



# Newsletter February 2026

## **We Are Family at St. Joseph School**

Family connects us to where we have come from and guides us toward who we are becoming. The experiences children have in their early years shape not only their learning, but also their character, confidence, and sense of identity. At St. Joseph School, we recognize that families come in many forms, and each one brings unique strengths, traditions, and hopes. What unites all families is a shared commitment to caring for one another, growing together, and nurturing common values.

Every child has a deep need to belong: to feel known, valued, and accepted. That sense of belonging begins in the family and grows outward into the school and wider community. Within the family, children first learn how to treat others, how to respond to challenges, and how to see themselves in the world. Families are a child's first and most important teachers, shaping the values that stay with them for life.

Strong family bonds provide a safe and steady foundation. When children know they are supported, they develop the courage to try new things, the confidence to persevere, and the belief that they can overcome difficulties. In family life, and in our school family, we also nurture kindness, teaching children to care for others and notice when someone needs support. Through shared experiences, children learn respect: for themselves, for others, and for the world around them. And in recognizing that we all grow and learn together, we practice humility, understanding that everyone has strengths and everyone has areas to develop.

The simple traditions of daily life help build this foundation. Celebrating liturgies, gathering for holidays, sharing meals, reading stories, and keeping consistent routines all provide children with a sense of security and warmth. These moments create lasting memories and help shape a positive path forward. They remind children that they are part of something bigger than themselves, a family and a community that walks together in faith and care.

At St. Joseph School, we strive to authentically live our motto: We Are Family. Staff, students, and parents work in partnership to model and strengthen the values of courage, kindness, humility, and respect. These are the qualities that tell our story to the wider community and guide how we learn, play, solve problems, and support one another.

February is a short but very full month at SJS, with many activities and an exciting basketball season underway, please see the google calendar for more details. Family Week will be celebrated from Monday, February 16 to Friday, February 20, a special time to recognize and appreciate the important role families play in our lives and in our school community.

Remember, at St. Joseph School, we are partners in supporting your child. There is no challenge we cannot work through together — because at SJS, We Are Family.

Sincerely,

Brent Christensen  
*Principal*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Youth Led Mass</b> 4:00pm	2 <b>3:45pm Practice</b> Monday & Wednesday The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring	3	4 <b>Winter Walk</b> HOT CHOCOLATE to follow CCH Grade 9 East Parent Mtg @ 7pm	5 <b>Grades 6-9 Mass</b> 8:45am-9:45am  CCH Grade 9 West Parent Mtg @ 7pm	6 <b>Team Canada Day</b>  JV Boys League Tournament @ PBHS JV Girls League Tournament @ St. Catherine	7
8 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 <b>3:45pm Practice</b> Mon., Wed., & Friday The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring	10 CANTEEN CLOSED Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch	11 CANTEEN CLOSED Taco in a Bag 	12 <b>School Wide Mass</b> 8:45am-9:45am  Lenten Food Drive Begins	13 <b>SPIRIT DAY</b> Wear PINK, WHITE & RED  DELIVER of CRUSH Pop 	14
15 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 <i>Family Day</i> 	17	18  <b>Ash</b> Wednesday	19-21 <b>Reading Week Break</b> No School for Students - February 16-20, 2026		
22 1st Sunday Of Lent	23 <b>3:45pm Practice</b> Mon., Wed., & Friday The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring	24 CANTEEN CLOSED Safeway Hot Lunch	25 <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>  Board Meeting	26 <b>Grades 1-3 Mass</b> 8:45am-9:45am  Kindergarten Field Trip	27	28



## February Athletic Report

As we enter the last week of January, our basketball teams are starting to prepare for the final league tournaments. The month of January has seen a very hectic schedule of practices, games and tournaments for all of our teams. I would like to commend our athletes for all of their effort and dedication these last few months and I wish them all the best in their upcoming tournaments, they have represented St. Joseph School very well! I would also like to thank our coaches, staff liaisons, scorekeepers and referees for everything they have done to ensure that our athletes have the opportunity to compete and improve their skills. Our teams have experienced both wins and losses but the most important part of playing sports is having fun, competing with your teammates and learning and growing as an athlete and an individual. I would also like to recognize the many other athletes we have in our school, who play sports outside of school sports. These athletes balance a busy athletic schedule with their school schedule and show a commitment to both sport and academics. Whether it be hockey, dance, club volleyball or basketball or other sports, I would like to recognize their dedication and hard work. I look forward to this coming month and wish all of our athletes the best of luck!

Sincerely,

Bruce Gal



“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.”

(GALATIANS 5:22-23)

## Parable Conversations

“How does St. Bernadette show us that God can use ordinary people and simple beginnings to do great things?”

Think about how her faith started small but grew into something that reached the whole world.”

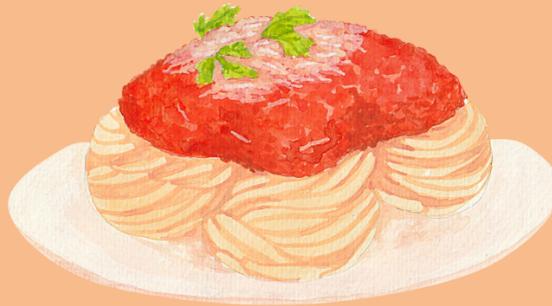




Musical Performance  
by Father Paolo Cervantes



Valentine



Spaghetti Supper

Sponsored by St. Ambrose Church Hall Committee  
Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Joseph School,  
1413 23 Avenue, Coaldale AB

Tickets: \$50/ Family, \$30 Adult, \$10 Children  
Under 6 FREE

*Come enjoy the artistic talent of Father Paolo!*

Doors open at 4:30pm

Tickets available from Tracey Nadeau: 403-393-4381  
Ellen Wagner: 403-634-7677

## St. Ambrose Mass Times

### Mass

Sunday ..... 9 am & 4 pm

Mon & Thur.....8:45 am

Tuesday..... 6 pm

Saturday ..... 5 pm

(starting Aug 30th)

### Adoration

Friday..... 1st Friday 9am-1pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday ....3:30-4:30 pm

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### Sunny South Lodge

Mass—starting Sept.

1st & 3rd Thur at 2:30 pm

## St. Ambrose Parish

1513 - 23 Avenue, Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2

website—[www.stambroseparish.ca](http://www.stambroseparish.ca)

email—[office@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:office@stambroseparish.ca)

## St. Ambrose Office Hours

Tuesday ... 9 am-4:30 pm

Thursday.. 9 am-4:30 pm

Friday..... 10 am-4:30 pm

Phone: 403-345-3400

After hours / emergency

Fr. Iqbal: 587-434-1937

Pastor—Fr. Iqbal Khurshid: [pastor@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:pastor@stambroseparish.ca)

Deacon—Peter Lilienthal: [deacon@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:deacon@stambroseparish.ca)

## Ash Wednesday

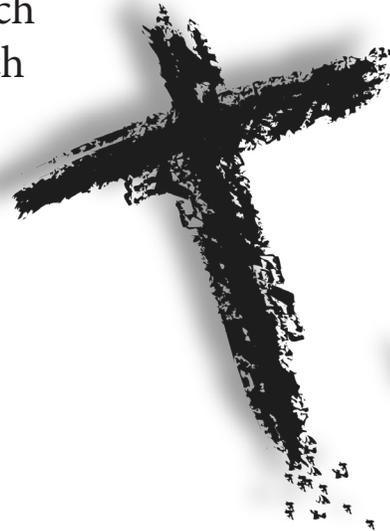
St. Ambrose Church

St. Catherine Church

## Mass

8:45am St. Catherine Church

6:00pm St. Ambrose Church



# Ash Wednesday

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:29)

# SCHOOL COUNCIL

## CORNER

FEB 2026

### Who we are

#### Positions

Chair - Amanda Webster

Vice Chair - Amanda Bohner

Secretary - Lacie Terpstra

#### What we do

We are a group of dedicated individuals that work along the school to enhance a healthy parent/school relationship. Everyone is welcome to attend our bi-monthly meetings and share feedback and ideas. Your input matters and we would love to see you at our next meeting.

### More Information

#### Jaguar Key Rings - School Fundraiser

Our school is running a key ring fundraiser. Each key ring features the St Joes Jaguar logo and comes in 3 different color styles. \$2 from every one sold will be going to the school to help pay for field trips, and needed supplies. To purchase yours today, scan the QR code below.



#### ~ Lending Library~

We are continuing our School Council Lending Library. The Library will be available to borrow from during Office hours each month. We will have a variety of books based on Parenting topics.

### Upcoming Events

#### Hot Lunch - Volunteer Opportunity

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> is our next Hot Lunch date and it will be Taco in a bag.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the cooking and serving. If you are interested in helping please contact us or the School Administrative Staff. These in house hot lunches take a little more effort so we could really use some extra hands to help make it a smooth and enjoyable process for all.

#### Our Next Meeting

MARCH 17th

6:30 pm

@ St. Joes School

#### Contact Info

Email: [sjsc.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sjsc.parentcouncil@gmail.com)

Phone: (403)345-3373  
(Office will relay the message to us)



**\$8**  
each

# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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will be donated to the

school for field trips

and supplies

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