Sobey’s and No Frills Grocery gift card sales for sale after all weekend masses.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Parents who are asking for Baptism for their child in the Parish Community of St. Vital are required to attend a one evening preparation course. The object of this evening is to help parents appreciate the gift they are asking for their child and to be reminded of the responsibilities towards God, Church-community and their child

The next **preparation course** will be held on **Monday, May 15th** at **7:00 p.m**. in the meeting room. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the parish office.

ST. Vital CWL invites you to a **SPRING TEA**,  **Sunday**, **MAY 7**, 2017

OPEN HOUSE **2-4 p.m**.

Beverages & dessert $5, bake sale, white elephant sale and in-house raffle!

***Come one and all!***

**TRUNK SALE AND BABY ITEMS SALE**

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS TO SELL? HOUSEHOLD ITEMS,  or BABY ITEMS?

Rent a parking space ($20.00) and Sell from the Trunk of your vehicle (tables available) or Rent a table for your baby items in the Church basement!

**JUNE 10, 2017** from 9 a.m.- noon  LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

for information, contact Liz @ 780-929-6799 or eats.taylor@gmail.com

**K4J** is looking for a **Coordinator** for the fall. If you enjoy organizing and have a love for children this is the volunteer position for you.  This is a great way to serve within your parish. Any questions or inquiries please email k4j.stvital@gmail.com

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA  - Youth Play!**

Many kids from our parish together with youth from Edmonton parishes have all been working hard in the production of a beautiful play about Our Lady of Fatima!

Enjoy acting, music and dancing! All are welcome!

**Performance is Friday, May 26, St. Vital Church, at 6 p.m.**

Saturday, May 13th (48 children) and June 3rd (40 children) will be receiving their 1st Eucharistic at the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Saturday, May 27th 47 children will be confirmed. We anticipate the church to be extremely busy at his time and ask that you may consider attending an alternative mass on those weekends.

**2016 Financial report** is available at the back of the church.

Fr. Arlan will be attending Annual Assembly of Priests on May 15 - 19 inclusive. There will be NO weekday masses.

Mark your calendar! **May 23 at 7:00**, the **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition** has produced a 55 minute film that features people who have been directly affected by euthanasia and assisted suicide.  It is important that this film is seen by as many people as possible.  As such, the Edmonton Diocesan Council of the CWL passed a motion to have CWL councils in our Archdiocese show the film in their parishes and communities.

**Euthanasia Prevention Coalition DVD showing:**

*When?     May 23 at 7:00*

*Where?   St. Vital Parish Church basement*

**MERCY COUNSELLING**

The mission of Mercy Counselling is to carry out the healing ministry of Jesus Christ through excellence in psychological service delivery to individuals and families in Edmonton and Central Alberta. What we do: Mercy Counselling is a psychological counselling and assessment ministry of Catholic Social Services. We practice from a faith-informed perspective, taking into account people’s values, beliefs, and cultural practices when we work with them. We promote mental and spiritual well-being by helping people access their strengths to cope with life’s challenges. Common issues for which people might seek support include anxiety, depression, self-esteem, learning, trauma, work-related problems, personality difficulties, parenting, as well as frustrations in marriage and family life. We also provide group therapy and psychoeducational workshops. Whom we serve: Children, teens, adults, couples, parents, families, parishes, Catholic schools, colleges, companies (e.g., employee assistance services), groups, and community organizations For more information, please phone us at 780.391.3233.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

The March for Life will be held on May 11 beginning at Churchhill square. Opening prayers are at 12:30 followed by O Canada at 1:00p.m. We will then march to the legislature where there will be speeches and then the march back to Churchill square. If you can take a lunch break and join us on any part of the march please do. Or if you can make a day of it bring the family. it is a great experience for the children and we speak in numbers. If you need more information or a ride we will try to accommodate you. You can call Bonnie at 780 929 1248. We need to end this tragic killing and find ways to help women find a better way. Your presence matters if we are to make a difference.

**A Night of Storytelling and Song**

Join us for Starry Night, a great evening of storytelling and song with Laura Vinson and Free Spirit. Her songs tell the story of life in Western Canada, with currents of Native, Metis, Western and Celtic influences. This fundraising concert for Star of the North Retreat Centre takes place on **Tuesday, May 16,** at 7 p.m. at Arden Theatre (5 St. Anne Street, St. Albert). Tickets are $45. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 780-459-5511

**Celebrating 100 Years of Our Lady of Fatima**

Join us at Ephphatha House in Stony Plain as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima on **Saturday, May 13**. The event will feature talks by Father Joseph Jacobson, Mass, and a potluck lunch.
For directions to Ephphatha House, [view the website](http://trk.cp20.com/click/fvxxf-aq1x3z-5jx7rze9/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) or call 780-963-0896.

**Marian Retreat**

Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert invites you to register for its May Marian Retreat, taking place **Friday-Sunday, May 26-28**. Mary, Powerful Disciple and Compassionate Mother, will be led by facilitators Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie and Christine Foisy-Erickson. Registration is open until Friday, May 19. For more information, call 780-459-5511.

**An encounter with Christ in the Land where He Lived**

Archbishop R. Smith will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **Nov 29-Dec 10th,** **2017** and is inviting us to journey with him to the place rendered holy by the very presence of Jesus Himself. Contact Jackie Abello at 780-229-4171 or at JackieA@UniglobeOne.com Registrations now open.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** - Marriage Encounter is a ministry dedicated to helping married couples rediscover in one another that their, “marriage is an icon of God’s love for us.” (*Pope Francis*) The weekend is an opportunity for couples to focus on each other, and enrich their marriage. The next weekend scheduled in Edmonton is scheduled for **Friday-Sunday, June 2-4**.  For more information, please call 780-464-2874, or visit us at [http://www.wwme.org/](http://trk.cp20.com/click/g0pgp-as81yx-5jx7rze1/).

**CALLED TO PROTECT**

 Everyone involved in a church ministry carries a special responsibility to see that all church-sponsored activities and programs are conducted in a safe environment. The Archdiocese of Edmonton, recently accredited by Praesidium Inc., is using the Called to Protect™ workshop to provide training for all clergy, employees and lay volunteers, 18 years of age and over. Whether you are volunteer Greeter, Reader, involved with the Music and/or Sound System Ministry, a Eucharistic Minister, Adult Server, Usher, a volunteer in the Funeral Ministry, a leader volunteering with the Youth Ministry, Summer Camp, selling grocery cards, etc., attending a Called to Protect workshop is a requirement. If you have not yet attended Called to Protect, please see which workshop fits with your schedule and help us continue to keep our environments safe. It is through the dedication of all our volunteers that contributes to a safe environment.

To register, please contact the host parish:

Wednesday, May 10: 7:00 - 9:30 pm at St. Charles - 780.456.5399

Thursday, May 18: 7:00 - 9:30 pm at Corpus Christi - 780.466.7576

Monday, May 29: 7:00 - 9:30 pm at St. Theresa’s - 780.463.8646

Registration is now open for the next cycle of classes in the **Certificate in Catholic Studies** (CCS), offered by the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization through **Newman**

**Theological College.** Sixteen different courses will begin on **Monday, May 15**. All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just $85. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. Register online at [http://www.newman.edu/ccs](http://trk.cp20.com/click/g0pgp-as81z0-5jx7rze0/). For more information, contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2450 Ext. 2214 or sandra.talarico@newman.edu.

The Sisters of Providence invite single young adults aged 18-40, to "Entering the Silence," a retreat day on **Saturday, May 20**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Providence Centre, 3005 - 119 Street, Edmonton. To register, contact Sister Isabel Cid, SP at 780-720-6020 or  icid@sistersofprovidence.ca.

**LIFE IN HIS SPIRIT RETREAT**

Sacred Heart Parish in Wetaskiwin invites you to experience our *Life in His Holy Spirit Retreat*, on the weekend of **Friday-Sunday,** **June 9-11.**Join in this joyous encounter! Many of us become spiritually sluggish or nominal Christians years after our confirmation. This retreat is set to help you reset your spiritual button and humbly invite the Holy Spirit to activate the gifts within you. Registration is $50per person, which includes seven speakers and meals. Call 780-352-2365 for registration details.

**TOGETHER WE SERVE** - Together We Serve supports 11 different Catholic organizations and institutions. When you support Together We Serve you help provide a modest retirement income and other assistance as required to ensure the dignified care of archdiocesan priests when they retire or can no longer serve the People of God.. Thank you for supporting Together We Serve. Together, let us Live the Word.

**Stewardship Corner 4 th Sunday of Easter, weekend of May 6/7**

Saint Peter plays a prominent leadership role in the first two readings, urging his listeners to be baptized and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit; and encouraging them to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We have just renewed our baptismal promises at Easter and the Holy Spirit dwells in us in a special way. Are we good stewards of those baptismal vows? Have we renewed our commitment to follow in Jesus’ footsteps? Have we opened our hearts to discern the will of God in our lives? Take some time to reflect on the importance of our baptismal renewal and our lives as disciples of the Lord.

**NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT** You are invited to join St. Anthony’s Church in Drayton Valley for the New Evangelization Summit May 12 - 13, 2017. The Summit will give us the opportunity to answer God’s call to renew our faith and ignite in our hearts a passion to live our lives as fully committed Catholics looking for ways to strengthen our faith and to share it with others. Cost is $65 for the weekend (includes registration, lunch on Saturday and all snacks). For more information or to register: www.newevangelization.ca or www.stantparishdv.com or contact Summit director for Drayton Valley, Ashley Rhyno - 780.542.5254 or by email at Ashley.Rhyno@caedm.ca TAPPING INTO WHOLENESS: SELF-CARE AND THE RESILIENT SPIRIT Friday, May 12 - 7:00 pm to Saturday, May 13 - 4:00 pm,