

St. Vital Catholic Parish

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December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (English) Sunday 9:00 a.m. (bilingual) 11:00 a.m. (English)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 19th (10:00 a.m.) @ Place Beausejour

Wednesday, December 20th – Friday, December 22nd @ 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday's - 11 a.m. – noon or by appointment by contacting Fr. Les

ADORATION- December 22nd (9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Check out the website www.saintvitalparish.com and check it regularly for updates.

Loan Balance November 30, 2023 \$495,981.73

SCAMALERT – No one from St. Vital Parish will EVER send you emails asking for money or gift cards or other favors. Beware of fake email address pretending to be someone from the parish

PARKING

Avoid receiving a ticket. Parking is prohibited east of 50 St. on 50 Ave. where the curb is painted yellow

Parishioners: If you notice any repair or maintenance issues in the church that require attention/repair, please contact the parish office and they will contact the maintenance committee.

Blank schedules for Christmas & New Year's Eve Masses are at the back of the church. Please sign up for the masses you will be attending.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome to the Knights of Columbus sponsored **Pancake breakfast** which is taking place on Sunday morning, **December 17 following the 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. Masses.** Come out and enjoy the food and fellowship.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2023

DECEMBER 24TH

ADVENT MASSES:

9:00 a.m. (bilingual)

11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 p.m. Children's Nativity Pageant

4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

Midnight (bilingual)

DECEMBER 25TH

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES 2023/2024

*Solemnity – Mary Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation – January 1, 2024*

NEW YEAR'S EVE (DECEMBER 31st)

5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS (JANUARY 1st)

10:00 a.m.

ADVENT DANCE

December 16, 2023

Sponsored by the Parish Youth Group "The Rock"

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$5/Single \$15/family

To attend or participate, please RSVP to THEROCK.STVITAL@GMAIL.COM

Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets.

The Knights of Columbus continue to sell **Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets.** They are available in both French and English. Please consider purchasing a magnet for your car from the same table that you can buy grocery gift cards. They are just \$5.00 each and can be used every year.

2024 Donation will be available for pickup next weekend. If you have not used envelopes previously and would like a set please call the parish office.

Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus will be selling **Sobey and No Frills gift cards** after all masses on the weekend. Buy your grocery cards and support Our Lady of the Hill Knights.

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 December 30, 31, 2023. Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule. Donations not only benefit the needy of Leduc County but also help out the needy residents of Beaumont as well. Thanks to all the Parishioners who have been supporting this effort over the months.

Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a “**Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest**” for parish youth in Grades 1 – 9. There are first, second, and third place cash prizes for three different age groups. You will need to pick up a form from the table at the back of the church, which provides all the rules and includes an entry form that must be attached to each child's artwork. The **deadline** for submitting artwork is **Sunday, December 17th**.

MUSIC AT ST. VITAL'S

Beaumont Society for the Arts Christmas Concert – Friday, December 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir – Sunday, December 17th @ 3:00 p.m.

Admission is free, however, donations to the Beaumont/Nisku Christmas Elves are accepted as either unwrapped toys, food donations or cash donations.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study THE EUCHARIST – every second Monday – November 20, December 4 – Christmas Break – Bible Study resumes on January 8th, 2024.

For information or questions please call Claire Connell 780 887-0468.

Beaumont Nisku Christmas Elves

Donate Today

Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule.

They accept a variety of food donations, new toys, gift cards, monetary donations.



Alpha

Alpha is finished for 2023, but we want to invite you (and your friends and family) to Alpha in January 2024.

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Each session has time for connection, a talk, and space to discuss and ask questions. - It is designed for people without a church background or who wouldn't call themselves a Christian but everyone and anyone will get something from these engaging talks

There are 4 sessions left plus the retreat on the Holy Spirit!! Even if you missed the first sessions please still join us! The dates are Jan 22 and 29 and Feb 12 and 19th with the retreat Saturday Feb 3! We meet from 6- 8 pm. We meet in the Parish Basement and it is a **Potluck Dinner**.

Please come! No registration is required. Email Theresa at jordan.theresa@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for the first time. The contest is open to Grades 8 through 12 students. The essays are to be 500-750 words on the topic: "How Can the Church Evangelize in the Digital Age?" Judging is based on a point system up to 100 based on Content, Grammar and Style. We will be offering 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes of \$100.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 respectively. Winners will be eligible for further District, National and International competition. Contest Entry Forms are available at the back of Church and on the Parish website under the Knights of Columbus tab. **Final submission date is January 15, 2024.**

Stewardship Corner Third Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 16/17

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as its members wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.



To ALL the WONDERFUL volunteers who made and sold 825 tourtières in the month of November for our Snowflake Daze - a BIG thank you and to our parishioners who supported this fundraising event we are grateful.

Everyone's willingness to give of their time and service is not only appreciated but very heart-warming. From day one of preparation to the last Saturday of sales we could not have had a better team to work with and we certainly recognize new friendships have been forged from this undertaking.

Your support of Paroisse St. Vital Parish allows us to continue to expedite our commitment to 'Pay Down the Debt' with this year's profit of just over \$10,000.



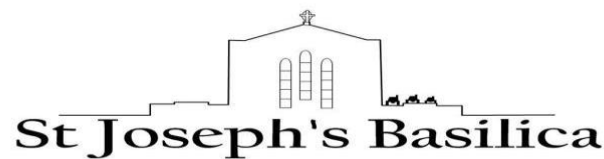
Wishing you and your families the very best for this holiday season.
Stay safe and healthy!

Carmen Grayson

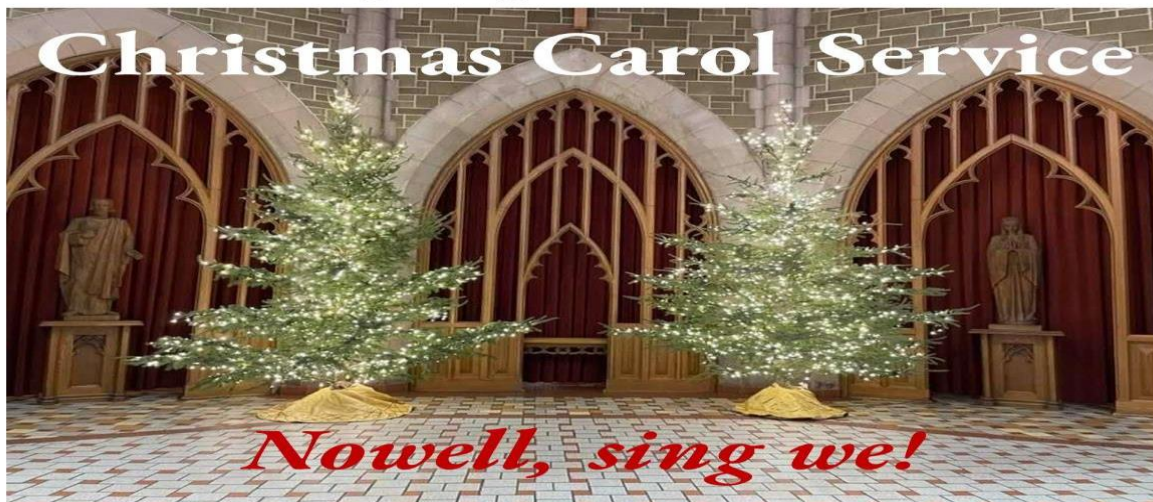
Finance Committee member &
Snowflake Daze Chairperson

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The logo for St Joseph's Basilica features a simple line drawing of the church's facade, including a central gable with a cross and two side windows. Below the drawing, the text "St Joseph's Basilica" is written in a serif font.

St Joseph's Basilica



Wednesday, December 20th | 7pm.

Join us to celebrate the Birth of Christ at St Joseph's Basilica with Advent and Christmas carols sung by the Schola Cantorum. The whole community is welcome to join us for this joyful Christmas celebration!

Goodwill Donations Accepted.



VOCATIONS RALLY

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Friday, Feb 2 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

St. Joseph's Basilica, O'Leary Hall

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code
or visit caedm.ca/vocations

