The Knight’s of Columbus will be having their pancake breakfast on **Sunday, Feb. 16**.  We will be serving pancake, scrambled eggs, sausages, tea, coffee & juice.  We welcome everyone to come down and join us.

**Thank you**

Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus and the St. Vital Catholic Women’s League would like to thank everyone who contributed and bought pies on the February 1/2 weekend. We raised almost $1300 for the good works of these organizations.

There were a few pies left over. They will be frozen and available for purchase at the pancake breakfasts on Sunday, February 16.

**K of C Food Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will hold its monthly food drive in support of the Leduc Food Bank the weekend of **February 22 and 23**.  Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule.  Thanks for your help.

**Gentle Reminder**

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2020 (displayed alphabetically) are now available for pick up by parishioners. Weekly contribution envelopes are only good for the year they are printed as numbers may change. Therefore, please **DO NOT USE YOUR 2019** **ENVELOPES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE MADE IN 2020**.

**CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2018 ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP**

Income tax receipts for 2019 donations are now available for pick-up at the entrance of the church. We thank you for your generous support of our parish.

**ADORATION for the month of February**

**February 14th 9:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**February 28th 9:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Sign up sheets in Adoration binder**

**NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS**

Please bring **last year’s palms** by February 23rd and leave them in the designated basket. They will be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday on February 26th Thank you!

**Baptism Preparation Course**

Are you expecting a child in the near future? Consider taking Baptism Preparation while you are waiting for the birth of your child. The classes are for parents and godparents. Attending now eliminates the need to find baby-sitters, rearrange feeding schedules etc. plus it adds to the joyful anticipation of your new arrival.

Parents wishing to register for the next course which be held on **Monday, February 10th**. Please call the parish office to register.

**Pastoral Care Formation Program**

**Friday-Saturday, February 28-29**

The Ministry of Pastoral Care: Certificate Program for Volunteers offers participants a better understanding of pastoral care given to hospital patients, continuing care and assisted living residents, community shut-ins and congregation members. The comprehensive 10-hour program will outline the foundations of Pastoral Care and Sacramental Ministry, Types of Ministry Visits, Dealing with Grief, Caring for the Volunteer and finishes with a certificate ceremony. All volunteers involved in Pastoral Care are required to have the certificate in order to serve effectively in this ministry. Details and registration information can be found at [***newman.edu/BenedictXVIInstitute/MinistryofPastoralCareCertificateProgram***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001hzaXu-nubiPxBDN2xjOa1Iv2ZP_tkP8AcUYVfSQAFvl9ZzQQUwpPOBBRthWTF_NQUGjhMdcvdl01BJFdTZahwG8S-f1w59y74o1Yo2bq_QmzPniPl1GyksS_9EsoEyAF0zh9dPHIQqVyJMOEEULmUX4SwAtqz3VUU3EUnnNPhsCf_fKS2VsY5gZfIVshnOA2Ce4gc-WAKchN8Wr4iqeAw6Qp5LWhP_0u&c=XTFXhf7A3W0s9yiBxWb3qUwDE5C4neMlr9C-pJniYoh1g3kYi5ygSA==&ch=WfUdObsQeTHxVXjL3SzR83yFU3g5_kgOX7zIXQb4Ri_HDLz-2hTaaQ==).

**Paperless Bulletin**

Are you looking for ways to increase your care for the environment? Reducing the amount of paper that is used to produce our bulletin is one way that you can contribute. To receive your paperless bulletin email [St.vitalchurch@shaw.ca](mailto:St.vitalchurch@shaw.ca)

***Question:***

Just the other day someone asked me if it is alright to leave Mass before the final blessing?

***Answer:***

Great question! I have noticed in the last little while that some people are leaving before the final blessing. So, it is important to know what the church teaches on this action.

We should not leave the Mass until the dismissal. Ideally, we should not leave until the closing recessional (permitting the crucifix of Christ to lead us into the world.)

However, there could be very serious reasons t leave earlier. If someone has to return somewhere to care for a child, elderly person or a sick person. If someone has received an emergency message. If someone needs to get to work and the Mass has run longer than usual. Outside of having a serious reason, we should remain until the dismissal. We should attend Mass not simply as a “me and Gpd” experience but as a member of a community, as part of something larger than myself. Leaving early without a serious reason focuses out attention on our own personal desires rather than committing ourselves to the Mass and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Blessings on your journey with our Lord.

Fr. Arlan Parenteau (Pastor of St. Vital Parish)

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|  |  | **Ordinary Collections** | **Pay Down the Debt** | **Church Maintenance & Repairs** | **Together We Serve** | **Monthly Pre-Authorized Debits** |
|  | **2020 Budget** | **$3,750** | **$1,000** | **$375** | **$270** |  |
| 1-Jan | Actual | 935.00 | 180.00 | 65.00 | 20.00 |  |
| 5-Jan | Actual | 2,820.00 | 370.00 |  | 480.00 |  |
| 6-Jan | Actual | 2,371.00 | 758.00 | 537.00 | 320.00 | 3,986.00 |
| 12-Jan | Actual | 2,666.00 | 770.00 |  | 45.00 |  |
| 19- Jan | Actual | 2,607.00 | 485.00 |  | 60.00 |  |
| 26-Jan | Actual | 3,180.00 | 553.00 | 100.00 | 90.00 |  |
| 2-Feb | Actual | 2,451.00 | 405.00 | 680.00 | 622.00 |  |

**They’re at it Again: Scam Emails to Parishioners**

The Archdiocese received two reports this week about email scammers targeting our parishioners once again. These emails look like they come from a pastor, because the scammers have created fake Gmail accounts in the pastor's name. Typically, they ask the recipient to purchase gift cards for someone in need. Please be assured that our priests NEVER email their parishioners to ask for money or gift cards out of the blue. If you receive such an email, we encourage you to report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (online or at 1-888-495-8501).

Lenten Book Study

This Lent we will ponder the Universal Call to Holiness

**Come join us to discuss Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* a meditation on how to respond to Christ’s invitation to be saints: to “Rejoice and be glad”.**

Tuesday, March 3 - Chapter 1 The Call to Holiness

Tuesday, March 10 - Chapter 2 Two Subtle Enemies of Holiness

Tuesday, March 17 - Chapter 3 In the Light of the Master

Tuesday, March 24 - Chapter 4 Signs of Holiness in Today’s World

Tuesday, March 31 - Chapter 5 Spiritual Combat, Vigilance and Discernment

We will meet at 1:30 to 3:00 at Belinda Halbach’s home.

For more information contact Belinda 780-236-0057 or [beagood68@gmail.com](mailto:beagood68@gmail.com)

**A Night with David Wells**

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Schools is pleased to present A Night with David Wells, a world-renowned motivational speaker, author, and champion of Catholic education. All parents, grandparents, school staff, parish members, and anyone interested in supporting our children are invited to attend this event on **Wednesday, February 12**, at 7- 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, 5105 45a Street, Leduc. On-site child care will be available.

For more information and/or to register to attend, please visit [***starcatholic.ab.ca/communityties.***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011ZW5bbFKSCA52FzBy-gVbCKmveEtmImlbELCgI-5yKTS-WEsIPuGoIKVC7sydh7ZyQh6_J0wxJUh7Hq6c6hp0_Ir2vIP0zqgSEJfurTl7vLS6bz5Yxq14kFk6JjjB1JOneSgFN3l34lr5Dc2Ga20dWf0UjA8S6--ErduADtdUak=&c=ypA-yQtURujbSKj8j-aR5Tm_uCTeP7aJNGuLUPo70h92NogDjK9tOA==&ch=xPuAHr3psLm1Q3MHF_Rfe3EQB7R4nUJVhFb7LKMDWs1A2CpeWdQoXw==)

**Home School Conference**

All parents & young adults are welcome to attend the Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference, **March 12-14,** at Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton. Theme: *Restoring Catholic Culture*. Includes daily Mass, Adoration and Benediction. Highlight: Home Schooling Information Social AND Youth Program on Friday night. For more information, visit [***wcchsc.net***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001rI9_fn23J6Q_4fgsqa5bVzkamKXGh3DkAgo9wWJxm6D8r2E4_OTV1pUH5BQjUcM0oZy22XAND-3J-7aseE35Bm3R1rTdv3rrTSyL92VvZe0EBvxaTc1qwsNFrZ4VInkv6fbTCH7JW4g=&c=NqCO1io2wSbtJK-rAkLMJ9EpZi0GYYTYgQxLqzV75GfwU_srcij9Dg==&ch=ZOHseHHnfBnkvLyWvuqxG6BFVKtmXIEnNVzm-kJAvRQETpnGPz62MA==), call Veronica at 780-467-8410 or email [***wcchscreg@shaw.ca***](mailto:wcchscreg@shaw.ca).

The **Annual Archdiocesan Holy Childhood Association Mission Day Mass** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, May 13**, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 13 Brower Dr., Sherwood Park. This year’s celebration is hosted by Elk Island Catholic Schools. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Richard Smith, who welcomes students and teachers from all school districts.

(Note: due to the annual clergy assembly, this year’s HCA Mass will be held on the second Wednesday in May)