**Baptism Preparation** Are you expecting a child in the near future? Consider taking Baptism Preparation now while you are waiting for the birth of your son or daughter. The classes are for parents and sponsors (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. The next course will be held on **Monday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m**. Please call the parish office to register.

Our Lady of the Hill Council Knights of Columbus is selling Sobeys & No Frills Grocery **Gift Cards** before and after all masses. Please plan your grocery card purchases ahead of time! Grocery cards will not be sold on December 24, 25, 31 or January 1. Thank you!

The Knights of Columbus will be having their monthly **pancake breakfast** after the 9:00am and 11:00am masses on **Sunday, Nov. 20** at the church basement.  Come down and join us.

**Books of Remembrance**

The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls, those who have died in grace yet failed to make satisfaction for all their sins. Praying for the Holy Souls is a Christian obligation. Please write the names of your family and friends in this book, praying for them as you inscribe their names. We will pray for all those named throughout the month. If you wish to offer a Mass for family or friends who have died, visit the parish office.

**Hope in Times of Ethical Dilemma --** In Canada today, we face complex issues related to the ethics of living and dying. We have questions about suffering, empathy, choice, care, and decision making. How do we navigate these sensitive issues? Where do we find hope? Join internally renowned ethicist Margaret Somerville, journalist Peter Stockland, and Archbishop Smith as we explore these important and timely issues on **Friday-Saturday, November 25-26** at Providence Renewal Centre. Attend all 3 sessions with lunch for $75, choose just one. For more info or to register, call 780-701-1854 or visit [www.newman.edu/ethicslectureseries](http://www.newman.edu/ethicslectureseries).

**Carmelite Craft Sale** - ***November 20th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass***

Lots of wonderful gifts available including handmade cards, children’s knitwear, Christmas Crafts, rosaries and books.

Crafts will be displayed in the church and monetary donations also accepted. Please help support the Carmelites.

**24 Hour Adoration Sheets (December 2nd) are at the back of the Church. All time slots must be filled.**

**Mandatory Parent’s Meeting for the Children’s Christmas Eve Pageant** will be held after the 11:00 .am. Mass on November 27th.

Choir practice for the Midnight Christmas Eve Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 27th.

The ladies of the St. Vital CWL are sponsoring a **donation drive for the Marian Centre** the weekend before Advent and the first three weekends of the Advent season (Nov 19/20, Nov 26/27, Dec 3/4 & 10/11).

The Marian Centre in Edmonton is primarily known for its service to the poor. In the dining room, anyone needing a hot lunch is welcomed for a hearty stew served by the staff and volunteers. Sandwich bags are distributed at other times. Once a week the clothing room is opened so that clothes and small household items can be made available to their friends. ***We are looking for new and used men's clothing particularly: jeans (30, 32, 34, 36), hoodies (L, XL), t-shirts (M, L, XL), winter boots, jackets, gloves (not mittens), blankets, thermal underwear, regular underwear and toques.*** Questions can be directed to Belinda 780-236-0057.

**Attention Snowbirds** Please consider signing up for Pre-Authorized Debits before you head south for the winter. You can register in person at the parish office or fill out the Pre-Authorized Debit Agreement (available in the church) and put it in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Vital.

**2017 Living with Christ & Saint Joseph Sunday Missals** are available for sale **($5.00)**

**PROLIFE**

Recently we were involved with the prolife by praying at the Back Porch across the Abortion Clinic. Those of us who were there saw several women going for an abortion in just one day. In Edmonton alone thousands of babies lives are ended before they begin every year. We must continue to advocate for changes in our laws, and education for our children to end abortion. It is hard sometimes to know what we can do. Prayer is our most powerful tool and to that end we at St. Vital’s will be sponsoring an **hour of prayer** every week for an hour **after the 7:00 p.m. mass** on Wednesdays.

**Prayer**

Christ, our King, and our Brother, you have chosen us to be your people in a Kingdom where all are welcome and all are called. Make our lives a participation in your mission to bring love and salvation to the whole world. Amen