

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW FOYER		
Day of Week	Regular Weekly Scheduled Events	Random Scheduled Meetings
Tuesday	7:15 pm - RCIA	
Wednesday	9:30 am, after morning Mass - coffee for all - you are welcome	Finance Committee meetings at noon
Thursday	10:30 am -12:30 pm - Young Families Ministry 7:00 pm, after Mass - Youth Ministry	K of C meetings at 7 pm.
Friday	7:00 pm Bible Study resumes on April 13 th	
Saturday	available	PPC meetings
Sunday	available	CWL meetings after Sunday Mass
If you would like to schedule any other meeting please contact the Parish Office 403-845-3457		

✚ **Spring Clean - Up**

Many thanks to all who volunteered to help with the spring clean - up. Those who share the spirit of stewardship, in looking after the well-being of the Church, are a blessing to this parish.

✚ **Young Family Ministry**

The Young Family Ministry has resumed meeting on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the church foyer. All are welcome to join and bring their children. For more information contact Becky Marland 845-5311.

✚ **Food Bank**

Lords Food Bank is in need of canned beans, fruit and soup. Donations may be dropped off in the basket, at the main doors.

✚ **Help the Missions by Donating Your Stamps**

Drop off your cancelled stamps so that they can be donated to the Franciscan Missions and the Leprosy Missions, who are able to sell the stamps as a fundraiser.

✚ **Beautiful Breakfast - Volunteers Needed**

In order to share the work load for preparation of the Beautiful Breakfast, we ask for volunteers to help with the food prep on the day prior, as well as cooking / serving / clean-up, on the day of. If you could commit some time to help out, please leave your name and number at the parish office and you will be contacted with the details. Sincere thanks to all those who have offered continued support through the past year.

✚ **Money Counters / Sacristan / Linen Care - Volunteers Needed**

As we say good bye to Darcey Huseby who is moving to Stettler, we extend sincere thanks for all her help in the various ministries in which she volunteered. Now with her absence, we ask for volunteers who would be able to give of their time on a rotational basis, to help with money counting, sacristy or linen care. Please call the parish office for more information.



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

April 29 th	Rocky \$2,242.65	Evergreen \$455.00	Caroline \$277.01
Automatic Withdrawal:	Rocky \$1,720.00	Evergreen \$600.00	Caroline \$20.00
		Pennies from Heaven: \$5.00	

MINISTRIES

Parish Council:	Jim Marland – 845-5311	<p>Youth Group News ...</p> <p>Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to attend an evening of fun, games, music & food! Students in grades 9-12 & adults are invited to help as leaders.</p> <p>Weekly youth program is held Thursdays from 7 - 9 pm. All are encouraged to attend the Mass at 6:30pm!</p> <p>For more information, contact Coordinator- Peter van Kampen vankampen.peter@gmail.com 403-848-0955.</p>
RCIA/RCIC:	Deacon Bernie – 844-2895 Catherine Bolton – 845-5742 Coordinator Vivian Duhamel – 845-5831 Coordinator	
Ministry to the Sick :	Ernie Murias – 845-4860	
Prayer Line:	Greg & Darlene Beer – 845-7965	
Knights of Columbus:	Dave Parfitt – 844-8515	
<i>Next meeting will be held on third Thursday in May</i>		
Catholic Women's League:	Patty Hofforth – 846-0007	
<i>Next meeting will be held after Beautiful Breakfast, May 27th</i>		
Families of Nazareth:	Karen Boston – 845-4047 <i>Meetings held Thurs. evenings after Mass; retreat day on 3rd Sat. of month at St. Thomas More, Edmonton.</i>	
Young Families Ministry:	Jim & Becky Marland - 845-5311	

Serving in ministries for the coming weekend Masses :

May 12th: 7:00 pm Greeters: D&D Osczevski Proclaimers: 1st - Catherine Bolton 2nd - Leo Pelletier
May 13th: 9:00 am Greeters: Maria Vos Proclaimers: 1st - Myrena Miller 2nd - Karen Boston

REGIONAL & ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

OLVC: is hosting their Annual Fundraising Roast Beef Dinner on **Friday, May 11, 2012** at St. Mary's Parish in Red Deer. Cost is \$60 per ticket (with a \$30 tax receipt). Donations are welcome for the Silent Auction Table. Highlights include door prizes and entertainment by world class harpist, Gianetta Baril. For more information contact Deacon Claude Baril at 403-347-2455. The funds from this year's event are going to fund the construction of new (and much needed) accommodations.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: This weekend for couples planning a marriage, is designed to deepen and enrich their relationship with one another. Red Deer's schedule of weekends in 2012, are on **June 2-3**; and **Oct. 27-28**. More information is available at www.ceewest.com. To register contact: Rachel and Murray Hollman at (403)346-8211.

What is a mortal sin? What is a venial sin? To help prepare for the Sacrament of Confession, check out Free iPad and iPod application MeaCulpa <http://bit.ly/eJtHbo>

St. Matthew Parish and Missions extends sincere congratulations to Fr. Kazimierz as he celebrates his 30th anniversary of Ordination, May 8th, 2012.

A parish pot luck supper and short program will be held on Sunday, May 6th beginning at 5:00 pm in the parish hall.

All parishioners are invited - may we offer gratitude and support to the Shepherd whom God has entrusted us to.



SUNDAY REFLECTION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The branches exist to draw life from the vine so as to bear fruit. Failing to do so, they are useless: cut down, thrown out, good only for fueling the flames of a fire. **"If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned."** (Jn 15: 6) So that we may live as fruitful branches in intimate union with Christ, the true vine, He has given us the Church, His true body in the world and He gave us the Eucharist, the source, the center and the summit of our life.

Do I draw my life from the Eucharist? Do I abide in Him present in the Holy Sacrament?

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Membership fees of \$30 for 2012 are due. The next date that **CWL** will serve in the ministries at Mass with the K of C is on **May 20th**. The next meeting will be following the Beautiful Breakfast on **May 27th**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Next Mass the **K of C** will serve at (with the CWL) is on **May 20th**. We welcome all Catholic gentlemen over 18, to join the **K of C** and serve in the ministries of Proclaimer and Greeter. The next meeting will be on the **third Thursday of May**.

RCIA



RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is for those considering becoming Catholic, and also for those who are Catholic and who are interested in a **"refresher"** course in the Catholic faith. Regular meetings are held every **Tuesday at 7:15 pm**.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

For us to be fruitful disciples, it is essential that we live a stewardship lifestyle. Because we are joined to Christ in the Eucharist, we are called to use and share our gifts in a manner that truly demonstrates that we are indeed in relationship with Christ. Consider how your day to day actions and conversations glorify God and thereby demonstrate that you are indeed a fruitful disciple.

Courtesy Stewardship Office, the Archdiocese of Winnipeg

INSPIRATION FROM THE SAINTS



"Mary was such that her life alone was a model for all."

St. Ambrose

We have heard the expression that **"actions speak louder than words"**. In today's Second Reading, **St. John instructs us, "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."** Little children learn by trying to 'copy' what their mother does. May we look to the example of our Blessed Mother, to learn how to love; through humble obedience and acceptance of all that God asks of us. Mary became the first 'tabernacle' to receive Jesus, and He then became the focus of her life. My love for Jesus is shown in choosing to spend time with Him in adoration, believing the truth that He is present in the Blessed Sacrament. **Why not take even 10 minutes of time, to 'come let us adore Jesus' every Friday – from after Mass through to 1:00 pm?** Jesus invites YOU for the Eucharist each weekend, Sat. at 7:00 pm or Sun. at 9:00 am. Can there be anything in my life that would show 'in deed', my love of God, or be more important than this?