







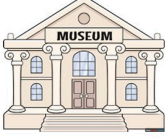



ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS SCHOOL - DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sunday gospel readings listed below:	1 Advent Liturgy	2	3 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal at school	4 Christmas Concert 	5 Bacon by the Box order deadline	6
7 <i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>	8 Advent Liturgy	9	10 Grade 6 to City Hall	11 Kindergarten Christmas Concert School Council Meeting and Christmas Social @ 7pm	12	13
14 <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>	15 Kindergarten to Galt Museum Advent Liturgy	16 Kindergarten to Galt Museum Div II Choir to St. Michael's Health Centre	17 Advent Mass and Christmas Social with Children of St. Martha's Divisional Board Meeting @ 3:00 pm	18 Christmas Lunch Bacon by the Box delivery 3:30-5:30 pm	19 Christmas Bingo  Last Day before Christmas Break	20
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK						
21 <i>Matthew 1:18-24</i>	22 	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
						
28 <i>Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23</i>	29	30	31 New Year's Day			

ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS SCHOOL - JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sunday gospel readings listed below:				1 New Year's Day 	2	3
4 <i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>	5 First day back to school Jan 14 Pizza order opens	6	7	8 School Council Meeting @ 7 pm 	9 Round 1 Artist Workshop begins	10
11 Jan 14 Pizza order closes <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>	12	13 	14 Beach Day Pizza Lunch 	15	16	17
18 <i>Matthew 1:18-24</i>	19	20 4B to the Galt Museum 	21	22	23	24
25 <i>Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23</i>	26 Professional Development Day —no school for students Feb 4 Pizza order opens	27 Hot Lunch	28 Divisional Board Meeting @ 3 pm	29	30 School Council hosts Movie Night 	31



December 2025

ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS

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Principal's Message

You may not know this, but I have an undergraduate degree in English; I love a good story! As we begin this blessed season of Advent, I have three stories to share with you that hopefully will put the next 23 days or so into perspective for you. Give Advent a chance!

At mass on Sunday night, Father Santiago (All Saints) spoke about the importance of giving Advent the respect it deserves as its own time. Christmas is separate and for Christians, Advent needs reverence, preparation and participation. He talked about how high level athletes prepare for competition through practice, always envisioning what is needed on the 'big day'. That way, they are truly prepared, not surprised nor disappointed. If we prepare for the coming of Christ with the importance it deserves, we will be ready! In Advent, we are called to live our lives in that level of preparation, fine-tuning our hearts for the coming of our Lord.

At our leaders' retreat today, Mr. Aaron Skretting (Assoc. Superintendent with Holy Spirit) shared the importance of finding 'stable spaces': moments when we imagine the serenity, peace and rest that those in the stable that precious day experienced. Just pause and look at a nativity scene. Yes, the baby Jesus may have cried, but there is no denying the wonder that existed in that space. Where can you find those moments for yourself this season?

A colleague of mine, Josh Van Uden (St. Mary's Taber) spoke to me about Advent being like making a glass of powdered iced tea. You can make it too weak where you really don't taste much, or you can make it too strong, so it is almost unpalatable. But, if you really think about what that powdered recipe needs for you to say, "Ah, that is a good glass of iced tea", then you can know Advent. It needs a certain amount of flavor to be truly 'Advent' but we can adjust the seasoning a bit ourselves to make it meaningful and connected to our heart's desires. Make no mistake. Advent is not Christmas - it is not the Coke (or other extravagance) that you might be looking forward to. Give yourself a chance to be a bit slower, find some rest, make your 'perfect' cup of iced tea, and enjoy what Advent can give amidst the secular demands on your attention. You deserve it and your kids will thank you, too!

Yes, Advent is a mini-Lent: a time to check yourself, check in, and affirm that you are aligned with God's plan for you. Shopping, socializing, and deal-finding have nothing to do with Advent. Celebrate your choice to name Jesus as your personal saviour and let getting ready for Him be your 'holiday guide' this year.

This month, we celebrate community through our concerts on Dec 4 and Dec. 11, our mass and fellowship with friends at Children of St. Martha School on Dec. 17, our Christmas Turkey dinner for all on Dec. 18, and our annual pyjama day with Bingo on Friday, Dec. 19. Don't forget Spirit Week! Thank you to the volunteers who help our amazing staff get all of this off the ground so that all students can relish being themselves in the light of Christ!

On another note, information about boundary changes and any grandfathering plans for students on the west side will come out in January. Stay tuned for that and continue to pray for our school community. Happy birthday, Jesus! All the best to you and yours over the Christmas and New Year's Day break! We are back January 5!

Merry Christmas from all of us at St. Patrick Fine Arts!
Kathy Jones-Husch, Principal

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

Growing in Faith

As we step into the holy season of Advent, our school community once again turns our hearts and minds toward the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World. Advent invites us to pause in the midst of our busy days, to breathe, to reflect on God's promises, and to renew our commitment to live as joyful disciples of Christ.

Each week, our classes will guide us in an Advent Liturgy, lighting a new candle on our Advent wreath: hope, peace, joy, and love. With each flame, the light of Christ shines a little brighter, reminding us that Christmas draws near and that our preparation is as important as our waiting. Advent is a season of readiness within our classrooms, our homes, and especially within our hearts as we prepare to welcome God's love made flesh in Jesus.

Throughout our school, the spirit of Advent is being woven into daily prayer, liturgies, and acts of service. Our ongoing support of [Coats for Kids](#) through the Knights of Columbus and Lethbridge Family Services' [Angel Tree](#) continues to bless thousands of children and families in our community. Students are also taking time to reflect on how they can share Christ's love each day through kindness, generosity, and care for one another.

Looking for a faith boost this Advent?

- ✨ Join us for our **Advent Mass at St. Martha's Parish on Wednesday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m.**, followed by fellowship at Children of St. Martha's School.
- ✨ Use this [Advent Calendar for Families](#) to help your home stay rooted in the true spirit of the season as you prepare your hearts for the coming of our Saviour.

As we journey through Advent together, may we stay centered on the true meaning of this beautiful season, the coming of Emmanuel, "God with us." May this time of waiting and preparation fill your homes with joy and your hearts with peace.

Wishing you a blessed and grace-filled Advent season,
Carla Ferrari

St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary
Christmas Concert 2025

CHRISTMAS CUPBOARD



Southminster United Church - December 4, 2025

The kids and their teachers have been busy preparing for our annual Christmas concert “Christmas Cupboard”. Hopefully you already have Thursday, December 4th marked on your calendars. Our concert is at **Southminster United Church** downtown. All students are expected to attend school that day and be present for the evening concert.

Parents are to drop off their children to the Auditorium doors on 10th Street between **6:00 and 6:15** that evening. Clothing requirements for the concert are a white shirt and black bottoms, and we ask that you help your child be prepared to perform. The front doors will be open to audience members at **6:15 pm**.

Every audience member requires a ticket for the evening show (available via your SchoolCash Online account), however, there is also a no-cost matinee at 12:30 pm for you and guests to enjoy. Doors for this performance will open at 12:15 pm and all are welcome.

A sign-up for parents to help with audience seating and backstage helpers for the afternoon and evening shows has been sent out. You can imagine it is quite a bit to help everyone have a good show experience, so please sign up if you can at <https://bit.ly/3JIYfY7>. After the show, the kids will return to the stage class by class for pickup by a parent. Thanks for your patience in that process!

For the December 4th learning day, students are asked to be on time so they can board the bus to go to the church at about 8:45 am. They should have their concert clothes on and bring a simple bagged lunch and a labelled water bottle with them. They will watch the other grades perform in the morning and then wait backstage for their cue to go onstage in the afternoon and evening. The school will bring along activities for the waiting time, so there is no need to send anything personal unless requested by the teacher. We will return to the school before 3:00 pm for the end of the day.

If you have any questions about the concert itself, buying tickets, or anything else related to it all, please call the school at 403-327-4386 or connect with your child's teacher. We want you and your child to feel confident about this amazing tradition in our Catholic school.

General Information

SPFA Christmas Spirit Week

Join us for a festive fun filled week of celebration from December 15-19. Enjoy the festivities!

Monday Shirts and Sweaters Games and Carol Singing	Tuesday Christmas Explosion Movie @ lunch Kris Kringle Crafts	Wednesday Red and Green Mass and Social with St Martha's	Thursday Christmas Accessories Turkey Dinner Festive Photobooth	Friday Christmas Comfy Cozy BINGO
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Our school is once again serving as a drop-off location for the Lethbridge Family Service Angel Tree. Each family has received a donation angel, and we hope you will consider supporting those in need. While you're welcome to shop for the age on your angel, you are also free to choose any age group for which to donate a gift.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

Notices



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

- The Lethbridge Volleyball Club (LVC) and STARS Volleyball
- University of Lethbridge Conservatory of Music - Beginner Ukulele registration info



School Council Update



Hello Winter!

A time of Christmas light tours, hot chocolate and cozy evenings curled up in your favorite blanket. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season with family and friends.

Get Involved in School Council!

Our next meeting and Christmas social is December 11 at 7:00PM. We'd love your voice and ideas! All SPFA parents are welcome—no experience necessary! Our next meeting in the new year will be January 8. 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. Patrick Fine Arts School 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! As we move into 2026, there will be more information about boundary changes and how that impacts you. Please plan to attend any info sessions the school holds! **Thank you!**

We would like to extend our thanks to Sunridge Tim Hortons for the wonderful tasty hot chocolate for our Fall Festival. Also, thanks to Barry & Katelyn Olsen for the donation of the 360 degree photo booth! Thank you to all the volunteers and Samantha Wilk for your dedication to make this event a success!

Looking Ahead

Social/Wellness committee: **Winter Wellness Bingo, Movie Night January 30, 2026**

Hot Lunch committee: **Christmas Turkey Dinner December 18**

Fall Fundraiser: **Bacon by the Box order is open until December 5, delivery for December 18 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in the gym.**

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to help with these wonderful school community events. Please reach out to spfasc@holyspirit.ab.ca or beccainnes02@gmail.com for more information.

Looking forward to a wonderful holiday season at SPFA. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Becca Innes
School Council Chair




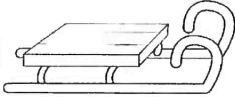
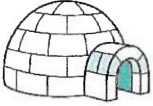
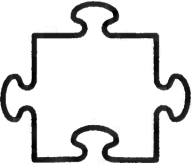



Copies are available at the office

Winter Wonderland Bingo

Submit to spfasc@holyspirit.ab.ca for your chance to win a winter prize

Deadline to enter Dec 16.

<p>Make Hot chocolate</p> 	<p>Make a Christmas ornament for your tree</p>	<p>Build a gingerbread house with your family</p> 	<p>Go Skating with family or friends</p>
<p>Play a family boardgame</p>	<p>Build a snowman</p>	<p>Make a bird feeder</p> 	<p>Go for a drive looking at Christmas lights around the city</p> 
<p>Make a Christmas card for a friend</p>	<p>Go sledding</p> 	<p>Build an Igloo Or snow fort</p> 	<p>Paint the snow and create some snow art</p>
<p>Build a winter puzzle</p> 	<p>Go for a winter stroll with family</p>	<p>Read a Christmas story</p>	<p>Make Christmas cookies for friends and neighbors</p> 

Monthly Parable Family Learning

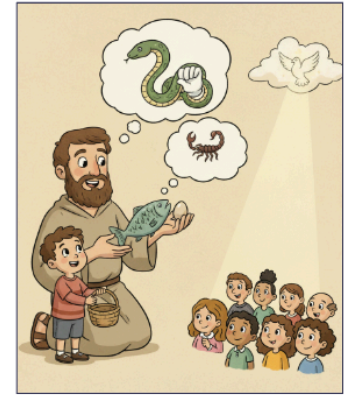
Persistence in Prayer | Luke 11:5-13



Jesus said to his disciples, "Suppose one of you should go to a friend's house at midnight and say, 'Friend, let me borrow three loaves of bread. A friend of mine who is on a trip has just come to my house, and I don't have any food for him!' And suppose your friend should answer from inside, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' Well, what then? I tell you that even if he will not get up and give you the bread because you are his friend, yet he will get up and give you everything you need because you are not ashamed to keep on asking.



And so I say to you: Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For those who ask will receive, and those who seek will find, and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks.



Would any of you who are fathers give your son a snake when he asks for fish? Or would you give him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

St. Monica

332-387 (Feast Day: August 27)



Monica was born in North Africa around the year 332. She had a difficult life. Her husband did not share her Christian faith and sometimes treated the family poorly. She also lived with her mother-in-law, which was challenging at times. Despite these struggles, Monica never stopped praying for her family and worked hard to set a good example for her children.

Monica had three children who survived infancy, the oldest being St. Augustine. Over time, her husband and mother-in-law converted to Christianity and were baptized, but soon after, her husband passed away. Augustine lived a rebellious life away from home, yet Monica continued to pray for him.

When Augustine traveled to Rome and then to Milan, Monica followed him to be near him. There, they both met St. Ambrose, who guided them in faith. In 387, Augustine was baptized, answering Monica's many years of prayer. On the journey home, Monica died peacefully, having seen her prayers bear fruit.

St. Monica and Persistence in Prayer

St. Monica lived in North Africa a long time ago. She loved God very much, but her son, St. Augustine, did not always make good choices. Monica prayed every day that he would come to know God's love. For many years, nothing seemed to change — but she never gave up.

Her prayers and patience helped lead Augustine to faith. He became one of the greatest teachers in the Church. St. Monica shows us that when we keep praying, even when it's hard, God is always listening and working in ways we might not see right away.



St. Monica

Dear Saint Monica,
I ask you to pray for
all those sons and daughters
That have walked away from God,
And add to your prayers
all those mothers
Who are worried
for their children.
Amen.

St. Monica - Pray for us!

Advent

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Catherine's, Picture Butte:

Wednesday, December 3 at 7pm

St. Augustine's, Taber:

Thursday, December 4 at 7:00pm

St. Peter's, Milk River:

Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00pm

St. Martha's:

Thursday, December 11 at 7:00pm

Assumption:

Saturday, December 13 at 10am

St. Joseph's, Vauxhall:

Wednesday, December 17 at 7pm

St. Ambrose's, Coaldale:

Thursday, December 18 at 7 pm



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



DECEMBER 24

ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

5:00PM 8:00PM 11:00PM

ST. BASIL'S CHURCH

6:00 PM 9:00PM

**OUR LADY OF THE
ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

6:00 PM 9:00PM 12:00AM

DECEMBER 25

ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

10:00AM

ST. BASIL'S CHURCH

7:30AM 11:00AM

**OUR LADY OF THE
ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

9:00AM

*Do not be afraid, for see I am bringing
you good news of great joy for all the people:
to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
who is the Christ, the Lord.*

LUKE 2:10-11



IT'S TIME FOR THE 25TH ANNUAL

SOCK IT TO 'EM



NOV. 1ST - DEC. 12TH 2025

Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre, the caretakers, maintenance and support staff in Lethbridge and area schools are collecting **NEW SOCKS** to be donated to local charities for those less fortunate for Christmas.

Please join them and make someone's Christmas a little bit warmer!

TO DONATE, CONTACT ANY CUSTODIAL STAFF AT YOUR SCHOOL

- Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre
- Lethbridge School Division
- Holy Spirit School Division
- Palliser Regional School

QUESTIONS? CALL:

Trevor Clinton - (403) 627 - 8071

Gail Petrie - (403) 327 - 6520

Charlene Kocken - (403) 239 - 3222



Advent Fridays

ADORATION &
SOUP SUPPERS



DECEMBER

5TH 12TH 19TH

HOSTED AT ASSUMPTION HALL

Schedule:

Mass & Adoration
9:00AM - 8:00PM

Soup Supper
6:00PM - 7:00PM

Teaching
7:15PM - 7:45PM



LETHBRIDGE FAMILY LIFE



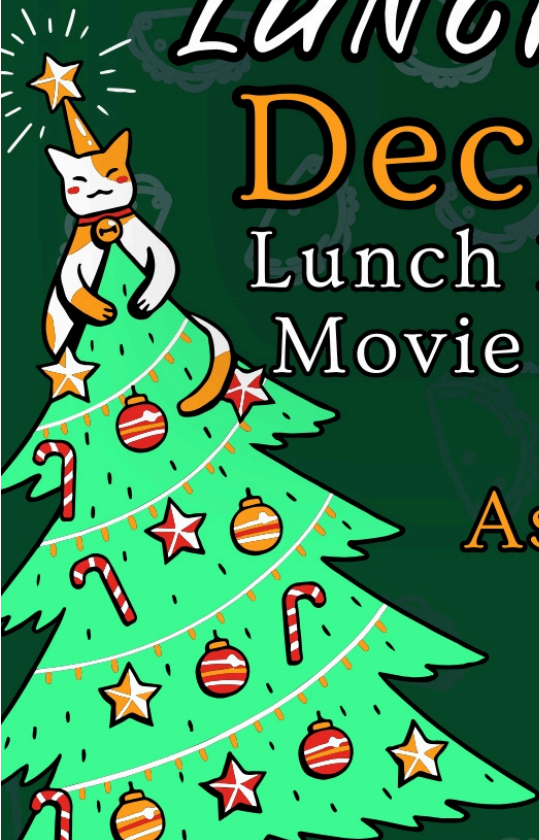
LET'S *TACO* ABOUT
St. Nicholas
LUNCH AND MOVIE
December 6th

Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Movie 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Hosted at:

Assumption Hall



All Saints
Roman Catholic Parish





Klaus

Family Movie Night

December 20th 2025

At 6:15 PM

Assumption Hall

2405 12 Ave S Lethbridge

COME FOR POPCORN, COOKIES AND MORE



LETHBRIDGE FAMILY LIFE

CHRISTMAS

-KINDNESS DINNER-

- Assumption Hall -
2405 12 Ave S, Lethbridge

DEC.25, 2024

JOIN US AS WE PREPARE AND DELIVER HOT
CHRISTMAS DINNERS TO THOSE IN NEED, FOLLOWED
BY A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MEAL TOGETHER.

- 12pm - 3pm COOKING DINNERS ●
- 3pm - 4pm DELIVERING DINNERS ●
- 5pm COMMUNITY DINNER ●

For More Information, or to RSVP, Call/Text
Shelley Thom 403-308-5925



CCH WELDING CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER!

WE HAVE TWO OPTIONS THIS YEAR!!

**OPTION 1: CHRISTMAS TREE
TREE ORNAMENT - PAINTED GREEN
PRICE: \$15 EACH**

**OPTION 2: NATIVITY SCENE ORNAMENT
PAINTED BLUE AND WHITE
PRICE: \$10 EACH**

50% OF THE PROCEEDS
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TOWARDS PURCHASING A VIRTUAL
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SUBMIT ORDERS BY
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DELIVERY BY
CHRISTMAS BREAK

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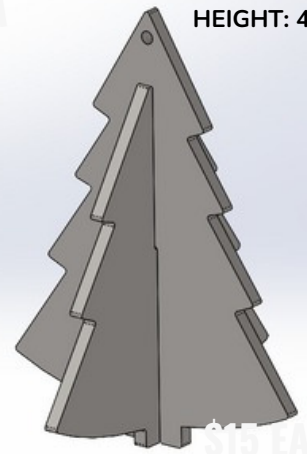


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OPTION 2

HEIGHT: 4"



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VARY SLIGHTLY*

