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<p><i>Sunday gospel readings listed below:</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>Choirs perform with the Lethbridge Symphony</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Holy Thursday</p> <p>Lenten Liturgy @ 2:30 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Good Friday— School Closed</p> 	4
<p>5</p> <p>EASTER</p>  <p><i>John 20:1-9</i></p>	<p>EASTER BREAK</p>					11
<p>12</p> <p><i>John 20:19-31</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>First day back after Easter break</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>Spirit Day— Matching Day</p> <p>Run Club Start</p> 	16	<p>17</p> <p>School Council's Spring Dance</p> 	18
<p>19</p> <p><i>Luke 24:13-35</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>6L to CASA</p> <p>April 29th Pizza order opens</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Indigenous Learning Day</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p> <p>BarBurrito Hot Lunch</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Gr. 2 1st Eucharist Retreat @ St. Martha's Church</p> 	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>Apr 29th Pizza order closes</p> <p><i>John 10:1-10</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>6D to CASA</p> <p>Grade 2 to Troyanda's Ukrainian Curriculum Show</p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>Pizza Lunch</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>West side school gathering at Nicholas Sheran Park</p> 		

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<p>3 <i>John 14:1-12</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 (Ks, 4B, 2s, 5s) FLVT's "Shrek" performance at the Yates Memorial Theatre</p> 	<p>6 (Ks, 4SF, 1s, 3s, 6s) FLVT's "Shrek" performance at the Yates Memorial Theatre Spirit Day—"Hats on for Mental Health"</p>	<p>7 Kindergarten to the Early Learning Centre School Council Meeting @ 7 pm</p>	<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p>		
<p>10 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>John 14:15-21</i></p>	<p>11 SJFH's "Cinderella" performance (all but 4B)</p> 	<p>12 SJFH's "Cinderella" performance (K/4B)</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14 Wear Blue for Catholic Education "Glow" (God Loves Our Wonder) Art Festival</p>	<p>15 Grade 2 to Helen Schuler</p>	<p>16</p>		
<p>17 <i>John 17:1-11a</i></p>	<p>18 Victoria Day — School Closed</p>		<p>19 Professional Development Day —no school for students</p>		<p>20</p>	<p>21 English PAT Part A</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 <i>John 7:37-39</i></p>	<p>25 Kindergarten to the Early Learning Centre 4B to Mountain View Cemetery June 3rd pizza order open</p>	<p>26 4SF to Mountain View Cemetery</p> 	<p>27 LIFE SOUNDS KIDS MARATHON Divisional Board Meeting</p>	<p>28 Face to Face Retreat Grade 6 to Waterton National Park</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		
<p>31 June 3rd Pizza order closes <i>John 3:16-18</i></p>								

April 2026



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Principal's Message

Well, Mother Nature is certainly on her game in these last few weeks. We have seen it all - wind that never wanted to end, single day snow (more than once) and glorious sunshine. Arriving at the Easter break means that we are into the last quarter of the school year! When you look at the calendars for April and May, you can see how jam packed each week is and we thank you for your attention to all of those details!

In this last week, I have had the good luck of hearing children's singing voices on 3 separate occasions: our choirs sang with the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra on April 1 (beautiful and inspiring), I joined a grade 6 class as they prepared to lead our Holy Thursday liturgy, and then in that same liturgy on Thursday, the entire school came together to sing in praise of our Lord. When people comment on the **power** of children singing, they are stating a hard truth. You can't help but be moved while in the presence of the innocence and hopefulness in those voices. May we, the adults of the world, be very intentional about keeping the love of singing in the hearts of these little ones and join them more often to feel that same joy!

As we arrive at the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, we are encouraged to use it as a time for renewal, for turning corners, and for starting fresh. We have seen victory over death and sin in Jesus! While our secular culture espouses that anyone can do just a 'few small things' to change habits or to forge new paths, humans are not that simple. It is with **learning** how to do that that change might be possible. How might a recommitment to your faith help in changing things you know are not giving you peace and grace? For me, the quiet of the Easter season is a welcome time, but a difficult one, too, since it pushes me to make space for my own reflection on change and renewal and the reality of my very human responsibility in all of it. But, I know that God is right there, cheering me on in his very Fatherly way, and that is good.

Speaking of change, we will say 'thank you' and 'see you soon' to Mrs. Stovel this month, as she begins her retirement from Holy Spirit. An absolute gem, we have been so fortunate to have her these 12 years and wish her all the best for what comes next. May God light the way for Mrs. Stovel's season of renewal!

Thank you, as well, to all of the practicum students who have graced our classrooms and to all of the parent volunteers who have helped so many things run smoothly! Bring on Spring and all of the great things continuing to happen at our little school!

Mrs. Jones-Husch

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

Growing in Faith

As we journey toward the end of Lent, we are reminded of the quiet, faithful steps we have taken as a community through prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving. Lent invites us to turn our hearts more fully toward God, and in these final days, we are called to enter deeply into the sacred story of Holy Week. As we journey toward the end of Lent, we are reminded of the quiet, faithful steps we have taken as a community through prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving. Lent invites us to turn our hearts more fully toward God, and in these final days, we are called to enter deeply into the sacred story of Holy Week.



St. Martha's Parish



Holy Week is the heart of our faith. It is a time when we walk with Jesus through moments of humility, suffering, and ultimately, hope. From the joy of Palm Sunday, to the solemnity of Good Friday, and finally to the light of Easter, we are reminded that even in the darkest moments, God's love brings new life.

As a school community, may we continue to model compassion, forgiveness, and service to one another. May we help our students see that small acts of kindness reflect the great love Christ has for each of us.

Prayer for Our School Community

Loving God,

As we enter into Holy Week, open our hearts to walk closely with Your Son. Help us to grow in kindness, patience, and understanding.

Guide our school to be a place of peace, where each person feels valued and loved.

May we carry the hope of Easter within us and share it with all we meet.

Amen.

As we celebrate Easter, I wish all of our families a joyful and blessed season. May your homes be filled with peace, hope, and the promise of new life. May the light of the Risen Christ bring renewal to your hearts and strengthen you in the days ahead.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter.

Carla Ferrari - Associate Principal



School Council Update



April showers, do they really bring May Flowers? Enjoy this month with the celebration of Easter with family and friends and a whole host of things to do to stay connected with your school.

Get Involved in School Council!

Our next meeting is May 7, 2026 @ 7pm. 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 all students have a memorable school year.

Thank you!

Thank you to Samantha Wilk who did all the work making sure the Teachers were fed during School Interviews. Lunches provided by school council for all teachers during this time. *Kathy and Carla want to thank Becca Innes who was instrumental in finishing the kids' 'One Word' buttons from St. Patrick's Day activities. Thank you!*

Looking Ahead

April 15: BarBurrito Hot Lunch (check e-mail for order details)

April 17: Rainbow Glow School Dance 6-8PM (see poster below)

April 27 (subject to change): Parent Learning Night with the Family Centre on healthy parenting

June 13: School garden and sidewalk beautification...look for sign up info soon.

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to help with these wonderful upcoming school community events. Please reach out 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



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

- University of Lethbridge - Music Conservatory
- Rita's Run
- Roller Hockey Lethbridge
- Lethbridge Public Library - Story Weavers



St. Patrick's Parent Council
Invites you to the

SCHOOL DANCE


Rainbow Glow

Step into the night and have fun with lights, music,
and unforgettable memories!

 FRIDAY • APRIL 17TH

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

• Held in the school gym 

 The entire family is welcome to attend.

• Parents please stay to help supervise the kids

• We will have a concession with an option to buy
extra treats 



Retirement Announcement

After many wonderful years with the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division, I would like to share that I will be retiring on April 17. My journey began in 2007 at Father Leonard Van Tighem School, and in 2014, I was fortunate to continue my work at St. Patrick Fine Arts School.

It has been a true privilege to be part of such a warm, caring and vibrant school community. Working in the office has given me the opportunity to connect with so many amazing students, families and staff members. Each day brought new smiles, stories and moments that I will always treasure.

To the students: thank you for your kindness, your energy and the joy you brought into the office. I will miss your cheerful greetings, your questions, and the laughter you shared so freely.

To the parents and families: thank you for your support, your patience and the trust you placed in me over the years. It has meant so much to be a small part of your children's school journeys.

I am incredibly grateful for the friendships I've made and the memories I've been fortunate to create here. Holy Spirit has truly felt like a second home and it is not easy to say goodbye.

As I move into this new chapter, please know how much I will miss all of you. I will carry these years with me always, with a full and thankful heart.

With sincere appreciation and warmest wishes,
Mrs. Darlene Stovel



The school will come together to celebrate Mrs. Stove at 3 pm on Thursday, April 16. Please come if you would like!

New Faces at St. Patrick Fine Arts

Trinity Nicholas - Child and Youth Care Practicum student (to April 24)	Emma Glover - U of L PSII student in 5M and drama (to Apr 22)	Nicole O'Donnell - joining our office later in April. Welcome!
Abbey Ford - U of L PSIII student in 1M and dance option (to Apr 23)	Brooklyn Kowalchuk - U of L PS II student in 4B (to Apr 22)	Anjana Veenendaal - new EA will join our staff April 13. Welcome!

Parable of the Lost Sheep | Luke 15:3-7 (GNT)



So Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them — what do you do? You leave the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that got lost until you find it.



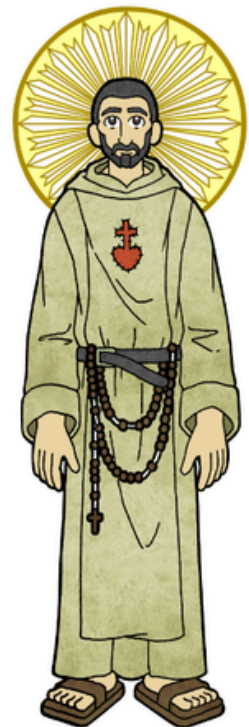
When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home.



Then you call your friends and neighbors together and say to them, 'I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine respectable people who do not need to repent.

St. Charles de Foucauld and the Parable of the Lost Sheep

St. Charles de Foucauld reminds us that mercy means going out to find others, loving them gently, and reflecting the heart of Jesus.



Saint of the Month - St. Charles de Foucauld

St. Charles de Foucauld 1858-1916 (Feast Day: December 1)



St. Charles de Foucauld was born in France in 1858. When he was young, he drifted away from his faith and lived a life focused mostly on himself. But later, he experienced a deep conversion and returned to God.

He wanted to live like Jesus — quietly, humbly, and close to the poor. Charles became a priest and moved to the Sahara Desert in North Africa. He lived among Muslim communities, not to preach loudly, but to be a loving presence. He believed that showing kindness, friendship, and respect was a way to reflect God's mercy.

Charles spent much time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. He wanted his life to be a "hidden life" like Jesus in Nazareth — simple and full of love. Even though he did not see many results during his lifetime, his example later inspired many communities around the world.

St. Charles de Foucauld

Father God,
I place myself in your hands.
Help me to trust you in everything.

Whatever happens today,
I thank you and I trust you.
Help me to follow your will.

I give you my heart because I love you.
Teach me to trust you completely,
just like a child trusts a loving father.

St. Charles de Foucauld — Pray for us!

Amen.

Join us for the GreenShirtDay Family Skate!

FREE

**Wear
your
helmet**

**Wear
your
GREEN**



**Learn
about
Logan
Boulet
and
Organ
Donation**

**Fun
Activities
to do**

In Partnership with



Canada's Organ and Tissue Donation Community

**April 7
Logan Boulet Arena
4:30-6:30 pm**



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Cinderella



May 10 to 14
check website for show times

TICKETS \$15 AVAILABLE ONLINE at HOLYSPIRT.AB.CA/ST.FRANCIS

Based on Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella (Youth Edition)
Music by Richard Rodgers • Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II • Adaptation by Tom Briggs
Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella Youth Edition is presented through special
arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com



Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig
Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire
Music by Jeanine Tesori
Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
"I'm A Believer" by Neil Diamond



SHREK *Jr.* THE MUSICAL

Creative Director - Alexie Beaulac

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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Final Show

Chem fun for everyone.
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University of Lethbridge
Co-op Centre for Sport & Wellness
Free for kids age 15 and under



The Chem Guys are back for one final night of cool chemistry demonstrations. Bring the whole family for a high-energy show full of colourful experiments, surprising reactions and plenty of laughs. This family-friendly event will entertain science fans of all ages.

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