



# Welcome

to all our visitors and fellow parishioners!

Please contact the PARISH OFFICE if you have any questions or would like to register with the parish.

LET US PRAY FOR ALL WHO SUFFER IN BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT: THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT MAY RESTORE THEM TO THE FULLNESS OF LIFE AND HEALTH, ESPECIALLY:

Donna Bidochka,  
Ihor Buhrak,  
Gracie Davies,  
Sandra Diachuk,  
Franz Englberger,  
Brenda Foster,  
Robert Gibbons,  
Melva Hossay,  
Helen Kisilevich,  
Charlene Kobelsky,  
Joan McInnis,  
Mario Papa,  
Keith Pettigrew,  
Taron Spate,  
COVID sufferers, and  
the residents of our  
lodges and care-  
homes.

### SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER:

**FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS:** We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**We continue to pray for:** the needs of all parishioners of St. Martin of Tours, Holy Heart of Mary and St. Gregory the Great, and especially the aging, the elderly, the sick and the suffering.

**And continue to pray for** the Holy perseverance of the Seminarians and clergy in our Archdiocese.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Friday, Sept. 1	Vegreville	†Jim Sokalski
Saturday, Sept. 2	Vegreville	†James Sokalski
	Holden	Special Intentions
Sunday, Sept. 3	Viking	MPOG
	Vegreville	
Wednesday, Sept. 6	Vegreville	†Peter Blyschuk Jr.
Saturday, Sept. 9	Vegreville	Phyllis Dubuc
	Holden	MPOG

**THE THEME FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

*"Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*  
Matthew 5:16

### A HARVEST PRAYER

Gracious and Holy God,  
We thank you for the bounty of the land  
and for those who plant and harvest  
that the world might be fed.

We are grateful for the harvest that has  
been successfully and safely completed.  
And, we pray that you graciously watch over  
those farmers yet to complete their harvest.  
Grant them favorable weather conditions and keep them safe.

Where there is anxiety, give peace.  
Where there is depression, restore hope.  
Where there is economic uncertainty, grant protection.

Life-giving God, we trust in your faithfulness  
and your promise to abide with us always.  
So, we are bold to pray that joy and  
gladness be restored to our orchards and farms and ranches.

We pray in the name of Jesus, in whom we  
have our hope and salvation. Amen.

### A Prayer for the New School Year

Dear Heavenly Father,  
As we begin this new school year, we  
gather before you with grateful  
hearts. Bless our teachers, staff, and  
students with wisdom, guidance, and a  
love for learning. Keep us safe and  
united as we grow and discover  
together. May this year be filled with  
growth, success, and joy.

In your name, we pray. Amen.

### DID YOU KNOW...

Jeremiah is known as  
"the weeping  
prophet" because of  
his great sorrow over  
the destruction of  
his people.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  
I Thessalonians 4.13-18  
Luke 4.16-30

Tuesday:  
I Thessalonians 5.1-6,9-11  
Luke 4.31-37

Wednesday:  
Colossians 1.1-8  
Luke 4.38-44

Thursday:  
Colossians 1.9-14  
Luke 5.1-11

Friday:  
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast  
Romans 8.28-30  
Matthew 1.1-16, 18-23

Saturday:  
Colossians 1.21-23  
Luke 6.1-5

Sunday:  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Ezekiel 33.7-9  
Romans 13.8-10  
Matthew 18.15-20

### Attention Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers! Did you know that St. Martin's Catholic School offers a Pre-Kindergarten program?

Pre-Kindergarten is an excellent bridge into the primary years program.  
The children will experience a play based learning environment while  
celebrating school Masses, Liturgies and other religious celebrations. These  
students also participate in library classes, Christmas concerts, School Spirit  
days and have school photos!



**New this year is the reduced cost of \$125/  
month.**



**Call the School now to register.**

We are also excited to announce that we are expanding our  
second language studies at St. Martin's. Not only do we offer  
French as a second language but we will also offer **Ukrainian  
language and culture classes in the Fall of 2023.** Program is  
subject to minimum enrollment numbers being met. Please call  
the school office to have your questions answered, or  
to arrange a tour to find out more.

St. Martin's School Office Hours: 8:15-3:15 M-F, 780-632-2266.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2023

	<u>Collections/Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Surplus (Deficit)</u>
APRIL	\$ 20,528.24	\$ 15,074.15	\$ 5,454.09
MAY	\$ 10,080.20	\$ 10,763.19	\$ (678.99)
JUNE	\$ 13,529.00	\$ 11,109.96	\$ 2,419.04

## SACRAMENTS:

### INFANT BAPTISM:

It may be scheduled to take place during Mass or outside of Mass. Please contact the office for a registration form. Bring the child's government issued Birth Registration for documentation. First time parents must complete the Baptism Preparation Course before baptism can take place. Please contact the parish office for more information.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION/ FIRST COMMUNION/ CONFIRMATION:

Please contact the office for more details and to register your child

### MARRIAGE:

Please contact the office at least 6 months prior to setting a date.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

All monetary donations and non-perishable food items are gratefully accepted and greatly needed.

Items such as canned goods (beans, fish, meat, soup, fruit, vegetables), pancake mix, cold cereal, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, and healthy school snacks, need to be replenished.

Donations may be dropped off at church before Mass or during office hours.

COLLECTION IS ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. Thank you for your generous contributions

## Roman Catholic Churches of St. Martin of Tours, Holy Heart of Mary, and St. Gregory the Great

### St. Martin of Tours

5437 43 Street  
Vegreville, AB T9C 1C8  
Phone: (780) 632-3272  
Toll free: (866) 632-3272  
Fax: (780) 632-3303

### Website:

StMartinofTours.caedm.ca

### Email:

StMartinTours.Vegreville@caedm.ca

### Weekend Mass Times:

Saturdays: 4:30 pm

Sundays: 11:00 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 4:30-5:00 pm

Saturdays 3:15-4:15 pm

or by appointment

### Pastor:

*Father Robert Lee*

### Administrative Assistants:

*Amanda Warkentin*

*Gyna Quintos*

### Office Hours:

*Monday - 9:30am-1:30pm*

*Tuesday - Friday: 10am - 3pm*

### In case of an emergency:

*please contact the office:*

*780-632-3272 or*

*after hours call*

*780-632-7454.*

### Holy Heart of Mary

5208 53 Avenue Viking, AB

### Mailing Address:

Box 274 Viking, AB ToB 4No

Phone: (780) 336-3382

### Email:

HolyHeartofMary.Viking@caedm.ca

### Weekend Mass Time:

Sundays: 9:00 am

### St. Gregory the Great

4824 49 Avenue, Holden, AB

### Mailing Address:

Box 274 Viking, AB ToB-4No

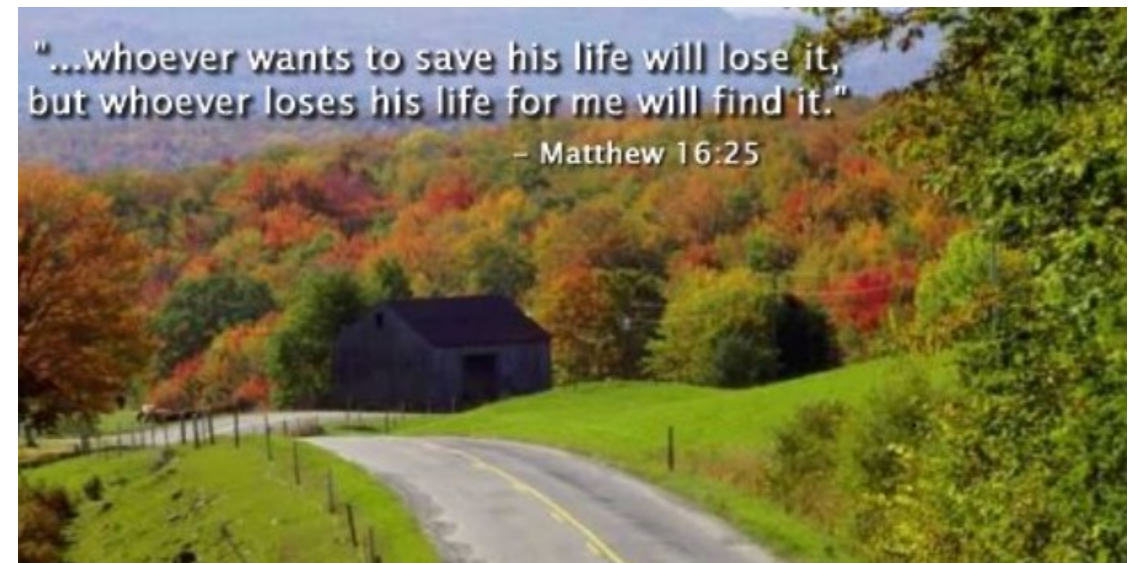
### Weekend Mass Time:

Saturdays: 6:30 pm

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"...whoever wants to save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for me will find it."

- Matthew 16:25



September 3, 2023