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THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

Did you know.....

This weekend at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass, those inquiring into our Catholic Faith and those journeying with them as part of the RCIA formation process were present. After the homily, they are "dismissed" to go together to further reflect upon the readings proclaimed during the Mass. This is part of their formation process and will take place at various Masses, usually the 10:30 am Mass on the first and third Sundays of each month, until the Easter Vigil when they will be fully initiated into the Catholic faith.

What does this mean for those of us who are already Catholic?

Vatican Council II reminds us that we, the people of God, the entire Our Lady of Perpetual Help community, "must help the candidates and the catechumens throughout the process of initiation." If you are in attendance at a Mass where the RCIA group is present, please show your support for them and welcome them into our faith community, please pray for them during their journey and pray for each other that we as a community may be filled with the spirit of the Gospel.

Did you know....

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and becoming a Catholic, it's not too late to join this group. Please contact Pat Lemire or Father Joe at the Parish office @ 780-467-5470 or email them at <a href="mailto:please:plea



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

A Roman Catholic Christian Community

We come together at our Lord's invitation to worship God, celebrate the sacraments,
and deepen our faith. We strive to be thankful, generous and welcoming,
and are sent forth to help advance God's Kingdom on earth
by proclaiming the Gospel and serving others.

September 17, 2017 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time Cycle A

G-Grow-Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent and treasure allotted to us.

I-In – Have you ever taken some time to figure out what percentage of your income goes to the church and other charitable causes?

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T-Together- Have you ever taken a moment to figure out how much time, on average, you spend a week volunteering in your church or in your community?



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

It is with grateful hearts that we thank everyone who was involved in the celebration of Father Jack's retirement dinner. From the planning committee, to our ticket sellers, to the catering volunteers, to those involved in the program for the evening, your time and talent was greatly appreciated.



OLPH Buffet Breakfast September 17th

Breakfast will be served Sunday, September 17th after the 8:30 and 10:30 am Mass. Come join your fellow parishioners for pancakes, sausages, eggs, and so much more, all served with a smile by the Knights. Cost is only \$7.00 per person or \$22.00 for a family of four.



THANK YOU

The Catholic Women's League thank everyone who participated in the annual apple pie making

with donation of apples, your time and purchasing pies.



Thank You

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of OLPH Parish for the generous donations of school supplies for Grenada. Your generosity will support the children on the island in their pursuit of education. May God Bless you all. *Kathy Tuccaro*

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Why don't you join our Tuesday Morning Bible Study where we are now studying and praying the wonderful works of St. Paul? We meet every Tuesday from 9:15 am to 11:00 am. Coffee is on and you would be most welcome. Contact Dan B. 780 464-4941 or Lawrence B. 780 464-2337 for further information.

Liturgy Schedule Mon. Sept. 18 - Sun. Sept. 24

Monday 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Funeral for Brendan Shields.

Tuesday 8:30 am Mass-H/R Gr.1 & 5, 6:15pm Mass, 7:30 pm Prayer Vigil for Vic Bidzinski.

Wednesday 8:30 am Mass, 1:00 pm Funeral for Vic Bidzinski

Thursday 8:30 am Mass/Anointing of Sick, 6:15 pm Mass/Anointing of Sick Friday 8:30 am Mass, 9:30 am Mass/ Madonna School.

Saturday 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass. 12:30 pm Baptisms, 5:00 pm Mass

Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to weekday Masses 9:15 am to 11:00 am Saturday

† In Loving Remembrance....

We extend our deepest sympathy and the assurance of the prayers of God's people here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help to:

Mary Shields and Family. Mary's husband, Brendan Shields died September 12th in Sherwood Park.

Susan Bidzinski and Family. Susan's husband, Vic Bidzinski died September 13th in Sherwood Park.

Jeanette Paskevich & Family. Jeanette's sister, Georgina Cisakowski died September 11th in Edmonton.

OLPH PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish hours are as follows:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Open during lunch hour

Reconciliation 1/2 hour prior to all weekday Masses and from 9:15 am to 11:00 am on Saturday or by appointment.

Serving St. Francis of Assisi Tofield, AB

Mass: Sundays at 11:00 am

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How Precious is your mercy, O God!

This Week's Mass Intentions.....

Mon. Sept 18: Phillip Busch∜

Tues. Sept. 19: Gladys Rodriguez Phillip Busch Wed. Sept. 20: Bernard Kingston, Jerry Hoffman †

Phillip Busch Teodorica Hernandez,

Georgia Cisakowski†

Thurs. Sept. 21: Michelle & Walie Aktary, Carmen Aguzzit Oscar Vasquezt Phillip Buscht

Fri. Sept. 22: Norbert Kloster† Denise Black Julia Keane T

Parish News

Potluck Fridays starts October 20th

Please plan to join us for our launch on Friday October 20th – simply bring a favorite dish to share. We gather at 6:30 pm in the parish hall downstairs and start to eat by 6:45 pm.

Our theme for this evening is still being finalized but we will communicate that to you in plenty of time to get yourself prepared! Please invite your families, friends and neighbors. To those of you that provided us with feedback at our last Potluck gathering, thank you for helping us out. We are working through your ideas and everything is being considered. To those that expressed a desire to help, you will be receiving a call shortly!

God's Blessings to each of you! Hope to see you!



JETS Airline resumes flights beginning 09-08-17

The entire crew of the women's JETS group is thrilled to release a new series of interesting and exotic destinations available for flight this fall! No pre-booking is necessary and seats remain wide-open for you to fly with us this season. Please review the **Departure** Board below and choose which flights are of interest; detailed information will be available in

future bulletins or by contacting the flight captains Aida D. at 780-922-2156 or Nancy F. at 780-464-5356). Simply arrive at our boarding gate, also known as the St. Joan Room (located in the lower level of OLPH Parish) at 9:35 am; Flight 090817 will be departing at 9:47am. Complimentary in-flight beverages and light snacks are always provided, as is childcare for a nominal fee. All women of all ages (18-101) are most welcome! We believe strongly that travel strengthens the body, opens the mind, and feeds the soul...so what are you waiting for?

Departure Board for September:

September 22 – Writing as a Sacred Practice with guest from Providence Renewal Centre

September 29 – Nature Hike & Picnic at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre

October 13 – RCMP Presentation- Women& Senior's Safety

October 20 – Get-to-know-your Pastors & Appreciation Morning

October 27 – Pickle Ball at MP



YOUNG DISCIPLE'S REGISTRATION NIGHT

Young Disciples is an interactive faith program for children and teens that meets each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8 pm in the church basement. The cost for a whole

year of faith, fun and snacks is only \$40 per child, or \$100 for a family with 3 or more children. Mark your calendars; we will be holding a registration night on Wednesday, Sept 27 at 7:00 pm in the basement of the church. Classes will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 4th.

Please watch the bulletin for more information email olph.youngdisciples@gmail.com to learn how you can be involved. Your help is always appreciated and very much needed!

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Parish News



admission is free.

Children's Liturgy

The program will run every Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass from September 10th until the end of June 2018. Lessons are for children ages 4-6 years old. In order for

the program to run this year, we need several volunteers to help lead. All lesson plans and materials are provided. This a great way to be involved in the Parish, especially if you enjoy working with young children. You can commit to leading once in a while or every Sunday. We are grateful for any involvement. Please contact Heidi Nelsen (bhnelsen@shaw.ca) if you would like to help out with this special liturgy program.

Fall Market

The Catholic Women's League of Our Lady of Perpetual Church in Sherwood Park, is holding a Fabulous Fall Market on November 4, 2017 downstairs in Parish Hall, 13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park. Vendor Tables are available \$30 each or 2/\$50. For further information call **Yvette** Foster 780-918-3858 or email: dougyvet@telus.net This is a fundraiser and

Encore Senior's Group Potluck Lunch

Join us for a potluck lunch on Tuesday, September 26th at 12 noon downstairs in the St. Joan Rm. Bring your favorite fingerfood. It's a great way to meet new friends. All are Welcome. If you need a ride or would like more information contact John at 780-464-5991.

Mother's Morning Out (MMO) Preschool Program (sponsored by the CWL)

Hey, Parents, are you looking for a few hours to yourself during the week? MMO program is there for you! This Volunteer-run program is for children

13months – 5 years old, on Wednesdays from 9:00am–12:00pm, starting September until June. Cost is minimal. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. Please email: mothermout@yahoo.ca to register or get more information. Feel a call to Volunteer with this program? We'd be happy for you to join us.



HERITAGE DAY Solidarity Fundraiser

L'ARCHE EDMONTON Enjoy spirited dance and music, colourful costumes and delicious ethnic cuisine at L'Arche Edmonton's annual Heritage

Day on Friday, Sept. 22! This popular fall event is a Solidarity Fundraiser that raises funds for less-fortunate L'Arche communities in the world while celebrating the cultural diversity of L'Arche Edmonton, a non-profit, faith-based organization. L'Arche Edmonton has been providing family-style homes and support to adults with developmental disabilities in Edmonton and Sherwood Park for the past 45 years. Heritage Day will be held at St. Thomas d'Aquin Church, 8410 89 St. at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each; \$6 for children 5-10 years, and children under five free. For tickets or more information, call Maria at 780-465-0618, ext. 206 or e-mail mmastrih@larcheedmonton.org

Children's Sacraments & Programs



Welcome to our Newest **OLPH Parishioners** who were baptized on September 9, 2017

Courtney Engel

Love one another as I have loved you.



First Reconciliation and First Communion

The Parent registration meeting will be held on Monday, October 2nd at 7:00pm

here at OLPH Parish. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate and \$50 cash to cover the cost of books and materials. If you have any questions please contact: Raylene at 780-467-5470 or ryuzyk@olph.ca

Confirmation

The first parent registration meeting for Confirmation will be held on Monday, November 6th at 7:00pm at OLPH Parish. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate and \$25 cash to cover the cost of books and materials. If you have any questions please contact: Raylene at 780-467-5470 or ryuzyk@olph.ca



OLPH Children's Choir

OLPH Children's Choir is beginning again this fall and welcoming children Grade 2 and up starting on Monday October 23rd from 6:15 - 7:00 pm. For more information, email Elizabeth Driedger at olphchildrenschoir@gmail.com.

Religious Education - Home Program

Catechetics (Religious Education) Home Program

As we begin a new school year, we also think of religious instruction for our children. If you have a child who is not in our Catholic Schools, there is a Home program for Religious Education. Please contact Christine, 780-417-4773, for information and materials to begin the program. A catechist will journey with you during the year to provide ongoing support. As well we will offer home program families the opportunity to come together three or four times during the year, beginning with a session just before Advent.

Catechists for the Home Program

Would you consider being a catechist for the Home Program? This means connecting with one or more families to support them and help them when needed. Formation and support will be given to these catechists. Please contact **Christine** at 780-417-4773 or email: ccustodi@shaw.ca



STAR OF THE NORTH Retreat Centre is seeking to hire a **Part-time** Bookkeeper. For more information see www.starofthenorth.ca **STAFF.** Deadline September 25.

Reflections & Readings

September 17 - The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today's readings address an all-too-familiar piece of advice that is easier to talk about than to do: Forgive. We know from experience how hard it is to forgive and how powerful it is to be forgiven. That Jesus was even asked about it indicates that it is not a behavior enacted easily. His response reflects our need to be instructed about it. Forgiveness is not usually our first response to real or perceived hurts or injustices, and it may require our commitment to live as totally new people in Christ. But, boundless forgiveness may be the greatest gift we can ever give one another-and ourselves. "You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" Matthew 18:32-33

Weekly Readings For: September 18 - September 24

Sept. 18 - First Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7++; Gospel: Luke 7.1-10

Sept. 19 - First Reading: 1 Timothy 3.1-13; Gospel: Luke 7.11-17

Sept. 20 - First Reading: 1 Timothy 3.14-16; Gospel: Luke 7.31-35

Sept. 21 - First Reading: Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13; Gospel: John 9.9-13

Sept. 22 - First Reading: 1 Timothy 6.2c-12; Gospel: Luke 8.1-3

Sept. 23 - First Reading: 1 Timothy 6.13-16; Gospel: Luke 8.4-15

Sept. 24 - First Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9; Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16



Do you have a heart for youth?

The Youth Alpha @ ABJ team is looking for a few new leaders to help us reach over 90 students each year. You don't have to be a theologian or trained catechist; you just have to want help young people learn and grow in the Christian faith. Youth Alpha @ ABJ is a 10-week, lunch break program that runs every Tuesday, from October 3 to December 12. If the Spirit is nudging you, please contact Alana at 780-446-9009 or alaperle@telus.net.



The Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of Animals

Join us with your pet for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals on Sunday, October 1st by our Franciscan, Fr. Joe Glaab. Pets and pet owners will gather at 1 p.m. in the

Parish Hall for the blessing. Refreshments for pets and people will be served afterwards. A reminder that all pets are to be under control at all times.



Sherwood Care, a non-profit long term care facility in Sherwood Park is partnering with The Salvation Army to host an evening of fun, featuring a fashion show. The event is from 6:00 - 8:00pm September 19th at OLPH. Tickets are \$10.00 which includes the show, some music, a piece of pie and tea and coffee. Funds raised will be used to build an

insert for the fireplace for our residents to cozy up to this winter.

For tickets you can call Cathy Olesen at 780-467-2281.

Faith Formation

Catholicism 101: What Do Catholics Believe? Tuesdays, Sep 12 – Nov 21, 7:00-8:30 pm

Do you want to grow in your knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith? This 10-week program uses video talks and group discussion to explain Catholic beliefs in a way that is clear and engaging. Some of the topics we will cover include:

What every Catholic should know about Church history.

What is "the Church" and why do I need it?

What makes a Catholic "Catholic"?

What do Catholics believe about the Eucharist?

Where am I going (death, judgment, heaven, hell)?

How can I live a Catholic life?

Catholicism 101 is absolutely FREE but pre-registration is required, as space is limited! For more information and to register, contact Alana LaPerle at 780-446-9009 or alaperle@telus.net





Alpha: What do all Christians Believe?

Alpha: What do all Christians Believe Thursdays, Sept. 14 – Dec. 6, 7:00-8:30 pm

"I learned so much and looked forward to Alpha every week. I feel like I have new knowledge and appreciation for my faith and I want to continue growing." - Alpha guest

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question, designed to create conversation, including:

Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus have to die?

How should I pray?

How does God guide us?

There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge. It's just open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Every Alpha session includes fellowship, 30-minute video talk and small group discussions facilitated by trained hosts.

Please pre-register to help us plan. Contact: Alana at alaperle@telus.net or call/text 780-446-9009.

Retreat Weekend

The Carmelite Friars of the Canadian Carmelite Charitable Society jubilantly invite you to their first Carmelite-led retreat at their newly acquired retreat centre on Saturday-Sunday, September 30 -October 1. This retreat is offered to all who want to enjoy the deep spirituality, knowledge and humour of guest speaker Rev. Dr. Archibald Gonsalves OCD, an expert in bioethics and philosophy. Phone or email to reserve meals at cost and/or cabins: 780-963-0896 or mountcarmeledmonton@gmail.com. Please help us cover costs by your generous donation. Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre is located at 1225 Township Rd 535, Parkland County (former Ephphatha site).

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