

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints day 1Pm Young Drums 1pm 2c going to Ncholas Sheran Park	2 Outdoor Classroom Day All Souls Day Gr2c&4H going to Mass 9-10:00am	3 Firewood Fundraiser wood pickup if you have ordered a truck load 12:00-3:00	
5 Daylight savings Time over Clocks Fall back 1 Hour  Catholic Education Sunday	6 Parent Council Winter Fundraiser begins watch for details. Sponsor a Turkey School cash online \$20 for our turkey Lunch in Dec.	7 Worry Dragons	8 Wear Red for Remembrance Day  Liturgy 10:45 am 1pm Young Drums	9	10 No school (in Lieu of Remembrance Day)	11 Remembrance Day 
12	13 Non-operational Day No School	14 Worry Dragons	15 Rock your Mocs  1pm Young Drums	16 Parent/Teacher Interviews 5/6A, 5/6W, 1W & kindergarten am Classes going to Mass 9-10:00am	17 Parent/Teacher Interviews	18
19	20 Kindergarten Family Play day	21	22 Division Board Meeting 1pm Young Drums	23 Picture Retake Day 1/2 M & 3S going to Mass 9-10:00am	24 Family Movie Night watch for details 	25
26	27 6:30 pm school council meeting in Library or virtual	28 5:30 pm in the gym kindergarten	29 1pm Young Drums	30 Recognition Assembly Kinder pm leads End Sponsor a turkey		



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of **Alberta** and the
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October 5, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“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)

Our theme for Catholic Education Sunday this year is: “Courage to Lead”. Parents, educators, administrators, trustees, and clergy are all invited to engage their responsibility of leadership to strengthen and promote Catholic education, through which we lead the children entrusted to our care to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.

Publicly funded Catholic education in Alberta is a unique and cherished historical gift, for which we are grateful. It is an invaluable offering to both the Catholic community and wider society, carrying growing responsibility in an increasingly secular world. In the face of many societal changes and challenges, we share the responsibility of ensuring that our faith-based education remains steadfast in its fidelity to the teachings of the Church. We are all called to lead with courage, secure in God’s love.

Leadership within Catholic Education involves guidance with a sense of purpose, driven by the mission to nurture in our young people a joyful reliance upon the Holy Spirit, unwavering trust in the words of the Lord Jesus, and abiding confidence in the providence of our Heavenly Father. Beyond academic excellence, dedicated educators will permeate all aspects of school life with the Catholic faith. Parents and clergy have their role to play by strengthening the relationship of our schools with both home and parish. In addition, all Catholics exercise their responsibility by offering the support of their prayers and advocating strongly for our schools. Every effort counts in the promotion of our Catholic education system.

For our part, we Bishops pledge our leadership and support in the service of our schools. We look forward to our continuing engagement with parents, trustees, administrators, teachers, and clergy to ensure that our schools are places of authentic Catholic community, in which our beloved students come to know the joy of friendship with Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

May God bless our Catholic schools.

Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT

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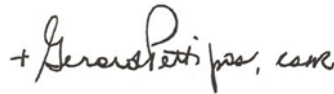
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Archbishop of Edmonton

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Most Reverend William McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary

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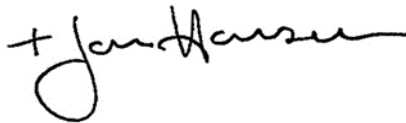
Most Reverend Gary Franken
Bishop of St. Paul

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Most Reverend Gerard Pettipas CSsR
Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan

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Most Reverend David Motiuk
Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of
Edmonton

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Most Reverend Jon Hansen, CSsR
Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith



CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5,
2023



CELEBRATING IN
PARISHES WITH
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
AND ADVOCATES

GRATEFULLY
ADVOCATING FOR
CATHOLIC
EDUCATION

THE MISSION OF
GRACE IS TO
INSPIRE,
INVIGORATE AND
EMBOLDEN THE
SPIRIT OF CATHOLIC
EDUCATION IN
ORDER TO UNITE,
ENGAGE, EDUCATE
AND ADVOCATE
WITH ONE VOICE ON
ITS BEHALF

FOLLOW GRACE ON
SOCIAL MEDIA

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November

Build! Pilgrims of Hope



*"Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples."*

Psalm 96:3

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini 1850-1917 (Feast Day: November 13)

Maria Francesca Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850 in what is now Lombardy, Italy, the youngest of thirteen children in a farming family. As a young person, she dreamed of becoming a missionary and achieved a teaching certificate. In 1870, she became the headmistress of an orphanage, and in 1870, took her religious vows. It was at this point that she took the name Xavier, to honour the patron saint of missionaries, St. Francis Xavier. In 1880, along with several other religious sisters, she formed the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and became known more popularly as Mother Cabrini.

The order was very active in Italy, supporting orphans and providing education and housing, which led to Mother Cabrini being asked by the Pope to migrate to the United States to support the growing Italian-American population. While she was initially resistant to this idea, Mother Cabrini did emigrate in 1889 to New York. While there, she and her sisters established schools, orphanages, and hospitals in a time before governmental support for these types of institutions. She became an American citizen in 1909, and when canonized in 1946 became the first American saint.



"Building" In Our Schools

Influenced by the book "The Dot", International Dot Day (a global celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration) is held yearly on September 15th. *The Dot*, a book written by Peter H. Reynolds, is a story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to "make her mark." Standing at 4 feet high, St. Michael's Pincher Creek's grade 7 homeroom replicated the faith plan image using a variety of assorted sizes and coloured dots. What a beautiful faith-building expression of creativity!

Corporal Works of Mercy — Bury the Dead —

Did you know that this Corporal Work of Mercy is the only one not found in Matthew 25? Most often, reference is made to Tobit. Tobit risked his own life to ensure that his fellow Israelites received a proper burial during a time of oppression. We also know about the importance of human dignity as Catholics. Jesuit Father James Keenan has noted that "the significance of burying the dead is then rooted in the profound respect that Christians have for the human body. The human body created and redeemed by God is to be raised up by God in glory."

November is a month where we are often more conscious of praying for the deceased and those who are grieving, as we observe both "All Souls' Day" and "Remembrance Day". Through our prayers and actions, we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and seek to comfort those who mourn.

What might some practical suggestions be?

- Be faithful about attending prayers, wakes, and funerals
- Spend time with those who are grieving or who have experienced loss
- Go with friends and relatives to visit the cemetery
- Offer daily prayers for those with terminal illnesses and for those who have died
- Send Mass cards to families of those who have died

Pope's Prayer Intentions - Let us pray for the Pope that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he may continue to accompany in the faith the flock entrusted to him.

Catholic Social Teaching — Subsidiarity —

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.

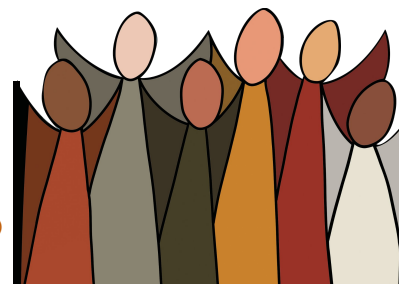
Mother Cabrini was well known for her works of service, in a time when the government did not provide the same levels of funding and structure as it does today. She saw a need, assessed the need, and chose to take the actions that she could to try to address the need. When we act in this way, seeking to create solutions with those around us, we are engaging in subsidiarity.

"The principle of subsidiarity allows everyone to assume his or her own role in the healing and destiny of society. Implementing it, implementing the principle of subsidiarity gives hope, it gives hope in a healthier and more just future." (Pope Francis)

The basic premise of subsidiarity is that local groups, associations, and institutions are often in the best position to deal with local issues, and should be supported by higher orders of government in addressing them. We often see this principle applied by organizations such as Chalice, that seek to work together with those at the local level in supporting development programs.

Learn more about subsidiarity with one of these resources:

The Religion Teacher - [Subsidiarity](#)
Caritas Australia - [Subsidiarity](#)
CAFOD - [Subsidiarity](#)



"During our daily ordinary tasks, whatever our work, let us offer every act to the Heart of Jesus for the conversion of sinners." (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)

Gospel Readings

November 1, 2023



All Saints Day

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” — Matthew 5:12

Today is a great day of hope in the Church. We remember and celebrate all the men and women who have gone before us... the saints. Many of them had difficult lives, suffering for their love and faith in Jesus. All of them lived lives of great example. They showed us how to live out the beatitudes (also from today's Gospel). They taught us how to pray and live lives pleasing to God. May we be inspired by them and strive to also live lives that will be pleasing to God.

As a family, learn something new about a saint you didn't know much about before. For example, read about St. John Vianney, St. Benedict, St. Rose of Lima, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Lucy, or St. Juan Diego, just to name a few.



Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you not only for your Son who lived the perfect example in life, but also for all the saints who continue to reinforce Jesus' teachings.

November 5, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

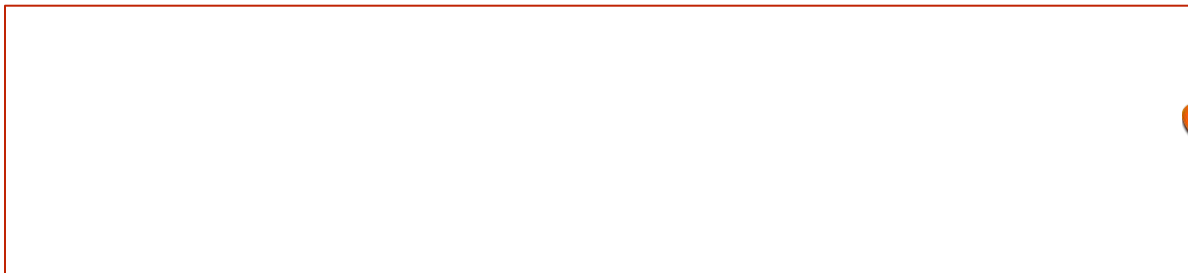
Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

“...do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.” — Matthew 23:3

Have you ever played a board game with someone who kept changing the rules so they would win? In this Gospel, Jesus warns the people about some religious leaders who were changing God's rules for the game of life. God's rules are simply to love him above all things and to love each other as we love ourselves. But these leaders, to make themselves look important, added more rules that were almost impossible for people to obey. And to make it even worse, they didn't even follow their own rules!

Here is a lesson we can learn from this Gospel. To be a good leader—one who is worth following—people need to see that we practice what we preach and that what we preach is good and honorable. This is what the word “integrity” means—what we say with our actions matches what we say with our words.

Do you have a younger brother or sister, cousin, or friend who looks up to you? What are some things you can do to give them a good example to follow?



Prayer:

Dear God, please help me to follow your rules so I can help others follow them, too.

Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) - St Frances Xavier Cabrini



Gospel Readings

November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” — Matthew 25:13

If you were going to run a marathon, what are some things you would have to do ahead of time? Do you think you would be prepared to run such a long distance if each day for a week before the race you only ran around the block and then took a nap? Do you think your feet would be able to carry you the whole distance if you only had flip flops to wear?

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses a story to help us understand how important it is to be ready to meet God. We need to prepare in advance. If each day we try a little harder to follow Jesus' example of love, we will grow in holiness and look forward to seeing God face to face one day.

What is one thing you can do today to become more like Jesus?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to prepare my heart to become more like yours – filled with love.



November 19, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” — Matthew 25:23

If you won \$100 in a contest, what would you do with it? Would you spend it on something you want, save it, or give it away? Each of these options can be good. You could spend it on something that would help you with your school work (like a calculator), put it in the bank to earn interest (increasing its value), or donate the money to someone in need. In each case, your money would be well spent. But what if you decide instead to dig a hole in your backyard and bury your \$100? That would be totally useless!

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells a story to help us understand that he has given each person a winning prize—talents that we can use to help the world know God's love. If we choose not to use these talents, it would be like burying a \$100 bill!

What special talent has God given each member of your family?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to give you honor and glory by using the talents you have given me.



November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” — Matthew 25:40

Most people have never seen Christ in a physical way, where they could talk to him and hear him talk back to them. In today's scripture, however, Jesus tells us that he is present in the people who may be the hardest to look at. Who are the “least” of our brother and sisters? He might be the person at school who isn't very popular. She might be the person at work to whom no one reaches out. He may even be the person who lives next door to you. Jesus wants us to find ways to love him through those who may not be easy to love, just as he did.

Is there someone at school or work who people shun? What can you do to be the face of Jesus for that person?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, sometimes I judge people by what they look like or by their possessions. Please give me the grace to love all people as you taught us through your example.



Sources:

[Practical Suggestions for Practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy](#)

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



TOWN HALL MEETING



BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION!

***Learn more about LPS, hear
about crime trends in your
area and ask questions!***

Light refreshments will be provided

St. Patrick's Fine Arts
Elementary School



November 7, 2023



6:00PM - 8:00PM



GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF FOCUS

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OUR LADY OF PEACE COUNCIL 5726

Our Lady of Peace Council 5726, located in Lethbridge, Alberta, received its charter on May 27th 1965 and has been active in many worthwhile projects and activities in the Lethbridge and district community. We are involved in our parish, community, and youth programs, supporting through donations, several vocations, education institutions and other charities. Our involvement in community life is a record of our outstanding achievement. Our Website provides more detailed information of our financial charitable donations from 2021 to October 2023 totalling \$38,960.00.



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Council 5726
Lethbridge, Alberta**



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With your assistance we endeavour to reach out to our community informing them of our mission and the contribution our organization makes to the Lethbridge community. Through this contact and connection we hope that some members of the community will respond with greater support and some may choose to join our Council in our Mission and its work.

Peace and Blessings.

Brother Ken Tratch, Trustee

On behalf of The Knights of Columbus, Council 5726



(I)SWAG PRESENTS:

HOW DO WE SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY MIGHT NOT BE OKAY?

Join us as we enjoy learning from Kim Clark as she presents while
having a courtesy meal

NOV
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5:30 - 8:00pm

CEDAR ROOM

Sandman Signature
320 Scenic Drive S,
Lethbridge AB

PLEASE RSVP AT

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7R9L8CC>





Holy Spirit Catholic School Division
(I)SWAG
(Indigenous) Student Wellness Access Guide
#STRONGERTOGETHER

KIM CLARK

Kim Clark has been a social worker for 30+ years with a specific focus on Mental Health and Leadership Training. Kim has worked with a variety of clienteles, such as adults with disabilities, seniors, and youth at risk. She applies evidence based training into a group environment to create a comfortable and enjoyable learning experience for everyone.

This event is **FREE** and is open to all parents, guardians, and caregivers.

PLEASE RSVP AT

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