



ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

June 2025

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sunday gospel readings listed below:						
1 <i>John 17:20-26</i>	2 June 11 pizza order opens Grade 5 to Writing-On-Stone	3 Grade 4 to Fort Whoop-Up 	4 Div II Choir @ CCH's "In Full Bloom" 6:30 pm 	5 Gr. 6 to Waterton National Park Kindergarten Farewell BBQ @ 4:30 pm	6 	7 School Garden & Hopscotch Cleanup 8:30-11:00 am
8 June 11 pizza order closes <i>John 7:37-39</i>	9 Year End Mass @ 9:00 am 	10 Grade 1 to SAAG 	11 Pizza Lunch  	12 Last Day of Kindergarten English Part B PAT Gr. 2 to Coyote Flats Pioneer Village School Council Meeting @ 6:30	13 Math PAT Part A Grade 2 Identity Day 10:30-11:15	14 
15 <i>Father's Day</i>  <i>John 16:12-15</i>	16 	17 Math PAT Part B Grade 5 to Holiday Bowl	18 Socials PAT Artist Workshops Round 3 ends  Marian Pilgrimage	19 Science PAT Grade 1 to Fort Whoop-Up	20 Grade 6 Farewell Assembly and Class Lunch/Activities 	21
22 <i>Luke 9:11b-17</i>	23 Gr. 4 to Sunridge & SJF Parks Family BBQ 5-7 pm 	24 Sports Day 	25 Last Day of School Spirit Assembly Dismissal @ 11:30 am	26 	27	28

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Message from the Principal - Kathy Jones-Husch

It is very clear on the calendar, but everyone is always shocked that June has arrived. Of course, it is inevitable to look back at the year with feelings of both pride for the community and our kids' learning and curiosity about what we could have done differently or what we can look forward to in the future. The list of our school's bright moments is quite long, indeed, and the students have a lot to be proud of and many fond memories for years to come.

In Sunday's homily on Jesus' Ascension, Father Kevin discussed why he and the choir chose the Irish Blessing as the recessional hymn. As it is a song we share many times each year to bless our guests and community members who leave us, I was so appreciative of his powerful message, especially here in June. He offered this beautiful explanation:

*May the road rise up to meet you...*the road to holiness is not always clear thanks to temptation, distraction and our failings as people with free will. With a road staying visible, we can be stronger.

*May the wind be always with you...*the Holy Spirit is always working through us, and with its fullness, we can more easily access its gifts to become who God intends us to be.

*May the sunshine warm you always...*God, our Father, is the sun...constant, guiding, and essential for growth and healing.

*Until we meet again...*if nowhere else, we will all meet in Heaven, where we will be with the Father and reunited with the saints, our ancestors, and everyone else we have met along the way.

As we come to the end of this school year, while it is hard to say goodbye to our grade 6 students and several families and staff members who will leave St. Pat's, the promise of God watching over them and a reunion in the future gives me a lot of comfort. It won't be the same without you, but I pray that all you have learned at our little school will empower you to continue being creative in all that you do.

Thank you, as well, to the many volunteers who added to the life of our school. It truly takes a community to raise a child, and your thoughtfulness is raising some pretty amazing kids!

On behalf of all of the staff at St. Patrick Fine Arts, may God bless you and we look forward to seeing what next year brings. May the road rise up to meet you all summer long!

Kathy Jones-Husch

Growing in Faith

As we approach the end of this school year, I'm filled with gratitude for the many ways our St. Patrick Fine Arts School community has grown together in faith, compassion, and creativity. This year has been a journey of meaningful experiences that have shaped both hearts and minds, a journey shaped by the daily efforts of students, staff, and families working together in Christ's love.

Our school was alive with faith this year, expressed through joyful action and meaningful connection. From our Friday Gospel time through participation in class-led liturgies to our student retreat to school-wide celebrations of the Eucharist at Mass, our students embraced opportunities to grow in their relationship with God. These gatherings anchored us in prayer and strengthened our sense of community and purpose.

One of the key initiatives this year was **Project Proclaim**, which invited students to actively live out their faith by proclaiming Jesus' love in our school and beyond. Through small daily actions and intentional choices, students worked to build a kind, inclusive, and faith-filled community. Each student was encouraged to find a personal and meaningful way to respond to God's call to serve others, reflecting an understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ. These student efforts were celebrated during morning announcements, offering a daily reminder of the many ways we can be Christ's light in the world.

Our school-wide **Student Retreat** once again focused on service as a form of faith in action. It was a deeply moving experience for many of our students, who engaged in activities that allowed them to live the Gospel in tangible ways. With the guidance of mentors who exemplify Jesus' call to care for the sick and vulnerable, students gave generously of their time and talents. Their efforts not only brought comfort and hope to others, but also deepened their own sense of purpose and connection to the mission of the Church.

As we prepare to step into summer, I hope this season brings your family rest, renewal, and time to reflect on the blessings of the year. Thank you for your continued support and for walking alongside us in our mission to nurture young hearts in faith, creativity, and compassion.

We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall for another year of joyful learning and Christ-centred growth.

Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful and grace-filled summer,

Carla Ferrari





School Council



Happy June, SPFA Families!

The end of the school year is in sight! We hope this year has been full of fun and great memories for you and your family.

As we head into the final stretch, School Council has a few exciting things coming up, and we'd love for you to be part of them!

- **Garden Clean-Up – Saturday, June 7 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM**

Join us for our annual garden clean-up! We'll be tidying the front flower beds and sprucing up the schoolyard for summer. Stop by for a bit or stay the whole morning—this is a great opportunity for the whole family to pitch in together!

- **Online Auction Coming Soon!**

Watch your email for our upcoming auction, featuring amazing items donated by generous local businesses. All proceeds will support our wonderful school! The auction closes on Monday, June 23, with item pickup during our Year-End Family BBQ that evening.

- **Year-End Family BBQ – Monday, June 23 | 5:00 PM**

Come enjoy a delicious meal and connect with fellow SPFA families. School Council will be serving burgers and buns—just bring a side or dessert to share!

- **Sports Day Hot Lunch – Monday, June 24**

School Council is providing lunch for the entire school on Sports Day! Keep an eye out for opportunities to volunteer and help make this day special.

- **Final School Council Meeting – Thursday, June 12 | 7:30 PM**

Join us for our last meeting of the year as we elect our 2025–2026 executive and finalize plans for all year-end events. We'd love to hear your ideas and input!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, and creativity this year. School Council activities wouldn't be possible without YOU—and we're so grateful!

Warmly,

Catherine Furukawa
School Council Chair

School Council

Let's get creative about an auction!

Look for info in your inbox about how you can bid on almost 100 items donated by community members, student artwork and class baskets made by you!

Items will be available in advance online as well as live at the Family BBQ on Monday, June 23. Please support this auction to raise funds for future school beautification projects and arts experiences.



Interested in Serving on next year's School Council Exec?

Come to our last School Council meeting on Thursday, June 12 to seek nomination in an executive role: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Committee chairs are determined in September. All members, including classroom reps, are expected to attend as many monthly meetings as possible, and there are usually at least 8. Committees meet at agreed upon times to advance their goals.

**Thank
you!**

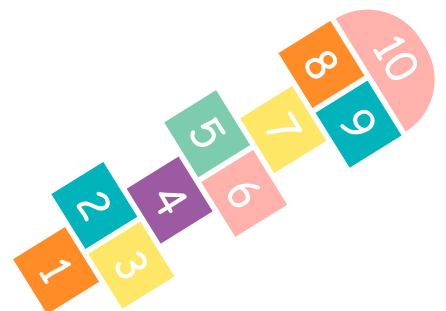


Thank you so much for everyone who contributed to School Council this year. From attending meetings to participating in advocacy, or from serving at a school lunch or planning a gala event. Our parents are so committed to making our school the best around. We are grateful!

School Garden and Hopscotch Cleanup

Saturday, June 7, 8:30 to 11:00

Come out to refresh the pavement, get your hands dirty and visit with others! No supplies needed, but gloves and grass edgers are welcome!



June Reminders

- June is an important month for learning - please try to have students attend every day and call the office at 403-327-4386 if he or she has to be away.
- Kids are very excited when they finish school. Parents must be extra thoughtful about driving and parking around the school. Watch for patrollers and pedestrians. Park at the end of the loop and move ahead if someone pulls out. Do not drop off or pick up in the driving lane of the loop. With the good weather, it's a great time to park further out and walk to the car with your child. Remember, please do not park in the parking lot. We appreciate your cooperation.
- Kids need runners to do well in gym and dance. If kids are wearing Crocs or flip flops, they will sit out for gym class; it is not safe. Please send the kids with runners they can wear inside. They'll come home with them at year's end.
- Riding a bike or scooter to school!? Don't forget your lock. All students must lock up belongings to ensure their safety.
- Overdue books? Please look for overdue or lost book notices from the library very soon. It is great to have all of our books back for inventory. Thank you!
- Have you registered for 25/26 Bus Transportation yet? If you qualify based on your distance from the school (more than 1.6 km by street walking route), you need to complete the Transportation form you received in your e-mail from the school division. Call the office if you are unsure whether or not you've done it.



Notices

Please visit the school website for any **Community Notices** under Newsletters / Community Notices. This month's postings include:

- Lethbridge Sport Council

June Things You Should Know...

Our Year End Mass is on
Monday, June 9th
at 9:00 am
at St. Martha's Parish.
Buses will drop students
at the church. Please
take kids there no earlier
than 8:25 am. Thanks!

The grade 6
Farewell
Assembly is on
Friday, June 20th.
A social for the
grade 6 students
will follow.

The "Year End Family BBQ"
is on Monday, June 23rd
from 5-7 pm. Come and say
good-bye to friends, families
and staff! Bring a side dish
or dessert to share and your
own dishes and cups to
reduce waste. **Volunteers**
needed!

'Sports Day' is on
Tuesday, June 24th.
School Council will
provide a lunch for
all students free of
charge. **Volunteers**
needed!

Our Year End Assembly is on
Wednesday, June 25th at 9 am,
including farewells to staff and
departing students, Christian
Action awards for grades 4-6, and a
year-end slide show.
All are welcome!

The last day of school is
Wednesday, June 25th.
Dismissal is at 11:30 am.

June

Proclaim!

Pilgrims of Hope



“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.” — Matthew 3:3

St. Peter (Died 64 AD) and St. Paul (5 AD-64 AD) (Feast Day: June 29)

St. Peter and St. Paul are often celebrated together as they each played an important role in the early Church, and were separately martyred in Rome under Nero in roughly 64 AD. Pope Benedict XVI said of them that “Christian tradition has always considered Sts. Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ.”

However, the two of them were very different people, and likely did not spend much time together. They represent different components of the Church in some ways; St. Peter representing the established church and perhaps the heart or emotion, and St. Paul representing the missionary spirit of the church and the head or reason. They came from different backgrounds, Peter as a fisherman called by Christ during his life, and Paul as an educated Pharisee and Roman citizen called by Christ after his death. [As Pope Francis said in 2020,](#)

“We celebrate together two very different individuals: Peter, a fisherman who spent his days amid boats and nets, and Paul, a learned Pharisee who taught in synagogues. When they went forth on mission, Peter spoke to Jews, and Paul to pagans. And when their paths crossed, they could argue heatedly, as Paul is unashamed to admit in one of his letters (cf. Gal 2:11). In short, they were two very different people, yet they saw one another as brothers, as happens in close-knit families where there may be frequent arguments but unfailing love. Yet the closeness that joined Peter and Paul did not come from natural inclinations, but from the Lord. He did not command us to like one another, but to love one another. He is the one who unites us, without making us all alike. He unites us in our differences.”

You can learn more about Sts. Peter and Paul [here](#).

The Apostles’ Creed

“the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.”

We know that we are one — one whole body, spirit, and soul — and not separate components. Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension opens the door for the same to happen to us — to die, but to be resurrected bodily. We don’t know how this will happen, or what our bodies will be like, but we do know that it will be as God has always intended.

And, while we don’t really understand heaven and its relationship to our earthly life, we do know that the eternal life is the one that we are created for. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1024) says “Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme and definitive happiness.”

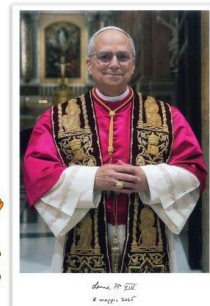
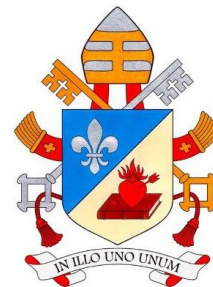
There is really no way for us (in our limited human understanding) to describe what this will be like — Scripture uses a variety of metaphors and analogies to help us to picture it. One thing that is clear, though, is that heaven will be union with God — and so we must live our lives seeking to align our will with His, to love as He loves, and to seek holiness so that our hearts are prepared for this union.

We conclude the Creed with Amen — so be it, I agree, I believe. When we end the Creed this way, it is one final affirmation of all that we have just proclaimed. It restates, in the shortest possible way, our belief, and our solidarity with those with whom we have proclaimed it — one another and all Christians through time and space.

“Proclaiming” In Our Schools

Habemus Papam! On Thursday, May 8, we welcomed the news of the election of Pope Leo XIV. You can read more about Pope Leo [here](#), learn more about his coat of arms and motto [here](#), and find his prayer card [here](#). We can take heart from his initial address to the faithful, known as an Urbi et Orbi blessing, where he greeted the world with the words:

“Peace be with you! Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for God’s flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you!”



Pope’s Prayer Intentions — That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Gospel Readings

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

"Behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you." — Luke 24:49

Can you remember the first time you went to school and had to say goodbye to your parents? Or have you ever spent the night away from your family? Usually it's scary (a little or a lot!) to be away from the people who usually take care of us and we might feel alone. It can be a little easier if we have something with us to remind us of the people who love us. Some kids keep a picture of their parents in their backpack. Some take a favorite stuffed animal when they have to sleep somewhere away from home. Some might take a special rock or a good-luck item. It helps as a reminder that they aren't all alone.

Jesus knew his friends would feel scared and alone when it was time for him to leave them. So what did he do? He promised to send them the Holy Spirit to be with them forever! The Holy Spirit did come to them, and has never left this world. The Holy Spirit is still with us today, wherever we go, whether our friends and family are with us or we are by ourselves.

What helps to comfort you when you feel scared or alone? That's the Holy Spirit at work!



Prayer:

Holy Spirit, help us to remember you are always with us, no matter where we are.

June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-16, 23b-26

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." — John 14:16

Happy birthday to us! Today, Pentecost Sunday, is known as the birthday of the church. We celebrate that on this day almost 2,000 years ago, God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always. Jesus' disciples saw tongues of fire come over each of them and suddenly they could speak and understand many different languages. They changed from people who were hiding out in fear to suddenly being brave and courageous in telling about Jesus's life and his teachings. Even though Jesus wasn't with them anymore as a real, live, walking and talking person, the Holy Spirit came to be with them and stay with them forever. With the Holy Spirit's help in spreading Jesus' story, suddenly many more people began to believe in him. All of those early believers became the first members of the church, which is why we say the church was born on Pentecost.

When have you felt brave, strong, or courageous in doing something that normally would be hard for you to do? (That's an example of the Holy Spirit with you!)

Prayer:

God, thank you for sending us the Holy Spirit to be with us wherever we go, for all of our lives. Help us to remember that with the Spirit's presence with us, we will never be alone.

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever..."

(John 14:16 NASB)



Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) - Ss. Peter and Paul
[Saint Prayer Card](#) (black and white version for colouring)



Gospel Readings

June 15, 2025

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

"When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." — John 16:13

Being smart isn't the same as being wise. Some people are really smart when it comes to memorizing facts or solving math problems, but that doesn't mean they always make wise choices or focus on what's most important in life.

Jesus didn't have a lot of education compared to some of the "smart" people in his religion, but he was very wise. He knew how to listen to the truth that came from God that was in his heart, where the Holy Spirit speaks. In fact, the Bible sometimes compares the Holy Spirit to wisdom. So even if some people were mean or judgemental about other people, Jesus followed his heart and treated everyone with love, no matter what they looked like, how they talked, what kind of job they had, what they could or couldn't do with their bodies, or if they were religious or not. Whether or not we are smart in school and get good grades, we can all be wise if we listen to the Holy Spirit like Jesus did.

Who are the wisest people you know?



Prayer:

Jesus, help us to listen to and follow the voice of the Holy Spirit that leads us to do what is good and true.



June 22, 2025 Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:11b-17

"Give them some food yourselves." — Luke 9:13

Have you ever noticed that sometimes adults will do things for you, but sometimes they ask you or tell you to do something for yourself? Why do you think that is? Sometimes they do something for you that you can't do for yourself yet—like driving you to sports practice. Sometimes they do something for you because they love you and want to do something nice, even though you could do it for yourself, like make your bed. Other times, they want you to do something for yourself to practice so you can do it on your own when they aren't with you in the future, like learning how to cook something.

Jesus was kind of like a parent to his twelve apostles. He wanted them to learn that they shouldn't always wait for him to do everything for them because if they tried, they could do amazing things too, like feed a huge crowd of people. He asked them to try first, and then he helped them, just like your parents do sometimes.

What can you do this week to feed or clothe others for Jesus?



Prayer:

Jesus, help us to do what we can to help others instead of waiting for you to do everything for us.

Sources:

I Believe: Exploring the Apostles' Creed by Alister McGrath
The Creed: A Catechist's Guide by Janet Schaeffler
The Apostles' Creed by Ben Myers

Sources cont.'d:

What Christians Ought to Believe by Michael Bird
The Quest for the Creed by Fr. Dwight Longenecker
The Creed by Timothy O'Malley

June 29, 2025

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-19

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." — Matthew 16:16

Who are the people in your family who have a key to your house? When I was young, I did not receive a key until I showed that I could be responsible with it. If my parents saw that I left my house key outside or if I invited friends in when my parents were not home, I would lose the privilege of having my own key for a while. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the "keys to the kingdom of heaven" to Peter. First, he asked Peter a question to be sure he would be able to use the keys wisely. He asked Peter if he knew Jesus' identity. Peter answered correctly. He said that Jesus is the Son of God. This showed that Peter truly believed in Jesus. Because of Peter's great faith, Jesus gave him the responsibility to lead his Church as our first pope. Each pope has the same task as Peter did—to listen carefully to God so they can lead us to know, love, and serve him.

Say a prayer today for our pope. He is human just like us and needs our prayers to serve as Jesus would want him to.



Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us good leaders. Help them to always do what is best for your people in the Church.





“Share the Mission” Award Call for Nominations!

Recognizing Those Who Inspire – Nominate Someone Today!

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our school community? The Share the Mission Award is your opportunity to recognize those who go above and beyond to serve, lead, and inspire!

This prestigious award honors community members, parents, students, and school staff who:

- Provide outstanding service to students
- Set high standards through leadership and dedication
- Contribute to the faith-filled atmosphere of our schools
- Lead within the community and parish organizations
- Live out the values of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

Nominations are open until Friday, June 6, 2025. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized, submit your nomination today! The recipient will be honored at the division’s Opening Mass.

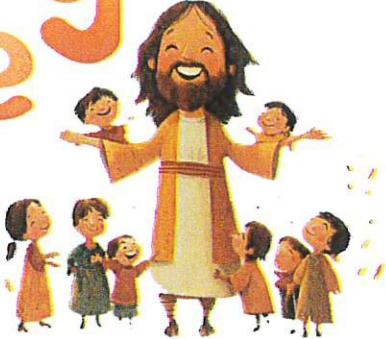
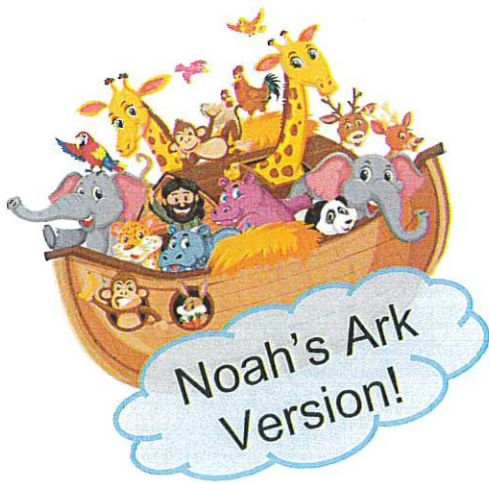
Nominate now! Use the [online nomination form](#) or contact Rhonda Kawa at _____

kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca

for more details.

Let’s celebrate those who truly make a difference!

Coming Alive with Christ

A cartoon illustration of Jesus with a beard and long hair, wearing a brown robe over a white tunic. He is smiling and has his arms outstretched, surrounded by a group of diverse children of various ages and ethnicities who are also smiling and looking up at him.

**All Saints Parish invites
all youth ages 6 – 11 to
join us for outdoor
activities, stories and
prayer, snacks, crafts
and more!**

Dates: July 14 - 18, 2025

Time: 8:30am to 1:00pm

Place: Assumption Hall



Register in person at the Parish office or use the QR Code.

If you would like to volunteer to help with recreation, registration, crafts, snack . .
. please contact Coreen at packhamc@holyspirit.ab.ca



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION



Alberta Health Services
Mental Health
Capacity Building

Mental Health Capacity Building Summer Program

July 2025

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For registered events, vouchers will be available at the Family Outdoor Play events booths
All outdoor events will be weather pending. Updates will be shared on Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Facebook Page



Summer



Mental Health Capacity Building Summer Program

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ALL OUTDOOR EVENTS WILL BE WEATHER PENDING. UPDATES/CHANGES WILL BE SHARED ON HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION FACEBOOK PAGE