

# Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 5, 2020 BULLETIN

**St. Stephen**

**Our Lady of Fatima**

**St. Anthony**

Dear friends and parishioners,

The Lord be with you!

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who "will give him the produce at the proper times."

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now "tenants" called to work in the "vineyard" and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory. Let us imitate St. Francis of Assisi whose memorial feast we celebrate today as well. He is the model of stewarding God's gifts, patron of ecology and environment. Like St. Francis of Assisi, let us take care and make our world a better place to live in and be channels of God's shalom. Let us be "the people who produces the fruits of God's Kingdom." May the Lord enrich you with His unfailing love and blessings!

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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### PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

Pastor – Father Nilo Macapinlac

Deacon – Charles Johnston – Retired

Pastoral Ass't – Donna Litwin

Office Admin – Mia MacDonald

### PARISH EVENTS

Bible Study w/Fr. Nilo – Tue – 7 PM - Zoom

"Bring Mary Home Rosary Rally – Fri Oct 16, 2020 – 6:30 PM – Parish Back lawn)

Book of the Month Club - TBD

Sac Prep – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion – Oct 24, 2020

### Month of the Rosary

Join our Family Life committee in the "Bring Mary Home" Rosary Rally Friday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM on the back lawn of St. Stephen's. Everyone is invited to bring a candle, either wax or battery operated, and dress for the weather.

*God Bless and Be Well*

## FAMILY LIFE

Coffee parties on Wednesdays and after weekend Masses are now cancelled due to the colder weather.

Our resident statue of St. Francis, is having a great holiday seeing the sights of Olds, with his pal Donna. This Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is his feast day. It is a great day to take a nature walk and talk about the plants, insects and animals that you see. This day is an opportunity to teach children about endangered or abused animals and what can be done to help save these animals. St. Francis is a lover of animals, and in many Parishes, people would bring their pets to be blessed on St. Francis' Feast Day.

The month of October has traditionally been known as the Month of the Rosary. We have need of the intercession of Our Lady especially in this year of the coronavirus. To this end, we will be honouring Our Lady through the following means:

1. Free rosaries will be available in the foyer of the church. Help yourself and please take an extra one to give to someone else who may not know the power of the Rosary.
2. Livestreamed rosaries are prayed daily through Facebook, the Internet and Youtube.

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> at 5:30 a.m.

<http://www.catholictv.org/shows/the-rosary> check for rosary times

<https://therosary.online/> pray at any time

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicTV>

3. We encourage everyone to pray individually and even better, as a family for an end to the pandemic of covid but also of escalating violations of human rights.
4. *John 19:27 "And from that hour the disciple John took Mary to his own home. ...". "Bring Mary Home" Rosary Rally*- Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (with rain dates of 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>.) on back lawn of St. Stephen's. Everyone is invited to bring a candle, either wax or battery-operated. Dress according to the weather.

## SACRAMENTAL PREP – FIRST COMMUNION

We are now accepting Registrations for children who will be taking their First Reconciliation/ First Communion this year. Classes will start via Zoom on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please call the office to register your child.

Don't Forget – we have Sacramental Prep Books and CD's here at the Church for our candidates who are signed up and preparing for their First Communion (2020) These are fantastic resources for you to review as a family with your child.( 1 child - \$20 2 children - \$30.)

## BIBLE STUDY W/ FATHER NILO

Father Nilo will be running a bible study on Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom. It's not too late to sign up. He will be using a FORMED.ORG program for all to follow. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office or touch base with Father Nilo directly.

## BOTTLE DEPOT – ST. STEPHEN'S FUNDRAISING

Members of our Filipino community have helped us set up an account/bin at the Bottle Depot. You can drop your bottles off and inform the staff that they are for St. Stephen's OR we have a wonderful Volunteer that is able to pick up your bottles for donation. Please contact Joseph at 403-586-45909. Thank you to those who are contributing to this campaign!!

## FORMED.ORG

The Parish office would like to know if you have been able to enjoy all that FORMED has to offer. If you could take a few minutes to email Mia with your recommendation. She will share your suggestion in upcoming bulletins. If you are having issues or need assistance, please don't hesitate to call the office.  
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**The Search** – <https://watch.formed.org/the-search/videos/theseearch-ep1-h264>  
I haven't started this series yet, but moments into the introduction, I am already excited for what comes next. Do you know what you want your - DASH – to look like? Let me know if you check it out this week.



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## GET TO KNOW YOUR PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

**Ministry or Parish Group-** One ministry or group in the church will be described with contact information for the head of that ministry. Please consider using your gifts and talents to help St. Stephen's grow!

**Building and Maintenance** – We would like to say Thank You to Larry Bruder and Lyle Gross who have quietly worked behind the scenes to take care of the Building and Maintenance needs of the Parish, hall and rectory. As we start into October, we welcome Joe Gustafson who has officially stepped into the role of Building and Maintenance representative on the Parish council. Joe is building a team who will be able to continue to work through projects throughout the Parish and surroundings. If you have skills as a plumber, carpenter, electrician and are able to help as the need arises, please contact the office. Thank you to all of these gentlemen for their time and energy in maintaining our Parish.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

If you are interested in becoming a K of C Member - if you are a 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 Richard Bodnar (403-559-9885 ~ [skrbodnar@live.ca](mailto:skrbodnar@live.ca)).

~ Please consider supporting the Charity Work of the K of C by purchasing a 50/50 ticket online. Tickets may be purchased by residents of Alberta, 18 years of age or older, at the website: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kocab> Ticket sales end Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 with the draw on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Thanks!

**Virtual Presentation:** The Knights of Columbus is pleased to bring you a Virtual Presentation offered by Tom Hegna on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM MST. Registration is required for a limited number of spots. Please send an email to [kofc4748@gmail.com](mailto:kofc4748@gmail.com) and we will forward you the link.

The Presentation will focus on Seven Steps discussing your plan for Retirement, Lifetime Income, Long-term Care, Home Equity, Life Insurance and many other components to consider in your Retirement planning.

## MOUNTAIN VIEW FOOD BANK DRIVE - UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Mountainview Food Bank Drive. A total of 8321 lbs of donated food was collected last Saturday between the communities of Carstairs and Old, for an estimated value of \$20,802.50 (8321 x\$2.50).

## MONTHLY FINANCE UPDATE

Income by Month and Year	2018	2019	2020	Expenses by Month and Year	2018	2019	2020	Surplus (Deficit) by Month and Year	2018	2019	2020
Jan	28191.00	28252.15	28881.56	Jan	17932.00	22988.00	25070.00	Jan	10259.00	5264.15	3811.56
Feb	21615.00	18123.98	19441.41	Feb	29310.00	21500.00	17365.00	Feb	-7695.00	-3376.02	2076.41
Mar	25061.00	20022.20	15296.98	Mar	17352.00	19484.00	19999.00	Mar	7709.00	538.20	-4702.02
Apr	23004.00	24740.27	18206.46	Apr	56630.00	11599.00	23124.76	Apr	-33626.00	13141.27	-4918.30
May	23526.00	26753.60	22233.88	May	23954.72	16351.00	19922.15	May	-428.72	10402.60	2311.73
June	20408.93	19480.04	27045.85	June	20938.86	17944.59	21021.98	June	-529.93	1535.45	6023.87
July	25845.88	26176.09	25476.01	July	35591.38	18342.78	18760.53	July	-9745.50	7833.31	6715.48
August	25723.09	22231.94	<b>15197.91</b>	August	26505.29	44678.97	<b>20044.87</b>	August	-782.20	-22447.03	<b>-4846.96</b>
								Cumulative Position:	-34839.35	12891.93	18057.14

### Parish Giving

We continue to be thankful to our Parish Community who have been able to continue to give to the Church during these unprecedented months. We are seeing a **decrease** in our weekend contributions at Mass, but we have seen Contributions coming through E-transfers and the use of Automatic withdrawals. If you are interested in finding out more about our Alternate methods to contribute, please see Mia in the office.

**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 – [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com). Please include your name so donation can be recorded correctly.

**Automatic Contribution** – Forms are available at the church to set up your weekly donations through Debit/Credit Automatic withdrawals.

