

*St. Vital Catholic Parish*  
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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 14, 2024**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, @ Place Beausejour @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Mass at École Mother d'Youville @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> Mass @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**ADORATION- January 19th (9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)**

Check out the website [www.saintvitalparish.com](http://www.saintvitalparish.com) and check it regularly for updates.

**Loan Balance December 31, 2023 \$457,076.93**

**2024 Donation Envelopes are ready for pickup. If you have not used envelopes previously and would like a set, please contact the parish office. **DO NOT USE 2023 ENVELOPES for your 2024 donations****

**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).

**DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS?** If you have recently moved, please contact the parish office with your new address. Any tax receipts not picked up at the parish will be mailed to the address on the database.

**Baptism Preparation Course**

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.

Parents wishing to register for the **next courses** which will be held on **Mon, January 15th at 7:00 pm** please call the parish office.

## **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 will 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](mailto:jordan.theresa@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It would mean so much if you would consider donating to my year at St. Therese Institute. Do not hesitate, also, to share with others—any help gets me closer to my goal. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Options For Payment:

1. Go to GoFundMe.com and search “Julie Berube”
2. Phone the school (306-269-2555) for one-time or monthly payments and receive a tax receipt.
3. Send a cheque to: Julie Berube c/o St. Therese Institute, PO Box 310 Bruno S.K. S0K 0S0

For more info. visit my GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/e19a97f5> or the school's

website: <https://www.sttherese.ca/> or call me at 587-991-8286.

God bless you,

*Julie Berube*

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Everyone is welcome to the Knights of Columbus sponsored Pancake breakfast which is taking place on Sunday morning, **January 21 following the 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.** Masses. Come out and enjoy the food and fellowship

## **Pie Sale this Weekend**

A pie sale in conjunction with the Catholic Women's League (CWL) will take place in the church basement after each of the masses on the weekend of **January 13/14**. All Knights and CWL members are encouraged to bake some pies for this sale, which will be a fundraiser. We hope that all parishioners will support us and our charitable works with the purchase of a homemade pie.



## **COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

This year the annual live-in weekend at St. Joseph Seminary is **January 26 - 28, 2024**. Thinking about becoming a priest? Not sure about your vocation? Just curious? This is your opportunity to experience seminary life with other men like you who are on a discernment journey. To learn more and to register, please contact Fr. Kris: [Kris.Schmidt@caedm.ca](mailto:Kris.Schmidt@caedm.ca) or 780.672.1131, ext. 3

## **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 **January 27, 28, 2024**. 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 2023**

Many thanks to all the young people who participated in the Knights of Columbus Christmas coloring contest. Congratulations to our winners:

### Grades 1 – 3

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Elise Belland
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Paula McLarney
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Elizabeth Urda

### Grades 4 – 6

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Therese Banic
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Suzanne Urda
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ethan Testa

### Grades 7 – 9

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Vincent Pueschel
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Emma Pueschel

Winners can collect their cash prizes from the Knights of Columbus grocery gift card table at any weekend mass. First (\$20.00), second (\$10.00), and third (\$5.00) place prizes will be awarded in each of these categories: Grades 1 – 3, Grades 4 – 6, Grades 7 – 9.

Any submissions for the coloring contest can be collected from the box at the back of the church. If not collected by January 20/21, the art work will be recycled.

If possible, we would like to **leave the winning entries displayed at the back of the church until the week of January 20/21.** They can be reclaimed by our young artists after that. Thank you

## **HEALING**

As Catholic Women's League members, we help to heal injustice through advocacy, illness through prayer, hate with love and loneliness with care. You cannot stay away from the healing process if you are a Catholic women. Join us today!.

**CWL meeting – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

## **COR Gathering for Men in the Parish**

COR is a gathering of men to engage in prayer, faith formation and fellowship. The first gathering will take place this **Sunday, January 14, beginning at 7 p.m.** Participants will need to bring a bible and a rosary. (If you don't have one, one will be provided.)

The first gathering will be held at the home of Louis Kloster, four miles due east of St. Vital Church (100, 50511 Range Road 234). Just drive four miles due east of the church on 50 Avenue (Township Road 505). When you reach the T-intersection at Range Road 234, turn left and drive north for 400 meters. The first subdivision on the right is Arbor Estates. (Look for the sign.) Turn into Arbor Estates. Lot 100 is the one with the Christmas lights over the entrance. ***Come and see what COR is all about.***

**HOLY MASS WITH HEALING SERVICE** The Catholic Renewal Services of the Archdiocese of Edmonton is hosting their next Mass with Healing Service on Saturday, January 20 starting at 6:30 pm, with Fr. Matthew Hysell presiding. It will be held at St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church (12960 - 112 St. NW, Edmonton). Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life, he who comes to me will not hunger and he who believes in me will never thirst." John 6:35 For more info:

[www.crsedmonton.ca/events](http://www.crsedmonton.ca/events)

## **Stewardship Corner Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of January 13/14**

In today's Gospel Jesus asks two of John the Baptist's followers who now want to follow Him, "What are you looking for?" That is, of course, a very practical question. It is a very good question for us to ask ourselves as we begin this new year: What is it that we seek? What is it that we really want in following Jesus? How do we wish to live so that Christ will know that we have an authentic desire to be His disciples? This is a stewardship question. By our very human nature we are on a spiritual quest and we have many choices. Is our choice truly to be followers of Jesus Christ? If so, what changes will we make in our lives that will draw us closer to the Lamb of God.

**ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS RALLY** Our Church is facing a crisis of vocations. Together, how can we strengthen the future of the Church? The entire Archdiocese of Edmonton is invited to join us for our Archdiocesan Vocations Rally on **February 2, 2024**, hosted by the Benedict XVI Institute of Newman Theological College and the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Bring as many people from your parish as you can. All are welcome! February 2 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at St. Joseph Basilica Single ticket: \$10 and Family tickets: \$25 Use code "Vocations" for 50% off single tickets or "Rally" for \$10 off family tickets. Come learn how to build a culture of vocation, whether you are discerning a religious vocation or not. Through the grace of God, the future of the Church depends on us all. We need all hands on deck. For tickets, go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vocations-rally-allhands-on-deck-tickets-772532775327?aff=oddtcreator>