



St. Francis De Sales Parish BULLETIN



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HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB



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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm - High River
Sunday 9:00 am - Vulcan
Sunday 11:00 am - High River

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

IV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28,
2024



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Deuteronomy 18: 15-20) Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see [Acts 3:22](#)). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see [Daniel 7:14, 27](#); [Revelation 12:10](#)), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 7:32-35) He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see [Exodus 31:12](#)).

Gospel: (Mark 1:21-28) Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see [Exodus 20:8-11](#); [31:12-17](#)), and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see [Deuteronomy 6:12-15](#)). On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil. <https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections> for more info.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

A certain Army man had been a heavy drinker for 35 years. For all those years he had been angry - angry at everyone and everything. Finally, he encountered Christ and his whole life changed.

He was speaking once before a group of medical people. He told them of his personality change, how he was now sober as he once had been drunk; considerate as he once had been severe; concerned for others as once he had been selfish and self-serving. A psychiatrist, who believed that personalities are so firmly set in early life that no one can change, protested to the Colonel that at his age a person could not have such a radical transformation.

"Well," replied the Colonel, "that may be true. But I am under new management - I answer to another authority - the highest and truest there is."

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

thank you

A huge "Thank You" to our Ministries of the Parish for the wonderful and dedicated job done through the Christmas Season!

**Decorating Team
Music Ministry
Audio/Visual
Hospitality
You are greatly appreciated!**



**Happy Feast Day
St. Francis de Sales!**

"Have patience to walk with short steps until you have wings to fly."

-St. Francis de Sales



Photo By: Roberto Castillo

Palms

We are collecting the palms for last year to burn for this year's Ash Wednesday. If you would like, please bring them in by Feb 7, 2024. You can bring them to the church office.

If you have any questions, please call or email Nancy in the church office at 403-652-2203 or francisdesales@shaw.ca

St. Andrew's Parish

On January 28, 2024, St. Andrew's Parish will be celebrating one of their long time Parishioner and CWL Member's **102nd Birthday**. After mass they are having a little celebration with her family and friends. **A big "Congratulations" and "Happy Birthday" to Margaret Shaw!**



"I confess that I am bewildered and lose myself at the thought of divine goodness, a sea without shore and fathomless, of god who calls me to an eternal rest after such short and tiny labours."

**—St. Aloysius
Gonzaga**

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Greeting Cards, Christmas Cards & Stamps!

Not sure what to do with your stack of greeting cards? Did you know the Diocesan Mission Council collects used and unused greeting cards for donation for their card making program, which supports Overseas missions, as well they collect used stamps.

All donations can be dropped off at **SFDS in the basket in the church hall.** If you have any questions, please call Nancy in the office, 403-652-2203, or email at francisdesaleshighriver.com



St. Francis de Sales Special Envelopes 2024

Saint Francis de Sales High River, AB

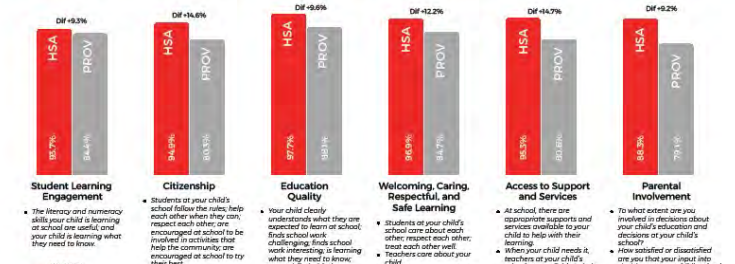
Welcome
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 Are you interested in: How did you hear about us?
 Learning more about our ministry? _____
 Having a visit from the pastor? _____
 Joining our church? _____

Initial Offering	White	January 01, 2024
New Year's Day	Gold	February 11, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Green	March 29, 2024
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	Buff	March 31, 2024
Easter	Pink	April 07, 2024
Together in Action	Blue	April 21, 2024
Good Shepherd Sunday	Yellow	May 05, 2024
The Pope's Pastoral Works	Yellow	May 12, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Green	June 02, 2024
Together in Action	Blue	June 09, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Green	August 11, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Green	September 01, 2024
World Mission Sunday	Green	September 08, 2024
Catholic Education Sunday	Yellow	October 20, 2024
Together in Action	Yellow	November 03, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Blue	November 10, 2024
Holy Childhood Sunday	Green	November 17, 2024
Christmas	Yellow	December 08, 2024
	Pink	December 25, 2024

Holy Spirit Academy 2022-2023 annual education results report
 An Overview of Our Performance

ALBERTA ASSURANCE ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS
 Alberta Education Assurance is a set of 12 performance measures calculated by Alberta Education for school and school boards across the province. Schools and school boards are evaluated based on achievement, improvement, and overall performance.



Click here for our full Annual Education Results Report

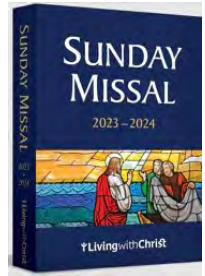
Faith Survey Results

- 98%** - Percentage of students, parents, and teachers who indicate that they are satisfied with the relationship that exists between the school and the local Catholic parish.
- 96%** - Percentage of students, parents and teachers who are satisfied with how they have grown as a Christian as a result of their involvement in Catholic education.
- 96%** - Percentage of students, parents and teachers who are satisfied with what is being taught in religious classes.
- 96%** - Percentage of students, parents and teachers who indicate they are satisfied with the religious celebrations that are held at the school.

Insights

- HSA showcases exceptional education quality, exceeding provincial averages in both the acceptable and excellence standards on achievement tests.
- Access to supports and services and providing a safe and caring learning environment are key components to student success at HSA.
- HSA continues to provide increased opportunities for parental involvement and new strategies for stakeholder communication.

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2024 Missals

The 2024 **Sunday Missals** are now available in the church hall. A donation is greatly appreciated

St. Francis de Sales 2024 Offering Envelopes
 Just a reminder that the 2024 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the church hall.

If you do not have an assigned envelope #, but would like one, Please contact Nancy in the church office by phone, **403-652-2203** or email francisdesales@shaw.ca

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Confession or Communion to the Homebound

If you are homebound and desiring to receive communion or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call the parish office at 403-652-2203 or email Father Marius at dzambel@me.com to request a visit. He will do his best to schedule a visit with you



"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world. Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever." Saint John Paul II



Sunday Offering

Did you know we now take Donations electronically!

You have the following options:

Direct Debit, Visa, Master Card. We also have E-transfer set up. The email address is

donation@francisdesaleshighriver.com

If you are interested in switching over to one of these payment methods, please call Nancy in the church office at 403-652-2203 or email her at francisdesales@shaw.ca



Adoration

Please join us for our Adoration after the 9:00 am mass on Thursdays, **from 9:45 am—9:00pm**. If you would like to come for an assigned time, please contact Nancy in the office at **403-652-2203** or email her at francisdesales@shaw.ca
All are welcome!

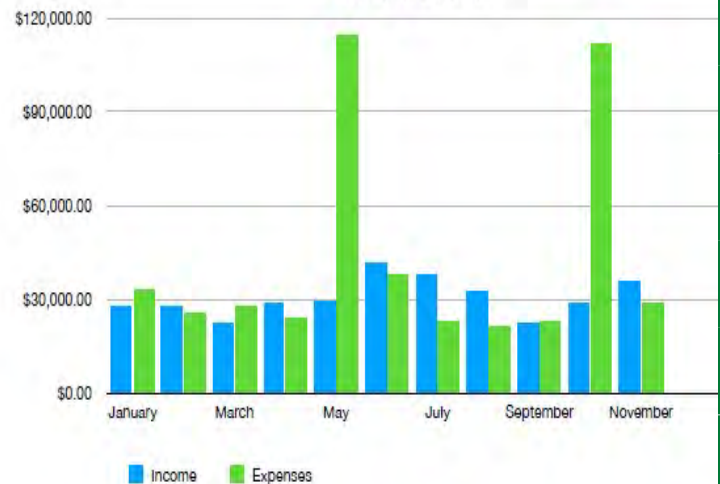
SFDS Financial Report January – November 2023

Monthly Financial Report

Summary by Category

Category	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$27,931.28	\$33,080.49	(\$5,149.21)
February	\$27,785.95	\$26,643.40	\$2,142.55
March	\$22,363.90	\$27,738.07	(\$5,374.17)
April	\$29,208.75	\$24,034.67	\$5,174.08
May	\$29,681.00	\$114,563.36	(\$84,872.36)
June	\$41,907.62	\$37,658.43	\$4,249.19
July	\$38,156.05	\$22,963.11	\$15,192.94
August	\$32,085.74	\$21,218.91	\$10,866.83
September	\$22,473.10	\$22,692.55	(\$219.45)
October	\$29,110.60	111,727.93	(\$82,617.33)
November	\$35,395.13	\$29,171.91	\$6,223.22
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$336,099.12	470482.83	-134383.71

Income vs. Expenses



SFDS HELPING HANDS

Report for the months of October–December 2023

The St. Francis de Sales Ministry has helped a total number of **14** people for the months of October to December 2023. We paid out a total of **\$7156.89** for bills, rent, or mortgages, as well we gave a total of **\$425.00** in fuel cards, and **\$2425.00** in grocery cards. We were also gifted **\$1500.00** in grocery cards from St. Vincent de Paul in Okotoks, and have given out **\$300.00** of that so far.

The total assistance we have given so far is **\$10,306.89**

It is rewarding to be able to assist these people who are genuinely struggling. The help we give is so appreciated. We try to listen and give help as much as we can as quickly as possible.



A huge **Thank You** to all those who have made a donation to this rewarding ministry.

“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”

~ St. Francis of Assisi



If you are in the hospital, and are **Roman Catholic**, please insure you or a family member contacts Nancy in the Church Office at 403-652-2203. This will ensure that you will be visited by the Priest or Pastoral Care Team.





MASS INTENTIONS

February 1– 29, 2024

February 1	9:15 am	Cathy Nesselbeck †
February 2	9:15 am	Cathie McNelis †
February 3	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Cathy Nesselbeck † Our Parish
February 4	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Haley Bateman
February 5	9:00 am	No Mass
February 6	7:00 pm	Alma Vandenweele †
February 7	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
February 8	9:15 am	Rena Morrison
February 9	9:15 am	John & Balida Hoffart †
February 10	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Danny & Mary Rehak † Besse Amores †
February 11	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	John MacDougall † Our Parish
February 12	9:00 am	No Mass
February 13	7:00 pm	SFDS CWL Sisters
February 14	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass (HR) Ash Wednesday Mass (Vulcan) Ash Wednesday Mass (HR)
February 15	9:15 am	Wendell & Noelle Hoffart
February 16	9:15 am	Tim McLean †
February 17	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jacob Fraser Theresa Fallows †
February 18	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Len Hickey †
February 19	9:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
February 20	7:00 pm	Paul & Suzanne Baxter
February 21	3:30 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Geraldine Gervais Godchildren of the Baldwin's
February 22	9:15 am	Hoffart Family †
February 23	9:15 am	Frank Charette †
February 24	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Barb Charette Alejandro & Vilma Zevallos †
February 25	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Richard Rappel †
February 26	9:00 am	Linda Dunstan †
February 27	7:00 pm	Cecilia Bleile †
February 28	4:00 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Cathy Nesselbeck † George & Antonina Sztuk †
February 29	9:15 am	Godparents of the Baldwin Children



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