

Church Open/Office Hours 7:30 am to 7:30 pm 7 days a week
Mass, Adoration & Reconciliation at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Weekday Mass

Mornings: Monday to Saturday 8:30 am

Evenings: Monday to Friday 6:15 pm

Sunday Mass

Saturday vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass in Tofield: 11:00 am St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday to Friday: *Immediately Following Morning and Evening Mass*

Saturday 9:15 am to 11:00 am

Adoration - REVISED Schedule for September!

*****EVERY FRIDAY a Holy Hour prior to each daily Mass*****

7:30 am prior to Morning Mass and 5:15 pm prior to Evening Mass

Every Wednesday Holy Hour 5:15 pm prior to Evening Mass:



1st Wednesday hosted by Mary's Servants for Christ: September 6

2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: September 13

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: September 20

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: September 27

5th Wednesday (when applicable) hosted by Clergy: November 29

For the benefit of the faithful whose health or other circumstances prevent them from attending the church in person, all Masses and Adoration will continue to be livestreamed from our OLPH website www.olph.ca/video/ or at [facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark/videos](https://www.facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark/videos)



WATCH the 8:30 am Mass, seven days a week, live on Telus Optik TV Channel 877.
(Must be a Telus Optik subscriber.)

LISTEN to the 8:30 am Sunday Mass live – or anytime – from your landline or cell phone.
Dial 888-OLPH-808 (888-657-4808) and then follow the simple instructions.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish ~ A Roman Catholic Christian Community

Sunday September 3, 2023 ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 1Y7 780-467-5470 www.olph.ca



Change of Plans!

We WILL have daily Mass at 8:30 am and 6:15 pm the week September 4 - 8 after all.

Fr. Mario Villaraza has returned and will be here to celebrate the Masses at OLPH while the other priests of the Archdiocese are away on their Annual Retreat.

Welcome back Fr. Mario!

First Sunday of the Month Special Collection:

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
(RE)PAID IN FULL?**



For Matthew, Christianity is not something we believe; it is something we do! When you give to **Together We Serve**, you put your faith into action. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that we will be **repaid for our good deeds** when He comes again.

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done." (Matthew 16:27)

Ask at the parish office how you can give to **Together We Serve** or scan here to give now:



WHERE DOES MY GIFT GO?



Your gift to **Together We Serve** supports Catholics at home and abroad that are working to strengthen the Church and carry out her Mission in the world.

- **70%** goes to **local Catholic organizations**, including Catholic Social Services, St. Joseph Seminary, Newman Theological College, St. Joseph's College, St. Joseph Priests' Foundation, and other local needs.
- **15%** goes to the **Diocese of McKenzie-Fort Smith and the Needs of the Church in Canada.**
- **15%** goes to the **Evangelization of Peoples, Needs of the Church in the Holy Land, and the Pope's Pastoral Works.**

For more information:
www.caedm.ca/togetherweserve

CATHOLICS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A humble and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who has continued to support the financial needs of our parish with (PAD) Pre-Authorized Debit or by bringing your Sunday Giving Envelopes to the church. OLPH is also set up to accept donations via INTERAC ETRANSFER at:



OLPH.etransfer@caedm.ca

Please include your Envelope # OR address and any special instructions in the Message Box for the e-transfer, to ensure your donation is properly recorded for your annual tax receipt.



At OLPH, We Pray for One Another

Contact Doreen at 780-467-0597 or Josie at 780-467-0197 with your prayer requests.



September 4 - 9

Monday ~ Joseph & Jeanette David†, Leonard Sebastian, Bemvindo Palha

Tuesday ~ Joseph & Elizabeth Pazhayattil†, OLPH Clergy

Wednesday ~ Margo Boisvert, Marnie Weese, Myrtle Silveira

Thursday ~ Barb Bonin

Friday ~ Enrique Gingoyon†,

Saturday ~ Mary Ellen Cowley†, Bryce Clarke†, Rita Prince†, Billy Spindler



Condolences to Sandra & Robert King, their nephew, **Dewart German**, died on August 22 in Edmonton.



SOCIETY of St. VINCENT de PAUL (SSVP)
OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP CONFERENCE

HELP LINE
780-416-0931

Press 1 to Request HELP,
Press 2 to DONATE

Your OLPH Parish Team

Pastor ~ Fr. Jim Corrigan
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Administrative Assistant
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Parish Office 780-467-5470

Website: www.olph.ca

Follow Us on Facebook:
facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark

Archdiocese of Edmonton
Website: www.caedm.ca

In event of an emergency, call the church office to connect with the Priest On Call 780-467-5470



We need YOU at Mass. New Volunteers always welcome! Reach out to the Leader of the specific Ministry that interests you for Training:

ADULT SERVERS: Peter Kamstra (onetoughcatholic@yahoo.ca)

A/V SOUNDBOOTH: Bob Gerow (bgerow@olph.ca)

USHERS: David Schmidt & Don Snider
(dcwdetml@gmail.com & donretired15@gmail.com)

ALTAR SERVERS (CHILDREN): Amanda Gaudet & Christina Stockdale
(amanda.gaudet15@gmail.com) & (christina.stockdale@me.com)

PROCLAIMERS & GREETERS: Michelle Rose (michelle.rose@shaw.ca)

MUSIC MINISTRY: Sharon Darbyshire (sharon_darbyshire@shaw.ca)

EUCHARIST MINISTERS: Sue Szojka (sue.szojka@shaw.ca)

***Ministry volunteers please sign up for your Mass IN ADVANCE using the SignUp Genius link at www.olph.ca OR call the Parish Office 780-467-5470.**

OLPH Financial Report

Week 35 August 27, 2023	Cost of Operating the Parish	Building Fund Target Amount	“Together We Serve” Target Amount
Average weekly amount required (based on 2023 budget)	\$25,000.00	\$2,480.00	\$2,310.00
Donations this week	\$23,689.21	\$1,925.10	\$1,178.40
This week surplus/	-\$1,310.79	-\$554.90	-\$1,131.60

- Cost of operating the parish “average weekly amount” is 1/52 of the total annual amount of ordinary receipts projected in the 2023 budget
- Building fund target average weekly amount is based on total donations projected in 2021 budget.
- Together We Serve weekly amount is based an annual target which is set by the Archdiocese.
- Together We Serve Collection - *First Sunday of every Month - September 3*
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - *Third Sunday of every Month - September 17*

TOFIELD CORNER ~ St. Francis of Assisi Parish ~

“Keep a clear eye towards life’s end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God’s creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more”
 Quote from: St. Francis of Assisi



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ How do we discern what is the will of God? Do we think as God does, or as humans do?

1. Our **General Meeting** was held last Sunday. Minutes of the meeting will be available at the front foyer in the box on the wall, next to stairs going down to the kitchen. Next G.M. is tentatively scheduled for Oct 8th and will be announced in the upcoming bulletins.
2. **Updates** - We will be going ahead with the replacement of the eavestroughs and the removal of the large tree on north side of the church, at the end of September or beginning of October. Redoing of the bricked area on the west/street side of the church building will be addressed in the spring of 2024.
3. If you have **volunteered** for any church projects, you may be getting a call soon.
4. Notice - there will be a **Suggestion Box** at the back of the church for any suggestions or questions you may have! — Children included!!
5. Yay! Today is Potluck! Hope you brought your appetites! 😊

To post in the ‘Tofield Corner’ contact Kathy by phone 780-270-8652 or email Kathleen.Anderson.one@gmail.com. (Weekly bulletin deadline is Wednesday.)

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Financial Report August 2023	2023 Monthly Budget	Donations this Month	Surplus/Shortfall
	\$ 2,198.00	\$ 3,166.16	\$ 968.16

What’s Happening at OLPH

JETS = java, exercise, talk and service =

Be Inspired by a New Destination - JETS Airline

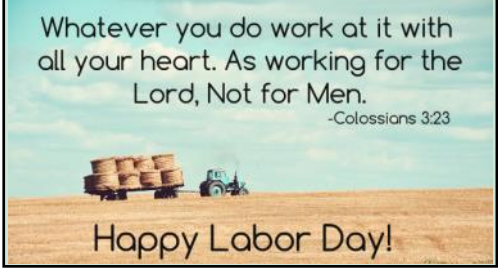
The dynamic and always adventure-ful JETS women's group is cleared for takeoff and soaring back into the blue skies on its first flight this season this Friday, September 8. *Shall we meet you at our boarding gate?* Our first destination will be to **Feet, Heart and Breath** Island. Inspired by Jesus’s parable “Build your house upon a rock”, this movement session will focus on the three foundational areas upon which to build our physical health.

Guest instructor Barb Ritter will lead us through practices to increase flexibility and strength in our feet. As well, Barb will guide us through breathing exercises to build up heart health and increase breathing capacity. All movement will be accessible to everyone. If the weather is fine we will be outside on the back lawn (north side) of the church. Otherwise the back-up plan is to gather in the Large Meeting Room downstairs in OLPH Parish. You are welcome to come beginning at 9:25 am and our session will commence at 9:45 am.

Please wear comfortable clothing to move and sit in and bring an exercise mat or towel, a cushion to sit on or a light blanket, and a water bottle. Be prepared to move around in socks or bare feet or flexible shoes. Complimentary in-flight snacks and refreshments will be served following the movement session. Further info on the JETS drop-in women's group is available by emailing Aida at issaaida33@yahoo.com or phoning Nancy at 780-464-5356. **Come see how your Fridays can be inspiring!**



Parish Office **CLOSED** on Monday September 4. Regular Masses at 8:30 am and 6:15 pm followed by Reconciliation.



OPEN for shopping on Sundays following the Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am.



The Catholic Women’s League will be hosting their annual

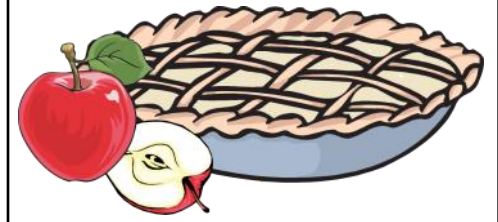


APPLE PIE BEE!

If you are able to help out, bring your knives, peeler, rolling pins etc. and join us on **Wednesday September 13** in the Parish Hall from **9:00 am – 3:00 pm** for a day of socializing.

Contact: Connie 780-570-1045

* Bring your sandwich/lunch. Beverages will be provided.



What's Happening at OLPH

Altar Server
Training
for current and
new servers.



**Thursday September 21, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
(after Evening Mass)**

Are you in grade 2 or older and have made your First Reconciliation and First Communion? Do you attend Mass regularly with your family? Curious about getting more involved with the Mass? **We'd love for you to join our team of young Altar Servers!** For **More Info:**

Amanda Gaudet

amanda.gaudet15@gmail.com

or Christina Stockdale

christina.stockdale@me.com

**The Clothing Nook is
OPEN for Shopping:**



Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm

September 5 & 19, October 3, 17 & 31

Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21

FLOOR CURLING

*"All are
Welcome,
No Experience
Required!"*



**Resuming
September 6
Every Wednesday
9:30 am down in the
Parish Hall.**

If you have a 3-6 year old child and want them to know the unconditional love of their Maker, CGS is the place for them!

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This pre-school program uses the Montessori method to introduce children to Jesus. Instead of children sitting down and being instructed, CGS engages all of their senses to direct their bodies, minds, hearts and souls towards Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Upcoming Parent Info Night for CGS

Level I atrium

(Children 3-6 years old)

**Wednesday, September 6 at
7:15pm**

Zoom & in person option available

**More info & registration
is available now at**

<https://www.olph.ca/child-youth-ministry/cgs/>



What's Happening at OLPH



Psalms
The School of Prayer

10 Session BIBLE STUDY
Online via Zoom

Mondays, Sep 11 – Nov 13
6:45-8:30 pm

In this 10-session video-based study, learn the many ways the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus, and how you can establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms.

Cost: The course is free, but a Study Guide is available for purchase.

To register, contact Alana at alaperle@telus.net or 780-446-9009.

Presented by:



HAPPINESS, SUFFERING, AND THE LOVE OF GOD

Tuesdays, Sep 12 – Oct 10
6:45-8:30 pm
Online via Zoom

In this five-session video-based course, Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. explores happiness in the revealing light of human transcendence and immortality. Along the way he presents fascinating evidence for near-death experiences and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Cost: Free

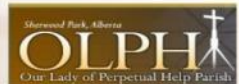
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Presented by:



Are you being called to the Catholic Church?

Whether you are just curious or already feel a deep hunger for communion with our Lord and His Church, RCIA is for you!



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Wednesdays | 7:00-9:00 pm | STARTS SEPTEMBER 13

Offered online on Zoom and in-person.

For more information contact Billy at bspindle@shaw.ca or 780-990-7981

What's Happening at OLPH

The Culture of Alpha

OLPH Parish is committed to run Alpha annually, making it an essential part of the evangelization theme of movement from maintenance to mission. Alpha supports the following Parish intentions:



Culture of Invitation & Hospitality – Alpha helps the Parish become an evangelizing community. Those who experience Alpha, want to invite their friends to the next Alpha. Additionally, the Alpha small group helps in the important stage of hospitality.

Culture of Encounter - Alpha intentionally creates space for the Holy Spirit to lead people into a personal experience of God's love. This occurs naturally through a simple model of prayer ministry. Over time, people learn to pray for one another, framing an integral part of life in the parish.

Culture of Missionary Discipleship – Alpha empowers lay parishioners to be part of the Church by releasing them to share their encounter and ongoing relationship with Jesus. Sharing their story supports the visible message that evangelization is for everyone.

Culture of Leadership – In and through the process of developing missionary disciples, Alpha helps to generate a parish "leadership pipeline" for a larger range of parish ministries. It creates readiness for the work of the mission.

Sign up today for the OLPH Alpha Program! Thursdays, September 14 - November 30, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Choice of in-Church program delivery or online through Zoom.

To register contact Pat and Jerry Heck, 780-416-8111 or jpheck11@gmail.com

Parish & Community News



the Archbishop's Dinner

A grateful gathering as
People of Mission



5:00 pm, Friday, October 6
Edmonton Convention Centre

Register here: www.arch-dinner2023.eventbrite.ca



BREATHE

Recharge AND Refresh YOUR MARRIAGE

Two Day Catholic Marriage Conference
SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2023
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SPRUCE GROVE, AB
REGISTER: www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com

What's Happening at OLPH

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:



Tuesday September 12, starting at 6:15 pm with Mass. To register for Preparation Class OR to schedule your child's Baptism please email Jenny at info@olph.ca

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Go to <https://formed.org/signup> and type in "Sherwood Park" then select Our Lady of Perpetual Help from the list. **Create your FREE account on the OLPH Parish's subscription.**



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Reconciliation
First Eucharist
and Confirmation

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Preparation Classes for your children's Sacraments will start up again in September. Contact Natalie at the OLPH Parish Office to register now or for help with any questions.

GRADE 2 AND UP
First Reconciliation
& First Holy Communion

GRADES 6-12 Confirmation

Call 780-467-5470
or Email: sacraments@olph.ca



CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME
to these children
BAPTIZED

on Sunday August 27

Nicholas Trevor Hinck

Noella Kate Hinck

Zoey Dawn Whiteside

Asher John Garcia

Althea Peralta Magbanua

George Edward Golinowski

Mira Maria Hughes Perez

Grief as a Journey

When we experience loss of a loved one, we need to grieve. OLPH offers a ten-week program called "Grief as a Journey", open to anyone who feels they may benefit from it.

Monday Evenings

September 18 to November 27

6:30 - 8:30 pm

(excluding Thanksgiving Day on October 9)



To register for the upcoming session, please call the Parish Office 780-467-5470 or email info@olph.ca.



“It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him,” (Gen. 2, 18).

How is your memory? Sorry to hear that. Tee Hee. The end of August and beginning of September has signaled back to school for time immemorial. How many of you have fond and exciting memories of the first day back at school? I believe most of us do. Particularly as we grew old enough to appreciate our friends that we had missed throughout the summer. Keep in mind, I am speaking now about the last century or so, not the last two decades where young people can stay in contact all summer with their friends via face time, zoom, and whatever the latest social platform of the week is. Back in the day, unless your classmates lived close by, you might not see them all summer. You might see them on Sunday at Church, or you might not. Regardless of the circumstances, last century or this week, it was always an exciting time of anticipation and looking forward to seeing our classmates, coupled with the thoughts of new and interesting experiences yet to be enjoyed.

This week, I had the pleasure of being part of two opening school year Masses for two Catholic school divisions. On Tuesday, we hosted the Elk Island Catholic School District Mass here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. We were privy to beautiful, joyful music from the Holy Spirit School choir, and to a top notch - inviting yet challenging - homily from His Grace, Archbishop Richard Smith, who presided at this Mass. On Thursday, I presided at one of four Edmonton Catholic Schools Masses at Corpus Christi parish. It was wonderful to be back in South Edmonton and greet so many familiar faces of educators I had gotten to know in my nine years in Mill Woods. On both occasions we experienced about one thousand participants in the Holy Mass.

My observations are thus. In both scenarios, the educators who are responsible for the formation of our young people could very well have been confused with the young people they teach. There was such a buzz of excitement amongst these joyful adults, as they greeted colleagues and friends whom they may not have seen all summer. These big kids were behaving very much like little kids, with their unbridled excitement, and sharing with one another what they had been up to during the summer past. It was an enjoyable scenario to observe from a bit of a distance. The volume of voices, the bigness of the smiles and the loudness of the laughter was really a very enjoyable experience to witness and to be part of.

Why am I focusing on the first day of school for our teachers? Because in so many ways, your first days of school that I asked you to remember, and our teachers first days of school, expresses very clearly, one aspect of God’s creative genius. God created us in His image and likeness, in His divine image He created us. But the key to this creative wonder is that God made us as people to be in relationship. Relationship with Him, with ourselves, and with each other. The poignancy of this genius is exacerbated and amplified when we witness a large group of social beings, gathered for the first time, after a long time apart. We miss each other, we need each other, we like each other. That is the beauty of how our

Lord made us. This is one of the key components of our humanity that makes life truly special, and in fact joyful. We, each of us, thrive and flourish when we are in the company of one another. If we are long time friends, spouses, family or otherwise, we are at our best when we can be with one another.

Think about elderly couples you may know, who are well into their golden years. They may not be having a boisterous, life-of-the-party conversation. They may simply be sitting beside one another on the couch reading, or even enjoying a little nap. The key is that they are happy in one another’s company. They are living out their God-given lives in the company of one another. And because that is how our Lord created us to be, it does not need to high volume. It simply needs to be with one another. God said it is not good for us to be alone, so He gave us one another, which most days, is one of the greatest blessings we can possibly imagine.

As we begin this school year, in all its diverse forms and manifestations, with all its excitement and anticipation, please pray. Pray for the well being of our young people from K-12, university and beyond. Pray for our parents, our educators, administration, bus drivers and custodians. Pray for all those who, through a collaborative relationship with one another, form our young people into the faith-filled men and women that we all desire for them to become. It really does take a village to raise a child, and our prayers for them are a significant and important part of that process. Blessings and happy school year to all.

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Fr. Jim



REMINDER: No one from OLPH will EVER send you emails asking for money or gift cards or other favors. Beware of scams from fake email addresses pretending to be our clergy or someone else from the parish! Please take time to read this page from Government of Canada:

<https://cyber.gc.ca/en/guidance/dont-take-bait-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-attacks>

From: Jim Corrigan <executivee436@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 7:35 AM
To: Natalie Lavigne <nlavigne@olph.ca>
Subject: REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

**FAKE EMAIL ADDRESS!
NOT FATHER JIM!**

Good Morning,

I would like to know if you can initiate an E-Transfer in the amount of \$1,950 for an expense on behalf of the church?

I will issue a cheque to reimburse you tomorrow, Let me know so i can send you the details.

Regards,
Jim Corrigan