

St. Michael's School

April 2022

"A Community of Faith Devoted to Students"



St. Michael the Archangel

Our Angel of Protection

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As we are in the middle of Lent we continue to pray for God's guidance and protection, not only for us but for all who are living in turbulent times. It can only be through His grace and guidance that we can move forward in happiness and ultimate love.

We are grateful that many school related activities are back to normal for the most part including inter-school athletics, field trips, dances and our sooner than later Graduation Ceremony which will return to formatting of the past. Many other events in addition to the above will take place as well including a return to our Showcase Evening which will be scheduled for May.

On going activities include Mini-Ball, Badminton with a record 30+ students participating and a return to EPIC for our 10, 11 and 12 students which is held in Lethbridge. This excellent event exposes our students to the many varying opportunities that exist for them post grade 12.

We are further pleased to announce through the generous donation of PAC and the leg work of Mrs. Lodders our grades 10, 11 and 12 students will be First Aid trained and certified on May 9 and 10. Certainly a skill set and certification all can use. We thank Parent Council for their tremendous support of our programming.

Junior and Senior report cards will be distributed the Thursday, March 31.

Provincial Achievement Tests for grades 6 and 9 are back in place for May testing as well as Diploma Exams for June.

Finally, Parents—you are invited to the Passion of Christ being put on by our grades 7, 8 and 9 students scheduled for April 12 during blocks 6 and 7 (12:45-2:35 approximately).

Easter break commences on April 15 and runs through April 24. A reminder that SMBI Day is this Friday, April 1 so school is not in session.

Have a Most Blessed Easter and may all find comfort in Our Lord and celebrate His resurrection on Sunday, the 17th.

In Christ

Chris Sumner

Hot Lunches

The next Pita Pit lunch will be held on April 7. Orders are due March 31. Winners of the free item are Olivia Nelson, Evander Collins, Elena Kouremenous and Jay Hiebert. Thank you for supporting our Athletic programs.

PAC FREE HOT LUNCH will be served on April 12. Thank you to our Parent Council volunteers who provide us with these delicious hot lunches.

Peter's Pizza day is set for April 14. Orders are due April 10. Thank you for supporting the Grad Class of '22.

Taco In A Bag will be served April 28. Orders are due April 24. Profits will go to Chalice to help support under privileged people.

St. Michael's Stars

Congratulations to Rhett Robertson, Onyx Thacker and Hudson Weatherhead for their Gold Medal win at the Iceberg Classic 3 on 3 in Medicine Hat.

Good luck to Austin Mastel and Hunter Nelson their team won the Tier 3 Hockey Championship for CAHL League and advance to Provincials in Brooks.

Well done and congratulations to Mason Hintz, Mary Reusser, Gage Hints and Reid Hintz who finished 4th at the Sledge Hockey Championships Canada West Tournament held in Calgary.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

Mini-Basketball Finals

Finals are set for Thursday, April 14 at 11:30. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please be aware that there may be changes to the regulars season game schedule when teams have too many players absent.

Grad Class Fundraiser

The Grad Class of 2022 is holding a "Spring Plant" fundraiser to help with the costs of Grad. This is a great opportunity to kick start your spring gardening. Orders are due no later than April 15 and will be ready for pick up before the end of the month. Please see the attached order form. Thank you for supporting our Grad Class fundraising efforts.

Class Pictures

Lifetouch will be back in the school on April 11 to taken Class Pictures for each grade. As this is a Monday, Kindergarten will be held on Monday and Tuesday of this week in order to make sure their class is included.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students will attend school on Monday, April 11 so that we can have their class picture taken on that day. Mrs. Krauss will communicate with the Kindergarten parents.



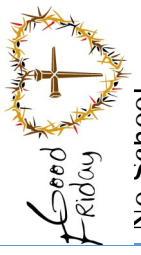
Green Shirt Day

Students and staff are asked to wear green shirts on April 7 in honor of the Logan Boulet Effect in support of Organ Donor Awareness/Registration.

EPIC

The Grade 10, 11 and 12 students along with Mr. Sumner will be attend the EPIC event at Lethbridge Exhibition Park on April 13. EPIC is a hands on experience for students to discover post-secondary opportunities available to them in both academic and trades.

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 April Fools	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday	11	12 Passion of Christ 12:45	13 EPIC	14 Holy Thurs-day Mini-B.Ball Finals 11:30	 Good Friday No School	16
17 Easter Sunday	18 Easter Break No School	19 Easter Break No School	20 Easter Break No School	21 Easter Break No School	22 Easter Break No School	23
24	25	26	27 Division Board Meeting 6:30	28	29	30





“Share the Mission” Award Call for Nominations!

Nominations are now welcome for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division’s “*Share the Mission Award*.”

This prestigious award recognizes community members, parents, students, and school staff who have:

- Offered outstanding or long term service for the benefit of our students;
- Accepted demanding challenges and set new standards for the rest of us to follow;
- Contributed, through action and deed, to the Catholic atmosphere of our schools;
- Demonstrated involvement and leadership in community / parish organizations;
- Reflected the Mission Statement of the Holy Spirit School Division in all actions:

*We are a Catholic faith community, dedicated to providing
each student entrusted in our care with an education rooted in the
Good News of Jesus Christ*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, in partnership with home, parish and society,
our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens who will
live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith.*

Our Catholic faith is the foundations of all that we do.

If you know of an individual or group deserving of the “*Share the Mission Award*,” please forward their name to Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca by June 10, 2022.

Nomination information is accessible on the division’s website at:

https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board_administration/board_of_trustees/share_the_mission_award

OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



Student Apprentice Power Line Technician

Off-Campus Education has a summer employment position for a student as a Power Line Technician who will have successfully completed grade 10 or 11 by the end of June. Students will need to have a valid drivers license, be a self starter, be willing to learn and willing to work outside. Students will be part of the Registered Apprenticeship Program and will earn credits towards their High School Diploma as well as being paid \$20.00 an hour. Students should have an interest in the Electrical trade. Deadline to apply is April 7th. Contact **Mr. Boschee** at **587-220-4358** for application forms and for more information.

Lethbridge College

Wind Industry Day

April 8th - 1pm to 6pm

In the Trades and Technologies Building

Students will be able to explore the tools, equipment and technology used in the Wind Turbine Industry. For more information contact: trades.lc@lethbridgecollege.ca



April Online Career Exploration Sessions Hosted by Career Transitions

April 7 - Civil Engineer

April 27 - Neuroscientist

April 28 - Chiropractor

Register for any or all of these sessions at:

[https://careersteps.ca/exploration-sessions/
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Virtual Showcase Information By CAREERS: The Next Generation

Service Trades—**April 5**

Pipe Trades - **April 20**

Register for any of these sessions at:

<https://www.careersnextgen.ca/>



Not sure of a career direction?

The General Arts and Science program at Lethbridge College is a great place to explore and discover your passion. Hone your academic habits at Lethbridge College, where class sizes are small, instructors know you by name and a supportive community helps you discover who and what you want to be. You can complete the first two years of a four-year degree at Lethbridge College and then transfer to a university with the confidence and skills to succeed. To begin your journey, plan to **attend the University Transfer Mini-Fair at Lethbridge College on Friday, April 29 from 1:00-3:00**. Contact Mrs. McAdam at mcadamw@holyspirit.ab.ca for more information.



March Hours

All RAP and Work Experience students please remember to hand in or send your March time sheets or pay stubs to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.



Your Off-Campus Team

Mark Boschee - Off-Campus Coordinator Cell: 587-220-4258 or Email: boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca

Wendy Gurr - Career Practitioner - 403-327-4596 Ext 312 or Email: gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca

Wendy McAdam - Dual Credit Liaison— 403-327-4596 Ext 313 or Email: mcadamw@holyspirit.ab.ca



April

Together on the Journey

"I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us."

Romans 8:18



St. Kateri Tekakwitha

School: Father Leonard Van Tighem



ST. KATERI

St. Kateri was born in 1656 in what is today the state of New York. Her mother had lived with French settlers near Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, and had become Christian. When Kateri was young, smallpox struck her village. She lost her family and was scarred as a result, with her eyesight also severely affected. Her community was visited by the Jesuits, and she would meditate often on their teachings.

At the age of 19, Kateri was baptized by a Jesuit missionary. St. Kateri prayed and fasted deeply, and had a special dedication to Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Eventually, St. Kateri moved to what is today Kahnawake, Quebec. She refused marriage in order to dedicate her life to God. While there, she received her first Communion in 1677, and served her new village by teaching prayers to children, attending daily Mass, and watching over the elderly and sick. She died in 1680, just before her 24th birthday.

Many healings are attributed to Kateri's intercession. One noteworthy miracle involves a young boy from Washington state who was healed from a flesh-eating bacteria in 2012.

The Eucharist

"Take; this is my body."

Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.



"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love."
(St. John Paul II,
Dominicae cenae, no. 3)

"It is called Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God."
(CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior."
(CCC, no. 1330)

The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Christ is contained, offered, and received.

The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper with his disciples, the night before He died. He took bread, blessed and broke it, and giving it to His disciples, said: "Take and eat; this is My body;" then He took a cup of wine, blessed it, and giving it to them, said: "All of you drink of this; for this is My blood of the new covenant which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins;" finally, He gave His disciples the commission: "Do this in remembrance of Me." (Luke 22:19)



Click [here](#) for a copy of *Adoration for Youth*.
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St. Kateri Tekakwitha

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Feast Days and Celebrations April 2022

- 3** 5th Sunday of Lent
- 10** Palm Sunday
- 14** Holy Thursday
- 15** Good Friday
- 16** Holy Saturday
- 17** Easter Sunday
- 17** Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- 18** Easter Monday
- 24** Divine Mercy Sunday

As you journey with St. Kateri this month...

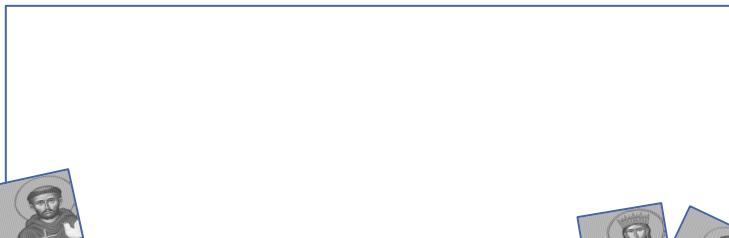
WEEK ONE

Kateri may have had fond memories of her prayerful Catholic mother and the stories of faith that her mother shared with her in early childhood. These would have remained indelibly impressed upon her mind and heart and were to give shape and direction to her life's destiny. Thank God today for the person who first showed you the love of Jesus.



WEEK TWO

At baptism, Tekakwitha took the name Kateri, after St. Catherine of Siena. Is there a saint that you identify with? Ask them (the saint chosen for you at your baptism and the saint you may have chosen at your confirmation) to pray for you. Maybe get a prayer card with that saint and pray the prayer on the back each day.



WEEK THREE

St. Kateri is sometimes known as the Lily of the Mohawks. Lilies are also associated with Easter. The Easter lily has traditional and spiritual meaning. Mentioned many times in the Bible, the white lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings and hope and is most often associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter. Take a walk today and look for the beauty of God reflected in nature as we celebrate the resurrection.



WEEK FOUR

Kateri was taken home to be with Jesus just before her 24th birthday. Her last words were, "Jesus, Mary, I love you." Fifteen minutes after her death, her smallpox scars disappeared and her face took on an incredibly beautiful appearance. The beauty of Kateri's soul shone through her body. What are the priorities in your life? Do you pay as much attention to the beauty of your soul as to the beauty of your body? Pray this prayer...

Dear God,
Please help me have the courage to let the light of Jesus shine brightly, no matter what is going on around me. I want to be a light for you, and honour you in all that I do. Amen

Sources: *Daily Lessons from the Saints* by Fr. Brice Higginbotham
[Lily of the Mohawks, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha](#)
[Saint Kateri Tekakwitha](#)
[Q&A On the Eucharist](#)
[What is the Eucharist?](#) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



Sunday Gospel Readings

April 3rd/5th Sunday of Lent
John 8:1-11

April 10th/Palm Sunday
Luke 22:14-23, 56

April 17th/The Resurrection of the Lord
John 20:1-18

April 24th/Divine Mercy
John 20:19-31



St Mike's Bow Island Grad



We are selling **beautiful plants** to raise money for our programs.

Scroll Down To Place an Order

By placing your order and paying online you are reducing the risk of COVID exposure while still supporting our fundraising efforts.

[Orders Due April 15, 2022](#)

[Product will be delivered to the school April 25](#)

Take a Sneak Peek in the Greenhouse:

Plants are a great way to encourage our friends to get out into the garden while choosing to support a healthy fundraiser.

Let us know if you have any questions by using the contact information shown in the top/right corner of this page.

Thank you so much for your support!
We couldn't do it without you.

Growing Smiles Fundraisi...



St Mike's Bow Island Grad

Benefits of Plants and Gardening



**stress relief
+ happiness**



**support good
cause**



**safe community
connection**



**heart + health
booster**



**time spent
outside**



12" Premium Hanging Basket

There are a variety of mixes. Colours cannot be selected

36.00 CAD

Qty:



12" Outdoor Patio Planter

There are a variety of mixes. Colours cannot be selected

36.00 CAD

Qty:



12" Rose Patio Planter

Beautiful Roses, assorted colors.

43.00 CAD

Qty:



11" Strawberry Hanging Basket

Strawberries are often not fully mature at time of shipping.

25.00 CAD

Qty:



10-pack 4" Assorted Succulents

There will be 10 assorted succulent plants. Varieties will vary.

38.00 CAD

Qty:



10-pack 4" Assorted Herbs

Assortment of basil, chives, oregano, thyme, cilantro, mints, parsley, dill, and rosemary. Some are specialty varieties. May be duplicates / subs.

34.00 CAD

Qty:



10-pack 4" Assorted Veggies

Assortment of zucchini, cucumber, peppers, kale, lettuce and 4x different tomatoes. Some are specialty varieties. May be duplicates / subs.

34.00 CAD

Qty:



10-pack 4" Zonal Geraniums - Red

There will be 10 plants of one colour. No mix and match.

37.00 CAD

Qty:



10-pack 4" Zonal Geraniums - White

There will be 10 plants of one colour. No mix and match.



10-pack 4" Zonal Geraniums - Pink

There will be 10 plants of one colour. No mix and match.

37.00 CAD

Qty:

37.00 CAD

Qty:



10-pack 4" Wave Petunias - Purple

There will be 10 plants of one colour. No mix and match.

37.00 CAD

Qty:



10-pack 4" Wave Petunias - White

There will be 10 plants of one colour. No mix and match.

37.00 CAD

Qty:



10-pack 4" Wave Petunias - Pink

There will be 10 plants of one colour. No mix and match.

37.00 CAD

Qty:



10-pack 4" Marigolds - Orange

There will be 10 plants of one colour. No mix and match.

30.00 CAD

Qty:



30L Premium Organic Potting Soil

Organic enriched soil enriched (Kelp, Glacial Rock Dust, etc)

14.00 CAD

Qty:



1.8kg Fertilizer Shaker - Veggie & Flower 10-15-19

Great add-on for all our plants!

17.00 CAD

Qty:

Total: 0.00 CAD

Payment Options
