services in Olds and surrounding area. To help with this initiative, please consider the following:

1. Do you know of any or are you a newcomer to the parish, a mom with a new baby or a newly married couple, please let the parish office know, so a visit can be arranged.
 2. Do you have a certificate in food handling?
 3. Would you like to help on a visiting team?
 4. Would you like to be a mentor for a new mom, or a newly married couple? A listening ear is the main prerequisite!
 5. Do you have a business card for your business or service? Would you consider donating a gift certificate for the "basket"?
- For more information or donations, please contact Maria at 403-415-6833.

- Another initiative is *Families Praying for Families*. If your family would like to participate for the year, please bring your name and put it in the basket in the foyer. If you would like to pray for a family, please take out one of the names from the basket.

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

Any child who has received their 1st Communion and is at least in grade 3 is eligible to serve on the altar during Mass. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an Altar Server, contact the parish office, ASAP, as we are trying to put together a training session.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- **Becoming a member:** For any Catholic man, 18 years of age or older, looking to join the local Knights of Columbus and help us put our Faith in Action please contact our Membership Director Brother Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627 or by email at: dankilloran0521@gmail.com.
- **Next Meeting:** October 13th, 2021 at 7:30pm. Check your email for the ZOOM link.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

The National Catholic Women's League is undergoing many changes, hopefully to be integrated by 2022. The New Vision, is to empower members with gifts of the Spirit to respond in joyful service of patience, kindness and goodness. If you enjoy some meaningful social time with women of Faith, and want to become more educated on what's happening in Council and feel more welcome and needed, we are accepting memberships now for 2022. Please contact: Joanne Fewster @ 403 791-1186 or Laurel Arvay @ 403 556-2360

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know is looking to join the Catholic Church, we will be starting sessions in the Fall of 2021 – online by Zoom. To initiate an interview please leave your name and contact information at the parish office (contact info at the top of this bulletin) or contact Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627. Thanks!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE ODESKY FAMILY

A sincere thank you to those who attended Klaus Odersky's funeral service and for your condolences to all the family members. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated.

The family would also like to say thank you to Father Nilo Macapinlac, Deacon Charles, Larry Arvay and Edward Wiper for making both services a special and most memorable one for our family. To Theresa Coupal for arranging the Evening Prayer Service, and Funeral Service for our father, it is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. *Monika (Steve) Horne, Ernie (Tammy) Odersky, Evelyn (Gerald) Smith and families.*

If you are interested in signing up for Automatic Monthly Contributions or wish to use Interac transfer, please see Mia in the office. Forms are also available on our website. www.ststephens-olds.ca

Thanksgiving Blessings to ALL!

