

PENITENTIAL SERVICES (7:00 p.m.)

Tues., Dec. 10th – OLPH, Sherwood Park

Wed., Dec. 11th – Sacred Heart, Wetaskiwin

Thurs., Dec 12th – St. Maria Goretti, Devon

Tuesday, Dec. 17th – St. Vital, Beaumont

Advent

Suggestions of some family traditions to consider to help prepare for Christmas

Take the time to have quiet and reflective family prayer.

- Weekly reflection around the Advent wreath. Arrange the candles in a circle with evergreen boughs. Light the purple candles on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of Advent. Light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent and the white candle at Christmas.
- Randomly pick names in your family and offer up daily prayers for that person throughout the Advent season.
- Have a family Advent calendar and allow the children to alternate days for eating the chocolate.
- Although Advent is not a season of penance, reconciliation (through penance services and personal celebration of the sacrament) finds a special place in the season.
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament is celebrated as we prepare a welcome for the Lord and seek to approach his coming with hearts free of sin and filled with praise.
- Advent offers us a time to unite as Church and also within our larger communities. Family acts of service allow us the opportunity to reach out to others in need.

A VOTE A DAY WILL HELP ALL KIDS PLAY!

PLEASE VOTE the Saint Andre Playground Project for the Aviva Community Fund! December 2-11, 2013

We have a 1 in 10 chance of winning 5,000.00 and a 1 in 30 chance of winning 150,000.00 for our playground. The only way we can be eligible to win this money is to be TOP 10 in this online voting competition. THIS IS THE LAST ROUND OF VOTING and we are only up against 30 other competitors in our budget category.

PLEASE HELP US by registering your email address on the Aviva Community Fund website. **Vote every day from December 2-11. EVERYONE can vote, even kids!** Sign them up with an email address and help them vote every day. **Share our nomination with others. This playground will serve not only the students of Saint-Andre, but also the neighbouring school (Ecole Dansereau Meadows School) and be the first playground in this new area of town.** EVERYONE in our community wins when we can access money for projects such as these from outside sources. Playgrounds are NOT covered in the capital budget for new schools. Parent and Community groups are responsible for raising these funds on their own. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT and be ready to VOTE on Monday!

Beaumont Columbus Alberta Association Potluck Supper

on Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Swiss Men's Choir will be providing an evening of singing in several languages on **Thursday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church. All are welcome, admission is free, but donations to Christmas Elves is appreciated. Refreshments will be served in the Church basement after the performance.

Project Santa Clara 2013 Workbee after the 11:00 a.m. this Sunday

2014 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics

Illustrated **Sunday Missals** are available to parishioners at a cost of \$10.00 per copy. These user friendly missals are great for young Catholics of **ALL** ages and make a great gift.

PLEASE pick up your 2014 Donation Envelopes at the back of the Church. If you have not used donation envelopes previously and would like a set please contact the parish office or fill out the parish registration indicating that you would like a set.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAR MAGNETS

Our Lady of the Hill K of C council are selling “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” Car magnets. They are available in both French and English and are a great way to spread the message as we come closer to the Christmas Season. At a cost of just \$5.00 each, they are durable, attractive and will last for years. They will be available at the back of the church. For more info, call Joe @780-929-6056.

Christmas Pageant practice after the 11:00 a.m. mass on December 1st.

The Pageant will take place BEFORE the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass, at 5:40

Please contact Teresa Ruzycki if you are interested! 780-929-9862 or campbell22@shaw.ca

A Christmas Karol

You are invited to travel back in time to the original story of Christmas and witness the exciting events from the Gospel of Luke in “A Christmas Karol: Karol Wojtyla 2013 Nativity Play.” This theatre experience for the whole family is set for **Sunday, December 1**, at 2 p.m. in the John L. Haar Theatre at MacEwan University west campus, 10045 – 156 Street. Tickets are \$11 per person. To reserve, contact Tix on the Square at 780-420-1757 or email Jewell@hushmail.com. And remember the hungry – bring a non-perishable food item.

