

**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**

**\*\*\*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: February 7

2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: February 14

**\*special time for Ash Wednesday, 6:00 pm then mass at 7:00 pm**

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: February 21

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: February 28



**We have a NEW YouTube Channel!** For the benefit of the faithful whose health or other circumstances prevent them from attending the church in person, **all Masses and Adoration will now be livestreamed at:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/@olpparishsherwoodparkab/streams>**

**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 February 4, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe*

**13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 1Y7 780-467-5470 [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca)**



# What's Wrong with "MAiD"?

(Medical Assistance in Dying)

**Thursday, February 8**

**6:15 pm Mass**

**7:00 pm Presentation**

***Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish***

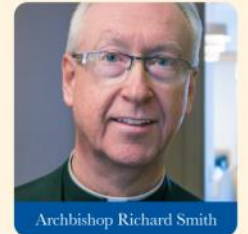
The live event can also be viewed on YouTube.

**@olpparishsherwoodparkab/streams**

**Presented by:** Deacon Larry Worthen, Executive Director,  
Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada.  
Special Guest: Archbishop Richard Smith



Deacon Larry Worthen



Archbishop Richard Smith

In this important presentation, Deacon Larry Worthen will review the evolution of euthanasia policy in Canada and propose the role Catholics can play in restoring the value of every human life.

Presented by:



Few people could have anticipated the full implications of legalizing euthanasia in Canada. 7 years later, there are growing concerns about the expanding scope of euthanasia, the lack of protections for people experiencing vulnerability, and the long-term effects on the ethics of the medical system. As disturbing as these developments are, they point to a larger problem – a national crisis of meaning. Only faith provides an antidote to this cultural malaise. In this presentation, Deacon Larry Worthen will explain the recent evolution of euthanasia policy in Canada and its impact on human dignity. He will describe the role that churches can play in restoring the perceived value of every human life. *Come learn how to articulate the evil of assisted suicide, how to approach this matter with truth and compassion, and how to advocate for change.* **More info at <https://hopeanddignity.caedm.ca/>**



*St. Valentines Dinner & Variety Show*  
**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES**

**Contact: Sean Mullane**  
780-417-2299 or Email [spmullane@shaw.ca](mailto:spmullane@shaw.ca)  
Table of 8 \$480.00 - Single Tickets \$65.00



# Hope & Dignity

Many of us have had the experience of accompanying a loved one who is ill and is residing in a care facility within the medical system. Whether a hospital or an extended care center, many of us of a certain age, have walked the halls of these facilities to visit a loved one. To make this scenario more vivid, think about your aging parent, an elderly aunt or uncle, or a close friend. Our health care system, and the care it provides, becomes a whole lot more poignant when it is our loved one who is being cared for.

So imagine we are the primary caregiver for a loved one who is in hospital or an acute extended care center. Our loved one has been experiencing discomfort over an extended period and it is not easy for us to watch them in their time of frustration and pain. One day out of frustration they say to you, "I just want to end this. I want this to be over." You are in a non-Catholic health care setting and the doctors and nurses have also heard your loved one's frustration. They present to you and your loved one some options:

1. Care that would mitigate pain and offer what we refer to as "comfort care."
2. If there is what is termed "heroic treatment" being administered (meaning a very advanced form of supporting the life of your loved one), this could be stopped, and with quality comfort care and pain mediation in place, nature could take its course.
3. Or we could just administer a needle that will end all pain by ending your beloved's life. (ie: MAiD Medical Assistance in Dying.)

When "MAiD" (ie: euthanasia) became law in Canada in June 2016 it did two things: It allowed people with a serious non-reversible illness to choose to make a voluntary request for assistance in dying, and it changed Canada's criminal code to exempt the doctors and nurses who provide or help to provide it. To be eligible for MAiD, one must have a serious illness in an advanced state of decline, which cannot be relieved under conditions that are considered acceptable. It does not need to be a terminal condition to qualify for MAiD.

What are we actually saying within these statements from Health Canada? Our loved one can choose to end their life; either by having a drug injected into their system that causes death, or by having a drug prescribed that, when taken, will bring about their death. One of the acronyms we use for MAiD is "assisted suicide," because it is.

Needless to say, suicide, never mind assisting another in committing suicide, cannot be considered right. Life is a gift, given to us by God, and our lives here in the world will end when God deems it appropriate. In the meantime, we need to treasure the life we have been given, and live it as fully as we are able. We will encounter friends and family who, be-

cause they are frustrated, discouraged, and tired of their condition, may look at assisted suicide as an avenue of relief. Perhaps this person simply does not want to be a burden to their family, so they see assisted suicide as a possible solution. Note, I am using assisted suicide as a term rather than MAiD. "Medical Assistance in Dying" somehow glamorizes or gives these actions a sense of integrity. There is no integrity in assisting, or being part of ending someone's life. In point of fact, the Catholic Church has been assisting people in dying for two thousand years; in an ethical, prayerful, and spiritual way.

Our health care system has come an extraordinarily long way in providing dignified and comfortable end stage life care for Canadians. Just because our loved one is debilitated, and unable to do what they used to do, does not negate their dignity as a human person, and therefore as a child of God. Our God loves us not for what we do, but for who we are, His children.

I am going down this road because most of us will at some point walk with a loved one who is elderly, or ill, or otherwise struggling. We need to be able to give them good quality, orthodox, Catholic assistance/counsel/advice. For our own sake, we need to know what is available, what is acceptable, and what is right from a Catholic perspective, that values the dignity of all life. We need to know what is right and what is wrong, for our loved one's sake, and for us who will need to live with decisions made. MAiD is gaining momentum. The mentally ill are the next group that will qualify for MAiD. Where is this going to end my friends? This is unacceptable. We do not get to choose who lives and who dies. It is as simple as that, but MAiD does not see it that way.

This **Thursday February 8, at 7:00 pm here at our OLPH parish** we will have the opportunity to receive a solid, orthodox Catholic perspective on death and dying, presented by Deacon Larry Worthen and Archbishop Richard Smith after our evening Mass. We will learn about the woeful wrongness of MAiD, and of the wonderful loving care that is available to us and our loved ones within the Canadian health care system. **I strongly encourage you to attend this event**, because it will at some point become unbelievably valuable to you, as you walk with your aging parent or other beloved family members. This is far too important a topic not to have a clear understanding of what is right and what is wrong.

God made us, ultimately to spend eternal life with Him in the heavenly kingdom. We do not want to be part of anything that could diminish the absolutely most important outcome of our entire well-lived lives. Please check the front page of this bulletin for more information. Please invite family and friends to attend this critically important event in the life our Church's faithful.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

## TOFIELD CORNER ~ St. Francis of Assisi Parish ~

### Mass every Sunday at 11:00 am

Jesus said to St. Faustina- "Oh how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust!"  
~ from the diary of St. Faustina Kowalska



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ~ As we learn from Job, only God alone knows what we are capable of and how far we can be pushed, and the rewards we will receive if we trust and stay faithful. We are to trust in God's plan for each individual. We do not know why we receive the challenges in our lives. But we are to remain strong in our beliefs and follow the teachings of Jesus in the gospels. What did Jesus bring to us? — Healing, hope and friendship. Again this week, how does this relate to our own community? We must be active participants, concerned, involved, committed and always in commune with our Creator. So...

1. We will be having a **General Meeting** February 18th after Sunday Mass. We have some great ideas to share with you on fundraising within our community and activities we can be involved in to grow closer together as God's people in our parish. And we need your ideas, feedback and opinions! Please join in. There will be coffee and snacks to keep us going.
2. Lent is almost here!! On February 14th, we will be having an **Ash Wednesday Mass** at St. Francis of Assisi at 6:30 pm. Please join us as we prepare to enter into the Lenten season.
3. **Palms.** Please bring in last year's palms so they can be ready for Ash Wednesday. There will be a container at the front entrance of our church to place them in. Thank you!
4. Reminder - There has been an interest in a **Men's Bible study** group within our parish. If you are interested or just need some info - please contact Jason Sangster 780-446-5476.
5. This Sunday, February 4th, is **Potluck Sunday** after Mass. Bring you favorite dish/food and share in other's favorite = Enjoy + Friendships.

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



## What's Happening at OLPH



### February 14 Mass Times:

- 8:30 am
- 10:30 am - Holy Redeemer, Ecole OLPH and St. Luke Catholic Schools attending
- 1:00 pm - St. Isidore Learning Centre, Holy Spirit, Ecole Pere Kearns, St. Nicholas and Madonna Catholic Schools attending
- 7:00 pm (Holy Hour of Adoration moved to 6:00 pm, No 6:15 pm Mass)
- 6:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Tofield

### IN SEARCH OF:

*Girls in grades 5-9 who want to Serve!*  
February 17 - 18, a group of girls will be preparing and serving lunch to members of the inner city.

If you are interested in participating in this meaningful initiative, please email [rebecca.genuis@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.genuis@gmail.com) for more information!



Adult supervision will, of course, be provided.



Condolences to Fern Adams & Len Coulombe, Fern's brother, Remi Bureau died on January 30 in Bonnyville, AB.



One of our volunteer cleaners is on vacation, so we are looking for help with vacuuming after morning Mass on the following Mondays: February 12, February 26 and March 11. Please call Priska at 780-464-3965 if you can help.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

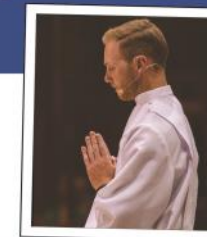


## HELP YOUNG MEN ANSWER THE CALL



Your ONE Gift to Together We Serve helps St. Joseph Seminary form new diocesan priests for Western Canada and beyond.

This year the seminary has 39 men in formation, including 16 studying for the Archdiocese of Edmonton.



SCAN HERE TO DONATE or speak with someone at the parish office.



## Catholic Community News



### We are excited to announce that the registration process for the 2024-2025 school year is officially open!

At EICS, we are dedicated to providing all students with a faith-integrated learning environment that celebrates and nurtures the academic, spiritual, and personal growth of every student.

#### Some of our Educational Offerings

From early learning to Grade 12, our students have a diverse range of educational programs and opportunities that meet the unique needs and interests of each student, including:

- [Pre-Kindergarten PUF Supported and Independant Learners](#)
- [Kindergarten](#) and [Nature Kindergarten](#)
- [Flexible Pathways](#)
- [Sports Academies: Hockey, Baseball/Softball and Jiu Jitsu](#)
- [Cogito Academy](#) for accelerated learning
- [French Immersion](#) and [Ukrainian Bilingual](#) programs
- [Online Learning and Summer School](#)



From early learning to high school, there are many more unique programs on offer at each of our schools across our division. Visit [www.eics.ca](http://www.eics.ca) to learn more about our schools and their programs.

## What's Happening at OLPH



**Tuesday February 13**

**Starts with Mass at 6:15pm, followed by Classroom Session**

Contact Jenny at the Parish Office to register to attend. Email [info@olph.ca](mailto:info@olph.ca) or call 780-467-5470.

*Baptism classes and celebrations are not scheduled during Lent, so there will be no classes in March. Baptism Preparation will resume April 9. No Baptism Celebrations are scheduled in February or March.*

# FORGIVEN

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION

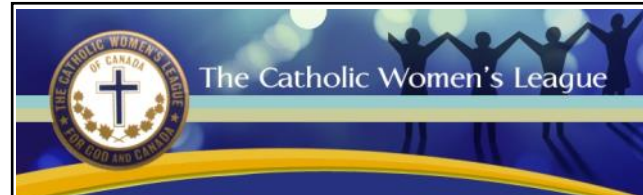
**Saturday, February 10**  
**12:30 - 4:00**  
**Live online via Zoom**

...with our Rite of Christian Initiation candidates!

Are you ready to grow in your relationship with Jesus? Then it's time to be forgiven! **FORGIVEN** is a half-day workshop on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether you go to Confession regularly or haven't gone for decades, this workshop will answer your questions and guide you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite – what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.



To register, contact Alana at [alaperle@telus.net](mailto:alaperle@telus.net) or call/text 780-446-9009



**Women's Retreat**  
**"Landscapes of Lent"**  
with Carol Sebastian  
**Saturday February 24**  
**9:30am - 1:00pm**

*No cost - freewill offerings accepted for Father Ben's Marriet Kwamang School project in Ghana.*

Register by e-mail to [info@cwolph.ca](mailto:info@cwolph.ca) or call Mary-Lou at 780-464-6116.

# DYING WITH CHRIST

LIVING WITH HOPE

Thursdays, February 29 to March 14  
7:00-9:00 pm  
**ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

Developed by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada, this three-part series presents the Christian view of death and what Christians can do to accompany others during the dying process.

**Cost:** The program is free but participants will have the opportunity to purchase the workbook for \$10.

- Session 1:** Discussing Death and Dying
- Session 2:** Suffering, Pain, and End of Life
- Session 3:** The Christian Duty to Care

To register or for more information, contact:  
Alana at [alaperle@telus.net](mailto:alaperle@telus.net) or call/text 780-446-9009



**From:** Fr Jim Corrigan <fatherchurch46@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2024 11:05 AM

**To:** Na...@ca

**Subject:** EMAIL SCAM ALERT

How are you doing today? I would like to know if you're available for errands. I'll be glad if you get back to me as soon as you receive my message.

Thank you,  
Fr Jim Corrigan.

### Don't be fooled by FAKE email accounts!

**Fr. Jim's only real emails are**  
**[jcorrigan@olph.ca](mailto:jcorrigan@olph.ca) and [jim.corrigan@caedm.ca](mailto:jim.corrigan@caedm.ca).**  
**NO ONE from OLPH will ever email or text you asking for money, gift cards or other favours. Beware of emails from scammers pretending to be a clergy member or someone else from the Parish. Please read this advisory from the Government of Canada:**

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



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

**Saturdays 10:00 am – Noon February 3 & 17**  
**Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm February 13 & 27**



## What's Happening at OLPH

### *Congratulations & Welcome to the Children Baptized on January 28*



Augustus Odis Hauck  
Cole Wallace Mailman  
Nicholas Josiah Ottens  
Ella Schneider

Congratulations to  
**Edward & Audrey Skiba**  
celebrating 60 years of  
Holy Matrimony on  
February 15, 2024



Friday February 16	Secular Franciscans
Friday February 23	Knights of Columbus
Friday March 1	ALPHA Team
Friday March 8	Altar Servers
Friday March 15	Mary's Servants for Christ
Friday March 22	Catholic Women's League

Every **FRIDAY** evening during Lent, join us for **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** led by groups from our parish immediately following the **6:15 pm Mass.**



### **Is your child in Grade 6 or older?**

Contact the parish today to begin their preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation.**

- Preparation Classes at the Church for youth in Grades 6 - 8 (with a parent) start in February
- ABJ students attend lunch hour program at the high school every Wednesday (CHOSEN club)

For more details or to register, email [sacraments@olph.ca](mailto:sacraments@olph.ca) or contact Natalie at the Parish Office 780-467-5470 (ext 225)

\* **PARENTS MUST ATTEND INTRODUCTION MEETING BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN, CHOICE OF EITHER:**

Saturday February 3 at 9:00 am OR Wednesday February 7 at 7:00 pm  
Downstairs in the Meeting Room

## Catholic Community News

WESTERN CANADIAN CATHOLIC  
HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCE

# Steadfast

March 7 - 9, 2024

Providence Renewal Centre  
3005-119 St. Edmonton, AB

### Keynote Speaker

**Fr. Stefano Penna**

- Prepare to be Steadfast
- Simply Steadfast

### Plenary Sessions

**Crystal Campbell**

- Steadfast Mother

**Maighread Axe**

- Writing as Communication

**Constantine Kolitsos**

- The Father & Steadfast Family Life

**Garnett & Rebecca Genuis**

- Steadfast Marriage

### Break-out Sessions

**Janice Laurence**

- Nuts & Bolts of Home Schooling for Beginners

**Simon Noster**

- Home Schooling Through High School

### Retreat with your Spouse in a Catholic Community

Conference Begins with Mass & Benediction  
Thursday Evening

Mass on Friday & Saturday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Confession



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**WCCHSC.NET**



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A humble and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports the financial needs of our parish home with Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD), by bringing your Sunday Giving Envelopes to the church, or donating via INTERAC E-TRANSFER to:

[OLPH.etransfer@caedm.ca](mailto:OLPH.etransfer@caedm.ca)

**\*TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE MAILED OUT BY THE END OF FEBRUARY**

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

February 5 - 10

**Monday** ~ Baby Todd†, Alister de Cruz†, Stan Lamarre†, Ruth Bischoff†, Monica Love, Ron Bucharshy, Corazon Garcia, Matthew McKay

**Tuesday** ~ Jim Mitchell†, Fr. Ian Boyd†, Lamar Boisvert†, Patricia Thomson†, Anthony Reghelini†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Martina Caddel

**Wednesday** ~ Ted Laxton†, Lourdes Ramos Basa†, Doris Nelson†, Campbell Family†, John Lawrence†, Patricia Thomson†, Martina Caddel, Michelle McKay, Judith & Esteban Velazco, Conrad Weleschuk

**Thursday** ~ Mary Wesko†, Shirley Laxton†, Chase Evan Gourlay†, Jim Mitchell†, Fr. Ian Boyd†, Helen Desjardins†, Nick Jackson, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Adam Woods

**Friday** ~ Marilyn Castro†, Patricia Thomson†, Ida Stang†, Edwin Prince†, Sim & DeWolfe Families, Andrew Gerard, Family of Celine Reghelini, Anthony McKay, Maria Elena C. Sebastian

**Saturday** ~ Mervyn Lynch†, Mike Panelo†, Eva Visky†, Sabeena David, Ricardo Nogueiro

### Your OLPH Parish Team

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Other Inquiries: [info@olph.ca](mailto:info@olph.ca)  
Parish Office 780-467-5470

Website: [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca)

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Archdiocese of Edmonton  
Website: [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca)

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

### Catholic Community News



Catholic Renewal Services of Edmonton

**Mass with Healing Service**  
**Saturday February 17**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Fr. Matthew Hysell presiding**

**St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church**  
**(12960-112 St NW, Edmonton)**

**Reconciliation on Saturday, with Fr. Matthew, will only be available between 3:30-5:00 at St. Emeric's.**

**Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life, he who comes to Me will not hunger and he who believes in Me will never thirst." John 6:35**

[www.crsedmonton.ca/events](http://www.crsedmonton.ca/events)

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"...be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes..."  
*Ephesians 6:10-11*



Fr. Michael Denk      Fr. Paul Moret

**March 1-2, 2024 | Holy Family Parish**  
75 Poirier Avenue, St. Albert, AB

**REGISTER TODAY**  
Early Bird  
\$50 Man • \$40 Student/Senior  
After February 17  
\$60 Man • \$50 Student/Senior  
Registration link and conference details are available on the website.

**WEEKEND INCLUDES:**  
Adoration • Confession  
Mass: Friday & Saturday  
Light Breakfast • Lunch • Snacks  
Talks • Fellowship • Vendors  
Friday: 5:30 - 10 pm  
Saturday: 7:30 am - 4 pm  
Your timely registration helps us organize volunteers & food.

[www.catholicfamilyministries.com](http://www.catholicfamilyministries.com) | Registration Questions: 780.920.7878

### OLPH Financial Report

Week 5 January 28, 2024	Cost of Operating the Parish	Building Fund Target Amount	"Together We Serve" Target Amount
Average weekly amount required	\$25,000.00	\$2,480.00	\$2,310.00
Donations this week	\$19,995.90	\$2,674.10	\$1,398.40
This week surplus/ shortfall	-\$5,004.10	\$194.10	-\$911.60

- 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 on an annual target which is set by the Archdiocese.
- Together We Serve Collection - *First Sunday of every Month - February 4*
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - *Third Weekend of every Month - Feb. 17-18*