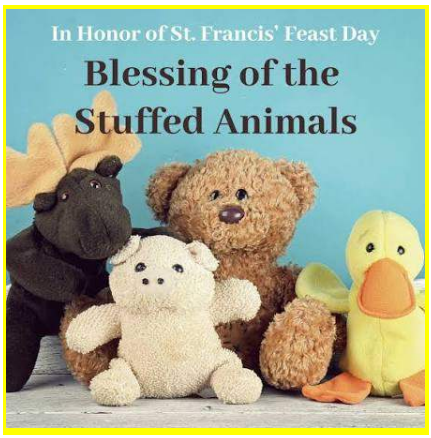
City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

September 28, 2026



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:

- *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*
- *Oct. 18th - Exodus 33: 12-23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10, Matthew 22: 15-22*

AFTER church on October 4th; there will be a table set up to purchase / order Co-op gift cards; be sure to stop by and place your order on your way to getting coffee & treats!

As submitted by you...

Question: Where can I spend my Co-op Gift Card?

Answer: ***You can spend it at Coop locations across Western Canada. Gift cards are not tied to membership numbers or regions. Anyone can purchase and/or spend a gift card.***

Parishioner Pat Warring needs help from two men on Thursday, October 1, to move a dresser to an apartment in Spruce Grove. If you can help, please get Pat's phone number from Michelle or from Judy Kesanko.

The **Altar Guild** is looking for your help to donate **flowers, plants, and garden produce** to decorate the church to the Glory of God and to give thanks at the Thanksgiving service on Sunday, October 11. Donations can be brought to the church anytime in the week of October 4. As well, the **Altar Guild will be at the church on Saturday, October 10, from 9:30 a.m. to noon to receive 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 Huron; for the Lay Readers in parishes throughout the diocese; for the Canika Parish in Buyé; for the Paul First Nation; and for the Church of Bangladesh.
- 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, Isabel, Carol, and Thelma.
- We pray for Drew, Mackenzie, and their family as we all celebrate their baptisms.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Gabriel & Talita, Jacob Dorian, Vivian, Dale & Kathleen, Robin; and their families.

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

Simple things we can appreciate each and every Sunday....

Isn't it a nice feeling when you walk into the building on a Sunday morning and are immediately greeted by some wonderful people? Before you can even get into the worship space there are even more people there to welcome you. We watch the server lead the processional down the aisle to the beautiful altar as the service begins and then work as the presiders assistant through the rest of the service. We hear the words of Holy Scripture and prayers that are specifically for us and the world around us. We embrace communion complete with what always seems to be the perfect music, the sound is just right and the lyrics are up on the screen for us to sing along. We can receive personal prayer either during communion or after the service. As we enjoy coffee time afterwards, we know our trusted counters are making sure every penny is accounted for and applied exactly where we intended. All of this we appreciate from within our beautiful building surrounded by lovely, well kept grounds.

Everything listed above that we can appreciate is done by a volunteer. For the first time in my recollection, we have not had one single new person express interest in joining any of our ministries but we have had a few drop one or two of the ones they've been doing for years. If we don't get people signing up to help fill the roles, the volunteers we have will only continue to withdraw. When you sign up, you can share your availability before each roster is created. The more people we have for each job, the less frequently your turn comes around. Your parish needs you, please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with us all.

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!**

Ready for a Kick Ass Fundraiser to Support Our Community

We are now taking orders for these delicious caramels!
For every $10 bag of Caramels sold, Kick Ass Caramels donates $3.00 to the Kinsmen Christmas Hampers. Orders and funds are due Tuesday, October 21st.

Available flavors are:

Salted Caramel	***Classic***
Rum & Butter	***Maple***
Black Licorice	***Mint Chocolate***
Eggnog	***Gingerbread***
London Fog	***Vegan Coconut***

~ All Caramels are gluten free.
~ For large orders over 20 bags, a sticker with your business' name will be attached free of charge.

Michelle & Winnie are taking orders now!

Rev. Kev's Agenda:

- 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

We extend a huge note of congratulations to the adorable little Miss Makenzie and her daddy Drew on their baptisms yesterday! We are absolutely delighted to welcome you into our parish family and look forward to getting to know you and watching Makenzie grow! Huge thanks to Emma for sharing these pictures of their family's beautiful day.

Captain's log, Stardate 092726. A highlight from Day 1 of my reading week: A great quote from Larry Rasmussen for Season of Creation: "All the 'createds' are 'relateds.' ~ Rev. Kev

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle was not sponsored this week

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.

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
Oct. 25th	- open

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!

Please note: the office will be closed on Wednesday

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.

EconoLube Free Tire Changeover Event in support of NeighbourLink

With an Oil Change you get:
✅ FREE On-Rim Tire Changeover OR
✅ $30 OFF your changeover if your tires need to be mounted and balanced
✅ No appointment needed — just have your tires with you when you go in for your oil change.

The tire changeover must be done during the purchased oil change.
This promotion runs from September 21 - October 30

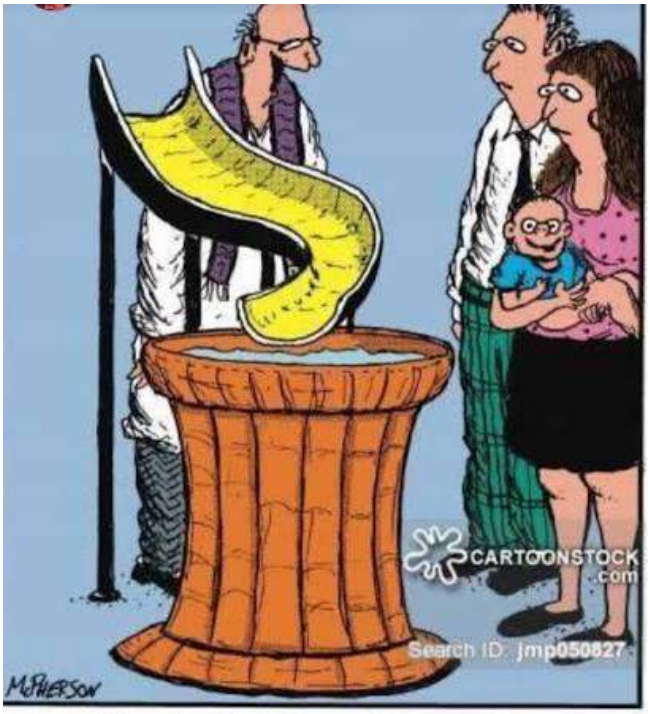
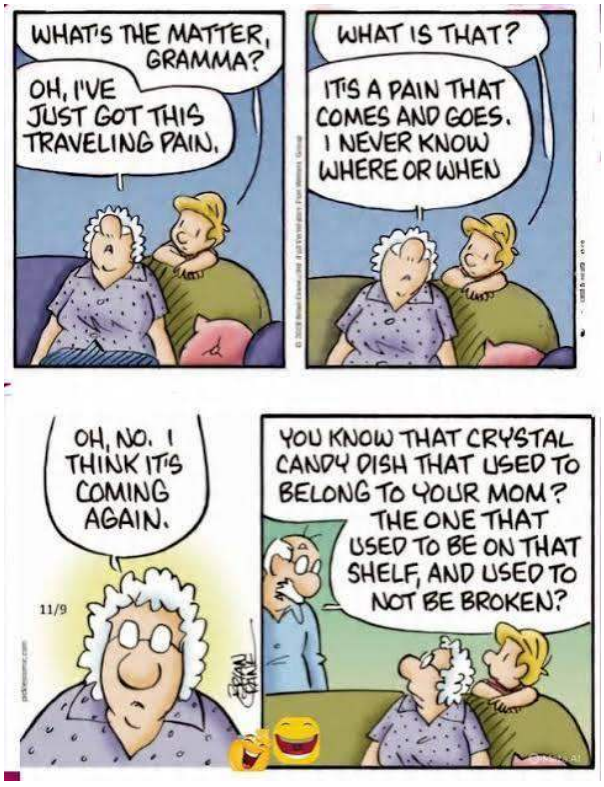
Sometimes things happen in life and we need a little help. We'd like to recognize these Superstars for coming to our rescue:

- *Winnie Kennair, Randy Wolfert, & Judy Kesanko ~ for helping support St. Matthews Anglican church as they held a funeral for an endeared parishioner in our building on Saturday*
- *Robin Trowsdale ~ for checking out a leaky pipe for us!*
- *Bill & Debbie Courtis ~ for agreeing to represent our parish and receive the award from the Parkland Food Bank for us after our big Corporate Challenge win!*

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

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, September 30th - office closed for the National Day for Truth & Reconcilliation
Saturday, October 3rd - 9am MOSA Breakfast at Fresh Grill, Stony Plain
Sunday, October 4th - Blessing of the Stuffed Animals
Sunday, October 18th - Fire Drill!



"It makes baptisms a lot more fun for everyone."