


MASS INTENTIONS: January 7 through January 13, 2019					
Mon	Jan. 07	No Mass			
Tue	Jan. 08	St. Catherine	7:00 pm	Jean & Tiny Craft RIP	
Wed	Jan. 09	St. Catherine	9:00 am	Doug Stanko & Family Int.	
Thur	Jan. 10	St. Ambrose	8:45 am	Frank Vidmar RIP	
Fri	Jan. 11	St. Catherine	9:00 am	Joe Mrak RIP	
Sat	Jan. 12	St. Ambrose	5:00 pm	Dan & Dianne Clarke Int.	
Sun	Jan. 13	St. Ambrose St. Catherine	9:00 am 11:00 am	For the Parishioners For the Parishioners	

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a replacement. Thank you and God Bless

	Off. Family	Ushers & Coffee	Com./Lector	Euch. Min.	Altar Servers
Sat., Jan. 12 SA 5 pm	Dave & Darlene Belser	Bryce Cale Gord Elliott	Laura Elliott Lydia Jones	Rita Gensorek Bernadette M. Diane Miedema	Caleb Burton Lucas Burton Mason Wolfe
Sun., Jan. 13 SA 9 am	Ministries Coordinated by the SEARCH				Grace Wilson
Sun., Jan. 13 SC 11 am	Arnie & Malinda Bergen Henengouwen	Available	Doug Rudelich AJ BH	Art BH Lorna Urban Susan Trechka	Anna, Quinn & Maya

December 30, 2018

St. Ambrose - \$ 1,728.00 Fall Col. \$ 100.00 TIA \$2,000.00
Hall \$ 5,050.00 To date:\$ 180,645.33

St. Catherine - \$887.00 New Years \$ 895.00 Initial \$ 160.00

Readings for next Sunday: *Baptism of the Lord*
Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7, Acts 10.34-38, Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

The Sick - Celeste Zeinstra, Terry Bugg, Jean Armstrong, Mercedes Halluk, June Tymensen, Marianne Hirose, Tania Holzli, Al Theroux, Gaby Broers, Inge Tope, Diane Sincennes, Marina Walls, Maria Tersteeg, Ted Campmans, Brenden DeBoer, Jim Breckie, Pauline Muller, Albert Bleile, Fr. Clair Watrin, Maryanna Litke, Carmen Thom, Bep Braat, Perry Layton, Joanne Kubik, Mona Millward

Deceased - Wilhelmina Vervoort

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 08 - SC Knights of Columbus, 7 pm
- Jan. 09 - SA CWL, 7 pm
- SA Knights of Columbus, 7 pm (Old Rectory)
- Jan. 11 - SA Soup Kitchen

Office Hours - from now through January 16th, the parish office will be open Wednesday afternoons, all day Thursdays and Friday morning.

Bulletin Ads - As a new liturgical year begins and we look forward to another year of active parish life, we also are looking for new advertisers for our parish bulletin. The parish extends a great big "THANK YOU" to all those who have advertised this past year. You make it possible to have this bulletin/newsletter available to our parishioners.

2019 Donation Envelopes are ready to be picked up from the foyers. If your name isn't on a box and you would like to have envelopes, please call the parish office and a numbered box will be assigned to you.

✚ **St. Ambrose Church This Week** ✚

Sick & Shut In Visiting - will be done by Bonnie Sturm (345-4596) and Sharon Robert (345-6565). Next week will be done by Rita Gensorek (345-3962) & Mary Ann Vervoort (345-5457). We encourage a family member or friend to be present for our visit.

A huge thank you to Ray & Helen Sander for their many years of dedicated service to Pastoral Care and to Mary and Walter Coles for their service. Welcome to Mary Ann Vervoort and Rita Gensorek to our team.

Soup Kitchen - Our parish will be serving at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen on **Friday, January 11th**, if you are available to help for a few hours, please contact Bonnie Sturm (345-4596).

Attention Grade 6-9 students/families: Registrations for the sacrament of Confirmation are now being collected. Forms can be picked up at the school or parish office. A copy of your Baptism Certificate **must** be included. Please register by **January 10th** by handing the registration form into either office. Please contact Sylvia Zalik (345-6772) for more information, and/or if you are available to help with instructing the classes.

✿ **St. Catherine's Church This Week** ✿

Flower Fund - did you know that when you drop your bottles off at the Picture Butte Bottle Depot you can let them know you would like the money to go to St. Catherine's Church and that money is used for flowers to keep our church looking great throughout the year.

Thank You - to the following Sugar Beet Growers who so generously donated a portion of their crop to our annual Beet Growers Fundraiser: Loman Farms (Ben Loman), John Loman, Ed Loman, Paul Loman, B.H. Farms (Arnie Bergen Henengouwen), Bergen Farms (Hank Bergen)

Henengouwen). This year our parish realized \$ 8,288.59. Your support for our parish is greatly appreciated.

Parish Hall Rental - Cost Recovery to rent the parish hall for personal activities (family gatherings, birthday parties, bridal showers), other community organizations and groups etc: 3 hours or less: \$100.00, More than 3 hours: \$140.00. There is no charge for parish groups or activities. Any group planning to serve alcohol at their function is required to purchase a liquor license and have it displayed in plain view.

☞ COMMUNITY NEWS ☞

SEARCH Retreat Weekend - Join us in the next Search Retreat weekend January 11th to 13th. The Search weekend is open to all youth Grade 9-12. All denominations are welcome and warmly received. Search is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself and Christian community. This is a time to experience a supportive gathering of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and others. This retreat begins on January 11th at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph School, 1413 - 23rd Ave., Coaldale. For questions contact Christine Kinahan 403-345-2236 or email: c3kinahan@gmail.com

Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Registration - Holy Spirit Catholic Schools are taking registrations for new students beginning on January 7, 2019. Early Learning programming is available for children three (3) and four (4) years of age and Kindergarten is available for children five (5) years of age on, or before, December 31, 2019. To register for the 2019/2020 year, contact your neighborhood school. Please remember to bring your child's birth certificate. For information about school programs, visit the division website at www.holyspirit.ab.ca.

Events at the Martha Retreat Centre -Phone 403-328-3422 or email: marthare@telusplanet.net

~ **Dreams On Our Faith Journey** is a workshop designed to present a method to help one work on dreams, inviting you to explore your personal symbolism to arrive at a deeper understanding of your dream messages and their application to your daily life. This opportunity to deepen our relationship to God and to our inner selves is offered on **Mon, Jan 14**, 7 - 8:30 pm and **Mon, Jan 21**, 7-9 pm. Facilitator: Deacon Michael Pollard Cost: \$ 40

~ **Praying to Heal Life's Hurts** will provide through Inner Healing Prayer, a vehicle for the Lord Jesus to go back in time to heal life's hurts and renews us with His grace and blessings - making us whole. This is offered on Thursday, **Jan 17 & 24**, 7 - 9:30 pm. Facilitator: Ken Fabbi Cost; \$100

St. Joseph's Family Conference with Face II Face Ministries - The community of St. Joseph's Parish, in Vauxhall is proud to announce that their Catholic Family Conference is back, **Saturday, January 26!** They have teamed up with FACE II FACE ministries to ensure the 11th Conference will set your hearts ablaze! Mark your calendars and get your registration in as soon as possible. Cost: \$150/Family, \$110/Couple, \$60/Single. Sponsorship available. To register or for questions please contact Tara at familyconference@catholicparish.ca

Deeper Inner Healing (Deliverance) Workshop -Saturday, January 26th (9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) Our Lady of Assumption Church Hall, 2405 - 12 Avenue South, Lethbridge. Workshops included: Basics of Deliverance, Protocols and Discussion. Registration: E-mail: rsjfabbi@gmail.com or call Ken 403-331-8923.

ARISE - Arise is a Catholic high school youth program for grades 10-12. It's a time for fellowship, friendship, games, laughter, prayer, praise and authenticity. I hope to make it the highlight of your week. As you'll learn and understand the aspects of the faith that YOU want to talk about with open conversations and the opportunity to encounter true authenticity of how to strive in being the best version of yourself. We will grow in loving who we are in the image and likeness of God, and get to have a ridiculous amount of fun and adventures together in doing so. Arise meets Friday nights from 3-6pm at Assumption hall.

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord -

The story of the Magi - the Three Kings - is one of the most endearing and most familiar to all Catholics. Because they brought gifts, it is also the focus of many stewardship commentaries. In addition, it may be one of the more misunderstood stories around the birth of Jesus.

Epiphany is a word with Greek origins that means "manifestation." We celebrate Epiphany because it represents the realization (related to the appearance and visit of the Magi to the Christ child) that Jesus was indeed the Son of God, for the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

The visit of the Magi to the child Jesus is reported only in Matthew's Gospel. Matthew never states that there were three — that is an assumption which has been made based upon the three gifts. Traditional representations of their visit place them in the stable where Jesus was born. Matthew, on the other hand, makes reference to the Magi visiting the Holy Family in their house — which would imply they may have come to Nazareth, not to Bethlehem.

In fact, it does not matter how we interpret the specifics of the visit of these men "from the East." The stewardship aspects of this story present us a real view of what is expected of us as stewards. The visitors from the East made valuable gifts to the Holy Family — gifts with a value which may have represented a sacrifice on their part. Furthermore, the gifts were given at a time when the Holy Family had a need — they were preparing to flee to Egypt. The generosity of the Magi may have been the instrument which allowed them to do that. Being from a distant land, these "wise men" acknowledge that Christ is the Savior of all lands and all peoples. Near the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that nations will be judged not just on how they treat Him, but on how they treat His brothers and sisters in need — a definite call to stewardship.