








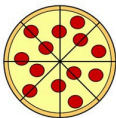
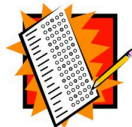








SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Sunday gospel readings listed below:</i></p>	<p>CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 10TH TO 16TH</p>				1	2
<p>3</p> <p><i>John 14:1-12</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>School Council's "Raising Resilient Kids" 6-8 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>FLVT's "Shrek" performance at the Yates Memorial Theatre (K, 4B, 1s, 2P, 5s)</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>FLVT's "Shrek" performance at the Yates Memorial Theatre (K, 4SF, 2F, 3s, 6s)</p> <p>Spirit Day—"Hats on for Mental Health"</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Kindergarten to the Early Learning Centre</p> <p>School Council Meeting @ 7 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Artist Workshops Round #2 ends</p> 	9
<p>10</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>  <p><i>John 14:15-21</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>SJFH's "Cinderella" performance (all but 4B)</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>SJFH's "Cinderella" performance (K & 4B)</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Wear Blue for Catholic Education</p> <p>Booster Juice Smoothies</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Gr. 6 FLVT Orientation</p> <p>"Glow" (God Loves Our Wonder) Art Festival 6-7:30pm</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Grade 2 to Helen Schuler</p>	16
<p>17</p> <p><i>John 17:1-11a</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Victoria Day — School Closed</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Professional Development Day —no school for students</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Gr. 5 to SAAG</p>	<p>21</p> <p>English PAT</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Jump Rope for Heart</p> 	23
<p>24</p> <p><i>John 7:37-39</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Kindergarten to the Early Learning Centre</p> <p>4B to Mountain View Cemetery</p> <p>June 3rd pizza order open</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4SF to Mountain View Cemetery</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Little Souls Kids Marathon</p> <p>Divisional Board Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Face to Face Retreat</p> <p>Grade 6 to Waterton National Park</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>June 3rd Pizza order closes</p> <p><i>John 3:16-18</i></p>	<p>June 3rd pizza order open</p>					

ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS SCHOOL - JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Sunday gospel readings listed below:</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Gr. 1 to SAAG	Pizza Lunch 	English Language Arts PAT Par B Kindergarten Picnic 4:15-5:15 School Council Meeting @ 7pm		
7 <i>John 6:51-58</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Creative Hair Day 	Last Day of Kindergarten Science PAT Gr. 5 to Frank Slide Interpretative Centre Gr. 1 to Legacy Spray Park		
14 <i>Matthew 9:36-10:8</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Math PAT Part A 		Gr 5 to Holiday Bowl 	Gr. 2 to Coyote Flats Math PAT Part B	Gr. 6 Farewell and Social	
21 <i>Father's Day</i>  <i>Matthew 10:26-33</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Family BBQ	Sports Day Hot Lunch	Closing Mass @ St. Martha's Church @ 9 am Divisional Board Meeting	Last Day of School Spirit Assembly		



May 2026

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Principal's Message

Is it May already? You can tell that time is flying by because you have been patiently waiting for this newsletter in your inbox! Thank you for always checking in and marking key dates on your family calendars!

May brings with it a lot of time to celebrate and to start planning for next year. We celebrate our growth as artists and creators at our annual Learning Through the Arts Festival, this year entitled, "GLOW: God Loves our Wonder". You'll see the school transformed into an art gallery full of creativity! This is also a great chance for families new to our school in the Fall to immerse themselves in our school's strengths and passions. We look forward to celebrating alumni students at their respective junior high schools as they share 2 beloved musical theatre performances with us, *Shrek* and *Cinderella*. Our grade 6 students will wrap many activities into one beautiful day in Waterton at the end of the month, getting ready to say 'farewell' and venturing off to new heights (while they climb a high mountain, too!). Jump Rope for Heart kicked off on Monday and will wrap up later in May, possibly with some celebratory pie in the face! Field trips abound, and so many wonderful volunteers who come in day after day and make great things happen. Thank you for your involvement and support of our teachers' efforts!

As you may have heard, our amazing school will welcome a new Principal in September, Mr. Brent Christensen. He brings with him a wealth of experience across all grade levels, and a keen interest in seeing kids succeed, finding their way in the world with God as their guide. Ms. Ferrari and I have been connecting with Mr. Christensen often and are apprising him of our priority areas and goals for next year, many of which have been identified through your feedback and participation in surveys. While it will be sad to leave the school I have called home for 11 years, I find comfort in knowing that you are in good hands with someone very committed to your kids!

As the days get longer, remember that there is no need to take your foot off the pedal in supporting your child through his or her learning. Older students are writing year-end exams, and younger ones are attending to key outcomes areas through to the last days of school. Teachers are checking on progress, and making adjustments to do what they can to prepare your child for the new year as well as possible. Please stay connected to the learning through asking your kids what they are learning, check SPACES weekly, and go through backpacks and agendas. You might hear from teachers and admin more often this month in a commitment to take action on behaviour challenges and potential trouble spots so you can get involved early alongside us. It is a quick 2 months, but 2 months that are just as important as the 10 that came before.

As we learned in the gospel reflection this week, Jesus is 'the way, the truth and the life', and through him, we can do all things. Please stay connected and join us in showing all of His goodness in one another.

Take care, and see you at the Festival on May 14!

Mrs. Jones-Husch (Kathy)

Please send your thoughts/feedback to spfaoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca

Growing in Faith

Catholic Education Week: May 10–16, 2026

This month, we celebrate **Catholic Education Week**, and I want to reflect on the profound impact our schools have on our students and families. Across Alberta, our Catholic schools are more than just buildings; they are communities where we bring Christ into the center of the classroom, fostering academic excellence and spiritual depth.

2026 Theme: "Anchored in Christ, A Beacon of Hope"

This year's theme, inspired by **Hebrews 6:18-19**, reminds us that we have a hope that is "a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." In a world of constant change, Catholic education stands as a visible sign of conviction and compassion. We aim to move from simply maintaining our traditions to boldly proclaiming who we are: beacons of hope who lead with clarity, courage, and joy.



"To be anchored in Christ is to place our trust not in changing trends... but in the unchanging truth of Jesus Christ." Catholic Bishops of Alberta & NWT ~ Pastoral Letter 2026

We have several ways for our school community to honour this week:

- Catholic Education Sunday (May 10): Attend Mass at St. Martha's Church to kick off the week in prayer and dedication. Mass Times: 9:00 am or 11:00 am
- Student Activities: Throughout the week, our students will engage in a variety of activities, daily prayer, and a school-wide Liturgy to celebrate.
- Wednesday, May 13: We invite everyone to Wear BLUE to show your support. Blue symbolizes piety and sincerity, and honours the Blessed Virgin Mary during her month of May.
- Thursday, May 14, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, we will celebrate our annual Arts Festival. We encourage you to look for the many ways students' creative expressions and our school environment bring the Catholic faith to life, reflecting the beauty and grace of God through the talents of our students.

Resources & The Bishop's Letter

We encourage all families to read the official [2026 Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Alberta](#). This letter offers encouragement to all who serve the mission of Catholic education and can be found alongside other resources at the [Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association](#).

Let us give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic education and reaffirm our commitment to nurturing faith and building a brighter, hope-filled future for our children.

Carla Ferrari
Associate Principal

"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain. – Hebrews 6:18-19



School Council Update



Welcome, MAY!

May your skies be blue and the sun shine bright!

Get Involved in School Council...

Our next meeting is **May 7, 2026 @ 7 pm**. We'd love your voice and ideas! All SPFA parents are welcome—no experience necessary! If you can't attend but have creative ideas, attend virtually at meet.google.com/esi-gwiq-uhz.

Did You Know?

Having a child at St. Pat's automatically makes you part of our School Council. Each month we come together to advocate for students and staff, plan fundraiser initiatives, organize social and wellness events, and create Hot Lunch programs. Together, we ensure that all students have a memorable school year through engagement.

Thank you!

Thank you to Brad and Nicole Seeman (parents to Kamryn, Ava and Bella) for the generous donation to make treats possible for all at our school dance! Also thank you to the parents and staff that helped make this event one loved by all.

Looking Ahead

May 4: Engagement Learning Night: Raising Resilient Kids 6-8pm. Please talk to the office for more information and to RSVP.

May 7: Council Meeting @ 7 pm

May 13: Booster Juice Hot Lunch. Please pack a regular lunch as this is a drink only option.

June 13: School garden, sidewalk beautification day in the morning!!

June 22: School community Year End BBQ

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to help with these upcoming school community events. Please send a note to spfasc@holyspirit.ab.ca or beccainnes02@gmail.com for more information.

I know this is going to be an incredible Spring season for our school community. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Becca Innes, School Council Chair

ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS PRESENTS...

GLOW

'GOD LOVES
OUR WONDER'

ANNUAL LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, MAY 14

6:00 PM GALLERIES

7:00 PM LIVE SHOW



Please visit the school [website](#) for any Community Notices under 'Newsletters / Community Notices'. This month's postings include:

- YWCA Neighbourhood Play Program
- Westwind Gymnastics Summer Camps
- University of Lethbridge Wizarding Summer Camp



St Patrick Fine Arts School - Lethbridge

Our 'JUMP' date is May 22 and prizes will be awarded the following week!
Visit [here](#) to set up your own page!

Our goal is \$2000... individual prizes for top fundraisers. Support your kids' charitable efforts!

Donut what!?!?

Congratulations to Mayokun, Lennon, Dominic and Zenaya in grade 3 for their winning donut designs thanks to our friends at Sunridge Tim Hortons. Their bakers made a batch of the kids creative work to share with their classmates. Simply the best business neighbours!



LITTLE SOULS KIDS MARATHON

Registration OPEN

MAY 27TH
6-30AM
CHINOOK HIGH SCHOOL

PRAIRIERUNNER.CA/LITTLE-SOULS

Visit [here](#) to register for this event.

Parable of the Prodigal Son | Luke 15:11-32



Jesus went on to say, "There was once a man who had two sons. The younger one said to him, 'Father, give me my share of the property now.' So the man divided his property between his two sons. After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country, and he was left without a thing. So he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him out to his farm to take care of the pigs. He wished he could fill himself with the bean pods the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything to eat. At last he came to his senses and said, 'All my father's hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am about to starve! I will get up and go to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers."' So he got up and started back to his father.

St. Mary Magdalene and the Parable of the Prodigal Son

St. Mary Magdalene was a follower of Jesus whose life was changed by His love and mercy. Before meeting Jesus, she struggled and needed healing. Jesus forgave her and helped her begin a new life.

Mary Magdalene stayed close to Jesus. She was there when He was crucified, and she was the first person to see Him after He rose from the dead. Jesus trusted her to share the good news with others.

Her story shows us that no matter our past, God's forgiveness can make us new. Like the son in the parable, she received mercy and began again with hope.



Saint of the Month - St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene Born: Early 1st Century | Died: 1st Century (Feast Day: July 22)



Most of what we know about Mary Magdalene comes from the Gospels. She was a woman who had a difficult past, but Jesus healed her with love and mercy. After that, her life changed. She became one of His faithful followers and was one of the first people to visit the tomb after Jesus rose from the dead.

Pope Francis teaches us that Mary Magdalene is a powerful example of how God's mercy can change a person's heart. When Jesus forgave and healed her, it gave her a new beginning and a new purpose in life.

In the Gospel of John, Mary first looks into the empty tomb and feels sad. Then she turns around and meets Jesus, but at first she does not recognize Him. When Jesus gently calls her by name, she turns again — and this time she understands. Everything changes in that moment. Her sadness turns into hope.

This reminds us that sometimes we can feel stuck, looking at our mistakes or feeling lost. But like Mary Magdalene, we are invited to "turn around" — to look toward Jesus and new life. Jesus knows each of us by name and calls us with love.

From Mary Magdalene, we learn that forgiveness brings hope and a new beginning. No matter what has happened in the past, God always invites us to start again and follow Him with joy.

St. Mary Magdalene

Saint Mary Magdalene,
woman of many sins, who by conversion
became the beloved of Jesus,
thank you for your witness
that Jesus forgives
through the miracle of love.

You, who already possess eternal happiness
in His glorious presence,
please intercede for me, so that some day
I may share in the same everlasting joy.

Amen.

St. Mary Magdalene — Pray for us!



"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:

- **Go the Extra Mile:** Provide outstanding service for our students, schools, and community.
- **Lead the Way:** Rise to challenges and set new standards for others to follow.
- **Strengthen our Faith:** Enhance the Catholic atmosphere of our schools and parishes.
- **Serve the Community:** Show exceptional leadership in community/parish organizations.
- **Embody our Mission:** Reflect the heart of the division in everything they do.

Nominations are open until **Friday, June 5, 2026**. 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 if you have any questions, contact Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca for more details.

Let's celebrate those who truly make a difference in our school division!

[Link to the Art Gallery is HERE.](#)



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Music by Jeanine Tesori
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Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
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SHREK *Jr.* THE MUSICAL

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Musical Director - Dana Visser

Managing Director & Choreography - Michele Hammel

Set & Costume Design -

Jessica Johnson & Dina Henderson

Yates Theatre

6:30 pm showtime

May 5th & 6th, 2026

Tickets: \$12 general; \$2 children 5 and under

*Fees apply - available through Eventbrite - Scan the QR code!

Limited matinee tickets may be available - contact the school for details



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Shrek the Musical JR. is presented through special
arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International,
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Cinderella



May 10 to 14
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Music by Richard Rodgers • Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II • Adaptation by Tom Briggs
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come **WALK** the streets **WITH JESUS** as we **Walk** and **PRAY** for **PEACE**

June 7, 2026 ~ Feast of Corpus Christi

“let us celebrate with particular devotion the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, with its traditional procession. Our faith in the God who took flesh in order to become our companion along the way needs to be everywhere proclaimed, especially in our streets and homes, as an expression of our grateful love and as an inexhaustible source of blessings”
Pope St. John Paul II 2005 Apostolic Letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine*

PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

You and your families are invited to join us on this special day to walk in a procession as we bring the Holy Eucharist to the streets of Lethbridge.

This is a great way for the children and their families to profess their faith and belief in the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For many of us our memories of the special times in our church life are what helps keep our gift of faith during the times when we find it challenging. This is one of those occasions and this is our wish for you.

It is suggested that we wear white, or red (second choice) which represents the Body or the Blood of Christ. School students are invited to wear any clothing that represents their CATHOLIC schools. Younger children and Elementary school age children must be accompanied by a parent(s).

The procession is a reverent and respectful procession with joyful song and prayer as we process with the Monstrance we show our adoration for the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

We leave from St. Basil's at 12 noon, after the 11:00 am Mass. The Eucharist is placed in the Monstrance, and then on the carrier. Those wishing to walk follow the procession moving south on 13th Street with a prayer stop at the corner of 2nd Avenue before continuing to CCH. You are invited to take turns carrying the carrier.

At Our Lady of Assumption procession begins with a prayer service at 11:45 am. Once the Monstrance is on the carrier we walk east to Mayor Magrath Drive, where we turn north. After a prayer stop at 8th Avenue we continue walking along Mayor Magrath to 6th Avenue, then we turn left and continue walking to 20th Street. We turn right at Ecole St. Mary's and continue until we reach CCH field.

You are invited to walk with us all the way (with the prayer stop it will take about 1 hour), or join us at one of the prayer stations. If you cannot walk join us at Catholic Central High School, East campus on the field.

At CCH we will have Benediction on the field, weather permitting. In bad weather we will gather in the cafeteria. This will be followed by a social lunch and a soccer game with Father Santiago (weather permitting).

There are three major processions in the life of the church, including Corpus Christi: the Sunday after Trinity Sunday when we remember the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Holy Thursday. A prominent aspect of this feast is the procession which is to follow the Mass...The procession should be seen as a public declaration of the parish community's faith.....Processions are a very important part of our Catholic identity. We are a pilgrim people on a journey, a journey of growth in faith and self-awareness. We are called to be followers of Jesus, to walk with Him.

For more information please go to the parish website – AllSaintsLethbridge.org

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You're invited to the 3rd annual LFS Art & Tea, celebrating and supporting the incredible local talent of Lethbridge Family Services clients and workers!

There is no cost to attend.

Join us at our north office on May 21, from 11 am to 3 pm, to see remarkable artworks, hear inspiring personal stories, and enjoy an inspiring afternoon with LFS clients and staff as we showcase the diverse voices of the LFS community!

Some art will be available for purchase, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the artists themselves.

Light refreshments and a warm, welcoming atmosphere await. In partnership with the [South Alberta FASD Network](#).

STAY SAFE

AROUND THE SCHOOL BUS

WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE – THEN CROSS SAFELY.

DON'T CROSS

**IN FRONT OF
THE BUS.**



The driver may not see you.
It's not safe.



**OTHER DRIVERS
CAN'T SEE YOU
IF THE BUS
IS STILL THERE!**



DO WAIT

**FOR THE BUS
TO LEAVE.**

When the bus leaves and you can see the road in both directions, then cross safely.



MAKE SURE THE ROAD IS CLEAR.



**LOOK
LEFT**



**LOOK
RIGHT**



**THEN
CROSS**



BE PATIENT. BE ALERT. BE SAFE.

WE ALL GET HOME SAFELY. ❤️



**LOOK OUT
FOR EACH
OTHER**



**RESPECT
THE DRIVER**



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EVERY TIME**



**SAFE CHOICES
EVERY DAY**



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August 20 | 2–6 PM
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