

St. Stephen's Parish Bulletin

Sept 26, 2021

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Sept 25, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Sept 26, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Olds 11:15 AM – Trochu 7:00 PM - Olds
Tues Sept 28, 2021	Holy Mass	6:30 PM** - Olds
Wed Sept 29, 2021	Holy Mass – In celebration of the National Holiday for Truth and Reconciliation.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM - Trochu
Thurs Sept 30, 2021	24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Olds
Fri Oct 1, 2021	Holy Mass Private Baptism Confession Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 6:00 PM Sundre 6:30 PM Sundre 7:00 PM Sundre
Sat Oct 2, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Oct 3, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM - Olds 7:00 PM - Olds

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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 - Sundre

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace, joy and peace in the Lord! We've just celebrated the World day of Migrants and Refugees & coincides with the Needs of the Church in Canada. Let us constantly pray for the said intentions. Sometimes stewardship messages are sprinkled subtly within the Sunday readings; other times they hit us like a Mack truck. This week's readings contain a bit of both. The "Mack truck" message is contained in the second reading, once again from the letter of St. James. He gives a chilling description of the outcome of a life based on materialism and pleasure-seeking. "Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire." St. James is not condemning people for having wealth. His harsh words are for those who acquire wealth and luxuries as if these things are the ultimate purpose in life. He makes it vividly clear what will happen to the material possessions and the owners of these possessions at the end of their lives. When we hold onto possessions too tightly, they come to possess us. The "stuff" can easily become the focus of our energy and attention. Attachment to material things slowly and steadily corrupts. In the Gospel today, Jesus is anything but subtle about the need to detach from *everything* that keeps us from loving Him. "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off... If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off... And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out." The urgency of our need to detach from all that is not God, is clear. The spiritual discipline of tithing can help us with this. Tithing leads us to let go of unhealthy attachment to material things and leads us to attach instead to God, relying on Him as our true source of security. We come to understand that all that we have is a gift from our loving Father and we use it to bless others and glorify Him. What wonderful freedom there is in living this way! Amazingly, we actually enjoy material gifts, and all other gifts more as a result, because we realize where they really came from and are using them as God intended. Also, in today's Gospel Jesus warns, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck." Whether we are aware of it or not, we are always serving as a witness of our Catholic faith and an example of Catholic living in modern society. We have a serious obligation to examine our lives to see if the example we give in the use of our gifts leads others to Christ... or away from Him. Lastly, in the Gospel, the disciples of Jesus complain that "outsiders" are preaching the Good News and Jesus essentially responds, "Good for them!" Again we must examine our lives. Do we in this parish have an attitude of openness to others? Do we welcome all, even those who are not the "insiders" here, to join us in sharing the Good News of the Gospel? What powerful challenges we have before us this week. Let's pray for each other as we set out to embrace them.

In Christ always,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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



Joseph most just,	pray for us.
Joseph most chaste,	pray for us.
Joseph most prudent,	pray for us.
Joseph most strong,	pray for us.
Joseph most obedient,	pray for us.
Joseph most faithful,	pray for us.
Mirror of patience,	pray for us.
Lover of poverty,	pray for us.
Model of artisans,	pray for us.

COVID UPDATE FOR THE PARISH

As of Sept 15, 2021, we are limited to a capacity of 1/3 or 108 people in the Nave of the Church. We will continue with a first come, first serve format. IF we reach 108 people, the doors will be locked and we will not be able to accommodate beyond that. It is our hope that our current Mass times of Saturday Evening, Sunday Morning along with the addition of a Sunday evening Mass will be able to accommodate all who wish to come. Masks are mandatory inside the building for all Parishioners ages 2 and over. At this time, we will refrain from shaking hands, but will extend peace to our neighbor's through a bow, a head nod, etc. The offertory procession will be omitted at this time. Social Gatherings within the church are not allowed, so downstairs coffee will be postponed until we can gather together as a community, however, Faith Based gatherings can continue.

BOOK CLUB – Starting in September

THIS WEEK!! Who is this Jesus? Is the title of a 133 page book to be used in a book club hosted by John Palardy. It is a very readable life of Jesus in 12 short chapters. Weekly meetings will start in early September. The first class is scheduled to begin on Wednesday September 29th @ 7 pm at 126 Balsam Crescent, Olds, AB. For more info or to sign up contact John Palardy 403 556 7855 or email him at palardyjj@gmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

ATTENTION all those who were involved in liturgical ministry prior to Covid. If you were a Greeter, Adult Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, or Usher we would like to know if you will be returning to active duty this fall. Perhaps you were part of the Point of Entry Team during Covid and would like to continue in some capacity, or maybe you are new to the parish and would like to offer up your time and talents by serving during Holy Mass.

Please contact Donna as you are needed to help fill in the next Liturgy Schedule.
(403-556-3084 ext. #4)

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 your time and talents to.

CATECHISM

It's not too late to register for Catechism Classes – an opportunity to learn more about God through fun lessons, songs and activities. Our team of Volunteers can always use one more - put your talents to use with our Catechism and Children's Liturgy program. Please call Theresa to register or volunteer– 403-559-6843 or email theresa.templeton@gmail.com.

YOUTH

A fun night was had by all last Friday as our Parish Youth enjoyed their first night together this school year! Join Red Deer Catholic Youth Ministers, Jeanette and Peter when they visit St. Stephens in the next three months. Mark your calendar with the following dates; October 14, November 19 and December 9th. Youth grades 6-8 are welcome to attend and youth leaders in grades 9-12 are encouraged to help. Watch the bulletin and social media for details in the coming weeks.

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

Knights of Columbus Announcement in the Bulletin

Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan to discuss “**Stress-Free Retirement Planning**,” including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. Here are some of the topics to be cover:

- The importance of “Living a Significant Life” that goes beyond merely accumulating wealth
- Eight steps to financial security
- Capital markets explained in 5 minutes
- The importance of having a plan and a partner
- Why long-term care doesn’t have to be a financial nightmare
- How to turn hard earned assets into reliable retirement income
- Protecting your loved ones with life insurance
- Why patience pays when claiming CPP
- Six risks to a secure retirement and how you can insure against them

We look forward to Joe’s presentation on **Wednesday, September 29th, at 5:00**

PM MST. Click <https://bit.ly/Stress-FreeRetirementPlanning091521> to register. A second presentation will be done **Wednesday October 6th at 7:00 PM MST**.

Click https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HOG8jMRVRuSkA3huAzDi0w

* **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.

*Father Forsythe Council would like to congratulate those members who advanced their degree with the Knights on Sunday September 19th as well as acknowledge new members Jonathan David and Daniel Overwater. Congratulations to all!

COMMUNITY LIFE – TURKEY SUPPER UPDATE

The Fall Supper Committee regrets that, due to Covid restrictions, we will, for the second year in a row, be unable to host the Annual Fall Supper. We are very much looking forward to the day when we can sit together in fellowship and share a delicious meal. Shelley Bennett, the committee chair, would like to thank the fantastic group of ladies who served on this committee, you are so appreciated! A special thank you goes out to Veronica Dyjur for designing the beautiful sign-up sheet each year for the supper. The time and talent that she puts into what is a work of art has also been very much appreciated. Shelley and the committee would like to also thank all those who had already taken the time to sign up to help out in any way.

If you are interested in finding out more about Automatic Monthly contributions, which can be done through debit or credit or how to process etransfers for your Charitable giving, please see Mia in the Parish office. Forms are also available on the St. Stephen’s website. ststephens-olds.ca