

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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11 May, 2023



## Principal Message:

“  
Rise  
Above.  
Inspire  
Greatness.  
”

Dear Parents/Guardians:

### Faith Focus

May is the month that we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. On May 1st we celebrated Mary with a whole school celebration where every child was gifted with a Rosary and Rosary Prayer Card. We encourage you to ask your child what they know about the rosary, and encourage them to treat their rosary as a sacred, special scripture-based prayer used in our Catholic faith. starts with the Apostles Creed, leading us into a repetition of the 'Hail Mary' which draws us into contemplative prayer, and celebrates the great mysteries of our Catholic faith.

### Mental Health Week

Last week we participated in a variety of Mental Health Initiatives both from the division resources, a games, crafts and visits from our Holy Spirit Mental Health Capacity Builders (Shelly & Trish). We also proudly wore Hats for Mental Health on Wednesday and ended the week with a fun Spirit Day called, "Anything but a backpack" where students were encouraged to come with their supplies in 'anything but a backpack'- which you can see below was a huge success!

### Catholic Education Week

On May 15-19th we will be celebrating 'Catholic Education Week' here in our school. Did you know that we are the ONLY Catholic school west of Lethbridge? It's important for us to showcase what makes us different, special and thriving. St. Michael's School takes great pride in our 'family like' environment where our first priority is taking care of each other through a lens of faith, trust, love and hope. Look for a variety of activities that week, and also the hashtag #IbelieveinCatholicEd which we encourage you to use on social media as well! Let's continue to showcase what sets ourselves apart from other schools!

### Busy times ahead!

Besides great preparation for Diploma Exams, and PAT's for gr 6 and 9, we've got a plethora of events and activities ahead including our graduation for Gr 12 students on June 3rd. There are a variety of field trips, and fundraisers in the weeks ahead so I encourage you to check our calendar on the website regularly. For reference, our school website is [www.smpc.holyspirit.ab.ca](http://www.smpc.holyspirit.ab.ca)

Finally, don't forget! On Friday, May 12th we are hosting 'A Ticket to Ride' event sponsored by the Friends of St. Michael's. It will be a wonderful opportunity for adults of all ages to join for some fellowship, dancing and a live/silent auction all while listening to the live 'Dragons With Wagons' band. What a wonderful way to enter into Mother's Day weekend to which I wish all of our mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers an incredibly happy Mother's Day on Sunday!

Above all, as always, may God continue to bless St. Michael's School!

♥ Ms Schmidt



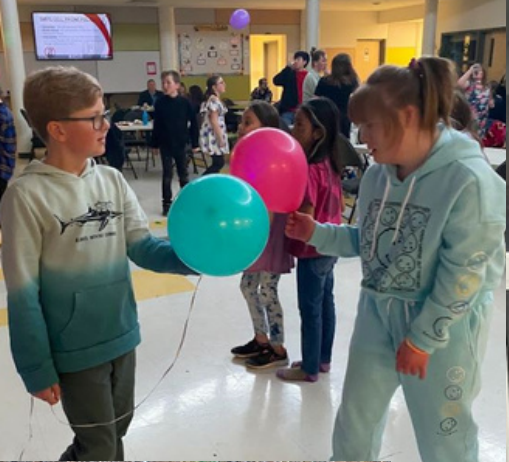
# PAST MONTH PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS!



**EPIC DAY!**



**Family Movie  
Night!**



**Family Dance!**





# FAITH FOCUS



## Catholic Education Week Walking Together in Catholic Education May 15-19, 2023

Let's celebrate Alberta's Catholic Education Week with enthusiasm and action! In addition to your local plans and initiatives, here's

what's happening on the provincial scene:

1. Read and distribute the Pastoral Letter from Alberta's Bishops [English](#) [French](#)

2. Learn about, recognize, take pictures, post and celebrate each of the 5 Marks of a Catholic School every day of Catholic education week. [5 Marks of a Catholic School](#)

3. Listen to and share the daily reflections from our bishops on the Marks of a Catholic School. See the links below.

[Archbishop Smith](#)

[Bishop Motiuk](#)

[Archbishop Pettipas](#)

4. Wear Blue and WALK for Catholic education. Join your fellow advocates, students, educators, trustees, clergy on **Thursday May 18** as you wear blue and walk in support of Catholic education. Take pictures and post your actions on social media. Let's be very visible to all of Alberta!

5. Join CEFFA, our Francophone brothers and sisters as they celebrate mass Thursday, 10:00 AM. Facebook Link [here](#)

6. Join Bishop McGrattan and Calgary Catholic School District on Friday, 10:00 AM for mass in celebration of Catholic Education Week. [Zoom LINK](#)

7. For those unable to attend "live" the mass will be recorded and available at this link by Saturday, May 20 Bishop McGrattan Recorded Mass [here](#)



### About Us

[facebook](#)

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<https://smpc.holyspirit.ab.ca/>

Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs  
8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday  
8:00am - 2:00pm

# Dates to remember

## PD Day - May 19th

May 19th is a PD Day, and there is no school for students on this day.

## Victoria Day- May 22

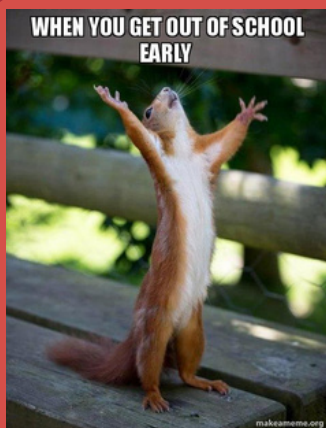
May 22nd is Victoria Day, there is no school for students or staff.

## Grad Mass & Ceremony

June 2nd - Grad Mass at St. Michael's Church  
June 3rd - Graduation Ceremony



Please click the calendar to the left to view the full year school calendar!



## Leaving Early?!

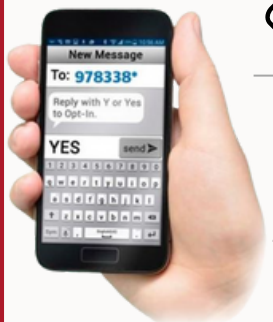
If your child needs to leave school early, please notify the office at 403-627-3488 as early as possible. Please also make sure you sign your child out in the office when they are leaving early!



## Arriving Late?!

Please stop in the office to sign in if you arrive to school late!  
Elementary school students are considered late after 8:30am, and Junior/Senior High students are considered late after 8:40am.

## School Communication



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division uses SchoolMessenger to improve our schools' communication with parents and guardians. This service does not replace other school communication methods. It is simply intended to extend beyond what we've traditionally used to ensure timely communications and reduce the amount of papers being sent home.

**If you would like to receive text messages for school closures please click here for instructions and more information!**

# DRAGON ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS!



## Junior High:

The following Junior High students made it to zones for Badminton this year!:

Jaxon Prince  
Jorgey Maunsell  
Priscilla Fagela  
Leland Calf  
Erin Hannah  
Cordelia Craig  
Joran Ludwig  
Declan Harrigan  
Chole Penaverde  
Justin VanEe



## Senior High:

The following Senior High students made it to zones for Badminton this year!:

Kyla Misa  
Madeleine Lindfors  
Sebastien Preston  
Reign Estrellado  
Carter Nimchuk  
Celine Zepeda  
Jasper Bruder  
Cody Querengesser  
Leah Smith  
Charles Misa



We are now officially done badminton for the season, great job to all of our participants you made our school proud!



We are now heading into Track & Field season!



## Dress Code:

- No spaghetti straps/halter tops/one shoulder shirts/tube tops.
- Tank top/muscle shirt straps must be at least 4 centimeters in width
- Bra straps must not show
- Underwear, that of both ladies and gentlemen must not show Midriffs must be covered.
- Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length (arms straight down at sides).
- No hoodies with the hood up, sunglasses, during instructional school hours, or during formal extra curricular activities such as the awards ceremonies
- T-shirts/shirts/hoodies must not have advertising which depicts controversial, obscene, rude, inappropriate and/or drugs and alcohol content on them.

## MERCH SALE!



**We're thrilled to see you representing your school! All funds raised will go towards the St. Michael's School year end fun day for all students. Go Dragon's!**

**Please consider purchasing to support St. Michael's School Council Fundraiser. Please click the picture above to be brought to the store!**

## Spaces Survey:

Hello Families,

It's been almost 2 years that we have been using the digital platform Spaces, and we'd love to hear your feedback on the program!

Please click the link to take our survey:

<https://forms.gle/yYAWggMk7vd7>

# FNMI

## First Nations, Metis and Inuit Awards Night!

When: May 17, 2023 at 6:00pm

Where: St. Michael's School Den

Awards for students in Grades 7-12. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate our students! Refreshments & dessert served following the ceremony.

## Feather Graduation Ceremony

When: May 30th at 2:00pm

Where: St. Michael's School



Word of the Month: **Spitsii** –

This is the Blackfoot word meaning Tall Trees, this is also the Blackfoot name of Pincher Creek!





Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

# Division Family Gathering



**Join us for a time of  
Indigenous games, food, and fun!**




## Catholic Central High

*Taatsikoyis* (Centre Tipi)

East Campus (field)

405-18th Street South

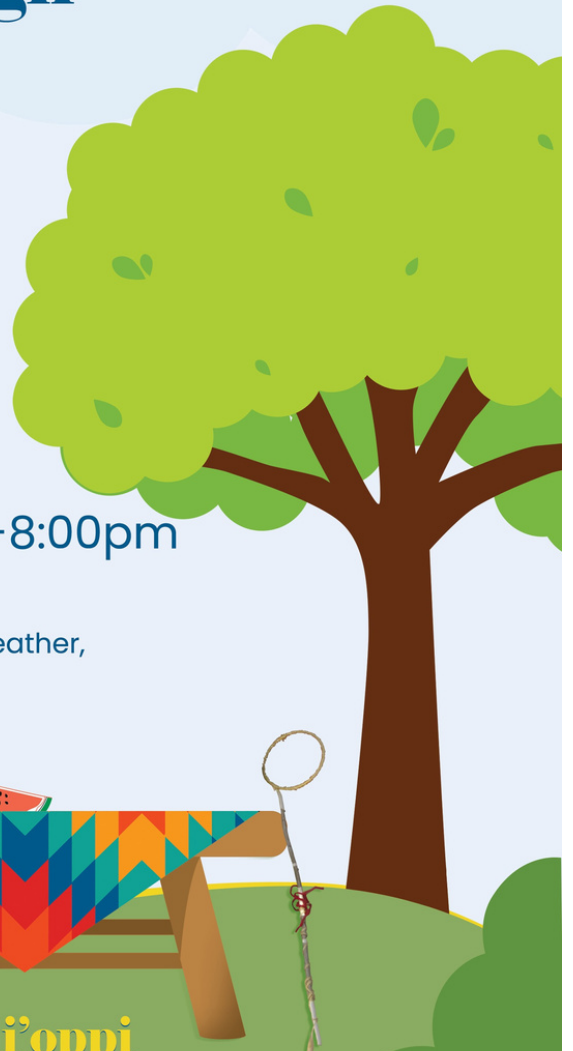
**June 7, 2023**

-  Prayer 5:00pm
-  Meal 5:15pm-5:45pm
-  Indigenous Games 6:00pm-8:00pm

**“Siksikaitsitapi Families” Welcome!**

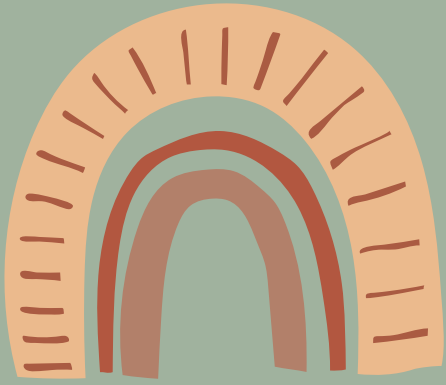
(Please bring your own chair. In case of inclement weather, the event will move indoors to the CCH East Gym.)

For more information, please contact  
Shelley Kirkvold at 403.327.9555

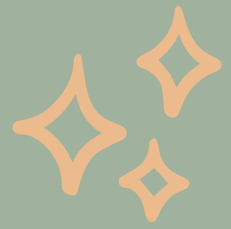


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“Where We All Gather to Play Games”



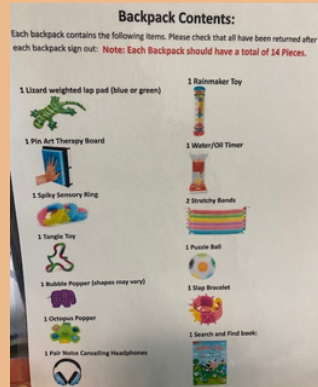
# School Counsellor May Newsletter



## SENSORY BACKPACK PROGRAM



Sensory Backpacks available to borrow on a weekly basis. Great learning tools in each backpack! Please call or text Shaylen @ 403-634-2151  
Sponsored By: Variety – The childrens Charity of Alberta



## UPDATE

Friendship Groups for Elementary students have been going well. Every other Wednesday and Thursday, small groups come together to discuss what a good friendship looks like, how to navigate conflict and discuss acceptance. Everyone is equal! We are currently working on a community project. Stay tuned for updates!

## ONLINE PARENTING INFO!

- <https://schools.healthiertogether.ca/en/get-the-latest/resources-for-families/://www.triplep-parenting.ca/alb-en/triple-p/k-the-health-of-all-students>
- <http://fcrc.albertahealthservices.ca/health-information/library/information-prescriptions/parenting/>
- <https://www.triplep-parenting.ca/alb-en/about-triple-p/positive-parenting-program/>

## LOCAL RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT

- ✓ <https://www.pcfamilycentre.ca/>
- ✓ <http://www.pinchercreek.ca/residents/fcss.php>
- ✓ <https://www.pinchercreeklibrary.ca/>



# Family Math Games Night!



**Date:** May 23, 2023

**Time:** 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Where:** St. Michael's School

**Who:** Kindergarten - Grade 6

**What:** Fun night of Math Games to play with your family and friends!

**There is also door prizes to be won!**

**School Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM here at the school. Feel free to join us and give your input!**

**HAVE YOU ALWAYS DREAMED OF FLYING ACROSS THE OCEAN, DISCOVERING A NEW CULTURE, TRYING NEW FOOD OR LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE? LET'S MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE!**

**DURING THE EASTER BREAK OF 2024 THE CURRENT GR. 9-11 STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO ITALY! IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MS. MANONI**



[www.redshirtday.ca](http://www.redshirtday.ca)

Easter  
Seals  
Timbres  
de Pâques



# RED SHIRT DAY

of Action for  
Accessibility & Inclusion

WEDNESDAY  
MAY 31, 2023

#RedShirtDay  
#RedForAccessAbility



## LEADERSHIP BOTTLE DRIVE!

Dear St. Michael's Families, the Leadership Class would greatly appreciate donations of empty bottles to help fundraise for their up, and coming trip to the University of Edmonton for a leadership conference. If you have bags of bottles that you are willing to donate, please label the bags as "St. Michaels Leadership Class" and drop them off at the Pincher Creek bottle depot. We will be collecting from now until the end of May. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,  
St. Michael's Leadership Class

Looking forward to a new year with ...

# Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

## 2023/2024 REGISTRATION



### Re-Registration Starts January 16, 2023

Families with students currently enrolled in our system should expect an email during the week of January 16-20, 2023 asking that the online "Registration Update Form" be completed for each child attending one of our schools in the 2023/2024 school year.

This update allows us to make sure the information on file is accurate and that any legal declarations, preferences, and consents are renewed. It also allows our schools to plan for the upcoming school year.

Parents/guardians who are hoping to register younger siblings new to the division will also have the opportunity to do this at the same time that they re-register older students.



### New Student Registration Starts February 1, 2023

All Early Learning to Grade 12 students who are new to the division and wish to enroll for the 2023/2024 school year are invited to register online starting on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

- Our **Early Learning Program** is designed to stimulate the growing curiosity of children 3 and 4 years of age.
- **Kindergarten** is designed for children 5 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2023.
- **Grade 1** registrants must be 6 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2023.
- **French Immersion** is also available. Enrollment starts:
  - in Kindergarten/Grade 1 at École St. Mary School in Lethbridge.
  - in Grade 1 at St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek.



### For More Information

Contact our Coordinator of Early Learning Coordinator to discuss Early Learning, Kindergarten, or your child's specialized programming requirements by phone (403-381-8495) or email ([earlylearning@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:earlylearning@holyspirit.ab.ca)).

Contact our French Language Consultant to discuss French Immersion programming by phone (403-331-4458) or email ([urquhartw@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:urquhartw@holyspirit.ab.ca)).

Contact your child's school, or visit the division's website ([holyspirit.ab.ca](http://holyspirit.ab.ca)), if you need assistance with the online registration process or have any questions.





Holy Spirit  
Catholic School Division

# OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



## Green Certificate Program Online Meeting

Thursday, May 18 at 12:00pm

Learn by doing and earn up to 16 diploma credits

Marina Grant from the Green Certificate Program will be explaining the program, how to use the manual, trainer expectations and what to expect at testing.

Join the zoom meeting at: <https://lethbridgecollege.zoom.us/j/99526124779?wd=eDdydFpmb2NhV1NSVDFwTVBTakdYZz09>

For more information contact Mr. Boschee or go to:  
[alberta.ca/green-certificate-program.aspx](http://alberta.ca/green-certificate-program.aspx)  
Contact Marina Grant at: 403-63-6308



## Upcoming Career Transitions

### Virtual Career Exploration Sessions

Join these sessions to hear professionals discuss their profession and educational background.

Thursday, May 18 @ 11:30am - Human Resource Consultant

Tuesday, May 30 @ 4:00pm - Phytolith Analyst

Wednesday, May 31 @ 4:30pm - Early Childhood Educator

To register for these or to watch numerous recorded past career sessions go to : [careersteps.ca/exploration-sessions/](http://careersteps.ca/exploration-sessions/)

## Working this summer?



Any students who are, or are hoping to, work this summer don't forget you can earn high school credits at the same time through the Work Experience program. Talk to Mr. Boschee on Wednesday's when he is at the school, or email Mrs. Gurr at [gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca), to get the work agreement forms.

Students need to sign up before hours can start being collected. If students get a job during the summer email Mrs. Gurr and she will be available to help them.

RAP and Work Experience students remember to send in your pay stubs or timesheets to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.



## Dual Credit Courses for 2023-2024



### Fall Dual Credit Courses



#### What is Dual Credit?

- An opportunity for students to explore career pathways
- Take post-secondary courses while still in high school
- Earn credits in both High School and Post-Secondary
- No tuition fees for students

#### What are the benefits for students?

- Explore post-secondary opportunities while in high school
- Get a "head start" on post-secondary
- Ease the transition from high school to post-secondary
- Save the tuition fee for courses completed in high school

#### How will the courses be offered?

**Asynchronous**—work on your course any time of the day, but you must meet the deadlines

#### Courses offered for Fall 2022

**-Olds College:** Sept. 25 to Dec. 15

Accounting Principles 1  
Intro to Veterinary Profession  
Solving Technology Problems  
Producing Horticulture crops  
Marketing Principles  
Intro to Sports management



**-Lethbridge College:** Dates: Sept. 6 to Dec. 8

Introduction into the Trades (Some days are at the College)  
Ecology  
Animal Sciences  
Intro into Management  
Graphic Communications  
Composition  
Writing for the Workplace  
Engineering Math 1  
Medical Terminology/Anatomy & Physiology  
Intro to Design Software and Photography  
Design Fundamentals




For the full list of courses go to: <https://lethbridgecollege.ca/programs/dual-credit>

## Your Off-Campus Team

Mark Boschee - Off-Campus Coordinator Cell: 587-220-4258 or Email: [boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca)

Wendy Gurr - Career Practitioner - 403-327-4596 Ext 312 or Email: [gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca)





# Education is an Important Issue

## PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2023

As we move out of the COVID Pandemic era, serious work needs to be undertaken to support student mental health and to provide academic support so all children can achieve their potential as active citizens.

**The 2023 Provincial Election is a great time to bring issues facing education in general, and Catholic Education in particular, to the forefront.**

### **A few facts about Catholic Education:**

- ◆ Catholic education is a constitutional right that many parents and students chose to exercise in Alberta.
- ◆ Catholic schools receive the same public funding as that found in the Public School System.
- ◆ Catholic schools support the development of the whole child; academically, physically, and spiritually.
- ◆ Catholic schools welcome children of all faiths.
- ◆ Catholic School Divisions in Alberta serve over 175,000 children.
- ◆ Holy Spirit Catholic School Division serves over 5000 children from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in and around the communities of Bow Island, Coaldale, Lethbridge, Picture Butte, Pincher Creek, and Taber.

### **When meeting with candidates seeking election, ask them...**

- ◆ What is your party's position on the continuation of full funding for Catholic Education?
- ◆ How will your party implement the curriculum this coming school year and into the future?
- ◆ In what ways will your party achieve stability in education beyond four-year election cycles?
- ◆ What do you see as the biggest issues facing Public and Catholic Education in Alberta?
- ◆ If your party forms government, what will your party do about these issues?



**Holy Spirit**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION





# Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village is hiring!

**We are seeking students who have exceptional interpersonal skills to fill multiple roles as Museum Interpreters**

Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village is an outdoor Western Frontier Pioneer Museum located in Pincher Creek Alberta in scenic Southwest Alberta. We are close to Waterton Lakes National Park, the Crowsnest Pass, and Castle Provincial Park. We are an outdoor Village of 30 heritage buildings spanning 6.5 acres of manicured grounds. We are also the Pincher Creek Visitor Information Center.

This is a full time position from May - September 3, 2023

Some evening and weekend work are required

Applicants must be at least 16, and full time students returning to school in the fall.

## Primary Duties

- Providing Museum and local area history interpretation
- Providing Visitor information Services and assistance
- Assisting with Education Programming and summer camps
  - Exhibit development and maintenance
  - Performing building maintenance
- Assisting with event planning and execution
  - Assisting customers with retail sales
- Assisting with food preparation & service
  - Assisting with group tours

**Full employment description, wages & application information is on our website**

**[www.kootenaibrown.ca](http://www.kootenaibrown.ca)**





**CELEBRATE** our **GIFT** of the **EUCCHARIST**  
come **WALK** the streets **WITH JESUS . . . .** as we **Walk** and **PRAY** for **PEACE**

June 11, 2023 ~ Feast of Corpus Christi

***“let us celebrate with particular devotion the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, with its traditional procession. Our faith in the God who took flesh in order to become our companion along the way needs to be everywhere proclaimed, especially in our streets and homes, as an expression of our grateful love and as an inexhaustible source of blessings”***  
*Pope St. John Paul II 2005 Apostolic Letter Mane Nobiscum Domine*

### **PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

You and your families are invited to join us on this special day to walk in a procession as we bring the Holy Eucharist to the streets of Lethbridge.

This is a great way for the children and their families to profess their faith and belief in the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For many of us our memories of the special times in our church life are what helps keep our gift of faith during the times when we find it challenging. This is one of those occasions and this is our wish for you.

It is suggested that we wear white, or red (second choice) which represents the Body or the Blood of Christ. School students are invited to wear any clothing that represents their CATHOLIC schools. Younger children and Elementary school age children must be accompanied by a parent(s).

The procession is a reverent and respectful procession with joyful song and prayer as we process with the Monstrance we show our adoration for the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

We leave from St. Basil's at 12 noon, after the 11:00 am Mass. The Eucharist is placed in the Monstrance, and then on the carrier. Those wishing to walk follow the procession moving south on 13th Street with a prayer stop at the corner of 2nd Avenue before continuing to CCH. You are invited to take turns carrying the carrier.

At Our Lady of Assumption procession begins with a prayer service at 11:45 am. Once the Monstrance is on the carrier we walk east to Mayor Magrath Drive, where we turn north. After a prayer stop at 8th Avenue we continue walking along Mayor Magrath to 6th Avenue, then we turn left and continue walking to 20th Street. We turn right at Ecole St. Mary's and continue until we reach CCH field.

You are invited to walk with us all the way (with the prayer stop it will take about 1 hour), or join us at one of the prayer stations. If you cannot walk join us at Catholic Central High School, East campus on the field.

At CCH we will have Benediction on the field, weather permitting. In bad weather we will gather in the cafeteria. This will be followed by a social lunch and fun activities for the younger people.

*There are three major processions in the life of the church, including Corpus Christi: the Sunday after Trinity Sunday when we remember the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Holy Thursday. A prominent aspect of this feast is the procession which is to follow the Mass...The procession should be seen as a public declaration of the parish community's faith.....Processions are a very important part of our Catholic identity. We are a pilgrim people on a journey, a journey of growth in faith and self-awareness. We are called to be followers of Jesus, to walk with Him.*

FAMILY  
FUN

LEARNING  
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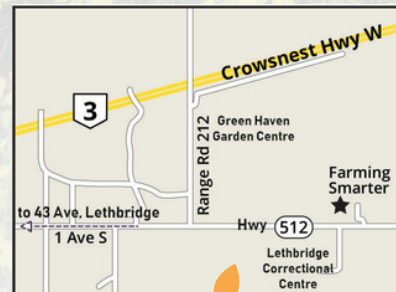
# ENGAGE IN AGRICULTURE

AUGUST 19 11 AM - 3 PM

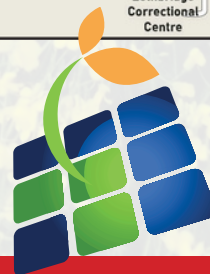
BBQ Lunch \$5

Register for a Crop Tour  
11:00 am or 1:30 pm

Visit Learning Centres



**FARMING**  
SMARTER





**WALKING  
TOGETHER**  
*in*  
**CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION**

**CELEBRATING  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
WEEK  
MAY 15-19, 2023**



*"...but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever."*

Micah 4:5

# ***St. Michael's School***

## ***Prayer***

Father, we give You our school,  
May it be a place where we love  
to learn and learn to love;  
a place where everyone is  
respected, and all are cherished.  
St. Michael, give us the courage  
to stand up for others as you did.  
Unite our school family in love,  
truth and compassion.  
Walk with us, guide us, and  
protect us, as we become who  
you want us to be.

**Amen**

