



## ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



### *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

8 December

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### REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER'S DESK...



“PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD.”: The lovely season of another Advent is upon us and excitement fills the air. Across the next four weeks we shall be washed with a cascade of images of preparation and readiness and freedom. Our very 1st Reading of the season tells it as it is. We have all strayed and generally messed up our lives. To off-set this sorry state, Isaiah calls on God to come and rescue Israel. There are many who have remained faithful. ‘Come among us,’ cries the prophet, as the Potter who formed you in the first place. In our 2nd Reading, Paul has less to condemn among his Corinthians. He urges the same serious preparation for the Day of the Lord. After all it is the great God who has called them and us to be one in Christ. The Gospel tells us directly that alertness is the name of the game. The image of the landlord, which comes in other Gospels too, is out briefly before us. The landlord is going on a journey and leaves the house in charge of the servants, each with a particular duty to perform. He will return and take a reckoning. Let us each be ready, our duties all done faithfully.

Change is hard at first, messy in the  
middle and gorgeous at the end.

### SACRAMENT TIMES

#### Masses:

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am
Tues. & Wed.	6:30pm
Thurs., Fri. & Sat.	9:00 am
(Christmas Schedule on Page 3)	

#### Confession:

Saturday	4:00 pm
or by appointment	

#### Adoration

Wednesday	7:00 pm
First Fridays	9:30 am

#### Youth Adoration:

Last Friday	6:30 pm
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#### Rosary

20 min. before masses

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Lector Schedule

10:00am

- Dec 03 Lynn & Dayna
- Dec 10 Lynne B. & Karin
- Dec 17 Maria & Toryn
- Dec 24 Keith & Fran
- Dec 25 Lynne B & Lynn
- Dec 31 Maria & Pat
- Jan 01 Fran & Dayna

### Church Cleaners

- Crystal (403)827-9353
- Dec 01 Crystal
- Dec 08 Theresa McPike (Family)
- Dec 15 Gerry & Laura
- Dec 22 Crystal Campbell (Family)
- Dec 29 Shirley

### Altar Serving

Contact Fr. Newton

### Family Fun Night (Potluck).

December 16, 2023 6:00 pm

### Music Ministry

Crystal (403) 827-9353

### Confirmation Session

December 17, 2023 11:15 am  
in the rectory basement.

### Faith Formation

Pierrette  
Tuesdays 7:00 pm  
in the rectory bsmnt or by email.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING TIME



On Friday December 8 after the 9:00 am mass all are welcome to help with preparing our church for the nativity with the set-up of the sanctuary decorations.

## FOOD BANK & TOY DRIVE



During Lent we will be collecting items for the Mountain View Food Bank. Please see the posters at the church entrance for a list of items most needed.

The Toy Drive will be of used toy donations (clean and gently used, no pieces missing) and will be delivered to Nu2U Thrift Store in Olds who supports the Olds and District Hospice Society. Please no plush toys, baby car seats or any items that are expired, or furniture. Thank you all for your generosity and support for our community.

## ST. AGNES WOMEN OF FAITH



Saturday, Dec 16, 2023 all women of the parish are invited to join us for 9:00 am Mass followed by a morning of reflection on the themes of the Book of Ruth by Karin Raber. There will be a meditation in the church and then a talk in the hall with refreshments and small bites. Donations welcome to support future women's retreats.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT POTLUCK



All parishioners are welcome to a potluck and games night December 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the rectory basement.

## YOUTH CHOIR



December 24, 2023 at the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Youth (10 yrs and older) are invited to join the St. Agnes Youth Choir. Contact: Crystal Campbell

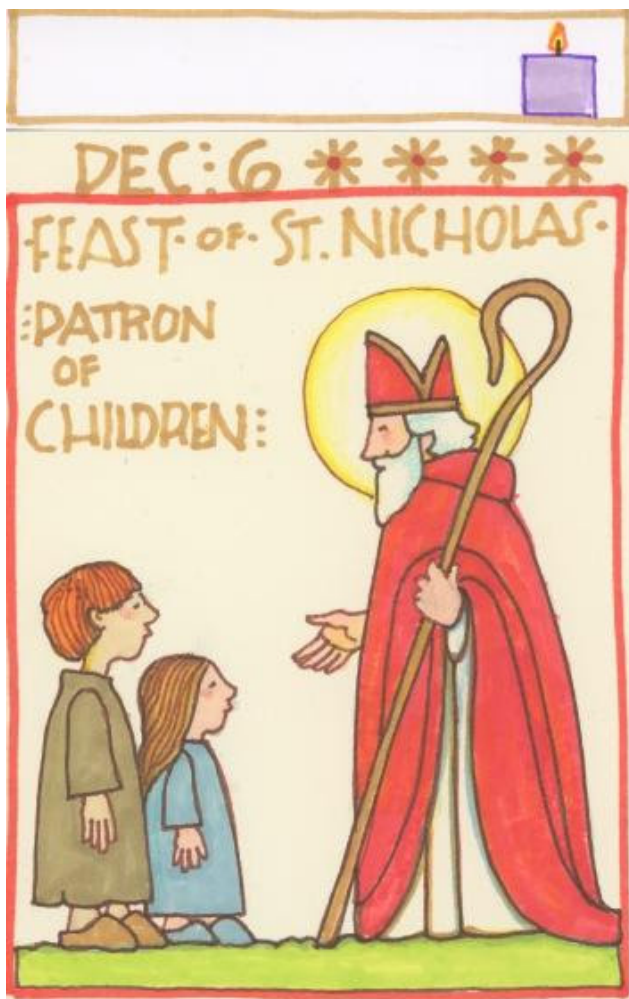
## STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND



Stewardship means sharing generously of our time, our talents, and our money – especially with those in need. God knows what's in our hearts and what we possess. And God knows if we are being generous or selfish; but we can never fool God. Consider being generous in sharing your time, talent and money with others. An hour of your time or a couple of dollars of your budget can make a difference. Then be open to experiencing the abundant blessings God has in store for you for being a good steward!

KINDLY RETURN YOUR COMMITMENT FORMS BY DECEMBER 3, 2023

IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO LAST WEEKEND, THANK YOU.



## CAROL FEST

Dec 3, 2023, the Carol Fest starts at 6:00 pm at the Carstairs Community Hall.

This is a Church Link Program, all are invited to see your children, friends, family and neighbours sing.

## Advent Mission

Presented by: The Sisters of Divine Mercy

Dec 5 and 6th at 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Mass followed by mission and confession.

(extra priests will be available for confession.)

## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas 2023.

Dec. 23, Mass 5:00 pm

Dec. 24, Mass 10:00 am

Dec. 24, Pre-mass Carols 4:00pm

Mass 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass (Youth Choir)

Dec. 24, Mass 8:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Dec. 25, Mass 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass.

### New Year & Mary, Mother of God 2024.

Dec. 30, Mass 5:00 pm

Dec. 31, Mass 10:00 am

Dec. 31, Mass 5:00 pm New Year Eve Mass.

Jan. 1, Mass 10:00 am New Year Day Mass.

(Mary, Mother of God, on Jan 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation)

December 9th  
St. Stephen's Catholic  
Church  
Olds Alberta



## *Family Ballroom Dance and Potluck Supper*

5pm: Vigil Mass, Saturday December 9th

6pm: Potluck supper, followed by dance instruction and dance

### Admission:

\$20 per family, \$10 per single

RSVP to [ststephendance@gmail.com](mailto:ststephendance@gmail.com)

*Semi formal to formal attire. Modest choices, please.  
Bring a dish to share!*

## DIOCESAN INFO

[HTTPS://WWW.CATHOLICYC.CA/NEWS.HTML](https://www.catholicyc.ca/news.html)



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 02	05:00 pm	For the parishioners (Pro Populo)
Dec 03	10:00 am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Dec 05	06:30 pm	Repose of the soul of AmandaThompson
Dec 06	06:30 pm	Repose of the soul of Vincent Harty
Dec 07	09:00 am	Repose of the soul of Paul Overwater
Dec08	09:00 am	Repose of the soul of Francois Cany Cardhil
Dec 09	09:00 am	Repose of the soul of Merle O'Dyuner
Dec 09	05:00 pm	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Dec 10	10:00 am	For the parishioners (Pro Populo)

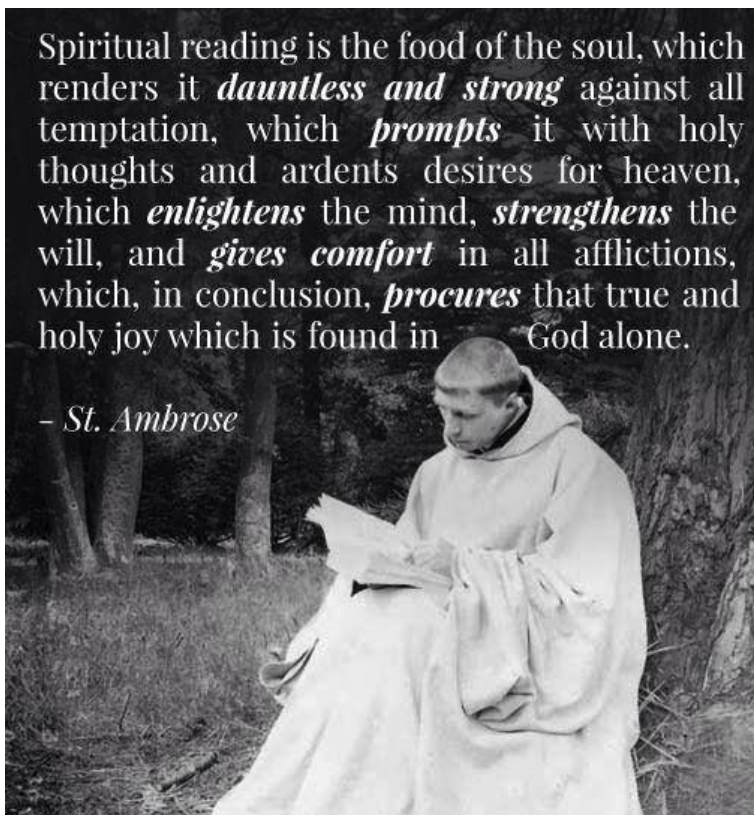


### POPE'S INTENTION DECEMBER 2023

For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Spiritual reading is the food of the soul, which renders it *dauntless and strong* against all temptation, which *prompts* it with holy thoughts and ardent desires for heaven, which *enlightens* the mind, *strengthens* the will, and *gives comfort* in all afflictions, which, in conclusion, *procures* that true and holy joy which is found in God alone.

- St. Ambrose



### LOCAL COMMUNITY PRAYER INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF:  
MIKE WATSON  
ROSANNA M.  
KARIN RABER

Anyone wanting to ask for their catholic community to pray for them or for special intentions may call the parish office and your request will be added to the bulletin, for free. If you wish, You may request to have your intention prayed for anonymously, please specify this upon calling the office to avoid printed names.

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Dec 03	Is. 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8; 1 Corin. 1.3-9; Mark 13.33-37	(1st Sunday of Advent)
Dec 04	Isaiah 2.1-5; Matthew 8.5-11, 13++	
Dec 05	Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24	
Dec 06	Isaiah 25.6-10a; Matthew 15.29-37	
Dec 07	Isaiah 26.1-6; Matthew 7.21, 24-27	(St. Ambrose, M)
Dec 08	Gen. 3.9-15, 20; Eph. 1.3-6, 11-12; Luke 1.26-38	(Imm. Conception of the B.V.M., S)
Dec 09	Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8++	
Dec 10	Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3.8-14; Mark 1.1-8	(2nd Sunday of Advent)