**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 24th - ✞ Dennis Prideaux

Sunday, February 25th – 11:00 a.m. - Marguerite Attlebery & Family (special intention)

**Our Lady of the Hill K of C**  Sobey/Safeway and No Frills Grocery Cards are once again available at the back of the church.

**World Day of Prayer**   Friday, March 2nd @ 7:00 PM

This year the St. Vital CWL will be hosting the World Day of Prayer in our church. Please join us and members of other Christian faith communities of Beaumont as we pray in unison and solidarity with and for the women of Suriname, South America. We also pray for women of all countries of the world touched by injustice. All are welcome. Fellowship and refreshments will follow.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held on **Friday’s (7:00 p.m.)** during Lent **beginning on Friday, February 16. *(Please note:  There will be no Stations of the Cross on March 2nd)***

**Come & See Weekend, March 9-11**

Might God be calling you to the priesthood? Twice a year, a weekend live-in experience for men who are discerning a call to the diocesan priesthood is held at St. Joseph Seminary. Our first Come & See Weekend for 2018 is on **March 9-11**.  If you’ve been thinking and talking about the priesthood, sign up for a Come & See Weekend. It’s an opportunity to ask questions, express your concerns, meet seminarians in formation and pray for God’s will. You’ll meet the team of priests who train and form future priests. It’s a great chance to meet other men like yourself who are discerning the Lord’s will for their lives.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact Fr. Marc Cramer, Director, Office of Vocations, to complete the registration **before March 7**.  He can be reached at 780-469-1010 ext. 2154 or [vocations@caedm.ca](mailto:vocations@caedm.ca) .

**Beaumont Columbus Alberta Association General Meeting**

Monday, February 26th at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

**Sign up** early for **Eucharistic Adoration** on Friday, March 2nd (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

**Bishop Bittman’s Journey**

In appreciation for the priestly and episcopal ministry of Bishop Gregory Bittman in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Archbishop Richard Smith will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Monday, March 19,** at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Basilica. All are welcome to attend and pray for Bishop Bittman as he embarks on his new ministry in the Diocese of Nelson.

 For your information, the Diocese of Nelson will celebrate the Installation of Bishop Bittman at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 25**, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Kelowna. Reception to follow.

 There will also be a Mass at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, April 26**, at the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate in Nelson. Reception to follow.

You are invited to join the Newman Theological College community for the 2018 Anthony ***Jordan Lecture Series*** *on* ***Friday-Saturday, March 2-3****, at the Pastoral and at the Pastoral* and Administration Offices of the Archdiocese of Edmonton at 8421-101 Avenue.  Dr. Matthew Levering of Mundelein Seminary, one of the most widely regarded theologians working in the English language today, will present three lectures on Exploring the Catholic Theology of Marriage:

**March 2**: St. Thomas Aquinas on Marriage at 7 p.m.

**March 3:** Marriage and the Trinity at 9:30 a.m. and Marriage and the Cross at 11 a.m.

**Knights of Columbus Food Drive**

The weekend of February 24, 25, the Knights of Columbus are holding a Food Drive in support of our local Food Bank.  Please drop your donation in the bin at the rear of the church.

**Pro-Life**

Every day we hear about tragedies where any lives are lost in a war or tragic accident and yet everyday a greater tragedy occurs right here and thousand of babies are killed every year in our country. Did you know that there are no laws to protect the unborn? A woman can have an abortion at anytime up to the birth of the child. Edmonton Pro Life is sponsoring the 40 Days for Life from February 14 to March 25. For 40 days from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. we hope to have the people praying at the Back Porch for changes in these laws. The CWL has chosen **Tuesday March 20** as our day for prayer. You can sign up to go on this day or if this does not work for you go any day. Talk to your family and find a time when you can pray together for these children. The Back Porch is located on 109 A Ave and 124 street across from the abortion clinic. We are restricted to this location and are not allowed to cross the street. If you have any questions please call Bonnie Fleming at 789-929-1248.

**Living in the Word**  ̶ What use do I make of time? Do I set aside time for prayer, for Sunday mass, for the enjoyment of family? Am I able to dedicate some time to volunteer in the parish, our schools, hospitals or charitable organizations? What time can be dedicated to the study of the faith, or to understanding in the light of the Gospel the issues that impact the poor, both at home and abroad, and the environment?

(Archbishop Smith, *Pastoral Letter*, *September 14, 2017*)

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**ÉCOLE MOTHER D'YOUVILLE SCHOOL - OPEN HOUSE –WED., FEB. 28**

We are extending an invitation to the parishioners of St. Vital to visit Beaumont's newest Catholic school. Although the doors of ***École Mother D’Youville School*** opened in early November, it is only recently that the contractors have departed, leaving us with a building that is just about complete. From **5 - 7 PM** on Wednesday evening we will be hosting our families, school neighbours and parishioners of St. Vital for a visit to the school. You will be welcomed by school administration and a contingent of students as you arrive and will then be given the opportunity to take a self-guided tour through the various areas of the school. Make sure that you drop by the gym to shoot a few hoops and then into the Foods Lab for a freshly baked cookie. During the evening we'll also be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in support of our new Learning Commons. We hope you're able to drop by for a brief tour of our wonderful new facility.

Jim McMullen, Principal

***École Mother D’Youville School***

5330 Rue Parc

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the end of time.” (Matthew 28:19-20***)**

The liturgical Rite of the Election and Enrollment of Names was celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent. Last weekend at St. Joseph’s Basilica 35 parishes in our Archdiocese participated in the Rite of Election. At this special Mass the catechumens affirm their intention to join the Church and then the Church “elects” them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation). From our parishes we have eight adults who have now begun their final stages of preparation for receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to keep in your **prayers … Danielle Hamula, Desmond Scarlett, Erkki McEown, Jolisa, Oliver Joseph Alex L’Heureux, Marie-Soleil Breton, Trevor Hart& Susan Badger**,. Also, please pray for their sponsors who journey with them.