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Principal's Message:

‘Trust in the Lord with your Heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ~ Proverbs 3:5-6

I want to extend a warm 'Welcome Back' to our new and returning students and families! The St. Paul staff has been diligently preparing for our 'New Year.' As you arrive at school in the first week, you'll notice significant upgrades to our playground, basketball court, and areas in and around the school. These improvements were a result of the collaborative efforts of the Parent Council, the Administration, and our students. Our top priority is always to try to meet the needs of our St. Paul students and community!

As the Administration had shared in May last year, this 2024/25 school year marks the beginning of the 'St. Paul Hybrid' system that will offer straight Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 6 grades while still benefiting from the Multiage system in grades 2/3 and 4/5. Our positive and consistent growth has allowed us to hire Mr. Gukert as a new grade 4/5 teacher for the 2024/25 school year. This increase in teachers has also slightly lowered the number of students in each class. We hope to benefit from more 1:1 teaching moments in the classroom and continue building strong relationships with every student.

Our Jordan's Principle program is also fully scheduled and ready for this year. Weekly Indigenous teachings and activities will take place throughout all grade levels and be led by our elder, Mr. Andrew Black Plume, and others like Kendrick Fox and Traven Weasel Traveller, who will also be a part of this programming. Outside drummers, singers, and activity coordinators like Young Drums will again be a part of this extraordinary program.

St. Paul School and its Parent Council will also look to continue to offer many community events this year. We are a community that is exceptionally proud of its diversity and inclusivity, which is reflected in the events we showcase. One such event that was extremely popular with our community last year was the 'Multicultural Night.' This event attracted hundreds of community members who participated in dancing, infographics, stories, and the food tasting from more than fifteen ethnicities representing our families of St. Paul. We want to make this event even more popular as we plan to run it in late October. Please visit our new website page and digital newsletters for details on participation.

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and that your children are as eager as we are to start this year! We're excited about the opportunities and experiences that the new school year will bring. Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment to the St. Paul School and community.

God Bless, Mr. Ryan Myndio

IMPORTANT DATES

- First day of School **Sept 3**
- Grade 6 Camp Meeting **Sept 5**
- First Day of Kindergarten **Sept 9**
- First Day of ELP **Sept 9**
- School Council Meeting 6:30 **Sept 10**
- Grade 6 Camp **Sept 17-19**
- Family Fiesta **Sept 24**
- Photo Day **Sept 24**
- Opening Mass 9:30am **Sept 25**
- Orange Shirt Day **Sept 27**
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation— **Sept 30**





Mr. Gukert—Grade 4/5 Teacher

Welcome

Say hello to St. Paul School's new grade 4/5 teacher ~Mr. Gukert~

We are excited to have him join our school community

Welcome to St. Paul School Mr. Gukert!

Teach → *Love* → *Inspire*



Happy New Year and Welcome back St. Paul students and families! We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the new staff, students and their families who are joining our St. Paul community. We are all looking forward to a great year of growing, learning and working together. This year we begin year 3 of our Faith Plan with the theme "Proclaim: Pilgrims of Hope". In our Catholic Schools, we witness to others a life lived in relationship with Jesus. We work with a hopeful vision for the future. Here's to a wonderful 2024-25 school year with you!

Tina Delinte
Associate Principal

September Faith Focus

September is a faith-filled month where we will have many opportunities to explore ways that we can be committed to deepening our faith, being responsible for each other and working together even when things are challenging because they are new.

Christian Action Theme:



This month our Christian Action theme is hospitality.

Hospitality means being friendly, welcoming and generous and extending this to others with our actions and our words. If we think of the courage it takes for students to reach beyond their comfort zones to learn in new ways, build new relationships and to begin a new school year, hospitality is the essential element in getting things off to a smooth start.

Year 3 Faith Plan Scripture

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Praying together is one of the greatest privileges we have as members of God's community

Milk Program

We will once again be providing students the opportunity to purchase milk (250ml carton) at lunch time. On Tuesdays and Thursdays white milk is available and on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday chocolate milk will be sold. This year, milk cards can be purchased through School Cash Online for **\$12.50 for 10 Milk cards or \$25.00 for 20 milks. Single purchases are \$1.25. Starting September 11!**

(This is subject to price increases)

♡ Eat Well
♡ Live Well
♡ Be Well



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

September 9: All students will be welcome to enjoy a healthy breakfast daily from 8:00-8:37am with our breakfast program. Students can enter the community rooms doors and eat in the gym before classes begin. **Breakfast program start date to will be Monday, September 9.**

Mindful Munchies

We are very happy to announce that the Mindful Munchies Program, which provides healthy snacks to all students and bagged lunches for students who come to school without a lunch, will continue throughout the 2024-2025 school year starting **September 9th!**



Learning is a process that is measured over time and SPACES is the platform that we use to share your child's learning. This reporting platform celebrates learning and growth throughout the year. At the end of the school year, a final report will be shared that reflects all work covered in the 2024-2025 school year.

Please be sure to accept your teachers invitation to your child's SPACES class. You can download the SPACES EDU app on your device to have all your child's learning information at your fingertips.

Connect with your homeroom teacher or contact the office if you require assistance getting your SPACES account set up.

Entering St. Paul School

For the safety of all students, our policies for entering the school are:

- Use the main entrance.
- All visitors must check in at the office.
- Parents/Caregivers are NOT permitted to attend classrooms or walk through the school.

ABSENCES

When a child is absent from school, parents are asked to call the school on the day of the absence. As we are concerned with the safety of students, we will call you should you have not already done so.

When your child is sick at school:

If a child becomes sick while at school, the parent/guardian will be notified to come and pick up the student immediately.

Please be sure to keep your contact information and the information of any additional emergency contacts up-to-date throughout the year so we are able to get your child home in a timely manner.

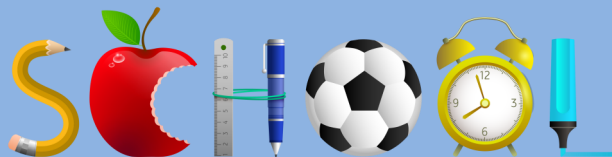
Medical History/Allergies:

For school staff to have a better idea of what type of medical conditions/allergies are common with your child we are encouraging all families to update the office with your child's medical history/allergies. This information will help us determine the course of action when symptoms are presented during school hours.



Supervision

Supervision is provided fifteen minutes before school, at all recesses, noon hour, for the buses after school and in the office for fifteen minutes after dismissal. Anyone arriving before or after these times is not supervised. Parents are requested to make personal arrangements for their child outside of these supervision times.



Lunch in the Classroom and Microwaves

St. Paul School continues to provide a supervised lunch program. Students have a minimum of 20 minutes to eat and more if they require it. **Please Note: MICROWAVES have been returned to all classrooms at this time.** Student can reheat (not cook) their food for a max of 30secs. No frozen meals or un-popped popcorn please!



Notice to Parent or Guardian of Religious Permeation

The *Alberta Human Rights Act* requires a school board to give notice to a parent or guardian when courses of study, education programs, instructional materials, instruction or exercises include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion. All of the schools in this district are Catholic Separate Schools, the essential purpose of which is to fully permeate Catholic theology, philosophy, practices and beliefs, the principles of the Gospel and teachings of the Catholic Church, in all aspects of school life, including in the curriculum of every subject taught, both in and outside of formal religion classes, celebrations and exercises. Every course of study and educational program, all instructional materials, instruction and exercises will at all times include a subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.

Drop off, Pick up and Parking Reminders

For the safety of all St. Paul staff and students during this time we are asking that parents refer to the school map for the designated entrance for the child(ren). Please take a look at the map below for those entrances and the muster points for pick-up at the end of the school day. We appreciate your cooperation.



School Bus

St. Paul students who reside 1.0km or more from the school are eligible for the 2024-2025 school year to ride the bus with **no** monthly/annual fee.

Please check your School Engage account to register your child for the bus. Or contact the office to see if your child is eligible.

403-328-0611

****NOTE:** All students must be registered to ride the bus**

School Fees

School fees are due and payable by

September 30, 2024.

If you have any problems regarding the payment of these fees, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL CASH
ONLINE ▶▶▶▶▶
ONLINE PAYMENTS



Additional Reminders:

Water Bottles:

All water fountains have been removed and replaced with filling stations. Please send your child with a water bottle to use while at school.



Current Members ...

Chair -

Michelle Carlson;

Vice Chair -

Leanne Van Loon;

Treasurer –

Angelica Dickie;

Secretary -

Dalyce MacKay;

Fundraiser Coordinator –

Judy Meier;

Hot Lunch Coordinator –

Pat Morris; Tiffany Freer



STAYING CONNECTED



We have many ways for you to stay connected with us. Please check out our school website at

www.holyspirit.ab.ca/stpaul

You will notice on our home page it is easy to stay connected with FaceBook. Please give it a try!

To receive all upcoming editions of our newsletter, please see our website:

[https://stpaul.holyspirit.ab.ca/
resources_publications/newsletters](https://stpaul.holyspirit.ab.ca/resources_publications/newsletters)

JUST A REMINDER THE STUDENTS ARE DIMISSED EVERY FRIDAY AT 12:35PM



Saints of the World Journal 2024-2025

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<u>Division Parishes</u>	

September

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

- Matthew 5:16

St. Augustine of Hippo 354-430 (Feast Day: August 28)



Proclaim! Pilgrims of Hope

St. Augustine of Hippo was an unlikely saint, but a very influential one. Living between 354 and 430 AD in what is today Algeria, St. Augustine became a Doctor of the Church, meaning that his influence on Catholic theology and philosophy was vast and enduring. His writings, including *City of God* and *Confessions* remain important works to study even today.

However, St. Augustine was not always so religious. He was born into an upper class family with a devout mother, Monica (who later became a saint herself), but in his youth lived wildly and rejected his Christian upbringing. A brilliant student, Augustine lived in Carthage, Rome, and Milan while completing his education and beginning to work as a professor. With the constant prayer of his mother, Augustine returned to Christianity and was influenced greatly by Ambrose of Milan, the Bishop (and later also a saint).

A key moment in his conversion was his reading of the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. After being baptized in 387, Augustine returned to Hippo the following year and became first a priest, and then the Bishop of Hippo by 395. He was well known for his sermons, which were engaging (and often quite lengthy). For the last 35 years of his life, he preached constantly and dedicated himself to the conversion of his local people to Christianity, and became known for many of his contributions to the development of Christian thought. But he was also highly practical and focused on the needs of those around him, as expressed in this quotation:

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

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The Apostles' Creed

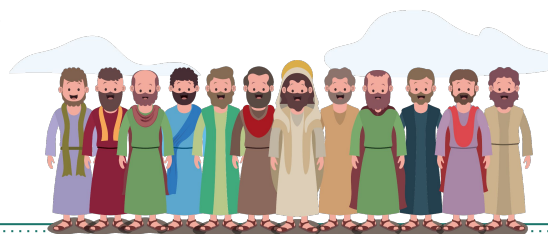
As part of our call to *Proclaim* this year, we are going to focus on elements of the Apostles' Creed each month, starting with an overview of creeds in general. A creed is a summary of beliefs; it comes from the Latin word *Credo*, which means "I believe." We are likely familiar with the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed, which are the two main Creeds that we use in the Catholic Mass. While we say in these creeds "I believe," we do that alongside all of our brothers and sisters in faith, a unifying proclamation of what it is that we believe in. The creeds are combinations of historical truths with statements of faith, and have been derived over time from the earliest Christians.

In *Lumen Fidei*, Pope Francis writes that:

"Faith is necessarily ecclesial; it is professed from within the body of Christ as a concrete communion of believers...Faith is not a

private matter, a completely individualistic notion or a personal opinion: it comes from hearing, and it is meant to find expression in words and to be proclaimed...Faith...enables us to become part of the Church's great pilgrimage through history until the end of the world."

As we seek to become Pilgrims of Hope this year, let us contemplate the Creed, and how our proclamation of the Creed unites us to one another and to all Christians through time and space.



"Proclaiming" In Our Schools

One of Saint Augustine's famous sayings is: "You have created us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you". Throughout the three years of this faith plan, you have heard Steve Angrisano's "[A Rightful Place](#)" at all of our divisional Masses. This song is based on St. Augustine's *Confessions*, and contains many of the themes and calls that we have responded to.



Pope's Prayer Intentions - For the Cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



"You have created us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you."

- ST. AUGUSTINE

Gospel Readings

September 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me...” — Mark 7:6

Have you ever tasted 100% pure chocolate? It looks luscious and sweet but because it has no sugar in it, it tastes bitter and dry. It's not at all like milk chocolate found in the candy we love so much. Can you think of other things that look good on the outside but are quite different on the inside? Sadly, sometimes people seem charming and smart by the things they say and do but inside they are bitter and selfish.

In today's Gospel, Jesus confronts some church leaders who see themselves as more important than Jesus' followers. These scribes and Pharisees judge Jesus' disciples by a set of man-made rules while ignoring the commandments given by God himself. They are using these rules to put the disciples down and criticize Jesus, their leader.

When people bully and degrade others, it should be a warning sign to us not to follow their example. To be a follower of Jesus, we must love like he does.

Do you know someone in your community who is being judged unfairly because of their looks, language, or culture? Make a point this week to reach out to that person.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, help me to be good on the inside and out.



September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:31-37

“They were exceedingly astonished and they said, “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” — Mark 7:37

In today's Gospel, we read about a fantastic miracle Jesus performed. He restored a man's hearing and speech. Imagine someone you know who is sick or hurt right now. How excited would you be if Jesus healed that person right before your eyes? It would be hard not to shout your excitement to let everyone know the good news!

But Jesus still performs miracles every day, and often we don't even notice. Place your hand on your wrist and feel your blood pumping through your body. Or, stare at a black and white image for about 30 seconds; then close your eyes and see how the image is now reversed. It's pretty amazing that God created our bodies to work the way they do. Take notice today and see how many astonishing things God has done and is still doing!

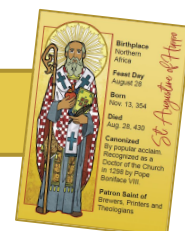
What are some miraculous things God has done for our family?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, help us to be attentive to your greatness and be grateful for the miracles you perform all around us.



Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) - St. Augustine of Hippo
[Saint Prayer Card](#) (black and white version for colouring)



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Gospel Readings

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” — Mark 8:34

An old saying states: “Anything worth doing is worth doing well.” Here’s an example of what that saying means: Let’s say that you volunteer to help a sick or elderly neighbor by raking his leaves, but instead of finishing the job, you leave the piles for him to bag and put out to the curb himself. Maybe you grew tired or wanted to do something that was more fun, so you left the task half done. Your intentions were good at the beginning, but unless you finished, you haven’t done your job very well.

Jesus was faced with a very difficult task. He didn’t want to suffer and be killed any more than any person does, but he knew people might kill him because he was standing up for the truth and trying to do the right thing. Jesus was committed to finishing the task he began out of love for us. He wouldn’t stop doing the right things even though he knew he would get killed for it. As followers of Jesus, we too need to help others, regardless of the price we must pay.

Is there a task we left only partly done that we need to complete out of love for someone else?



Prayer:
Lord, help us to be generous with our love despite the sacrifices we must make.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

“Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder...the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle...the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.” — James 3:16-18

Do I find myself living in the wisdom God gives, in peace and gentleness and the other gifts of the Holy Spirit that I received at my baptism? Or do I find myself more often wrapped up in my wants: wanting my own way, wanting what others have, etc.? Is there peace in my heart when I seek these things, or do those wants create jealousy and selfishness? God wants me to have peace, but peace won’t come out of being selfish. Often we need to practice being thankful for what we have and giving instead of getting in order to find peace.

Am I jealous of what others have? What do I have that I can concentrate on being thankful for instead?

Prayer:
Dear Lord, please show me how to put selfish wants and desires aside. Help me to find peace through a heart filled with gratitude. Teach me to put others before myself, living out the gifts of patience, joy, kindness, love, and gentleness.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.
- Colossians 3:17



Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.” — Mark 9:39-40

Jesus’ disciples were upset that some other people who weren’t followers of Jesus were doing good things for him. They thought they were special because they were in the “in” crowd by following Jesus but the others weren’t. Jesus teaches them that it’s not about some people being “in” the group and others being “outside” of the group. Everyone who does good things and lives lovingly is on Jesus’ side, even if they don’t say they are following Jesus! He teaches us that there are plenty of good people in the world that might not go to the same church or even be the same religion as us and they will be rewarded for their good works too.

Who are some good people we know who don’t go to our church but are still living as Jesus taught?

Prayer:
Dear Lord, help me to be accepting of everyone, not just those that are the same religion or go to the same church as me.

Sources:
[Saint You Should Know: Augustine of Hippo](#)
[Story of Saint Augustine \(Christian Family TV\)](#)
[St. Monica and St. Augustine](#)

Division Parishes

“...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

 Assumption Church Lethbridge Father Kevin Tumback Father Santiago Torres Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am (Live-streamed) 6:00 pm 2405-12th Avenue S. Lethbridge, AB T1K 0P4 Tel: 403-327-8931	 St. Basil's Church Lethbridge Father Kevin Tumback Father Santiago Torres Mass (Saturday): 7:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 7:30 am 11:00 am 604 13 Street N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 2S7 Tel: 403-327-8931	 St. Martha's Parish Lethbridge Father William Monis Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 11:00 am 355 Columbia Blvd. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 5Y8 Tel: 403-381-8891
 Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Lethbridge Father Gary Sedgwick Mass (Sunday): 10:00 am 643 12B Street N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 2L6 Tel: 403-328-4753	 St. Ambrose Parish Coaldale Father Ian Gagne Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 4:00 pm 1523-23rd Avenue Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2 Tel: 403-345-3400	 St. Catherine Parish Picture Butte Father Ian Gagne Mass (Sunday): 11:00 am 762 Crescent Avenue Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0 Tel: 403-732-4433
 St. Augustine Parish Taber Father Philip Van Tinh Le Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 5009-48th Avenue Taber, AB T1G 1T4 Tel: 403-223-2226	 St. Michael's Parish Bow Island Father Wojciech Jarzecki Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 1101-1st Street E. Blow Island, AB T0K 0G0 Tel: 403-545-2023	 St. Michael's Parish Pincher Creek Father Marino Infante Mass (Saturday): 7:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 10:00 am 958 Christie Avenue; Box 339 Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0 Tel: 403-627-3071



Proclaim!

Pilgrims of Hope
St. Augustine of Hippo

Feast Day: August 28

Breathe in me,

O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

Amen.

St. Augustine - pray for us!



Welcome to All Saints Parish Registration for First Reconciliation Grade 2 and up

Registration packages will be distributed from the schools and completed forms can be brought to our registration weekends in September. Fees will be collected at time of registration. .

Registration forms available on line at: www.allsaintslethbridge.org

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."
Matthew 6:14

Has your child missed a sacrament?

How can we help your family on your faith journey.

If you are looking for answers please call

All Saints Parish Office at 403-327-8931 and ask for Cyndi



Welcome to All Saints Parish Registration for First Eucharist Grade 2 and up

Registration packages will be distributed from the schools and completed forms can be brought to our registration weekends in September. Fees will be collected at time of registration. .

Registration forms available on line at: www.allsaintslethbridge.org

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty"

John 6:35