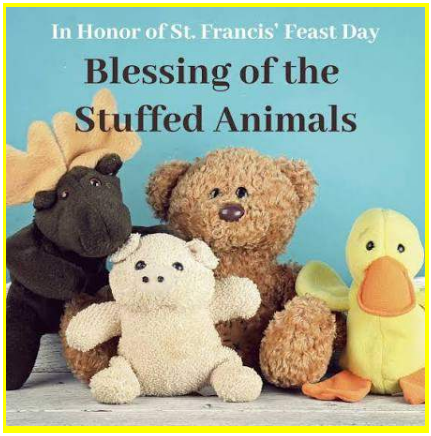
City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

September 21, 2026

Medical Cards for Buyé

Every September, we pool our resources across the Diocese to help provide medical care to vulnerable seniors in our partner Diocese of Buyé in Burundi. This is the most desperate need identified by the Diocese of Buyé. During coffee hour on September 27th we will have a collection basket out for donations, or you can give online through their website. Every $5 allows a grandmother and all children in her care to access medical coverage for one year.



On Sunday October 4th, we'll celebrate St Francis of Assisi day. Rev. Lesley will be presiding and is allergic to animals, so we won't be blessing live animals. She does, however, have a fun alternative! We're asking people to bring a stuffy as a proxy for their pet. That way, she can do a blessing ... and it's no barrier to the Holy Spirit! This is your notice to start thinking about acquiring a stuffy to bring!

Bible Study!

Every Monday at 10:00 a.m. our weekly bible study will continue in the church hall. Each Monday the focus will be on the readings scheduled for the following Sunday. Upcoming readings that will be focussed on are:

- *Sept. 27th - Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2: 1-13, Matthew 21: 23-32*
- *Oct. 4th - Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3: 4b-14, Matthew 21: 33-46*
- *Oct. 11th - Deuteronomy 8: 7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15, Luke 17: 11-19*

As submitted by you...

Question: What is this Ministry Fair? If there's volunteer positions I'm interested in but am afraid I won't fulfil the expectations, what can I do to make an informed decision?

Answer: ***Every church service we have has roughly 15-20 volunteer positions we need filled. We have an info sheet available for each role and we have several volunteers who would be happy to answer questions to help you decide. Training is available for every role, some do require PRC's as per Safe Church but Rev. Lesley has a fabulous system in place to make that easy. The more volunteers we have signed up for each role, the less frequently people are scheduled for those roles. Not including the fine folks who teach Sunday School or the coffee teams, we have roughly 40 people signed up in total for those 15 jobs needed each week. We ask you to prayerfully look over the list of positions and see if you feel called to help out, then contact the office!***

NOW until September 27th we will be having a Ministry Fair of sorts.
Now is your chance to find a place to serve!

A very brief description of Ministries to prayerfully consider are:

Greeters: greet people at the door
Sides people: take up the collection, count the number of people present & direct people through communion
Servers: carry the cross, put out candles, etc
Readers: simply read the designated reading which are sent out to you in advance
Intercessions: prepare and lead us through the prayers of the people
Chalice: distribute the wine during communion
Projection: sit in the booth and advance the slides through the service, click the camera view numbers on the remote, start & stop the YouTube stream
Sound Board: make minor adjustments to the sound board to keep everything sounding good
Coffee: make coffee, provide a treat, and clean up as part of a team
Counters: count and record the offerings, prepare the bank deposit
Altar Guild: prepare the altar for services
Musician: play and/or sing!
Prayer Ministry: provide healing prayer for others
Sunday School: help teach
Hospitality: help with special events (set up, clean up, kitchen help, etc)
Auggie's Cafe: set up, cooks, dishwashers, servers, bussers, clean up
Property Management Team: do odd jobs and oversee the maintenance of our building & grounds
Other: if you have a gift to share that's not listed, please let us know!

All ministries do come with training, work around your availability, and most are incredibly easy and enjoyable. Detailed information is available upon non-committal request! ***Please* contact the office to sign up, we would really appreciate you sharing your gifts!**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- We pray for Primate Shane, Metropolitan Greg, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Rev. Kevin and Rev. Lesley. We pray for our Lay Readers Bill, Hazel, and Randy.
- We pray for the Diocese of Fredericton ; for the Lay Evangelists in parishes throughout the diocese; for the Buringanire Parish in Buyé; for the Montana First Nation; and for the Anglican Church of Australia.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Oliver, Lenora, Gloria, Beata, Tony, Megan, Tom, Nick, Wendy, Lilly, Richard, Emmy, Arabella, Isabel, Carol, and Thelma.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Lynn, Claudette & Walter, Laura, Kathleen, Nadine; and their families.

Please note: Submitted names will be kept on the prayer list for a period of two weeks unless intentionally renewed.

AFTER church on September 27th and October 4th; there will be a table set up to purchase / order Co-op gift cards. Betty will be at the church between the hours of 10:30-12 on September 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th as well.

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SEASON

SPRUCE GROVE SQUARE DANCE CLUB

When life has you boxed in, Square Dance!

NEW DANCERS WELCOME!

TRY IT! EVENT
SEPTEMBER 24 @ 7PM

Grain Elevator
Ag Society Workshop
120 Railway Avenue, Spruce Grove

SEASON OPENER DANCE
OCTOBER 1 @ 7PM

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Ag Society Workshop
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Debbie 780-999-9482, Alan 587-920-1918, Lesley 587-991-9885

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle was sponsored this week by Marion Coates in memory of her dad, Robert Tinworth; by Karen Adlem in celebration of Roger's birthday; by Glenda Lourens in memory of her mom on what would have been her 105th birthday; by the Rushton family in celebration of Elizabeth's 88th birthday; by Helen Steinburg in loving memory of her brother Gerald; and by Fran Peacock in loving memory of Jack whose birthday was on the 19th

If you would like to sponsor the candle for $10 in memory of a loved one (perhaps on a birthday, anniversary or other important date), please do let us know! We are not limited to one sponsor per week.

Sept. 27th	- open
Oct. 4th	- David Dunbar, remembering his beautiful wife Paula on their Oct. 5th Anniversary - Bill & Debbie Courtis celebrating their wedding anniversary
Oct. 11th	- Bill & Helen Steinburg celebrating their 60th anniversary - Margaret Whelan in loving memory of Bernie's mother Janet Whelan and son Todd Whelan
Oct. 18th	- Bill & Judy Kesanko remembering David's birthday

Market Times: The Market will run from 10am - 3pm that day only.
Winter Planters: On November 28th; we have someone coming in to teach us how to make beautiful winter planters for us to sell at the market! We will be needing people to sign up to attend and make planters as well as any materials you have to donate to be used in making the planters! When you're putting away your spring and summer stuff and getting ready to pull out the winter items, please think of us for anything you plan to donate (old Christmas trees or wreaths, decorations, larger plant pots, ribbon, etc)
Vendor/Sales Tables: Are you or any of your friends crafty and interested in booking a table to sell your goods before Christmas? Any artwork or painting, crochet work, 3D printing, wood work, jewellery making, pottery, etc? We will also have a parish table should anyone have unused, unopened items they would like to donate to the table for the church to sell (i.e. Christmas decor, gift items, seasonal items, etc.) So far we have tables booked for: diamond art reusable shopping and gift bags, unique t-shirts & other gifts, 3D printed items & crochet, african drums - Ukrainian Christmas ornaments - porcelain demitasse cups, Gluten free baking. Tables will be $25 in keeping aligned with the Farmer's Markets.

Please contact the office if you have any questions!
We are looking forward to a wonderful day!

Rev. Kev's Agenda:

- Tuesday, September 22: Clergy Day at All Saints' Anglican Cathedral
- Tuesday, September 22: Baptismal Preparation
- Wednesday, September 23: Episcope Circle Meeting at the Synod Office
- Monday, September 28 – Sunday, October 4: Education Week
- Saturday, October 3: Celebration of Life (Tara Wasylyshyn) at Lago Lindo Community League
- Sunday, October 4: Shared Ecumenical Ministry Anniversary in Vegreville (St. Mary the Virgin)

Rev. Kevin can be contacted by calling the church at 780-962-5131 or by email at parklandpriest@gmail.com. In pastoral emergencies he can be reached at 780-993-9985

The October MOSA Breakfast will be held 9:00 am Saturday 3rd October at the Fresh Grill in Stony Plain.

Address is 5103 50 Street - South of the roundabout on the east side.

All men are welcome.

Any questions, contact Bill Courtis 780-952-7851 or wcourtis@gmail.com

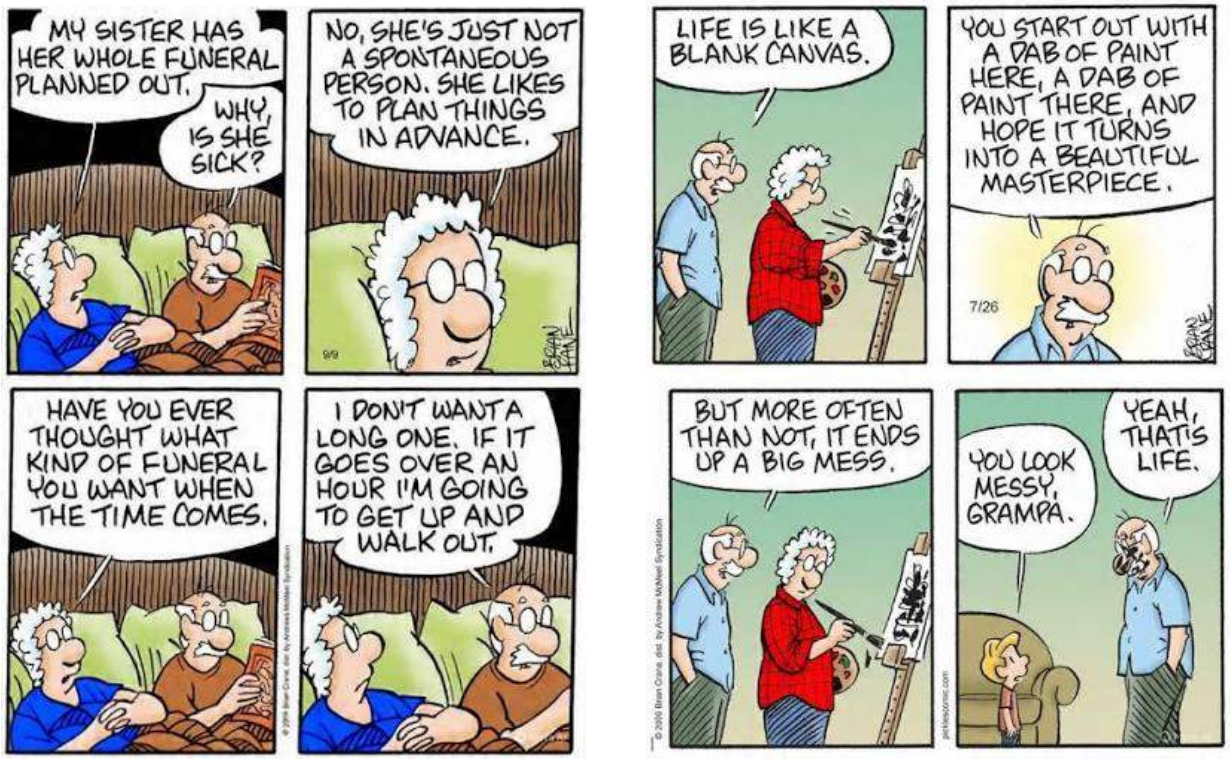
Look forward to seeing you there.

We are planning a fire drill for Sunday, October 18 at the end of the service! For those that are not able to participate in the fire drill, that's okay, you can stay behind because it is a drill. But for those that are able, it's good to know what we should be doing in case of a real emergency and how to safely exit the building and gather at the muster point.

Sometimes things happen in life and we need a little help. We'd like to recognize these Superstars for coming to our rescue:

- *Vincent Shanmugam ~ for getting our internet issues sorted!*
- *Irene, Sabine, and Laelia Diaz-Jackson ~ for jumping in to the sound booth to help out when no one else was available*
- *Hazel Wolfert ~ for filling in as Vestry Secretary when Michelle ended up at the soccer field for most of the day*

You (& many others) are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Upcoming events:

Sunday, September 27th - Sunday School
Sunday, September 27th - Buye Coffee Day
Saturday, October 3rd - 9am MOSA Breakfast at Fresh Grill, Stony Plain
Sunday, October 4th - Blessing of the Stuffed Animals
Sunday, October 18th - Fire Drill!