



ROCKS



October
2023

Our Motto is **Learning to Love and Loving to Learn**



We are grateful at SPT. Refer to pg. 18 in your child's agendas and you will see ideas for showing gratitude..

Our school has been adopted by the Market Mall Chapters store in Calgary. All proceeds will to our One Book One Community Program. Thank you Market Mall!



ROCK TIME

Rock Time is our weekly assembly that happens the first day back from the weekend at 8:45 AM in our gym. You are welcome to join us.

This month we reflecting on these Gospel readings at Rock Time. These are all the Sunday Gospel Readings for October.

Matthew 21:28-32
Matthew 21:33-43
Matthew 22: 1-10
Matthew 22:15-21
Matthew 22: 34-40



Mark your Calendars



- Oct. 6 @ 9:00 Thanksgiving Prayer Service hosted by 2/3G in our Gathering Space ☀
- Oct. 9 Happy Thanksgiving - No School
- Oct. 20 No Busses Running, Fall Fundraiser forms due
- Oct. 23 No School - PD Day
- Oct. 25 & 26 @ 4-7 PM - Parent Teacher Interviews ☀
- Oct. 25-Nov. 1 - Book Fair
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parties begin at 1:00, Costume Parade 2:30 in the Gym ☀

At SPT

- Our 4/5 School Choir has begun. They practice every Wednesday and share their talents at Rock Time and at the Youth Mass at St. Augustine Church on the first Sunday of every month. Thank you to Ms. Gross for leading this.
- We love Halloween but we do have rules when it comes to costume choice:
 - No Blood and No Gore
 - No toy weapons
 - Thanks for your consideration



Attention all Farmers....please send pictures of your child with your crop to Mrs. Nevil asap. We want to appreciate you this month because it is Thank a Farmer Month.



SPT FOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 10TH-20TH

PLEASE BRING A
NONPERISHABLE FOOD
ITEM TO DONATE

ALL FOOD DONATED WILL
GO TO THE TABER FOOD
BANK



THE SPT CLASS WITH THE HEAVIEST AMOUNT OF
FOOD DONATED WILL RECEIVE A PIZZA PARTY
FOR THEIR CLASS!!

NUT FREE ZONE



This includes
any foods with
peanuts or
tree nuts.

THANK YOU FOR
HELPING US KEEP
EVERYONE SAFE!

SPT

The Scholastics Book Fair is
coming to St. Patrick School.
More details will be sent out on
SPACES in the coming days.

Please note:

The Book Fair will be
open late on
October 25th & 26th during the
Parent Teacher Interviews
(More details on
Parent/Teacher Interviews to
follow from your child's
teacher.

October 25 to November 1

BOOK FAIR

School Council News:

The next school council meeting will be held on
Thursday, November 2nd @ 3:45 PM.

Upcoming Important School Council Dates:

- October 18, 2023 – Deadline to order November Hot Lunches (Order via SchoolCashOnline)
- October 20, 2023 – Deadline to order Potatoes/Onions Fall Fundraiser (SchoolCashOnline or paper forms) (Parent letter went home with all students.)
- October 25, 2023 – Dairy Queen Hot Lunch Day (these orders were due on September 19th)
- November 2, 2023 – School Council Meeting at 3:45 PM at St. Patrick School
- November 3, 2023 – Fall Fundraiser pick up between 10 AM – 2 PM

Introducing our School Council:



Dionne McCracken – Chair

Hello there,

My name is Dionne McCracken. I am the new Executive Chair on the School Council Board. I am so excited to work closely with our SPT family. I live in the town of Taber with my husband Cole and our two children; Briggs who is in Grade 1 with Mrs. French and Collins who is currently in her second year of Pre-K with Mrs. Utke. We are a sports family who has a love for hockey, baseball, dirt biking and gymnastics. I have a diploma in Special Needs and currently work as a Licensed Realtor in Southern AB. I sit on the Taber Minor Hockey board as well as the Taber Minor Baseball board. I am looking forward to my new role as Chair and can't wait to have a fantastic year with everyone.

Karly Woof – Vice Chair

Hi! My name is Karly Woof. I am the new Vice-Chair and am excited for my role on school council. My husband, Allan and I have two children. Our daughter, Kali is in her second year of Pre-K and our son, Jett is almost two years old! We love to camp and spending our time outdoors. I am a Chartered Professional Accountant and work full time at a public firm in Taber. I love being able to be a part of the community and can't wait to see what the year will bring at SPT!



Amanda Feldbusch – Treasurer

My name is Amanda Feldbusch and I will be your new School Council Treasurer. I am pumped to work with our community and help where I can. I was born and raised in Taber and at that time attended SPT. We moved back to Taber last year and have enjoyed it all. With my husband, Cody, and our two kiddos we live just outside of Taber. Cooper is 7 and in grade 2/3 with Mrs. Gutfriend and Samantha is 5 and in Kindergarten with Ms. Sergio. As a family we enjoy everything from dance and hockey to camping and rodeo/horse riding. Who doesn't love some fresh air! During the week you can find me at ATB Financial where I am an Agricultural Relationship Manager in the South part of the province. I have enjoyed helping producers for almost 15 years. As well I have been on the board for the Taber Exhibition Association for the last year and going into my second year. I am looking forward to being part of your School Council and can't wait to meet everyone. Here is to a great 23/24 School Year!!"

Stephanie Van Haarst – Fundraising Coordinator

Hi My name is Stephanie van Haarst and I have been on School Council for 3 years. I am a Farmwife and Stay at home Mom to 4 beautiful children.



Kasey Petrie – Secretary

Hey!

My name is Kasey Petrie. I recently joined school council and sit on the executive board as Secretary. I grew up in Taber and have stayed here to raise my own family. I live on an acreage outside of Taber with my husband Corey and our two boys; Rowen (4) and Wyatt (1). We love to do anything outdoors; camping, boating, ATV and much more! My background is spent in Early Childhood Education and have been a part of boards in the community. I am excited to join SPT school council.

Cayden Turcato

Hi! My name is Cayden Turcato. I'm excited to be a part of the school council this year & help out anyway I can. My husband Travis and I have two kiddos, Everett is in his second year of Pre-k and Lennox just started her first year of Pre-k. We might just be starting out here, but already feel so much a part of the St. Pats family. Besides being a mom & a farm wife, I work part time at the clinic. We love spending our free time together and usually doing something outside. I can't wait to see what this next year bring for the St. Pats community!



Codi Gouw

Hello!

My name is Codi Gouw. This is my first year on the SPT school council. I live on a farm outside of Taber with my husband Taylor and our two boys; Grayson who is 6 and Callen who is 3. We are a busy sports family and spend our extra time outdoors!

I work for Baker Hughes as an office administrator. I am excited to join SPT school council.



Additionally, **Amanda Cornet & Shantel Payne** are assisting with coordinating Hot Lunch dates. They have been involved with school council for a few years.



PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Wednesday, November 01, 2023
Retake Day! St. Patrick School



Picture Re-Take Day is coming up on Wednesday, November 1st. Any students who were absent on Thursday, October 5th during our first picture day will automatically be added to the list to have their photo taken on November 1st.

The students who had their photo take on October 5th will be receiving their photo proof sheet in the next week or so. Once you receive the proof, let the school office know if you would like your child to have their photo retaken. Please send the proof sheet with your child including a note on how you would like the photo to be improved during retake day. Please contact our school office if you have any questions or concerns.



Important Reminders:

Late or Absent Students – Please call our school office by 9:00 AM if your child will be late or absent from school! Our phone number is 403-223-3352.

Agenda Notes – The agenda is an important communication tool between home and the school. If there are any changes in your child's schedule, a change in bus/kidzone schedule, or a change in who is picking up your child, please make note in your child's agenda. If the change occurs during the day, give our school office a call and we will pass on the message to the classroom.

Picking up Students During School Hours – Parents, if you are picking up your child during school hours, please check-in at our office to sign out your child. While signing out, the office will contact your child's homeroom teacher to have your child sent down to the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation by helping us to continue to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all of our students.

Medical Notes/ Medication – If your child needs to take medication at school, please see Mrs. Mankow in the office to fill out the required paperwork. Additionally, please keep us updated on any allergies or medical changes the school should be aware of.

Microwave Use at Nutrition Times – We have two 15-minute Nutrition Breaks for our students to eat and the entire school eats at the same time. Due to the limited time please send your child with lunches that do not require a microwave. This will ensure that all students will have ample time to eat their lunch. More time will be provided in class for those students who need to eat more.

Milk and Juice Program - We are excited to be offering our chocolate milk and juice program again this year. The program will be run by our Grade 5 students with the help of Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Wickson. Chocolate milk and juice will be available for purchase during the 1st Nutrition Break. Milk cards can be purchased at the office or on SchoolCashOnline. **If you pay for a card online, please have your child come to the school office to request the card. Thank you.**

We have two types of cards available:

- 1) \$10 punch card valid for 10 individual milk/juice purchases
- 2) \$20 punch card valid for 20 individual milk/juice purchases.

If you don't want to purchase a punch card, students are also able to purchase milk or juice individually. Each drink is \$1.00

*****Proceeds from the milk program supplement our breakfast program and Grade 5 Farewell. *****



Stay Connected:

Check out our school website: spt.holyspirit.ab.ca

School Calendar: spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/calendars

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[@spttaber](https://www.instagram.com/spttaber)



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Board Briefs:

Each month, the School Division Trustees publish a summary of their meetings:

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

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Breakfast Program Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♥	♥ ² Granola Bar Fruit	♥ ³ Cereal milk Fruit	♥ ⁴ Baked apple + oat crisp Vegetable	♥ ⁵ Toast with Jam Vegetable	♥ ⁶ Crackers Cheese Fruit	♥
♥	♥ ⁹ Thanksgiving Day No School	♥ ¹⁰ Cereal milk Fruit	♥ ¹¹ Cookie Vegetable	♥ ¹² Yogurt Parfait	♥ ¹³ Smoothie Day!	♥
♥	♥ ¹⁶ Granola Bar Fruit	♥ ¹⁷ Cereal milk Fruit	♥ ¹⁸ Egg Wraps Vegetable	♥ ¹⁹ Toast w/ Jam Fruit	♥ ²⁰ Yogurt Parfait	♥
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♥	♥	Notes: We are NUT FREE AT SPT!				

October

Build! Pilgrims of Hope



*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good."*

1 Corinthians 12:7

Saint Marguerite d'Youville 1701-1771 (Feast Day: October 16)

St. Marguerite d'Youville is the first native-born Canadian to become a canonized saint in the Catholic Church. She was born just outside of Montreal in 1701 into a growing family, but at the age of seven, her father died, which left the family impoverished. She left school to help work and take care of the family, and later married Francois d'Youville. Her marriage and family life were challenging; Francois was a dishonest businessman and did not care deeply for Marguerite, and four of their six children passed away at young ages. Upon Francois' death in 1730, a priest told Marguerite:

"Console yourself, Madame, God has destined you for great works,
and you will rebuild a crumbling house."

Despite all of the sadness and challenges of her early life, Marguerite was convinced of God's presence in her life, and sought to make real to others his compassionate love. In 1737, Marguerite and some other women established a home for the poor in Montreal. Over time, the group became a religious order and took over the General Hospital in Montreal. The Grey Nuns, as they were commonly known, cared for the elderly, the ill, and the poor of the surrounding communities, and eventually spread to nearly every continent to feed the hungry and serve the common good.

"Building" In Our Schools

This year, the call in our Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Faith Plan is to *Build!* St. Patrick Fine Arts is celebrating all the ways community members can *build* others up through their words and actions. Students are encouraged to fill out a "Project BUILD Slip" when they've experienced or seen a kind word or action and place it in the "Project BUILD Box". During morning announcements, the slips are read as an encouragement to all, that we are created with a purpose and a calling to build God's Kingdom through service to others.



Corporal Works of Mercy

— Feed the Hungry —

So many people in our communities and world do not have enough food to eat. As we enjoy Thanksgiving this month, it is a good time to pause and reflect on how we may be blinded to our own waste or excess. On top of hunger, we also know about the expansion and impact of food insecurity. According to a Caritas study, only 19% of countries worldwide have full food security, and inside those we know that experiences vary drastically. As Pope Francis said,

"Consumerism has led us to become used to an excess and daily waste of food, to which, at times, we are no longer able to give a just value, which goes well beyond mere economic parameters. We should all remember, however, that throwing food away is like stealing from the tables of the poor, the hungry!"

What might some practical suggestions be?

- See to the proper nutrition of your loved ones
- Support and volunteer for food pantries, soup kitchens, and agencies that feed the hungry
- Make a few sandwiches to hand out as you walk through areas where you might encounter people in need
- Educate yourself about world hunger
- Avoid wasting food
- Share your meals with others

Pope's Prayer Intentions - For the Synod - Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries.

Catholic Social Teaching

— Common Good —

Through the course of this year, we will look each month at one of the Catholic Social Teachings. The aim of Catholic Social Teaching is to shine the light of the Gospel on our contemporary world, allowing us as disciples of Christ to look at the world around us with new eyes, and to take action.

All of the Catholic Social Teachings are embedded in our relationship with God and others. Because we each have inherent dignity, being created in the image and likeness of God, we are called to live, learn, and work together in community. We are built for relationship, in the same way that our triune God is a relationship. The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that: "The good of each individual is necessarily related to the common good...The common good concerns the life of all."

There are three main elements required for the common good:

(1) Respect for the person; (2) Social well-being and development; and (3) peace. Lastly, "The dignity of the human person requires the pursuit of the common good. Everyone should be concerned to create and support institutions that improve the conditions of human life." (CCC 1905-1926)

As we build our societies, we are called to organize in ways that promote human dignity, and consider what is good for all human persons.

Resources:

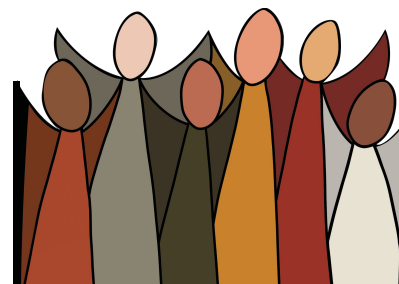
[The Common Good](#) (The Religion Teacher)

[The Common Good](#) (Caritas Australia)

[What exactly is the Common Good](#)
(Duquesne University)

[The Common Good](#) (CAFOD)

*"The Lord calls us to share in his work of creation and to contribute
to the common good by using the gifts we have received."* (Christus Vivit 253)



Gospel Readings

October 1, 2023



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

"Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." — Philippians 2:3-4

In my family it is not always easy to think of others before myself. There are many days that I just want to do my own thing, and maybe even be left alone. But today's scripture tells me not to be selfish—thinking only of myself—but to consider others as more important than what I want. Jesus taught us the same thing when he gave us the two great commandments. He told us to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength. He also taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves. This sounds easier than it is sometimes, but if we ask the Lord to help us, he always will.

What are some ways I can put others in my family first?



Prayer:

Lord, please teach me how to love those around me in a self-sacrificing way. As I do, I know I will grow closer to you.



October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

"...whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." — Philippians 4:8

There are many ways for us to be entertained these days: video games, movies, books, social media, television, and much more. It can be difficult sometimes to decide what we should and should not be taking in. Are all of these activities making me a better person? Today's scripture helps us to have a holy focus. If we apply what it is telling us about being true, honorable, just, pure...then the things we use to entertain ourselves will help us grow closer to the Lord, not farther away from him.

Are you aware of any entertainment your family engages in that God may not like? What is it?
Can you substitute other activities that are more in line with today's scripture?

Prayer:

*Dear Lord, help me to always be thoughtful about the things I let into my heart and mind.
May they always be things that will cause me to praise you.*



Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) - Saint Marguerite d'Youville



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Gospel Readings

October 15, 2023



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

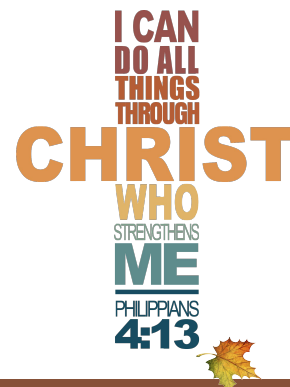
"I can do all things in him who strengthens me." — Philippians 4:13

There are times when a task makes me feel overwhelmed. I talk myself out of being able to even try it. I put it off until I convince myself that I can't do it. Today's scripture gives us hope that because we are children of God we can do ANYTHING because it is Christ who gives us what we need to do the task before us. When we feel defeated, we simply need to remind ourselves of the grace we received at baptism. Jesus is on our side, and he makes us stronger!

Name some times that you felt defeated, then asked God to help you.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for your overflowing grace that makes use strong, even when we feel down. Your love and grace are never ending.



October 22, 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers." — 1 Thessalonians 1:2

It is common that people turn to God in their need, asking for help and for God to fix bad things. But today's scripture encourages us to always give thanks to God in prayer, for the good things and even the bad. Most especially, remember to pray for others and their needs. It can be a blessing to others to have someone praying for them, even if they are not aware of it. They may feel a little happier the day you pray for them, without knowing why. You could consider yourself a "secret agent of prayer" working for God.

Who are some of the people you can pray for on a regular basis?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, we thank you for all the special people you have put into our lives. Please bless them in a special way today.



October 29, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." — Matthew 22:37

I really love watching TV. I also really love eating ice cream. I especially love getting presents. But this kind of love always leaves me wanting more and never feeling satisfied. Jesus gave us hints of how we could be truly fulfilled, by turning our focus to God and giving him all the love we have inside ourselves. By giving God all the love we have inside of us, we are able to give him the credit he deserves for all the good things in our lives, which in turn can also help us appreciate them more. What an awesome God we have, so deserving of all our love.

What are some things that you "love" that can get in the way of your love for God?

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for loving me more than I could ever understand. Please help me to love you with all the love I have, to show you how glad I am to be your child.

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Sources:

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[Practical Suggestions for Practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy](#)

