



St. Mary's School

Companions with Christ on a journey toward excellence ... Providing a learning environment permeated by Catholic Values

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MAY, 2010 NEWSLETTER



Reflection on Mary, Mother of God for the Marian Month of May



Mary is a very special person for us because she was the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God. She was chosen by God to be Jesus' mother and He filled her heart with so much love that she always did what He wanted her to do.

When asked to be the Mother of Jesus she replied, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord" and said "yes" to the angel that was sent by God.

(pg. 33 "Let Us Pray" Northern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Cooperative)

As we enter the final two months of the current school year, we are reminded of everything that we have accomplished since September. Perhaps one of the best memories that we will take forward is the hard work (and sweat) that was poured into putting on the production of "Fiddler on the Roof Jr.". The hundreds of hours that were spent in preparation for the final performances, were clearly worth it.

Needless to say, words cannot describe how proud all of us are to be associated with the Fine Arts program at St. Mary's School. I sincerely offer my gratitude and heartfelt "thank you" to each student, teacher, support staff and parent that permitted "Fiddler on the Roof Jr." to be the success that it truly was – Bravo!!!!

May is also the month that we celebrate our patron Saint, Mary. Therefore, during the month of May, each class is endeavoring to learn about and likewise recite a decade of the rosary on a daily basis. As a Catholic people, we firmly believe in the power of prayer and devotion to the Virgin Mary.

Mary lived with her eyes fixed on Christ, treasuring his every word: "*She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart*" (Luke 2:19). The memories of Jesus, impressed upon her heart, were always with her, leading her to reflect on the various moments of her life at her son's side. In a way those memories were to be the "rosary" which she recited uninterruptedly throughout her earthly life.

Even now, Mary sets before the faithful the *mysteries* of her Son, with the desire that the meditation of those mysteries will release all their saving power. In the recitation of the rosary, the Christian community enters into contact with the memories and saintly life of Mary. The rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary's own experience, is an excellent way to enter into a deeper relationship with God through prayer.

R. Dumanowski

Mrs. English would like to **thank those parents who donated to the Report Card Incentive Program**. Due to your generosity, we were able to hand out many prizes to deserving students. Again congratulations to all students who strove to improve their marks.

Special **thank you** to Drayton, Preston and Kaillie Wald and the Hat Ultimate Disc League for donating Frisbees to our Physical Education program!

Beginning September 2010, St. Mary's School will no longer be sending a hardcopy of the School Newsletter home each month.

Regular parent feedback indicates that their children are neglecting to bring the newsletter home (quite often, they are left in lockers or thrown out). Likewise, in the present day and age of technology and environmental stewardship, we feel that this is the right way to go.

Therefore, parents are asked to "sign up" for a digital copy of the Newsletter by means of the school's website (see the bottom left corner of the school's homepage via the link below). This will ensure that a copy of the newsletter is emailed to you promptly on the first day of each month.

<http://www.stmarymh.ca/>

Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation and support for this initiative.

SOME IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1). **Saturday, May 1, 2010:**

French Immersion Garage Sale:

Got things piling up in your Basement!

Not enough to have your own garage sale!

Let us help you out

The **French Immersion Program** is holding a Garage Sale on

Saturday, May 1st at St Mary's School

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Item drop off times are: Thursday, April 29 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 30 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Louise Lafond @ (403) 488-6800

or Celena Gerl @ (403) 548-6275



There will also be a **hamburger, popcorn and bake sale!**

Pass the date on to anyone you know who loves to bargain shop!



Academy Choir Bottle Drive to raise funds for the Alberta Provincial Music Festival in Edmonton, will run today from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (meeting location - St. Mary's School).

2). **Sunday, May 2, 2010:**

The **Core Association** has invited the **St. Mary's Singers** to sing at the Esplanade at a concert entitled "Cultural Diversity" from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. today.

3). **Monday, May 3, 2010:**



Students interested in sharing their talents are encouraged to sign up for the **St. Mary's Eighth Annual Star Search**. If you sing, dance, play an instrument, then pick up a registration form from the office today. All forms must be returned to Miss Bischoff by **Monday, May 10 (NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!)** - **minimum 55 applicants**. You can only enter **ONCE!** Competition starts on Thursday, May 13 until Monday, May 31 and Finals are on Thursday, June 3.

Thanks to the Catholic School Educational Foundation, we will be once again joining our district Elementary Choirs on "**National Music Monday**". 200 voices will join together in song at St. Mary's School Gym. The St. Mary's Singers will rehearse in the morning along with Mother Teresa School, St. Francis School, St. Michael's School and St. Louis School Choirs. A concert will be presented at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's School Gym.

4). **Tuesday, May 4, 2010:**

School Council Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

5). **Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6, 2010:**

Good luck to the St. Mary's Academy Choir who will be travelling to Edmonton to compete in the **Alberta Provincial Music Festival!**

6). **Thursday, May 6, 2010:**

Last day to register for the **Canadian Red Cross Babysitter Course**. Registration forms can be picked up at the office.

Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts (Partie A) Provincial Achievement Test. Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts (Partie B) Provincial Achievement Test will be on Monday, June 10, 2010.

Chess Club Wind-up will be held today at lunch. All club members are invited to participate on this final chess meeting and enjoy pizza for lunch.

7). **Saturday, May 8, 2010:**



Mrs. Lyn Weisgerber from the **Canadian Red Cross Babysitter Course**, will be running a class for interested students (must be 10 years or older) from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at St. Mary's School (please check sign on front doors for room location). The cost is \$40.00 per person (cash or cheques payable to Lyn Weisgerber). Students are required to bring a bag lunch as well as a doll or a stuffed toy.

8). **Sunday, May 9, 2010:**

Happy Mother's Day!

May God's many blessings be yours forever more
And may you know you're valued and loved by the Lord
Especially on this day that we have set aside
To show our appreciation to the
Mother's in our lives



- 9). **Monday, May 10, 2010:**
St. Mary's Eighth Annual Star Search forms are due today. Competition begins on Thursday, May 13.
- 10). **Tuesday, May 11, 2010:**
Grade 3 English Language Arts (Part A) Provincial Achievement Test. Grade 3 Language Arts (Part B - Reading Comprehension) Provincial Achievement Test will be on Tuesday, June 15, 2010.
- Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts (Partie A) Provincial Achievement Test.** Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts (Partie B) Provincial Achievement Test will be on Tuesday, June 22, 2010.
- 11). **Wednesday, May 12, 2010:**
Grade 6 English Language Arts (Part A) Provincial Achievement Test. Grade 6 Language Arts (Part B) Provincial Achievement Test will be on Wednesday, June 16, 2010.
- Grade 7 and 8 Language Arts (Part A - Written) Final Exam** - this portion will be written by all students in **Grade 7 and 8** this morning.
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- St. Thomas Aquinas Playground Meeting** will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Free childcare will be provided. This is an important meeting for all parents who want the children to have a playground at St. Thomas Aquinas School.
- 12). **Thursday, May 13, 2010:**
Grade 3 Math (Part A - Timed Number Facts) Provincial Achievement Test. Grade 3 Math (Part B - Problem Solving Skills) Provincial Achievement Test will be on Thursday, June 17, 2010.
- Grade 6 Math (Part A) Provincial Achievement Test.** Grade 6 Math (Part B) Provincial Achievement Test will be on Thursday, June 17, 2010.
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- Competition** for the **St. Mary's Eighth Annual Star Search** begins today (during second half of lunch) until Monday, May 31. Finals are scheduled for Thursday, June 3.
- 13). **Friday, May 14, 2010:**
No school for Kindergarten students today. School is open for all other students in Preschool and from grades 1 to 8.
- 14). **Monday, May 17, 2010:**
Salad Dressing Week begins today with **Caesar - Salad Dressing Day!** (dress leaf crowns, Roman style dressing)





Monday, May 17, 2010 (continued):

St. Mary's School Grade 7 and 8 Track and Field Day - All students from Grade 7 and 8 are required to attend Track and Field Meet which will be held at the Medicine Hat Rotary Track located behind Crescent Heights High School. Students will meet at St. Mary's and will be bussed up to the track and back to St. Mary's School.

THIS IS A REGULAR SCHOOL DAY. All students must attend school for the track meet. Student participation in events is part of their physical education mark. Attendance will be taken at least two times during the day. **IF A STUDENT IS UNABLE TO COMPETE IN ATHLETIC EVENTS, THEY ARE EXPECTED TO HELP IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES SUCH AS JUDGING, TIMEKEEPING, ETC.** Parents please encourage your son or daughter to participate in the activities. This is an excellent way for them to get active.

If your child has an excusable reason for being absent and will not be attending the Track & Field Day, please phone the school at 527-7616. If the school does not receive a phone call from parents regarding why their child is absent, the absence will be marked as **truant/inexcusable on the student's school records.** The school will only accept calls by parents or guardians. **Absences called in by students will be marked as truant/inexcusable.**



Additional details will be distributed to all grade 7 and 8 students in the next few weeks.

We are looking for parents to volunteer with Track and Field. Please contact Mrs. Babyn at 527-7616 or e-mail barbarba.babyn@mhcbe.ab.ca by Wednesday, May 12 if you wish to help.

- 15). **Tuesday, May 18, 2010:**
Thousand Island - Salad Dressing Day! (dress tropical or island wear)

Fine Arts Academy Parent Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. tonight in the school library.

- 16). **Wednesday, May 19, 2010:**
Ranch - Salad Dressing Day! (dress in western wear)

CPF/FI Meeting will be held tonight in the school library at 7:00 p.m.



- 17). **Thursday, May 20, 2010:**
Blue Cheese - Salad Dressing Day! (dress in blue)

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of this current years (2009/2010) **St. Mary's Yearbook**, please complete the order form located on the last page of this newsletter and return it to St. Mary's School by **the end of today**. The yearbook will cost \$30.00. To keep the cost at \$30.00, the printing of the yearbook is dependent upon the number of books ordered. We will not be depositing money or cheques or issuing receipts until we know we have at least 100 orders placed. If we do not reach the quota required, all monies will be returned. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Levesque-Smuk at 527-7616.

- 18). **Friday, May 21, 2010:**
Staff Meeting and Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL for students.

- 19). **Monday, May 24, 2010:**
Victoria Day - school will be closed.
- 20). **Tuesday, May 25, 2010:**
E-lemon-ators Relay for Life Team Fundraiser Week begins today with a bake sale!

- 21). **Wednesday, May 26, 2010:**
E-lemon-ators Relay for Life Team Fundraiser - lemonade sale!



- 22). **Thursday, May 27, 2010:**
 The **Marian Celebration** will be held in the gym this morning at 9:30 a.m.
 Parents are invited to attend.

E-lemon-ators Relay for Life Team Fundraiser - pie throwing contest!

- 23). **Thursday, May 27 and Friday, May 28, 2010:**
Good luck to the 6M Choral Speech class who will be travelling to Edmonton to compete in the **Alberta Provincial Music Festival!**

- 24). **Friday, May 28, 2010:**
E-lemon-ators Day - dress in yellow to support our Cancer - Relay for Life team.



The **St. Mary's Singers** will be travelling to Calgary to attend the Calgary Children's Festival. **Thank you to the French Parent Group for their support!**



- 25). **St. Mary's School Canteen Menu:**



Subs - Ham and Cheese, Pizza or Assorted	\$4.00
Sandwiches - Ham and Cheese, Egg or Roast Beef	\$4.00
Wraps - Chicken Caesar or Ham and Cheese	\$4.00
Tuna Kits	\$2.25
Muffins	\$1.25
Cheese Buns	\$2.00
Cookies (Chocolate Chip)	\$0.75
Cheese Strings	\$0.75
Frozen Yogurt Tubes	\$1.00
Little Oranges	\$0.25
Apples	\$0.75

- 26). **Textbook Fees:**
 Thank you to all who have paid their school fees. **Parents, if you have not yet paid your child's school fees, please do so as all fees are past due.** Parents must clear up school fees promptly or call St. Mary's School office to make arrangements for payment. Fee payments can be made at the school office by cash, cheque, post-dated cheques (final cheque must be issued by June 1, 2010). If you have any concerns, please call St. Mary's School at 527-7616.

- 27). **Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 News:**
 Please see attachments regarding **Board Bulletin**, an article from **Father Rolheiser, FAQ's for Kindergarten and PreSchool for 2010** and the **Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation Golf Tournament.**

28). **AISI Message:**

Home & School...a partnership for success

At school, teachers want their students to be successful. Studies show that it is parents who have the greatest influence on a child's success in school. Here are four tried and true factors that will affect the success of your child at school.

What can you do as a parent to be part of something great?

- Be involved in your child's school life. Ask questions and share successes. This shows your child that it matters what they are doing in school.
- Be sure your child is eating healthy foods beginning with a good breakfast.
- Get moving! Even moderate exercise can improve your child's attention and academic performance.
- Ensure that your child is getting enough sleep.
- Stay involved...be a part of something great!



29). **Community Coming Together:**

Please see attachment.

30). **On Track:**

Please see attachment.

31). **Parish News:**

Please see attached information.

A reminder to parents and students to set in place a study/homework schedule. To achieve good marks, it is important to begin preparing now for the final exams.

**Please see attached May and June Exam Schedule for
Grade 3, 6, 7 and 8 students.**

2009/2010 St. Mary's School Yearbook Order Form

Please fill in the information below and return with a payment of \$30.00 by Thursday, May 20, 2010. To keep the cost at \$30.00, the printing of the yearbook is dependent upon the number of books ordered. We will not be depositing money or cheques or issuing receipts until we know we have at least 100 orders placed. If we do not reach the quota required, all monies will be returned.

Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Payment (check one): **Cash** _____ **Cheque** _____

May, 2010 Newsletter Draw

Parents:

Please fill in the information below and have your son or daughter give this sheet to their homeroom teacher on or before Friday, May 7, 2010 to enter their name for a free lunch from the St. Mary's School Concession.

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Jadyn Stroh 96.48%
 Erica Gallup 96.36%
 Jordy Sehn 96.05%

FIRST CLASS HONORS

Simone Faul	Breanna Ho	Shawn Glasgo
Lyndon Bodnarchuk	Emma Kennedy	Jaylin Bachmier
Chelsea Gjerlaug	Sydney Feick	Nastassja Kisinger
Calla Ibach	Kassidy Marshall	Kayleen Olson
Corissa Wilcox	Drayton Wald	Carina Delwo
Jordyn Klassen	Wessel Janse van Rensburg	Victoria Dodd
Alyssa McKinnon	Sherra-Lynn Wallis	Kallen Sehn
Andromeda Ayeras	Ethan Craddock	Devon Kiss
Taylor Crisostomo	Priyanka Pahl	Nathan Schlachter
Anie Weisgerber	Chelsea Hanson	Janessa Robinson
Kaylin Duff	Maitlin Letendre	Caitlin Wickstrom
Adam Fune	Skylar Bender	Tyrell Eresman
Adam Dumanowski	Michael Dollimont	Nicholas Craig

HONORS

Kurtis Chin	Alysha Stratton	Eric Wallace
Janae Ruff	Breton MacNeil	Christopher Schwarz
Savannah Husler	Aja Ismond	Faith Baadsgaard
Teyarah Bugess	Bernitta Byrde	Cody Madigan
Tyler Verloop	Ciara Hager	Logan Hackett
Dana Laforce	Keerstyine Gawel	Jacee Laforce
Nicolas Murschell		



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 Samantha Dolter 94.01%
 Jordan Fauth 92.96%
 Keira Schlenker 92.95%

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Sydney Martin	Caleigh Seitz
Attiya Fune	Andrew Sivasankar
Ada Szulski	Brody Wilson
Ashley Lee	Manuela Franco
Sarah Chisholm	Dakota Anton
Kayla Bachmeier	Evan Walker
Mitchell Marshall	Ashley Rittinger
Juan Vargas Alba	Jakob Douglas
Jason English	

HONORS

Matthew Tolley	Mason Hellowell
Kaidyn Romaniuk	Tyler Eresman
Drake Whitfield	Jessica Hermann
Ainsley Kenzie	Kyla Stroh
Sydney Simmons	Melissa Halldorson
Troy Stadiyk	Tyler Hauck
Mackenzie Bosch	Joel Sieben
Greyson Eresman	Kathy Haskayne
Joshua Douglas	Jordan Sanders
Josh Buscholl	Landis Bell
Camron Geiger	Nathan Sawicki
Nikita Gabel	Colton Weinrauch
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St. Mary's School 2010 Provincial Achievement Tests and Final Exam Schedule

Grade 3 and 6 Provincial Achievement Tests								
M A Y 2 0 1 0	Grade	Thursday, May 6, 2010	Friday, May 7, 2010	Monday, May 10, 2010	Tuesday, May 11, 2010	Wednesday, May 12, 2010	Thursday, May 13, 2010	
	3	Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts (Partie A) Achievement Test				Grade 3 English Language Arts (Part A) Achievement Test		Grade 3 Math (Part A) Achievement Test
	6					Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts (Partie A) Achievement Test	Grade 6 English Language Arts (Part A) Achievement Test	Grade 6 Math (Part A) Achievement Test

Grade 3 and 6 Provincial Achievement Tests & Grade 7 and 8 Final Exam Schedule														
J U N E 2 0 1 0	Grade	Thursday, June 10, 2010	Friday, June 11, 2010	Monday, June 14, 2010	Tuesday, June 15, 2010	Wednesday, June 16, 2010	Thursday, June 17, 2010	Friday, June 18, 2010	Monday, June 21, 2010	Tuesday, June 22, 2010	Wednesday, June 23, 2010	Thursday, June 24, 2010	Friday, June 25, 2010	
	3	Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts (Partie B) Achievement Test				Grade 3 English Language Arts (Part B) Achievement Test		Grade 3 Math (Part B) Achievement Test						
	6				Grade 6 Social Studies Achievement Test	Grade 6 English Language Arts (Part B) Achievement Test	Grade 6 Math (Part B) Achievement Test	Grade 6 Science Achievement Test		Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts (Partie B) Achievement Test				
	7								Grade 7 Language Arts Grade 7 Fine Arts Humanities	Grade 7 Social Studies	Grade 7 Religion	Grade 7 Math	Grade 7 Science	Grade 7 Exam Make-up Day
	8								Grade 8 Social Studies Grade 8 Fine Arts Humanities	Grade 8 Religion	Grade 8 Language Arts	Grade 8 Science	Grade 8 Math	Grade 8 Exam Make-up Day

BOARD BULLETIN

April 13, 2010 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENTATION – The Board recognized *Mrs. Kim Rae, Coordinator of the On-Track to Wellness Program* for her work in promoting health and wellness in the Division and in coordinating the *MHCBE 2010 Olympic Torch Relay* that involved all Medicine Hat and Bow Island Catholic Schools. Excellent participation & involvement was demonstrated by students & staff. – Representatives from the On-Track to Wellness Program also presented the Board with information about the program, grants and future sustainable funding. *On-Track* promotes **Active Living, Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights and Positive Safe and Caring (Social and Physical Environments)**. Our Division uniquely offers this wellness program “embedded” into the timetables Division-Wide for grades 1-5; it is Teacher facilitated, consistent from grade to grade and school to school; is aligned with the curriculum and measured to Division goals. The faith component compliments the *wellness of the spirit, the body and the mind* philosophy.

– Mr. Wayne Schlosser, Deputy Superintendent presented a “draft” **Nutrition Administrative Procedure (AP)**. The guidelines set out in AP 112, will provide schools with regulations designed to support & promote healthy lifestyle choices in schools. Parents and all stakeholders are asked to review the draft document and provide recommendations prior to the June Board Meeting. The regulations are in line with the *Alberta Nutrition Guidelines for Children and Youth* and *Eating Well with Canada’s Food Guide*. The AP is on the Division website www.mhcbe.ab.ca under Documents and Publications / Policy & Procedures.

– Mrs. Lee Wester, a Behavioural Services Consultant from Grasslands School Division was hired as an independent consultant to do a review of our **Turning Points** program. Turning Points provides programming for students with behavioral challenges. Strengths of the program along with recommendations to improve the program were presented. Administration will continue to review this specialized program and adopt recommendations to improve the services for students.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS – The Board sent a letter to the *Knights of Columbus* requesting financial support in the amount of \$3500 for the lettering on the outside of the school building for *Monsignor McCoy High School*. – A letter was sent to the Minister of Education, Minister of Health and Wellness and MLA’s Mr. Renner and Mr. Mitzel looking for continued funding for the *“Community Coming Together” Mental Health Capacity Building Project*. This project is highly acclaimed among other school divisions in the province for its wrap around service delivery model that is *making a difference* in supporting *mental health needs for students and their families*. Currently the project is offered at St. Mary’s School and Notre Dame Academy.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT -

- **Appointments** – Mrs. Erica Bodnaruk is appointed Acting Principal of St. Francis Xavier School; Mr. Pat Weisgerber is appointed Acting Vice-Principal of McCoy High School.
- **Administrator Contracts** – Mr. Robert Dumanowski and Mr. Chuck Hellman were granted three year term contracts as Principal to the Division.
- **Administrative Procedure 260 – Field Trip Supervision** was presented to the Board for information. Schools are asked to review AP 260 and provide feedback as soon as possible and prior to the June Board Meeting.
- **French as a Second Language (FSL)** – The Board asked Senior Admin for a review of the entire FSL Programming currently offered in the Division and to bring back a recommendation for future programming. In less than a year from now, a decision will need to be made to continue offering a 9 year program (gr.4-12) or move to a 3 year program (gr.10-12).
- **Three Year Education Plan** - The Superintendent presented a review of the 2009–2012 Three Year Education Plan and

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



development of the upcoming 2010–2013 Three Year Education Plan. Stakeholders are invited to make suggestions for new goals or new strategies of existing goals. Overall, the Division is doing an excellent job in many areas including the Permeation of our Faith; Improvement of Student Learning; Professional Development; Wide-Range of Program Offerings; Mentorship; Leadership Training; Exemplary results in Work Experience and Registered Apprenticeship Programming for students and the continued Relationship Building between Home, School and Church. The Education Plan will be approved by the Board in June.

BUDGET – The Board will hold **Special Board Meetings** on **May 27, 2010** to approve the 2010 Budget and on **November 25, 2010** to approve the Audited Financial Statement.

KINDERGARTEN – The Board in a unanimous vote, moved to offer Kindergarten programming in a **Half-Day Every Day Monday to Friday** model, beginning with the 2010-2011 school year for all Medicine Hat Catholic elementary schools. The Board noted that students that qualify for Program Unit Funding (PUF) may be offered full day programming. Some schools will offer both a morning and an afternoon program. Children can attend Kindergarten half day & Pre-School half day.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION MEETING – A meeting previously scheduled by the Honorable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education for April 06, 2010 was cancelled and is now rescheduled to **Monday May 10, 2010**. MLA Mr. Rob Renner and Mr. Len Mitzel will also be in attendance. The Board will review our Facility Needs, Grade Reconfiguration and the Budget. The Minister of Education will tour McCoy High School as part of his visit.

SUPPORT STAFF SALARY INCREASE – The Board of Trustees passed a motion to adjust support staff salaries by 1.17% retroactive to September 2009. The 1.17% represents the salary adjustment that certificated staff had previously received.

GRADE RE-CONFIGURATION – Grade Re-Configuration will proceed as follows for September 2010:

- **St. Thomas Aquinas School** will return to our active facility inventory and will offer **K-6 French Immersion Program** including **Pre-School**;
- **Grade Nine** will move to St. Mary’s and Notre Dame;
- **Grade Six** will move back to elementary schools (with the exception of St. Patrick’s where the grade 5’s will stay).

NOTES of APPRECIATION . . .

CONGRATULATIONS! ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS, SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS AND 3A PROVINCIAL BASKETBALL PARTICIPANTS – The Board & Senior Administration sends accolades to our **Students, Staff & Volunteers** in going the extra mile to be involved in the Rotary Music Festival, the Regional Science Fair and the Provincial Basketball Championships. The Board is proud of each of you individually as **Ambassadors for Catholic Education** and for your **OUTSTANDING** effort! Congratulations one & all.



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The next Catholic School Board Meeting is Tuesday May 11, 2010 @ 6:00 pm
@ the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 – 1st Avenue SW., Medicine Hat.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

RONALD ROLHEISER, OMI – Speaker, Columnist and Author

An Open Letter to those who don't go to Church

2010-01-31

Dear Fellow Pilgrim:

I greet you as someone who is looking for meaning and happiness, as we all are. I know you're sincere or you wouldn't be reading this letter. Know this first of all: We miss you at church. There's not a Sunday goes by when your absence isn't felt. You're missed. Join us.

Yes, I know this isn't a simple thing. The heart has its reasons, Pascal said. Well the church too has its complexities. Perhaps it is precisely one of these complexities that make it difficult for you to walk regularly through a church door. So I won't try to sugarcoat the church. It is a far-from-perfect expression of God's love and mercy and it is a far-from-perfect expression of God's universal salvific will for everyone. Sometimes the church blocks God's love as much as it reveals it. It has been, and remains, a vehicle both of grace and sin. How do we get past its dark side?

Carlo Carretto, the renowned Italian spiritual writer, in his old age, wrote this Ode to the church:

How much I must criticize you, my church, and yet how much I love you!

You have made me suffer more than anyone and yet I owe more to you than to anyone.

I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence.

You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness.

Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised, more false, and yet I have never touched anything more pure, more generous or more beautiful.

Countless times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face-and yet, every night, I have prayed that I might die in your sure arms!

No, I cannot be free of you, for I am one with you, even if not completely you.

Then too-where would I go? To build another church?

But I could not build one without the same defects, for they are my defects. And again, if I were to build another church, it would be my church, not Christ's church.

No, I am old enough. I know better!

That's a mature description of the church, expressing both love and realism. It's an honest description too. The church has a long history, both of grace and of sin and we who make up the church on earth don't do God very well. Nobody does. We need to admit that.

I can only guess at your reasons for not coming to church regularly or for not coming to church at all: Perhaps you have been hurt by the church, by the institution itself or by one of its priests or ministers. Perhaps you have been one of those who have experienced it as callous, as insensitive, as denigrating you in some way. Or perhaps you are intellectually disenchanted with the church, unable to square its claims with your own sane grip on life and its mysteries. Or perhaps you have found what you are looking for elsewhere, outside the doors of the church you attended when you were little. Or perhaps you have just drifted away and don't think about church very much at all. Perhaps you don't feel a need for church in your life. Or, perhaps you are convinced that Jesus and his teachings are in fact tainted by the church, that Jesus never wanted to found a church, but wanted only that people take his teachings to heart and live in love and graciousness. There are many reasons why people don't go to church. I can only guess at yours.

But your reason for not going is not important for this letter. I don't want to defend the church here, make some kind of apologetics for it, or argue against any of the reasons that people give for not coming to church. And I don't want to try to show you reasons why, I think, it is important to go to church. This I not an apologetics, but a plea, an invitation:

Come back! Try us again! Or, if you have never belonged to the church, try us!

Maybe this time you will find life in the church and be able to drink in some of its graces. Maybe this time you will find it in you to forgive the church for its faults, see those faults are your own faults, and see why Jesus picked such an imperfect vehicle to carry on his presence. Maybe this time you will be able to see in the church what Jesus saw in it - an imperfect body made up of men and women like you and me, full of sin, full of ourselves, petty, small-hearted, less-than- sincere, miserly, and tainted, but also full of grace, full of Christ, big-hearted, sincere, generous, and pure, a group of men and women worth dying for - and belonging to. Come be with us!

A fellow pilgrim and a flawed church member.



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Frequently Asked Questions about Half Day Kindergarten and Pre-School for 2010-2011

1. **When did schools begin contacting parents about Half Day Kindergarten?**
 - a. Schools began contacting parents/guardians on Thursday, April 15, 2010 to inform them of the Board's decision to move to Half Day Kindergarten (***Half Day Everyday/Mon-Fri***) in Medicine Hat Catholic schools.
 - b. Parents that had already registered for Kindergarten at St. Patrick's, Mother Teresa, St. Mary's and St. Michael's (Medicine Hat), were asked to indicate their preference for a morning or afternoon Kindergarten program. These schools have a large enough Kindergarten enrollment that morning and afternoon programming is necessary.
 - c. Should too many parents indicate their first preference is a morning or an afternoon program, classes are determined by random selection.
2. **The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education has offered Pre-School services at some of our elementary schools in the past. If your child is in a Half Day Kindergarten program can your child access Pre-School during the other Half Day?**
 - a. **Yes.** A child can attend a combination of Kindergarten and Pre-School over the course of a day.
 - b. The Division has offered two kinds of Pre-School services in the past.
 - i. **Designated Site Pre-Schools** are offered to provide programming for students aged 2.5 years to 5 years who had been identified with severe learning needs.
 - ii. **Community Pre-Schools** are open to all students aged 3 years by Sept 1.
 - c. The **Pre-School** locations planned for **September 2010** are as follows; however are contingent on space:
 - i. **St. Thomas Aquinas French Immersion: PM**
 - ii. **St. Michael's MH: AM/PM**
 - iii. **St. Francis Xavier: PM**
 - iv. **St. Patrick's: AM/PM**
 - v. **Mother Teresa: AM/PM**
 - vi. **St. Mary's: All Day Pre-School**
 - vii. **St. Michael's Bow Island: AM/PM**
 - d. **Pre-School Registration** begins on **Mon. May 3, 2010**
 - e. **Registration** is a **first come first serve**.
 - f. It is very important to remember that Pre-School Programming is dependent on available space. Should a school get a sudden influx of new students in Grade K-6, Pre -School programming may not be available.
3. **What are the fees for Pre-School?**
 - a. **Pre-School is a fee for service** program calculated on attendance days per week and fees range from \$68 - \$340 a month for ***half days***.
 - b. "St. Mary's All Day Pre-School" fees range from \$68 - \$544 a month calculated on attendance; children have the ***option of attending half days or full days***.
 - c. Ten post-dated cheques are required at the time of registration.
4. **Will the Pre-Schools be licensed?**
 - a. **Yes.**
 - i. This means that children can only attend ***Morning "OR" Afternoon*** for a total of no more than 3.75 Pre-School hours per day; with the exception of St. Mary's Pre-School;
5. "***St. Mary's All Day Pre-School***" is daycare licensed and children have the option of attending all day, and in addition, can accommodate families that qualify for low income subsidy.
6. **Will there be supervision between the Kindergarten programs and the start of Pre-School programs?**
 - a. **Yes.** Learning Assistants will provide supervision to children who transition from Kindergarten to Pre-school programs and vice versa.
7. **What will be the Kindergarten fee?**
 - a. Kindergarten fees will be ***\$100/year*** for schools in Medicine Hat. Bow Island fees are set by St. Michael's School at ***\$50/year***.
8. **What does the Kindergarten Fee pay for?**
 - a. The fee pays for field trips, consumable materials and special classroom presentations.
9. **Will there be Full Day alternating Kindergarten programming in Medicine Hat Catholic Schools?**
 - a. **No.** Other than ***St. Michael's School Bow Island*** which will remain unchanged continuing to offer full days Tuesday and Thursday for the first part of the year, and beginning in April, increasing to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

10. **Can children cross attend (*out of their attendance area*) to go to Kindergarten?**
 a. **Yes.** However, it is up to the School Principal to determine if a request for cross attendance is accepted.
11. **Non-Catholic students can attend a Catholic School provided there is suitable space and a program available.**
 a. Registrations from non-Catholics students can be accepted by the Principal, if the Principal feels there are sufficient resources and facilities to accommodate the student.
12. **What happens if a parent who has a child attending Kindergarten in the public school system wants to register in a Catholic Pre-School; could they bump a child in a Catholic Kindergarten out of the space?**
 a. **No.** Pre-school registrations from parents whose children are attending Kindergarten in Catholic schools will take precedence.
13. **What will the times be for Half Day Kindergarten?**
 a. Times will be set by the individual school; however, instruction will be **approximately 2 hours** and **45 minutes** each day.
14. **What transportation is available?**
 a. If your child attends Half Day Kindergarten transportation will be provide one way.
 i. That means if your child attends in the morning they can ride the bus to school but must be picked up by the parent/guardian at the end of the morning program.
 ii. If your child attends the afternoon Kindergarten program that means a parent/guardian will need to drop off the child at the school during the noon hour and the child can ride home on the bus.
 iii. Students who are accessing both Half Day Kindergarten and Half-Day Pre-School at the same school will be able to ride the bus both ways.
15. **Pre-School children** are not eligible for transportation other than children that qualify for Program Unit Funding (PUF).
16. **Kindergarten children** that qualify for **Program Unit Funding (PUF)** may have the opportunity to attend Kindergarten all day.

17. **Can a Kindergarten student be registered and attend in both a Catholic and Public School? No. Can a Kindergarten student be registered and attend in more than one Catholic School? No.**
18. **Can Kindergarten students access before and after school care programs at the school?**
 a. Please contact the school to determine programs available. Not all schools offer before and after school programs.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION & PROGRAMMING At-A-Glance

1. **May 3 - 7, 2010 is Preschool Registration Week** for all Medicine Hat and Bow Island Catholic Schools, first come first serve. Contact your local Catholic School or the Board Office at (403)527-2292 for more information. Registration forms available the week of April 26, 2010 at the schools and on the division website.
2. **Preschool Programming is offered in English and French Immersion** for children that are 3 years of age as of September 1, 2010. Community Based Pre-Schools and Designated ECS Special Education Sites are offered for students with special needs.
3. **English Preschool Programming** will be offered at St. Mary's School; St. Michael's School Medicine Hat; Mother Teresa School; St. Patrick's School; St. Francis Xavier School; and St. Michael's School, Bow Island.
4. **French Immersion Preschool Programming** will be offered at St. Thomas Aquinas School with registration to be held at St. Mary's School.
5. **Both morning and afternoon programs** are available and vary by site.
6. **Full Day Pre-School** is offered at "**St. Mary's All Day Pre-School**".
7. For more information please download the ***Pre-School Handbook*** available on the **Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education Division** website @ www.mhcbe.ab.ca; or by contacting the Catholic School Board Office at (403) 527-2292) or at your local Catholic School.
8. For **Preschool, Kindergarten and Special Education Services** inquiries please contact our **Primary Consultant Mrs. Kym Porter @ (403)502-8354** or kym.porter@mhcbe.ab.ca

2010 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Foundation Challenge Hole

PRIZE DRAW - Entry a Toonie
Closest to the Pin
Beat Foundation director's tee shot and receive
another free ticket for the draw
Proceeds to the Foundation

Putting Green Competition

3 tries for \$5.00
Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul Society
Prize draw will be made at banquet

Mulligans

\$5.00 each
purchased at registration table

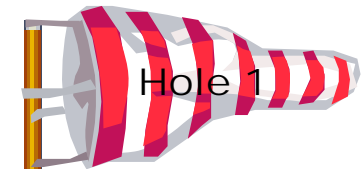
Hole Competitions

Each hole will have its own
unique competition

50/50 Draw

10 tickets for \$5.00
Sold at wind up dinner

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Hole 1

REGISTRATION
FORM

8TH ANNUAL
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 4, 2010

Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course
Medicine Hat, Alberta

INFORMATION

REGISTER EARLY . . .

Entries will be accepted on a first come, first paid basis. Registration fees must accompany your registration form in order for a spot to be reserved for you.

Registration 12—1 PM

Lunch 12 noon

Format 4 person best ball

Shotgun start 1 PM

Dinner 6 PM

Your participation will give you an opportunity to support Catholic Christian education in this community. The net proceeds from the tournament will go to the Foundation to enhance Catholic Christian leadership initiatives in the school division.

Thank you in advance for your interest and participation!

\$125 per person includes:

- Green Fees & Power Cart
- BBQ Lunch
- Wind Up Dinner
- Hole Competitions & Prizes
- Tee Gift & Welcome Package
- Team Photo

Contact Info: Phone 403.502.8351
Fax 403.529.0917
Email colleen.nicholson@mhcbe.ab.ca



REGISTRATION FORM

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Day Phone _____

Email address _____

Handicap (max.36) _____

I wish to golf with:

Player # 2 _____

Player #3 _____

Player #4 _____

Method of Payment

Amount Due: Number of players _____ x \$125 = _____

Cheque (payable to Education Foundation)

Visa (Mastercard not available)

Cash

Total Enclosed: _____

Credit Card # _____

Exp. date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Signature _____

****If you cancel for any reason, please notify us by May 26 and your registration will be refunded. Cancellations after May 26 and no shows are non refundable.****

Return form to:

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation
1251 - 1st Avenue SW
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8B4
or fax 403.529.0917

Community Coming Together

Upcoming Events

As the sun begins to extend our days and outdoor sports begin their regular season we think it is important for each and every one of us to get and stay active.

This month our theme will be all about healthy living and making healthy choices. There will be many activities around your school this month to encour-

age you to get active and be healthy.

To kick start our theme for this month we will be welcoming our last guest from our speaker series into our schools. On Thursday the 6th we will have a speaker join us from Calgary that will share some of her experiences about becoming and staying active and the value that is has had



in her life. Parents are encouraged to attend at both St. Mary's and Notre Dame Academy.

Have a happy and healthy month

Parents and Teachers

There will be some exciting and informative opportunities in the very near future for parents interested in learning some new strategies and information about their children.

On Wednesday June 2nd and 9th there will be training sessions for 1-2-3 Magic, a method designed to support parents when dealing

with difficult situations with their children.

Later in the month there will be a three hour information session to share information about ADHD. It will cover a series of issues including its prevalence, myths, causes, diagnosing, assessment, treatment, and strategies and interventions that par-

ents and educators can use to support their efforts.

There are also offerings of Kids In Between, Kids in Control, and Little Sparks. These are groups for children to attend to assist them in developing positive relationship skills.

If you are interested in these or many other opportunities contact : 403-502-8257

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Nick Gale	ND/SM
Jennifer McKim,	ND
Leanne Stehr	ND
Lisa Coderre	SM
Nickey Heidebrecht	SM
Vi Sheridan	ND/SM
Brandy Neitz	ND/SM

Community Coming Together

*Working Together Today
for a better Tomorrow*

*A Mental Health Capacity
Building Project*

DID YOU KNOW:

Regular participation in physical activity will:

Make you feel better both mentally and physically.

You will have a lower risk of heart disease, obesity, high blood pressure.

Stay motivated longer

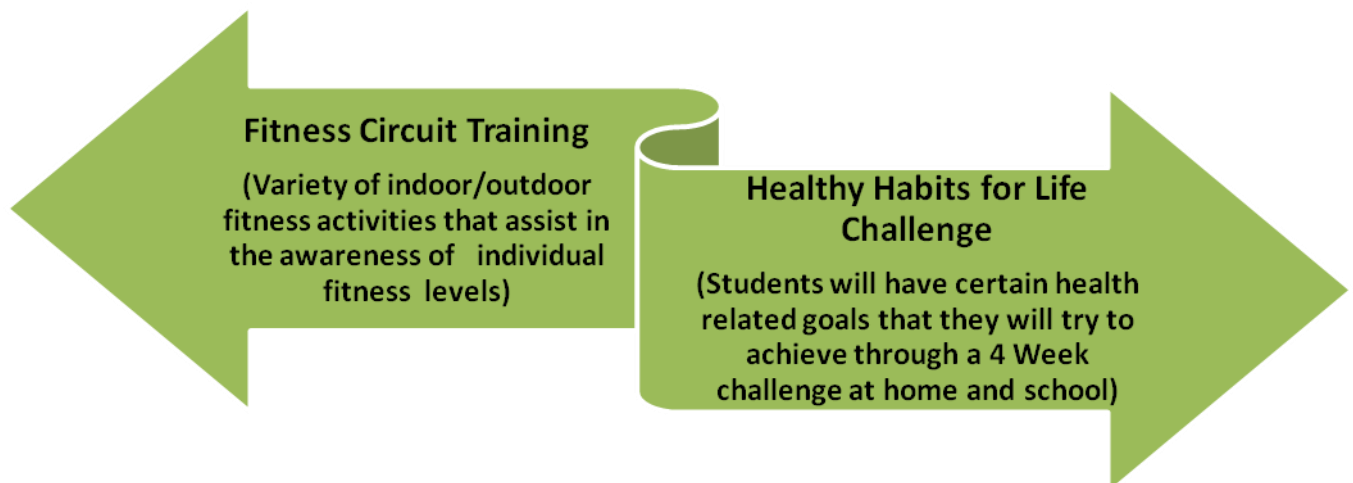
Have a chance to meet new people and make new friends

Find an activity to excel at and build your confidence

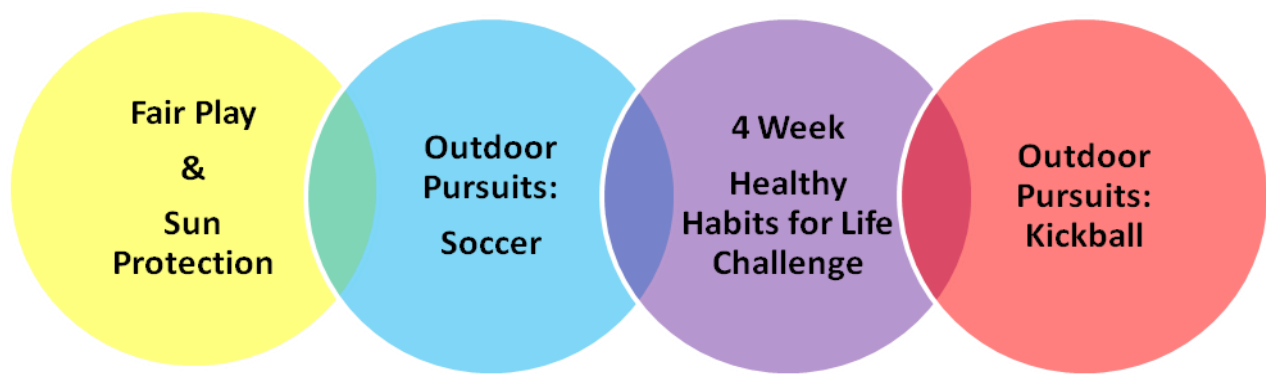
Demonstrating a variety of activities that focus upon all four areas brings awareness to students on how important it is to take care of all parts of your life. At a very early age, children become aware of the areas that need additional attention. On Track sessions are designed to assist them in the awareness and importance of a healthy, active lifestyle.



Summary of April



Overview of May



If you have any questions/concerns about the On Track program please contact Kim Rae – MHCBE On Track Facilitator at kim.rae@mhcbe.ab.ca

Holy Family Parish



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 8:30am - 10:30am - 6:00pm

1451 Strachan Road S.E.
Medicine Hat, AB. – T1B 4V3
PH: (403)527-6933 – Fax: (403) 526-2482

Office hours: Monday – Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

www.holyfamilymh.ca

MASS TIME CHANGES

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH

No 6:00 p.m. Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 21ST

Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m.

PARISH EVENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sunday, May 2nd
Will be singing at the 10:30 am Mass.

PARISH MEETING

Wednesday, May 5th
7:00 pm – Hall

All parishioners are invited to attend this meeting. Members of the Parish Finance Council and an accountant will be present to answer your questions.

SCHOOL MASS

McCoy Grad Mass
Thursday, May 20th
3:30 pm

PADRE NIGHT

Friday, May 28th
6:00pm – Hall

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING EVENTS
AT THE PARISH – CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**

Did you know the following benefits of Natural Family Planning?

- 99% level of effectiveness to postpone or avoid pregnancy, which is as high or higher than all artificial methods except sterilization.
- Based on sound scientific knowledge.
- Easy to learn and use.
- Does not require regularity of the menstrual cycles.
- Can be successfully applied during breastfeeding, pre-menopause and discontinued use of the birth control pill.
- Inexpensive.
- No harmful side effects.
- Environmentally sound.
- Helps couples of marginal fertility.
- Strengthens marriages.
- Reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life.
- Promotes openness to life & recognizes the value of the child.
- Morally acceptable.

To find out more about **Natural Family Planning**, **Holy Family Parish** will host an information session on **Wednesday, May 5th – 7:00 to 9:00pm** in the **Faith Room**

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information please visit www.woomb.ca

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION

Rehearsal - Saturday, May 15th

CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 16th - 2:00pm

For Candidates of;
St. Patrick's Parish & Holy Family Parish
(no Mass at 6:00pm)

Contact / Information – Ellen Baiton
Parish office 403- 527- 6933
ellenb@holymfamilymh.ca

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

- Adults baptized Catholics requiring First Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Baptized (non-Catholic) and unbaptized adults wishing to inquire into our faith.
- Any interested Catholics wishing to update and learn more about our faith.

For more information on this spiritual journey

Contact Karen 403-526-7210

Marriage & Baptism

These Sacraments require some preparation. Contact the parish office for more information.

MONTH AT A GLANCE

St. Patrick's Parish Events

238-2nd Ave N.E. Medicine Hat, AB T1A 6A1 Phone: 526-2265 Fax: 526-0058 e-mail: stpatsch@telusplanet.net

WEBSITE: www.stpatschurch.info/

May 2010

Date/Time	Event/Details	Location/Cost	Contact
Sat May 1, 8, 22 11:00 am	Sacramental Preparation 1 st Communion	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	403-526-8538 – Cathy Smith
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 11am Mass	Sunday Children's Liturgy (4-6 years)	St. Patrick's Parish hall	403-487-0030 – Lisa Lyczewski
May 2, 16 6:00pm Mass	Latin Mass – Confessions ½ hr before Mass	St. Patrick's Church	403-527-2077 – Helen van der Sloot
May 3 7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	403-526-2265 – Parish Office
May 3 7:30 pm	ProLife Meeting	St. Patrick's Meeting Room	403-527-7434 – George Ibach
May 4, 11, 18, 25 9-12 am	Quilting Club	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	403-527-3884 – Mary Ottenbreit 403-526-0408 – Cathy van der Heiden
May 4 7 pm	CWL – General Meeting	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	403-504-8097 – Candy Neumann
May 4, 11, 18, 25 5:00 pm	SVDP meeting	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	403-526-2265 – Parish Office.
May 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00 am	Legion of Mary	St. Patrick's Meeting Room	403-526-0532 – Karen Anne
May 5, 12, 19, 26 7 pm	Choir Practice	St. Patrick's Church	403-528-8696 – Gerry Getz
May 8 9 – 11 am	Baptism Preparation Class	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	403-526-8538 – Cathy Smith
May 8 1:30 pm	Hike for Life	Starts @ Lion's Park Kitchen	403-527-7434 – George Ibach
May 8 6 pm following the May 22 5 pm Mass	Legion of Mary – Arch Bishop Sheen's Video Presentation – "The Meaning of the Mass" "Wasting Your Life"	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	403-526-0532 – Karen Anne
May 9 9 am – 12:30 pm	Special Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	403-504-8097 – Jeff Neumann
May 9 1:00 pm	Baptisms	St. Patrick's Church	403-526-2265 Parish Office
May 11, 25 @ 2pm May 12, 26 @ 2pm	Masses in Senior homes Note: <u>No services</u> at other times! Teeoda Riverview Care Centre	Senior Homes	403-526-2265 Parish Office
May 11 7:00pm	Knights of Columbus 3 rd Degree Meeting	St. Patrick's Meeting Room	403-504-8097 – Jeff Neumann
May 15 10:30am	Confirmation Rehearsal	Holy Family	403-526-8538 – Cathy Smith
May 16 2:00pm	CONFIRMATION	Holy Family	403-526-8538 – Cathy Smith
May 19 2pm	St. Joseph's Auxiliary Meeting	St. Joseph's Home	
May 20 6:30pm	Rosary & Benediction	St. Patrick's Church	403-527-2077 – Helen van der Sloot
May 25 7:00 pm	CWL Executive Meeting	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	403-504-8097 – Candy Neumann
May 29 11:00 am	1 st Communion Rehearsal	St. Patrick's Church	403-526-8538 – Cathy Smith
May 30 2:00 pm	1 st COMMUNION	St. Patrick's Church	403-526-8538 – Cathy Smith
May 30 4:00 pm	K of C 4 th Degree Meeting	Holy Family Parish Hall	403-527-2048 – Ted McIntosh

May 24, 2010 Victoria Day - Office Closed

LOOKING AHEAD

June 13 1:00 pm	Baptisms	St. Patrick's Church	403-526-2265 to register
June 19 9 – 11 am	Baptism Prep Class	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	403-526-8538 – Cathy Smith

PARISH TEAM

Parish Pastoral Council		Liturgy Committee	
PPC Chairperson PPC Secretary Sacramental Co-ordinator Liturgy Ecumenical Redcliff Representative	Garth Vallely Cathy Smith Cathy Smith Fr. John Gerry McKee Ernie Reimer	Sacristan /Arts & Environment Lectors (Readers) Gift Bearers, Altar Servers, Extra-Ordinary Eucharist Ministers Greeters & Hospitality Children's Liturgy (God-Time) Music Director Ushers RCIA	Sharon Reimer Bev Botter Blanka Kasning Fr. John / Fr. Gilles Marie Gallagher West Lisa Lyczewski Gerry Getz Adam Derzaph Call the office for information

Custodian(s)	Romain / Pat Maes	Finance Committee	Denis Lefebvre George Biele Mario Pisoni	Darlene Schuster Adam Andrews
		Maintenance Committee	Adam Derzaph Maryanne Vallely Ron Weisgerber	Murray Bitz Tom Brill

Baptisms	Held in the church, the 2 nd Sunday of each month at 1pm The next Baptisms May 9, 2010 1pm in the church. Next Baptism Preparation Class: May 8, 2010 in the Parish hall from 9am-11am. Call the office to register!
Sacrament of Marriage	Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the intended date of the wedding. A marriage preparation course is required.

TOGETHER IN ACTION - THE POWER OF OUR FAITH AT WORK

Some of the Agencies and Programs supported by Catholic Charities:

ACCESSIBLE HOUSING SOCIETY – (Calgary and area) \$ 2,500.00 – For the Residential Assessment and Design (RAD) Program for barrier free design solutions that allow persons with mobility issues to stay in their homes and function in the community. RAD also assists clients in seeking funding to help with renovation costs as over 90% are not able to pay for the service due to low income.

CROSSROADS COUNSELING CENTRE (Lethbridge and Southern Alberta) \$ 1,000 – To subsidize counseling fees for people who cannot afford them.

** **ELIZABETH HOUSE** (Southern Alberta) \$ 334,900 – A partnership between Catholic Charities and the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis. Elizabeth House provides a safe and caring residence offering a home-like environment for single, pregnant and parenting teens.

MEDICINE HAT WOMEN'S SHELTER SOCIETY – (Southern Alberta) \$ 20,000 – to help support the offering of programs at Musasa House, the stage 2 long-term shelter, which educates and prepares the women and children for re-entry into the community as confident, self-supporting, cohesive and healthy family units.

MEDICINE HAT PREGNANCY SUPPORT SOCIETY (Medicine Hat and area) \$ 10,000 – To support the ability to offer counseling and referrals, courses, baby clothing/supplies and other services free of charge to what is typically a low-income, "at risk" clientele.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CALGARY DIOCESAN CENTRAL CONFERENCE (Southern Alberta) \$ 20,000 – for the emergency financial assistance the Society provides for Southern Albertans throughout the Diocese.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE AGED (Medicine Hat & Area) \$ 5,000 – To provide chaplaincy support.

YOUVILLE RESIDENCE SOCIETY OF ALBERTA (Calgary and Southern Alberta) \$ 5 55,000 – To assist stage 1 and 2 recovery programs providing highly structured recovery, health/nutrition, spirituality counseling sessions. New Directions provides supported affordable independent living including weekly support group, individual counseling, house meetings, a volunteer component and integration into the community.

MAY, 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
S E L F - D I S C I P L I N E						
						1 French Immersion Garage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Academy Choir Bottle Drive 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (meeting location - St. Mary's School)
2 St. Mary's Singers performing at "Cultural Diversity" 2:00 p.m. Esplanade	3 St. Mary's Eighth Annual Star Search Forms available at office National Music Monday (morning rehearsal with Mother Teresa, St. Francis, St. Michael's and St. Louis Choirs) & Evening Concert 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's School Gym	4 St. Mary's School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Library	5 Fine Arts Academy Choir travelling to Edmonton to compete at the Alberta Music Festival Provincials	6 Last day to register for Canadian Red Cross Babysitter Course Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts (Partie A) Provincial Achievement Test Pizza Day Chess Club Wind-Up at noon School Library	7 Newsletter Draw	8 Canadian Red Cross Babysitter Course 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. St. Mary's School (room location to be posted on front doors of school)
9 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	10 St. Mary's Eighth Annual Star Search forms are due today	11 Grade 3 English Language Arts (Part A) Provincial Achievement Test Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts (Partie A) Provincial Achievement Test	12 Grade 6 English Language Arts (Part A) Provincial Achievement Test Grade 7 & 8 Language Arts Final Exam Part A (Written) St. Thomas Aquinas Playground Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Library	13 Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Grade 3 Math (Part A) Provincial Achievement Test Grade 6 Math (Part A) Provincial Achievement Test Hotdog Day St. Mary's Eighth Annual Star Search begins today and runs until May 31 (during second half of lunch)	14 Kindergarten Teachers attending Workshop - (NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS)	15
16 The Ascension of the Lord	17 Salad Dressing Week Caesar - Salad Dressing Day St. Mary's School Grade 7 and 8 Track and Field Day (ALL STUDENTS IN <u>GRADE 7 AND 8</u> <u>MUST ATTEND!!!!</u>)	18 Thousand Island - Salad Dressing Day Fine Arts Academy Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Library	19 Ranch - Salad Dressing Day CPF/FI Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Library	20 Blue Cheese - Salad Dressing Day Nacho Day Last day to purchase 2009/2010 St. Mary's School Yearbooks	21 Staff Meeting and Professional Development Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)	22
23 Pentecost Sunday	24 Victoria Day (no school)	25 "E-lemon-ators" Relay for Life Team Fundraiser - bake sale	26 "E-lemon-ators" Relay for Life Team Fundraiser - lemonade sale	27 Marian Celebration 9:30 a.m. School Gym Hotdog Day "E-lemon-ators" Relay for Life Team Fundraiser - pie throwing contest 6M Choral Speech class travelling to Edmonton to compete in the Alberta Provincial Music Festival	28 "E-lemon-ators" Day (wear yellow) St. Mary's Singers travelling to Calgary to attend the Calgary Children's Festival	29
30 Solemnity of the Most High Trinity	31 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary					20

