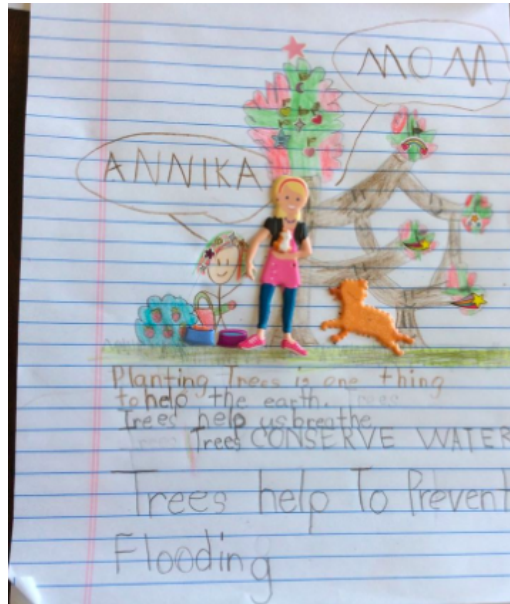
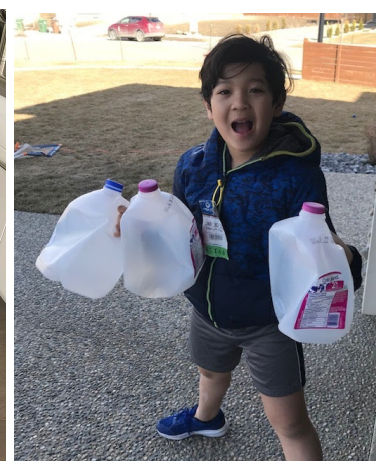


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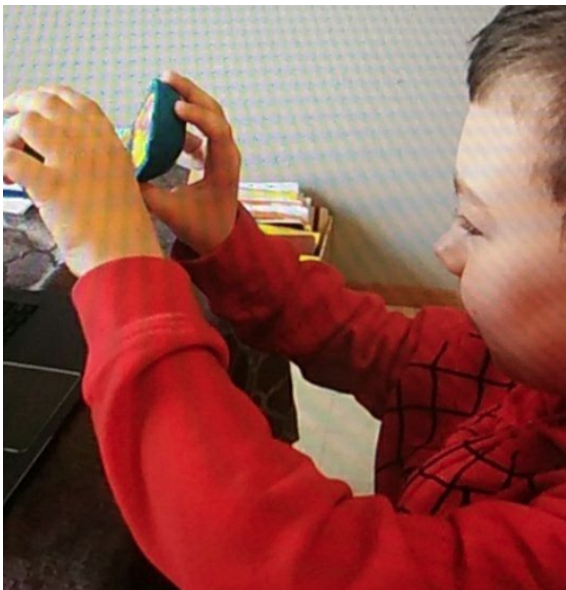
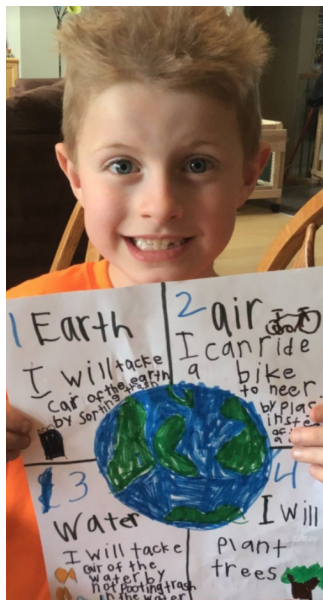
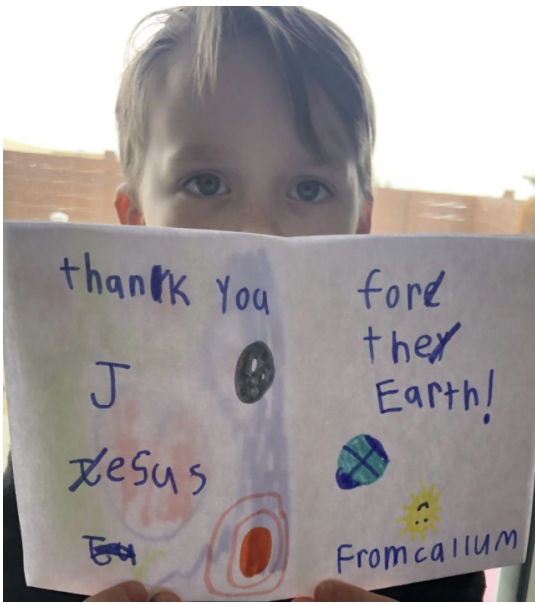
Students made an IMPACT to be stewards on Earth Day, April 22nd when completing their Earth Day Projects! Way to go Knights!



In response to: How to Help the Earth by the Lorax



Chase created videos for his Earth Day Project! Check them out with this [LINK!](#)



Dear Mother Earth,

Thank you for the blue sky and all the trees that I have around me. Thank you for the clean air and giving me oxygen to breathe. You give us food like fresh vegetables and fruit. I'm thankful for all the birds and the animals. Im thankful for the people who are working hard to protect the environment. I will help protect you by not littering and recycling. I promise to do my part to take care of you!



Your friend,
James

Wacky Wednesday was a BIG HIT as students dressed up silly and showed their school spirit!



This picture was found posted on the window in the entry to our school. The message says it all!



SAA Knights continue to get active and stay healthy during this time at home. Kinders were challenged to turn their snacks into a picture of something from the Earth. They were also challenged to take part in some "Large Motor Play" to exercise their BIG muscles.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! April 27 - May 1

Monday (27)	Look for Mr. Lamer's Weekly Announcements April 27 - May 1.
Tuesday (28)	
Wednesday(29)	SAA Virtual Theme Day - TROPICAL DAY
Thursday(30)	SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day- Send us a picture in your gear.
Friday(1)	

Our School Goals

We have two primary school goals at SAA:

Our Learning Goal - TO PROVIDE MULTIPLE PATHWAYS TO DEEP LEARNING

- Fostering authentic relationships and connections with students and parents
- Differentiating instructional practices
- Learning Attribute Planning
- Leveraging Technology

Our Faith Goal - TO BUILD A CULTURE OF FAITH AND SERVICE WHERE EVERY CHILD AND FAMILY FEEL WELCOMED

- Continue to build and expand connections with parish, CSS and D&P
- Staff will build capacity to know, model and witness Jesus Christ and share this with students
- Continue to ensure that our faith is prominent within our school
- Develop further awareness of connections between our faith and spiritual beliefs/practices of Indigenous brothers and sisters

Greetings

We hope Bulletin #30 reaches you and your family safe and well.

Contacting the School

Please be advised that all staff are now working from home until further notice. Parents can still call the school and leave a voicemail message. This message will be forwarded to Mrs. Despins and then she will forward it to the appropriate person. The best way to contact staff is via email.

Please Respect Personal Time of Staff

There is no doubt that for most of us our lives have changed considerably over the last five weeks and we are all under a lot of stress. In the education field we have been asked to implement a massive change in pedagogy, planning and schooling in a few days. Most teachers are reporting that the planning for online lessons has easily doubled their work. We are proud of the work that all staff are doing but we need your help. Please limit your communication with our staff to the regular school hours within the day (8:30 am to 3:15 pm). Much of their time outside of the regular school day is now being spent with planning. We need to ensure that staff remain healthy and strong so that they can do the best they can with your kids.

Student Assessment

The online world presents many interesting challenges. One of the biggest, is the valid assessment of student achievement. When students are present in the classroom the teacher can question, watch students work through questions/challenges and constantly gather in person formative assessment of what a child knows and is able to do. This assists teachers with their planning. In the online setting, this can be more difficult. The validity of tests and quizzes can also be questioned. Thus as we move towards the final two months in the school year staff will be prioritizing key outcomes and skills to focus on. Teachers will not be able to assess the same number of outcomes that they would normally do on the third term final report card. In some subject areas much of the students final summative assessment will be based upon work to the middle of March and then on best evidence that can be gathered until the end of the school year. The focus will be on growth and readiness for the next school grade.

Education Week 2020 in Alberta

Every year in Alberta students, staff and communities celebrate Education Week across the province. The theme for the week is Learning is a Journey. I think everyone will agree that this is an historic year in education in Alberta and around the world. There is no doubt that we are all on a journey this school year! Students, staff and parents all working together to provide our children with the opportunity to learn and ask questions. **Let's celebrate our accomplishments this school year** and reflect upon what we miss most about a traditional school setting. The relationships that are developed student to student, student to staff and parent to staff. As we move through this Pandemic it will be exciting to see how we can bring the best of an online experience and teaching pedagogy to the classroom in a traditional school setting.



Online Learning Considerations

We have now completed four weeks of online learning. It seems much longer than that! Hopefully by now, you have been able to establish the following for your children:

1. A pretty predictable routine or schedule.
2. A good learning space/environment for your child to work.
3. Creation of a checklist for the day or the week. (this could be different for each child. Do not expect that each of your children will be able to complete the same amount of work.)
4. Implementation of breaks and rest time. Be sure that your child has time for independent play, outside and inside activity time and "mini" breaks during school time.



Google Resources for Parents

Click on the [link](#) to access some resources for online learning including a video tutorial on how parents can access a Google Classroom and a Google Meet. (video conference).

Read & Write for Google Chrome

Learn how to use Read & Write for Google Chrome to support reading and writing

- Read and Write for Google Chrome is a Chrome Application that supports students with reading and writing. Our Division pays for the subscription for Read & Write for Google Chrome.
- When your child is signed into Google Chrome from his or her account, he or she has access to this tool.
- Click on the [Chrome Read and Write link](#) for more

Knights Virtual "Show your Spirit" Theme Days - TROPICAL DAY

All Knights, some of you wore wacky clothes last Wednesday. Now the sun is shining and we are feeling the warmth of a tropical day. Dress for school like you are at the beach or tropical paradise and then send us your pictures.

Mental Health Resources - COVID 19

Are you looking for Mental Health Resources that will help you with anxiety and worry around COVID 19. Are you looking for ideas and support on how to talk with children about this. Click on the links below for support in regards to these topics.

[Mental Health Resources for K-6](#)

[Mental Health Resources 7- 12](#)



Don't Forget About Recess and Play

At school students get time to play and enjoy recess. With the warm weather coming we want to remind parents to encourage children to take breaks for play and activity in the backyard while still being mindful of COVID 19 Social Distancing orders.

Plant a Flower or Vegetable

There are all kinds of great learning opportunities and questions that can be discussed by digging or planting in the garden! This spring have your child plant a couple of flowers or vegetables in a pot or spot in the yard. They can send us pictures and give us updates on the growing and report on things they are observing.

Support Staff Layoffs

Early in April the Government made an announcement that they were reducing education funding to School Boards for transportation and some services, such as substitute teachers, educational assistants, and other school based support staff to support Alberta's COVID-19 response. April 30 will be the last working days of our two Education Assistants, our Library Technician and our Food Coordinator. On behalf of all our staff, we would like to thank Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Bokenfohr, Miss Gamache and Mrs. Kovacevic for their dedicated service and passion to support our students at SAA. We wish them well and can't wait until the day when we can all gather at school; staff, students and parents once again.

Plans are being developed to redeploy certificated staff in critical areas that require support and continuity.

Thanks Mrs. Despina!

This past Wednesday was Administrative Professionals Day across Canada. On behalf of the staff, students and parents at SAA we would like to thank Mrs. Despina for the great work she does in our School Office. She ensures the office runs smoothly and helps to ensure everyone is made to feel welcome at SAA.

Nutrition Grant

We have received news from the Education Ministry that through the nutrition grant we may distribute unused funds of the nutrition grant to all families in need in GSACRD. If your family is in any need of support during this unprecedented time please reach out to Mrs. Kleparchuk or Mr. Lamer and we can offer assistance through the school nutrition grant.

New Students to SAA after October 18/19 - Yearbook Picture

Unfortunately our spring pictures have been cancelled. So if your child transferred into Sister Alphonse Academy after October 18 and you would like their picture to be in the class groupings of our school yearbook please take a picture(shoulder and head only in a neutral background) and send it to Mr. Lamer before the end of April.

Thanks to the Current Sponsors of our SAA Field Trip Fund



School Council

We had our first Online School Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 22. A really nice turnout and we thank all the parents who attended. Our School Trustee Chairperson Mr. Joe Becigneul updated us on some events around the Division along with Good News. He also informed us that our School Superintendent, Mr. David Keohane announced his retirement at the end of the school year. The Board has begun the process to find a replacement. Mr. Becigneul thanked Mr. Keohane for his outstanding leadership in helping our Division to be one of the top performing Divisions in our province and country. Mrs. Kleparchuk reviewed some of the school activities that took place from our last meeting in February. School administration



reviewed the 2020/21 Basic School Fees. Our school administration is required to raise the school fee from \$68 to \$88 per student. Most of this increase is necessitated by the need to pay for two Full Time Lunch Supervisors. There will be no fees at the ECS level unless a student is registered in Full Day or Progressive Options for kindergarten. At this time administration is predicting an increase in school population for the 20/21 school year to approximately 220 students K - 9. However, this may not be accurate as the school was not able to have it's Open House in March. Additional registrations from new students could occur later in the spring, we are also waiting for a small percentage of parents who have children currently attending SAA to complete registration. Mr. Lamer also provided us with a bit of information regarding assessment and end of year reporting. He indicated that we will receive more information about this from our Division. Mr. Lamer reported that administrative designations should be determined soon so he would expect that the Division would be announcing the name of the next Principal at SAA, likely in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs. Bergstrom indicated that she will be representing our School Council at ASCA Annual General Meeting that will be conducted virtually in the near future. Mrs. Broccoli wanted us to be aware that **Partners in Prayer** are still meeting online to pray for the monthly intentions of students and staff. They also welcome intentions that families may want to forward. Mrs. Hoskins indicated that the **Staff Appreciation Committee** have created some tentative plans but will wait to see how things evolve before finalizing some plans to recognize staff. We had a discussion about the Family Movie Knight. It was successful but we may need to have more discussion about behavior expectations of children at the event. There was agreement that it was a good discussion. We hope you can enjoy us for our next meeting on May 20@6:30 pm. Once again, anyone interested in attending the meeting must send Mr. Lamer an email so that a link invite can be sent out prior to the meeting.

Friends of SAA Society

On behalf of the Friends of SAA Society Mrs. Rouse was happy to report that over \$600 was raised from the Family Movie Knight in March and that just over \$200 was raised in the Easter Fundraiser. A great start for the Friends of SAA Society! She did indicate that laws require a Society to have insurance. Some of the proceeds will be used to pay the insurance costs for our Society that she had secured for Movie Knight in March until October of 2020. She also indicated that insurance costs are rising and we may not be able to secure insurance in the future through the Divisions provider. All parents were reminded that there will be costs in the future for repair and upkeep of playground equipment as well as anticipated future needs of our students during difficult times in education funding. At this time due to the COVID 19 epidemic Friends of SAA have decided not to plan any fundraiser activities during the remainder of the school year.

St. Albert Parish News

Dear Parishioners!

This year, after a very different (but no less fruitful and beautiful) Holy Week and the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, we come to this 2nd Sunday of Easter known as the Divine Mercy Sunday. If at any stage in your life you have the opportunity to go to Poland, try to visit Łagiewniki, a district of the city of Krakow, in the capital of the Divine Mercy devotion. Łagiewniki receives approximately two million pilgrims a year. They come to see the original Divine Mercy painting and to visit the tomb of St. Faustina Kowalska who received the Divine Mercy revelations. Many people experience amazing answers when they pray at her tomb.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an invitation from Jesus to each one of us to come to his Most Sacred Heart. The apostle Thomas went from doubting Jesus' Resurrection to professing his faith in Jesus and declaring Jesus' divinity, with the words, "My Lord and my God." What happened? He encountered the love of Jesus. We could say he encountered the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thomas said he would believe if he could place his hand in the wound in Jesus' side. Jesus said to him, "...bring your hand and put it into my side..." (John 20:27) Thomas said, "My Lord and My God." Now when Thomas sees the wound in Christ's side he is overcome. Thomas saw the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for him. He saw a heart that is wounded, wounded out of love for humanity, the Sacred Heart that took the sin of humanity upon itself. I remember once telling a young person about the Divine Mercy devotion. When I finished I asked if they had any questions. "Yes," one person said, "what does mercy mean?" To answer I had to go back to the Latin word, "misericordia." It has two parts: "cordia" which means "heart" and "miseri" which means "suffering." Mercy is a "heart for those who suffer." That is what love does. Love suffers for the other and Thomas saw this suffering wounded love before his eyes in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Have you ever had a bad weekend? Just think of what kind of weekend the apostles had on that first Easter weekend. Jesus was dead. The crowd that welcomed Jesus with palms as he entered Jerusalem turned against him on Good Friday morning calling for the release of Barabbas and the death

of Jesus. The apostles, now afraid of the crowd, had shut themselves in for their own protection as we heard in the Gospel (John 20:19). Jesus came to them in that difficult time with the words, "Peace be with you." Peace signifies Divine Mercy.

This year we can look even deeper at the mystery of the Divine Mercy. It shows what we human beings most need: God's mercy, his forgiveness - and mercy toward each other, a heart for those who suffer. During this Easter season we are talking about becoming disciples and disciple-makers. A disciple receives God's mercy and extends it to others. Let us accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy. One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and are enabled to receive God's mercy. Let us entrust ourselves to God and enable us to see the

Risen Lord in everyone. Let us deepen our faith, trust and love in God and share the message of the Divine Mercy so that there is nobody beyond the reach of God's mercy.

May God bless you.

Fr. Igancy Warias, OMI

Living in the Word

I invite each member of our Archdiocese to examine their practice of turning to God for mercy. Let us each consider: When was the last time I went to confession? How often do I seek the Lord's mercy in this wonderful sacrament? These are essential questions that every missionary disciple must ponder with great seriousness, because only by receiving God's mercy can we become its agents for others (Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter, September 14, 2017)

Weekly Mass Schedule

Daily Mass intentions are still being included in Masses during the COVID-19 Isolation period. Fr. Ignacy is offering Mass daily in solitude and will share the weekend Mass intentions with his fellow priests so please rest assured, the Mass intentions received by the Parish, will continue to be included as per schedule.

SAPY QuarantEAM Photo

SAPY is going virtual!! April 21, 2020 at 6:30pm we will be holding an online youth group using Zoom. We will check in and play some games together. If you are in grades 4-9 and are interested in joining, email rebecca.sakowich@caedm.ca to get the meeting info, or for any questions.

Televised Mass

Salt + Light TV has arranged with cable companies across Canada (Rogers, Bell, Telus, Shaw Direct, Videotron) to make their service available free of charge to all subscribers until 1 May 2020. This means that anyone who subscribes to cable TV will be able to access Salt + Light TV and therefore the Daily TV Mass and Sunday TV Mass produced by the National Catholic Broadcasting Council. Also, "La Messe du jour" that is produced and televised by Salt + Light TV six days a week from the crypt at Saint Joseph Oratory in Montreal will likewise be televised on Sundays now through arrangements with the Archdiocese of Montreal. Salt + Light TV is televising the daily Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta. This airs every morning and will be televised in both English and French. The channel number on each cable company that carries Salt + Light TV can be found at <https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe>. The Daily TV Mass is available on other faith-based television networks, and schedules can be found at dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule.

Click on the [SAP Parish Link](#) to access the weekly bulletin for **St. Albert Catholic Parish**.

Holy Family Parish News

YOUTH MINISTRY

Do you want to meet youth your age who share your faith? Please join the Holy Family Parish Youth Ministry. "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." - Mother Teresa! 'is the EASTER Season! ALLELUIA!! I hope you are feeling some joy and happiness right now! The coronavirus is still a thing, but Christ has risen! Easter is here! We have a wonderful reason to be happy, even in the midst of all of this. My challenge for you this week is to spread some Easter joy! Smile at those around you, whether you are at home, going for a walk, or practicing social distancing! There are NO in person youth groups, but I am doing live videos on Instagram, as well as organizing google hangouts for youth nights. Follow @hfpyouth on Instagram to see the live videos, and email me to receive the link to the google hangouts! If you are interested, or have any questions, please email Noëlle at youthprograms@holyfamilyparish.ca

STAY SPIRITUALLY INVOLVED

In light of recent restrictions on our faith practices, here are some ideas or ways to continue your faith at home and while still respecting social distancing:

Prayer:

Continue your prayer life, first thing in the morning, mealtimes and before bed. All are easy ways to incorporate more prayer into your daily life.

Confession:

Fr. Joe has agreed to hear confessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm (noon) and on Thursdays and Fridays from 6:00 until 9:00 pm.

Mass:

Although currently attending Mass in person is not available, we are all strongly encouraged to attend virtually.

The Archbishop will be live streaming Sunday Masses at: <http://caedm.ca/>

Bishop Baron will also be
live streaming Masses at: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

Salt and Light has Masses at: <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass/>
EWTN has Masses at:
<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live>

Click on the [HF Parish Link](#) to access the weekly bulletin for **Holy Family Parish**.

PRAYER

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,

We come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear.

We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the virus present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

**Endow caregivers, first responders and those who ensure food have abundant
strength and protection.**

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.



Keep the Faith!
We will get through this.