

UPCOMING DATES:

May 8th – Hats on for Mental Health

May 9th – Catholic Education Day – Wear Blue

May 13th – PAT FLA Part A

May 15th – Dress to Impress (*dress up in your fancy clothes or dress up as your dream job*)

May 20th – NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day

May 21st – NO SCHOOL – PD Day

May 22nd – Marian Mass @ Assumption Church
@ 9am. (Lead by gr. 2's)

May 24th – Wellness Day & Jump Rope for
Heart (see fundraising flyer attached)

May 27th – NO SCHOOL – Spiritual Dev. Day

May 29th – May 31st – Gr. 6's to Camp!

May 30th – Kindergarten Family Celebration

May 31st – Character Dress up day – (*Fictional like Disney or superhero or Celebrity*)



Kleenex needed!

Our school supply has run out. If you are able to donate a box of Kleenex please send it with your child to school or bring it to the office.

Thank you!

Mme Bouchard May Message

Welcome May! May signifies the beginning of the year end celebrations at school. May is a magical time in schools. It is a time when the learning continues to flow, and culminating learning experiences are planned.

April was a great month. Badminton Club for grade 3-6 runs after school Monday through Thursday. We had another wonderful French Cultural presentation by M Roger Dallaire, where he taught the French Immersion and FSL students traditional songs, how to play the spoons and had their little 'bonhommes' dancing. It was delightful and so much fun. There has been a lot of effort put into grade 6 fundraising by students, their families and staff. Thanks to your commitment! Grandparents Who Care also dropped by treats to celebrate the staff. Thank you for your kindness, it means more than you know.

During April, we also recognized Administrative Professionals Day. Mrs. Lencucha and Mrs. Palychuk work hard every day to be the connection between families, staff and classes. Thank you to our fantastic office team!

May looks very busy. It begins with the district Build Festival on May 1st and 2nd where ESM will have leather work projects displayed. Grades 1-6 classes will be going to see the FLVT play Madagascar on May 7th. The week of May 6th to 10th is Mental Health Awareness. Run Club begins on May 7th. We will have the Marian Mass on Wednesday May 22nd, 9:00 am at Assumption. We would love for you to join us. The school wide Wellness Day and Jump Rope for Heart are Friday, May 24th. Keep your eyes on your class communication as well, as we are heading into the business of Field Trip season.

Grade 6's head to SABC Camp on May 29-31st. The grade 6 team has been working hard to plan for an exciting and memorable time as the culminating activity for grade 6. It is a celebration of learning, and the years spent here at ESM. It is a time to create wonderful memories, through amazing learning experiences.

Please remember to check your child's Spaces. This is a beautiful way to engage with your child's learning! Do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

We are working hard to plan for next year. Please remember to do your child's re-registration. Registrations are the foundation for forward planning. It is also imperative that these are completed if you require transportation. A reminder that transportation by Southland Bus is for students within our boundary/catchment area, and students enrolled in French Immersion. We also have students from Raymond, Coaldale, Coalhurst, and Stirling. Access to rural buses is possible as well for both our English and French programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

May is also the month of Mary. We are so blessed that St. Mary is our patron saint, always praying for us. We pray that St. Mary watches over your child, your family and our community. St. Mary, pray for us.

May Message from Mr. Harper

Dear ESM Families,

As we find ourselves in the month of May, we also enter into the Easter Season and the vibrant beginnings of spring. With the warmer weather and blossoming surroundings, we're reminded that we're approaching the final stretch of the school year.

This month, we are thrilled to share with you several significant events and celebrations at ESM. From May 6th to May 10th, we'll be honoring the invaluable gift of Catholic Education through Catholic Education Week. On May 9th, we invite our entire school community to wear blue, a symbol of our unity and support. Throughout the week, we'll be showcasing how we live out the Marks of a Catholic School at ESM through newsletters and videos. Additionally, we have a school-wide art activity planned for this special day, a testament to our collective creativity and spirit! Thank you to all the staff involved in the planning of this activity!

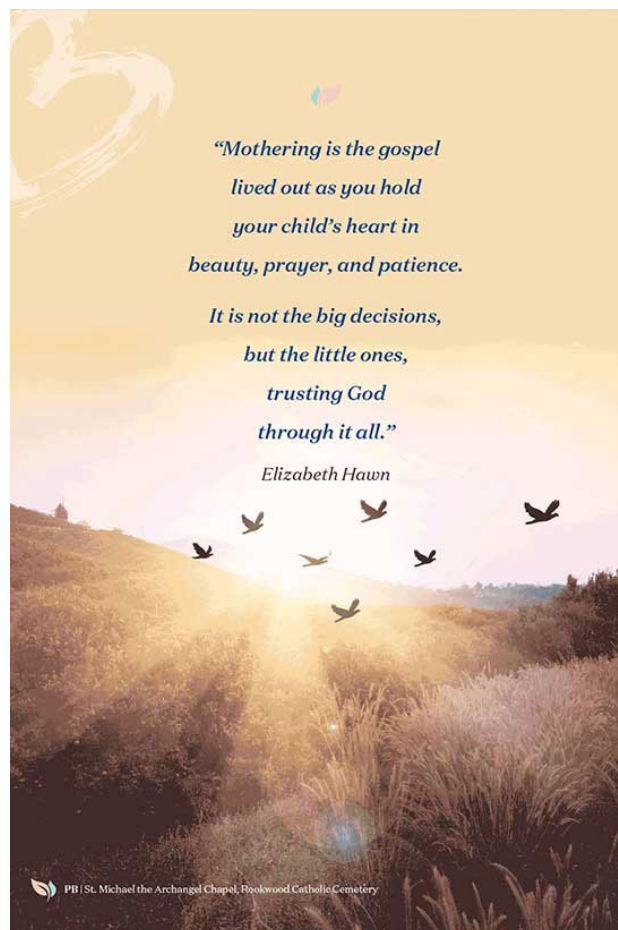
May is also the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother Mary. We can not wait to celebrate our Marian Mass on May 22nd at 9:00 AM at Assumption Parish. This beautiful celebration, hosted by our grade 2 students, is a moment of joy and unity for our school community. We warmly invite everyone who can join us to come and celebrate together.

We extend heartfelt congratulations to the ESM students who have recently received or will soon receive their First Holy Communion. May God watch over and bless each of you abundantly as you continue on your spiritual journey.

In our continued Gospel time sessions, we'll be focusing on the Rosary this month. Students will have the opportunity to learn about its significance, pray the Rosary, and deepen their understanding of St. Mary and prayers of petition.

We are also delighted to share that our school will be blessed with our School Division's statue of St. Mary from May 28th to May 29th for the annual Marian pilgrimage. We are very excited about having the statue of Mary in our school for those days!

As we move through this month, let's embrace the spirit of renewal and growth that surrounds us. We want to wish the whole school community a wonderful Mother's Day this month as well! Thank you all for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. We hope it is a blessed and wonderful May for all of you.



Winter Clothing & ESM Apparel Drive

During the month of May we will be collecting gently-used winter coats, winter boots, and snow pants. We will also be collecting ESM clothing that may no longer fit students so they can be enjoyed by other ESM students.

Bring your clean, gently-used items to the office during the month of May. In the fall, we will host a winter gear and ESM wear sale.

Items that can be donated:

- Winter coats
- winter boots
- snow pants,
- ESM t-shirts
- ESM sweaters
- ESM pants



We hope to raise our School Fundraising Goal of \$2,000 by May 24th.

Prizes for the highest Donation and random prizes for all participates.

(Please see the poster attached!)

PARENT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!!

Parents and community members are welcome at the school. **All adults are still required to check in at the office** and sign in if you are coming into the school for any school event. We will keep the distractions in the class to a minimum. If you are dropping something off for your child the office staff will deliver it for you. We are happy to accept volunteers this year! You can call the office and let them know if you are available with and what you would like to help with.

Volunteers are asked to fill out the volunteer form found on our website:

<https://esm.holyspirit.ab.ca/>

This form is good for the school year.

REGISTRATION IS DUE!

Please complete your child's registration as well as the bus transportation form as soon as possible!



The poster features the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division logo on the left. A speech bubble on the right says "TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND REGISTER SOON!". The main title is "2024/2025 REGISTRATION". Below it, a list of bullet points states: "Re-registration for CURRENT students starts January 15, 2024" and "Registration for NEW students starts February 1, 2024". A paragraph invites parents to come and take the next step in education. At the bottom, three circular icons represent "EARLY LEARNING", "FRENCH IMMERSION", and "FINE ARTS". A QR code is located next to these icons. On the right side, there is a circular photo of a young child with purple handprints on their fingers. Below the photo is the website "www.holyspirit.ab.ca".

Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

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AND REGISTER SOON!

2024/2025 REGISTRATION

- Re-registration for **CURRENT** students starts **January 15, 2024**
- Registration for **NEW** students starts **February 1, 2024**

We invite you to come and take your next step in education with the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division where children are cherished and achieve their potential.

EARLY LEARNING FRENCH IMMERSION FINE ARTS

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HOUSE TEAMS

The students are assigned a house team (colour team) so be a part of for the year. This encourages the kids to interact with kids in other grades. Our leadership team comes up with special days and activities for students to earn points to go towards their house team. For the month of April the winning house team is: Green Gators

SAMARITAN STARS

As the students do good deeds and display exemplary actions/attitudes, their fellow classmates can nominate them and put their name in the "Samaritan Stars" jar. From here we draw names to win a cheque for \$25.00 which is graciously donated by Ward Bros. Construction. Thank you, Ward Bros., for your continued generosity to our school!

For the month of April our winners were: Nikita 4/5GI and Monroe 4/5GI

STUDENT DROP OFF/ PICK UP

Students can be dropped off no earlier than 7:45am. There will be no supervision before 7:45am if you choose to leave your child unattended at the school this is your parent responsibility.

Parking lot is for STAFF ONLY. You may park on the east side of the street. The west side, by the field, is for school buses only. In the morning the sidewalk between the flag pole and the parking lot is a drop off zone. Hug and Go. Please do not park there for long periods of time.

WATER BOTTLES

We have water bottle fill stations and have not re-installed the drinking fountains for students. Please be sure to send water bottles with your child(ren) every day.

SICK KIDS

If your child(ren) is sick – KEEP THEM HOME. Help stop the spread of germs. Call or email the office to excuse their absence.

ATTENDANCE

Children thrive and succeed when they attend school regularly. We understand things come up, appointments made during school hours, emergencies, sickness etc. Please call the office to let us know if your child(ren) will not be at school on any given day. You can call 403-327-3098 or email esmoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca

SCHOOL BUS

Drivers will be checking for passes. Please download the MyBusStop app for the most up to date information and for route changes and updates. You can also visit the Southland website <https://www.southland.ca/lethbridge/>

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For more information, visit: www.holyspirit.ab.ca/transportation/mybusstopapp

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM

We are blessed to have a Nutrition grant this year to provide breakfast for those who need it. We also welcome back Mindful Munchies from the Lethbridge food bank who provide us with lunches for our students who forget or would otherwise go without.

**We ask that as parents you have the conversations with your child about those who might not have enough food. Also, that if they eat their whole lunch they are welcome to an extra afternoon snack.*

MAY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Hats on for Mental Health	9 School Council World Catholic Education Day	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Dress to Impress (fancy or the job you want)	16 Subway Hot Lunch?	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL Victoria Day	21 NO SCHOOL PD Day	22 Marian Mass 9AM @ Assumption	23	24	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL Spiritual Dev. Day	28	29 Grade 6 Camp	30 Kinder Parent Celebration Grade 6 Camp	31 Character Dress up Day (fictional or celebrity) Grade 6 Camp	

JUNE 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5 New Kinder Orientation 6:30pm	6	7	8
9	10	11 PAT FLA PartB	12	13 Last Day for ELP and Kindergarten	14	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL PD Day	18	19	20 PAT Science	21	22
23	24 Sports Day	25 Closing Mass 9am @ Assumption church Gr 6 – Farwell to follow	26 Henderson Swimming 1- 2:45pm	27 Last Day of School! 12:30 DISMISSAL	28 Last Day for Staff	29
30	1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5	6
Have a safe and relaxing summer!						

École St. Mary

WINTER & ESM CLOTHING DRIVE



Accepted Items:

- winter coats
- winter boots
- snow pants
- ESM t-shirts
- ESM sweaters
- ESM pants

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We're participating in Jump Rope for Heart



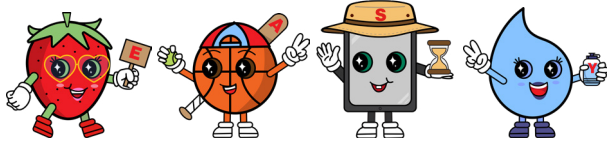
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school is excited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Students will discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke.

We love participating in Jump Rope for Heart because:

Students learn life-long habits:

Jump Rope for Heart is more than a fundraiser. It teaches students EASY Healthy Habits to help protect their heart and brain health – for a lifetime!



Eat fruits and vegetables

Active for 1 hour or more

Screens for 2 hours or less

Yes to water, no to sugary drinks

Jump is customizable for all abilities:

On our Jump Event Day kids can move their way by jumping, dancing, wheeling and more!

Kids feel good by doing good:

Students learn the importance of giving back as they collect donations that help fund critical research that saves lives, prevents heart disease and stroke, and supports survivors and their families. The funds collected help other kids like Julian, who suffered a pediatric stroke following his heart surgery.



Jump gives back:

Schools that raise a minimum of \$500 will receive 8% of their fundraising dollars back to put towards what we need most or we can donate it back to Heart & Stroke to make an even bigger impact.



Let's help Heart & Stroke save lives

Sign up online, visit jumpropeforheart.ca

Click Register

Search for our School Name or Copy & Paste
School link below in your browser

Register to our school to create your own
fundraising page

Our Jump Event Day is on:

School Page Link:

(Copy and paste this link into your internet browser)

Fundraising at your fingertips

New Downloadable QR Codes!



1. Take your fundraising to the next level. Download your personal QR code from your online Participant Center.



2. Save the QR code to your device or print it, and let your child's imagination run wild as they decorate around the code to make it uniquely theirs.

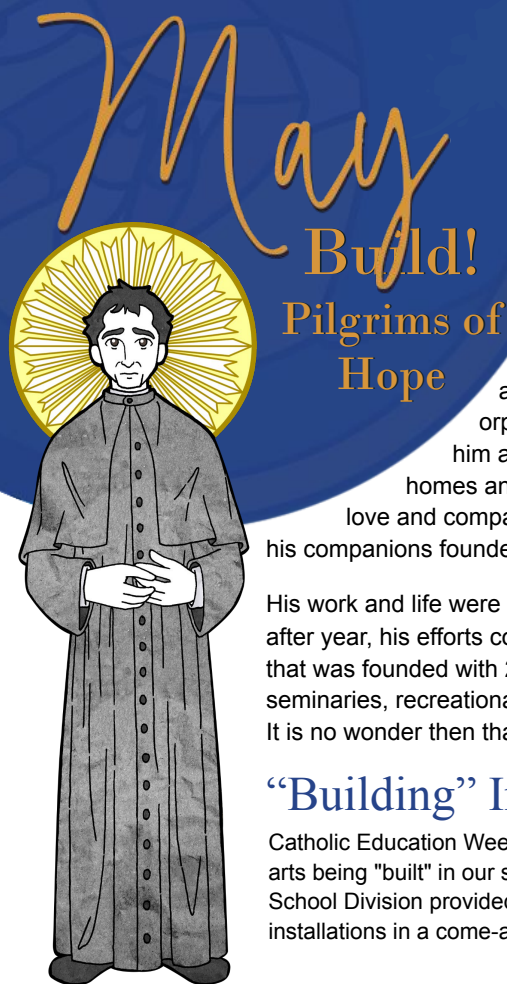


3. Encourage your child to share their QR code with family and friends and ask them to scan it to donate!



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"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers."

- Psalm 24:1-2

St. John Bosco 1815-1888 (Feast Day: January 31)

John Bosco, more commonly known as Don Bosco, was an Italian priest, educator and writer in the 1800s. He was born into a poor farming family, and his father died when he was two, leaving his mother to raise him and his brothers. During his youth, he was drawn to the church, and often found himself policing fights between his classmates. He left school at the age of 12, working as a shepherd and farm worker before entering the seminary at the age of 20. Once ordained a priest, he moved to Turin, a large city with slums, prisons, and many orphaned and abandoned youth. Instead of expecting these children, particularly boys, to come to him at the church, he went to them in the shops, marketplaces, and squares of the town. He found homes and shelters for them, helped them to find jobs or to become apprentices, and instructed them with love and compassion. This was in contrast to the typical methods of school discipline used at the time. He and his companions founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales in 1859 to support this work.

His work and life were hard in this time, and he faced much opposition—even assassination attempts! However, year after year, his efforts continued to bear fruit and to grow. At the time of his death in 1888, the original group of Salesians that was founded with 22 members had grown to over 1,000, and quickly expanded to include many types of schools, seminaries, recreational centres, and youth clubs. At the time of his death, over 130,000 children were being supported. It is no wonder then that Pope John Paul II gave him the title "Father, Teacher, and Friend of the Youth."

"Building" In Our Schools

Catholic Education Week is celebrated in May. This year, we will be highlighting the creativity and arts being "built" in our schools. Leading up to Catholic Education Week, Holy Spirit Catholic School Division provided a two evening experience of live performances and student work installations in a come-and-go-festival type setting at the new Lethbridge and District Exhibition.



Catholic Education Week — May 6-10, 2024 —

We take a short pause from our look at the Corporal Works of Mercy this month to celebrate Catholic Education in the province of Alberta.

Each year, Catholic Education week is held in May - this year, **May 6-10**. This year, we will be distributing short videos each day that highlight the various aspects of our schools, as well as information to our partners in Catholic Education. You will be invited to wear blue for Catholic Education on Thursday, **May 9**, as well as joining in common prayer throughout the week.



"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

JOSHUA 1:9



WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Pope's Prayer Intentions - For the Formation of Men and Women Religious, and Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

Catholic Social Teaching — Stewardship of Creation —

Through the course of this year, we will look each month at one of the Catholic Social Teachings. The aim of *Catholic Social Teaching* is to shine the light of the Gospel on our contemporary world, allowing us as disciples of Christ to look at the world around us with new eyes, and to take action.

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

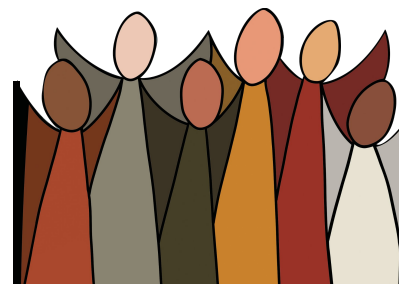
Pope Francis, in his recent encyclical *Laudato Si'* On Care for Our Common Home, stated:

"Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others."

Pope Benedict, in *Caritas in Veritate*, wrote:

"The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole. . . . Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other."

Learn more [here](#) (Care for God's Creation YouTube)



"Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved... you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them."

Gospel Readings

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

"I no longer call you slaves....I have called you friends..." — John 15:15

Can you imagine God calling us a friend? Think about your best friend at school or work. What are some things you would do for him or her, even if you were tired, had a lot of other work to do, or had the opportunity of doing something with someone else? You would do whatever you could to make your friend happy, wouldn't you? Even very difficult things.

The more we come to know and love Jesus, the sooner we will consider HIM our best friend. He told us and showed us how much he loves us—he even died for us. Now it's our turn to show him how much we love him. Jesus told us how to do that. He said "Love one another."

What can you do to show Jesus that he is your best friend?



Prayer:

Jesus, help me to put you first in my life. Help me to remember that you are my best friend. Help me to love all people as you taught us.

May 9 or May 12, 2024

Ascension of Our Lord

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:15-20

"Go into all the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15

Jesus' ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. It was the end of the time when the disciples could see Jesus, touch him, and eat with him. It was also the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. As he ascended to heaven, Jesus promised to send his disciples the Holy Spirit who would bring them power to continue his mission on earth.

Their task was to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the nations. That's what "Gospel" means—good news. It's the good news that God loves us and forgives us. Like the disciples, it is our task to spread this Good News of God's love.

How can you spread the Good News to your friends and family?



Prayer:

Lord, thank you for loving and forgiving us! We want to know you and love you and serve you in this world and help to spread the good news of your love.

"By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."

1 Peter 1:3b

Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) - St. John Bosco
[Saint Prayer Card](#) (black and white version for colouring)



Gospel Reading: John 17:11b-19

“As you did send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.” — John 17:18

Do you know what your mission is in life? God sent Jesus to earth to show us how God loves us and to show us what it means to follow God, no matter what. Then Jesus passed on this mission to us!

How can we do this? Sometimes we need to take up our cross. When others are doing unkind and selfish things, we have to follow the loving, kind, and unselfish example of Jesus. It can be hard because people might make fun of us. But God will give us the strength we need to live as his disciples. We are called, just like Jesus was called.

What crosses do you have to carry? Remember, you can ask Jesus for his help.



Prayer:
Lord, help me to show people your love, and always point people to you. Give me the strength I need when it is difficult.

Courage
to
Lead

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

“Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” — John 20:19

Have you ever been absolutely terrified by something? Maybe you experienced a tornado or earthquake. Or maybe you had to give a talk in front of a huge group of people. In our Gospel today, the disciples were terrified beyond words. They were hiding for fear of being killed like Jesus was. They bolted the door shut and huddled together, worried they would be discovered at any moment. Imagine their great relief when, all of a sudden, Jesus was standing there in the room! They knew Jesus died on the cross, but here he was, alive and well! Jesus’ words to them—“Peace be with you”—are the same words he says to us. We have nothing to fear because Jesus is with us.

Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Church because the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the courage to go out and spread the Good News of God’s great love and forgiveness. How will you celebrate this special birthday?

Prayer:
Lord, help me to remember that even in the worst of situations, you are with me.

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.”*



Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” — Matthew 28:19

If you were baptized when you were a little baby, you won’t remember what happened, but your family remembers. Ask them and they’ll tell you that the priest or deacon poured water over your head three times saying “In the name of the Father... and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit.”

When we enter a church, we bless ourselves with holy water, using the same words. In the Gospel today, Jesus commands that this blessing be used to change us from ordinary human beings into his disciples who live like children of God. On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we remember how much God loves us, as Father, as Son, and as Holy Spirit.

Why do you think water is used in baptism? What does your family remember about the day you were baptized?

Prayer:
Thank you dear Father, loving Son, and divine Spirit! Please keep me close to you always, my God.

Sources:
[The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends](#)
[Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love](#)
[Story of Saint Don Bosco](#)



Division Parishes

“...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

 Assumption Church Lethbridge Father Kevin Tumback Father Santiago Torres Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am (Live-streamed) 6:00 pm 2405-12th Avenue S. Lethbridge, AB T1K 0P4 Tel: 403-327-8931	 St. Basil's Church Lethbridge Father Kevin Tumback Father Santiago Torres Mass (Saturday): 7:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 7:30 am 11:00 am 604 13 Street N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 2S7 Tel: 403-327-8931	 St. Martha's Parish Lethbridge Father William Monis Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 11:00 am 355 Columbia Blvd. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 5Y8 Tel: 403-381-8891
 Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Lethbridge Father Gary Sedgwick Mass (Saturday): 8:30 am Mass (Sunday): 10:00 am 643 12B Street N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 2L6 Tel: 403-328-4753	 St. Ambrose Parish Coaldale Father Ian Gagne Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 4:00 pm 1523-23rd Avenue Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2 Tel: 403-345-3400	 St. Catherine Parish Picture Butte Father Ian Gagne Mass (Sunday): 11:00 am 762 Crescent Avenue Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0 Tel: 403-732-4433
 St. Augustine Parish Taber Father Philip Van Tinh Le Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 5009-48th Avenue Taber, AB T1G 1T4 Tel: 403-223-2226	 St. Michael's Parish Bow Island Father Wojciech Jarzecki Mass: 9:00 am 1101-1st Street E. Blow Island, AB T0K 0G0 Tel: 403-545-2023	 St. Michael's Parish Pincher Creek Father Myles Gaffney Mass: 10:00 am 958 Christie Avenue; Box 339 Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0 Tel: 403-627-3071



“Share the Mission” Award Call for Nominations!

Nominations are now welcome for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division’s “Share the Mission Award.”

This prestigious award recognizes community members, parents, students, and school staff who have:

- Offered outstanding or long term service for the benefit of our students;
- Accepted demanding challenges and set new standards for the rest of us to follow;
- Contributed, through action and deed, to the Catholic atmosphere of our schools;
- Demonstrated involvement and leadership in community / parish organizations;
- Reflected the Mission Statement of the Holy Spirit School Division in all actions:

*We are a Catholic faith community, dedicated to providing
each student entrusted in our care with an education rooted in the
Good News of Jesus Christ*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, in partnership with home, parish and society,
our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens who will
live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith.*

Our Catholic faith is the foundations of all that we do.

If you know of an individual or group deserving of the “Share the Mission Award,” please forward their name to Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca by June 7, 2024.

Nomination information is accessible on the division’s website or by clicking on this link:

[Share the Mission Award Nomination Form](#)



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Catholic Education Week 2024

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this month of May, we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Alberta, the Yukon, and Northwest Territories. As the Catholic Education liaison on behalf of my brother Bishops, I want to offer a heartfelt thank-you to the educators and all who serve in our Catholic schools.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024, “Courage to Lead”, reminds us of the call and the responsibility to live and uphold the teachings of our Catholic faith, even amidst the challenges of the world around us.

The call to be courageous is deeply rooted in Scriptures. In the Book of Joshua, the Lord counsels us: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (*Joshua 1:9*)

In a time and place where conflicting ideologies are challenging the enduring truths of our faith, it takes tremendous courage to remain steadfast in our commitment to Christ's teachings.

This courage begins in the home, with parents entrusted by God with the vital responsibility of imparting the values and principles of our faith within the hearts and minds of their children. When parents make the courageous decision to entrust their children to the care of our Catholic schools, those schools become a supporting partner to parents in the education and spiritual formation of their children.

Catholic schools have the distinctive mission to integrate faith and reason, providing students with an education that not only challenges them academically but also nurtures faith formation. Within this educational environment, the teachings of the Catholic faith are permeated into the fabric of daily life.

Although we are blessed with a constitutionally protected, publicly funded Catholic school system, nevertheless we cannot take this for granted. It is our collective responsibility as Christian faithful to be courageous in ensuring that we are forming confident disciples of Jesus Christ and his teachings. It is incumbent upon the entire school community – administrators, teachers, staff, clergy, parents and parishioners – to honour this commitment.

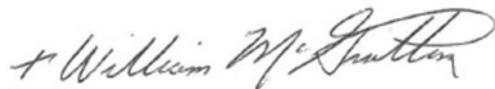
May God grant us the wisdom, courage, and strength to fulfill our sacred duty with courage and love, knowing that He walks alongside us every step of the way.

Yours in Christ,

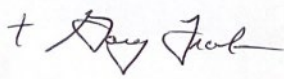
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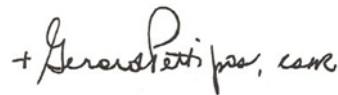
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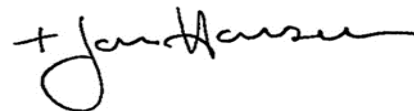
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Semaine de l'éducation catholique 2024

« Ne t'ai-je pas commandé : fortifie-toi et prend courage? Ne crains pas, ne t'effraie pas, car le Seigneur ton Dieu sera avec toi partout où tu iras. » (Josué 1, 9)

Chères sœurs et chers frères dans le Christ,

En ce mois de mai, nous célébrons la Semaine de l'éducation catholique en Alberta, au Yukon et dans les Territoires du Nord-Ouest. En tant qu'agent de liaison pour l'éducation catholique au nom de mes frères évêques, je tiens à remercier chaleureusement les éducateurs et toutes les personnes œuvrant au sein de nos écoles catholiques.

Le thème de la Semaine de l'éducation catholique 2024, « Le courage de guider », nous rappelle que nous sommes appelés à vivre les enseignements de notre foi catholique et que nous avons la responsabilité de les défendre, et ce, malgré les défis du monde qui nous entoure.

Cet appel à être courageux est profondément ancré dans les Écritures. Dans le livre de Josué, le Seigneur nous donne ce conseil : « Ne t'ai-je pas commandé : fortifie-toi et prend courage? Ne crains pas, ne t'effraie pas, car le Seigneur ton Dieu sera avec toi partout où tu iras » (Josué 1, 9).

À une époque – et en un lieu – où des idéologies contradictoires remettent en question les vérités permanentes de notre foi, il nous faut énormément de courage pour demeurer ferme dans notre engagement envers les enseignements du Christ.

C'est d'abord à la maison que le courage commence à se développer, avec les parents à qui Dieu a confié la responsabilité vitale de transmettre les valeurs et les principes de notre foi dans le cœur et l'esprit de leurs enfants. Lorsque les parents prennent la décision courageuse de confier leurs enfants à nos écoles catholiques, celles-ci deviennent un partenaire qui les appuie dans l'éducation et la formation spirituelles de leurs enfants.

Les écoles catholiques ont une mission particulière, celle d'intégrer la foi et la raison en offrant aux élèves une éducation qui ne se contente pas seulement de les stimuler sur le plan scolaire, mais qui favorise aussi la formation de la foi. Dans cet environnement éducatif, les enseignements de la foi catholique sont omniprésents dans la structure de la vie quotidienne.

Bien que nous soyons bénis d'avoir un système scolaire catholique protégé par la Constitution et financé par l'État, nous ne pouvons pas tenir cela pour acquis. Il est de notre responsabilité collective, en tant que fidèles chrétiens, d'être courageux et de nous assurer que nous formons des disciples qui ont confiance en Jésus-Christ et en ses enseignements. Il incombe à toute la communauté scolaire – administrateurs, enseignants, personnel, clergé, parents et paroissiens – d'honorer cet engagement.

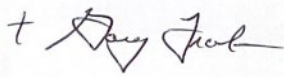
Que Dieu nous accorde la sagesse, le courage et la force d'accomplir notre devoir sacré avec courage et amour, sachant qu'il marche à nos côtés à chaque étape du chemin.

Sincèrement dans le Christ,

Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT



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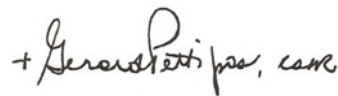
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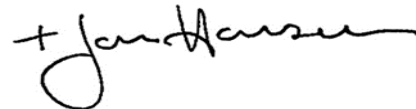
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***CELEBRATE our GIFT of the EUCHARIST
come WALK the streets WITH JESUS . . . as we Walk and PRAY for PEACE***

June 2, 2024 ~ Feast of Corpus Christi

“let us celebrate with particular devotion the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, with its traditional procession. Our faith in the God who took flesh in order to become our companion along the way needs to be everywhere proclaimed, especially in our streets and homes, as an expression of our grateful love and as an inexhaustible source of blessings”
Pope St. John Paul II 2005 Apostolic Letter Mane Nobiscum Domine

PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

You and your families are invited to join us on this special day to walk in a procession as we bring the Holy Eucharist to the streets of Lethbridge.

This is a great way for the children and their families to profess their faith and belief in the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For many of us our memories of the special times in our church life are what helps keep our gift of faith during the times when we find it challenging. This is one of those occasions and this is our wish for you.

It is suggested that we wear white, or red (second choice) which represents the Body or the Blood of Christ. **School students are invited to wear any clothing that represents their CATHOLIC schools.** Younger children and Elementary school age children must be accompanied by a parent(s).

The procession is a reverent and respectful procession with joyful song and prayer as we process with the Monstrance we show our adoration for the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

We leave from St. Basil's at 12 noon, after the 11:00 am Mass. The Eucharist is placed in the Monstrance, and then on the carrier. Those wishing to walk follow the procession moving south on 13th Street with a prayer stop at the corner of 2nd Avenue before continuing to CCH. You are invited to take turns carrying the carrier.

At Our Lady of Assumption procession begins with a prayer service at 11:45 am. Once the Monstrance is on the carrier we walk east to Mayor Magrath Drive, where we turn north. After a prayer stop at 8th Avenue we continue walking along Mayor Magrath to 6th Avenue, then we turn left and continue walking to 20th Street. We turn right at Ecole St. Mary's and continue until we reach CCH field.

You are invited to walk with us all the way (with the prayer stop it will take about 1 hour), or join us at one of the prayer stations. If you cannot walk join us at Catholic Central High School, East campus on the field.

At CCH we will have Benediction on the field, weather permitting. In bad weather we will gather in the cafeteria. This will be followed by a social lunch and a soccer game with Father Santiago (weather permitting).

There are three major processions in the life of the church, including Corpus Christi: the Sunday after Trinity Sunday when we remember the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Holy Thursday. A prominent aspect of this feast is the procession which is to follow the Mass...The procession should be seen as a public declaration of the parish community's faith.....Processions are a very important part of our Catholic identity. We are a pilgrim people on a journey, a journey of growth in faith and self-awareness. We are called to be followers of Jesus, to walk with Him.

For more information please go to the parish website – **AllSaintsLethbridge.org**

*Come, walk
the streets
with Jesus*



Corpus Christi Procession

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024



**CELEBRATE
OUR GIFT OF THE
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**• • • • •
WALK
and
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For PEACE**



Look for details in the parish bulletin,
on the website at www.allsaintslethbridge.org
or phone the parish office at **403-327-8931**



Lets eat CAKE!

You're invited to:

Learn how to decorate a
cake with your child.

All Supplies provided FREE event.

RSVP Tanya Koopmans

koopmanst@holyspirit.ab.ca

May 29 @ 6pm

Ecole St. Mary's School

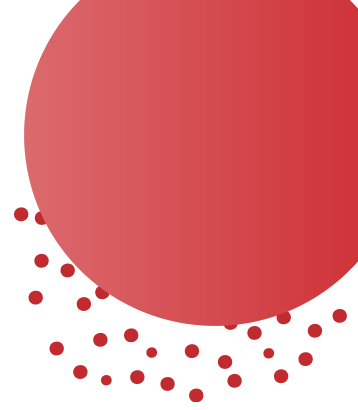
15 families max



Hosted by (I)SWAG



RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN



Topics Include:

- recognizing and accepting feelings
- expressing feelings appropriately
- building a positive outlook
- developing coping skills
- dealing with stressful life events

Tuesday May 7
9:30am-11:30am
Ecole St. Mary
(in the garage)



Register with
Tanya Koopmans
Family First Facilitator
koopmanst@holyspirit.ab.ca
403-634-2712



Family Centre
Suite 225, 200 - 4 Ave. S.
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4C9
403-320-4232

Website: www.famcentre.ca
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All Saints Parish



COMING ALIVE CAMP



This Year's Theme:
Weapons of Faith

August 12-16

Save the date! From 8:00am-12:30pm every day during this week, kids will have the amazing experience of a Catholic camp aimed to draw them closer to God!

Registration

Registration is \$25 per child, ask for family discount if registering 3 or more siblings. Register before July 4 and get a T-shirt. Pick Up Registration Packages at All Saints Parish Office



Join Us!

Come experience the Catholic Mass and learn about our Weapons of Faith, enjoy field games, crafts and lessons, snacks and fun with friends!

UNDER THE LIGHTS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

BATTLE OF THE BADGES

TICKET ONLY

\$15

OR 4 FOR \$50

SATURDAY

25
MAY

CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME



**LETHBRIDGE
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EMERGENCY SERVICES**



SPITZ STADIUM

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

GATES OPEN AT 5 P.M.

7:05 FIRST PITCH

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TABLE OF 4
\$100

PROCEEDS BENEFIT POLICE AND FIRE CHARITIES

GO TO tickets.bullsbaseball.com
OR CALL (403)320-2025 FOR TICKETS



CHALLENGER BASEBALL



This is a great opportunity for young individuals with cognitive and or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participating in a sport, such as baseball. The coaches help each player by providing a safe and enjoyable experience, and to assist players with all aspects of the game.



Empowering children
with disabilities
through physical
activity



**Free
Registration!**

To Register:

www.lethbridgelittleleague.com/challenger

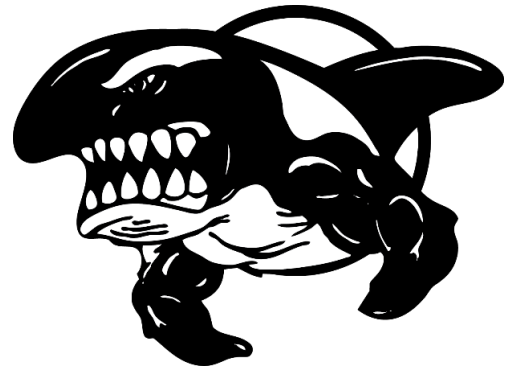
Or by email:

seto849@icloud.com

LETHBRIDGE ORCAS

Looking for the perfect summer activity for your child...

Come join the Lethbridge Orcas Summer Swim Club.



2024 Registration Dates

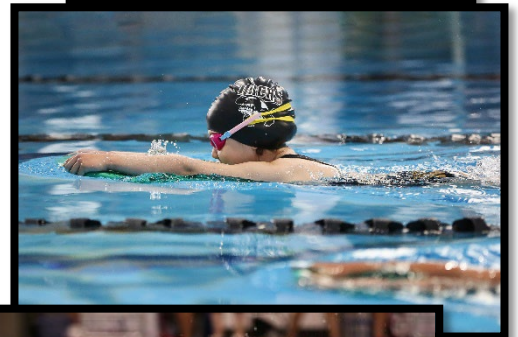
Returning Swimmers – March 1

New Swimmers – March 15

Summer Swim Club runs from May 1st to Mid Aug

Swimming is a lifelong sport that can be used to achieve personal growth and development physically, psychologically and socially. The Lethbridge Summer Swim Club is a local non-profit organization that offers a swim program offering this opportunity for your child to experience.

Go to: www.lethbridgeorcas.com for more information and to register! More detailed information will come available closer to registration dates!



For more information please email orcasecretary@gmail.com



Run Jump Throw (RJT) is a national program developed by Athletics Canada that teaches fundamental movement skills and develops physical literacy. Our goal is to provide a physical activity program that serves as a strong foundation for all sports.

Build a foundation of success...just by having fun!

Come be part of the Junior Horns Run Jump Throw Track and Field Program!
Learn the fundamentals that apply to all sports as well as track and field.

Who? Anyone aged 7-13

When? Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00- 7:00 pm Program runs from May 6th-June 12th

Location? University of Lethbridge Community Stadium

What to Wear? Attire to be active

Primary Contact: Parker Allen (parker.allen@uleth.ca)

Cost: \$265

Maximum 40 athletes accepted into the program

Run Jump Throw assists children ages 7-13 in learning to move efficiently so that they grow into adults who are active, productive and healthy citizens. Using track and field inspired games, activities and skill challenges led by instructors specifically trained to teach the fundamentals of running, jumping, throwing that apply to all sports as well as track and field.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!

