

April 18, 2010 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF DAYSLAND, HEISLER, KILLAM & PARISHES

Daysland – Our Lady of the Prairies Church * Heisler – St. Martin Church * Killam – St. Joseph Church
Spring Lake - St. Boniface Historical Church * Strome – St. Peter Historical Church

Bawlf - Forestburg - Galahad - Hardisty - Rosalind - Strome

The Need for Perspective

The issue of sexual abuse by a relatively small number of priests, and its mishandling by some bishops, has been in the news over the last few weeks. What is often missing from the reports and their headlines is a proper perspective. Of course, there is no question that the Church must face directly any instance of the heinous crime of sexual abuse of minors perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other Church personnel or volunteers. We do not shun any light directed upon our situation, because it can actually help us reach out to victims and learn from any past mistakes. However, for that light truly to be of assistance, it must be based on truth, not falsehood, and on a sober assessment of facts rather than a sensational presentation of conjecture or speculation. Furthermore, given the broad presence of this scourge throughout our society, such light ought not to be focused upon a single group; rather it should be directed to any and all organizations that deal with children or vulnerable populations. Only in this way can media attention truly be of benefit to victims, their families and to society as a whole.

A recent example of lack of perspective is the Ipsos-Reid survey published April 13th and reported by this paper. Its headline was sensationalistic, to say the least: “Church sex abuse touched millions.” One would think from reading it that there are millions of victims of clerical sex abuse. Upon reading the article, one realizes that the headline does not quite correspond to the body of the text. One point of the survey is to suggest that as many as two million people may know someone who has been abused by a priest. But the lack of perspective does not end there. The report is based on a survey of one thousand people, on the basis of which it is *suggested* (i.e. not claimed as fact) that as many as two million people *might* know someone who has been abused. The number of two million is based not on known fact but on a statistical extrapolation from the survey of a small segment of the population, as the article itself admits. This is very different from saying, as the vice-president of Ipsos-Reid inexplicably does, according to the article, that “two million people admitted” knowing someone who had been abused by clergy.

To its credit, the article does attempt to place this issue in a helpful perspective when it states that this issue affects not only the Catholic Church but also other religious communities and secular organizations. Even more helpful on this point would be to recall a recent article by Pat Wingert in the April 8th, 2010 issue of *Newsweek*, where it is stated that the scourge of sexual abuse of children “includes priests and ministers and rabbis, of course, but also family members, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, scout leaders, youth-group volunteers, and doctors. According to federal studies, three quarters of abuse occurs at the hands of family members or others in the victim’s ‘circle of trust.’” Sexual abuse is a heinous crime present throughout society. We do a terrible disservice to victims when we forget or ignore that.

Of course, this broader and necessary perspective does not lessen the horror and heartbreak Catholics feel at the fact that sexual abuse has been perpetrated by some priests and mishandled by some bishops. The survey indicates that most Canadians know that only a very small percentage of priests have committed these heinous crimes and that the vast majority of priests are deeply dedicated to their calling and want only to do good. Yet our priests and people alike realize that the actions even of a few have caused great harm. We want only to heal and do whatever is necessary to create safe environments in our own parishes and institutions and help other segments of society do the same. The Bishops of Canada have been working to do this through strong screening and response protocols since the publication in 1992 of *From Pain to Hope*. We will continue to work to strengthen our procedures in the interests of protecting children and the vulnerable and of providing healing to any who have been hurt.

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SUNDAY MASSES

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Killam

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Daysland

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Heisler

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Heisler

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Killam

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Daysland

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Daysland

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Heisler

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Killam

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Heisler

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Killam

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Daysland

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Daysland

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Heisler

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Killam

DAILY MASSES:

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – 7.00 PM at Daysland Church

Wednesday – 9.00 AM at Killam Church

Thursday – 4.15 PM at Killam Hospital

Friday – 12.00 PM at Heisler Church

Next Baptism Preparation Session:

May 13, 2010 at 7.00 PM – Killam Hall

Confessions – anytime by appointment

Marriages – call office for information



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday April 17, 2010 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
7 PM Daysland – Our Lady of the Prairies Church
Intention: For the repose of the soul of Patrick Ferris.

Sunday April 18, 2010 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
9 AM Heisler – St. Martin Church
Intention: For the intentions of the elderly.
11 AM Killam – St. Joseph Church
Intention: For all members of our parish communities.

NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK!

No daily Masses this week from Monday to Friday inclusive!

Saturday April 24, 2010 – 4th Sunday of Easter
7 PM Heisler – St. Martin Church
Intention: For the repose of the soul of Marvin Kuntz.

Sunday April 25, 2010 – 4th Sunday of Easter
9 AM Killam – St. Joseph Church
Intention: For personal intentions
11 AM Daysland – Our Lady of the Prairies Church
Intention: For all members of our parish communities.

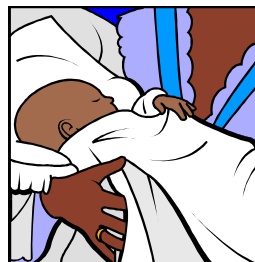
To request Mass Intention contact Liza at the office during office hours or write down your request, put it in the envelope and place in the collection basket. The intentions are scheduled by Liza at the office & not by Fr. Leon. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Parish Financial Support

Regular Sunday Collections: April 11, 2010

Daysland: \$ 1,264.15 * Heisler: \$ 830.00 * Killam: \$ 1,746.25

Celebrations of the Sacraments



We warmly welcome into our Catholic Community:

Jax Rodney Strauss

Child of Dezeree & Blaine Strauss of St. Martin Parish, Heisler.


Celebrating Baptism in Heisler on **Apr. 18, 2010** at the **9.00 AM Mass**


Carver David Wesley

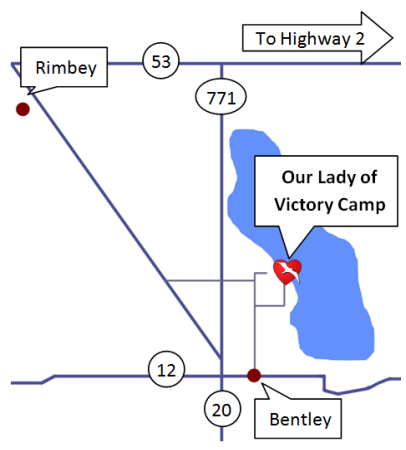
Child of Pamela & Jeffery Wesley of St. Joseph Parish, Killam.

Celebrating Baptism in Killam on **Apr. 18, 2010** at the **11.00 AM Mass**

CHURCH CLEANING	SECURITY INSPECTIONS
<p style="text-align: center;">Daysland</p> <p>Apr 19 – Apr 25: Jacqueline Weller, Linda Nahajowich, Jodie Guhle, Audrey Hoynick Apr 26 – May 02: Elaine Davis, Shara-Lynn Weller, Marion Terway, Irene Kasha May 03 – May 09: Shannon Omoth, Kathleen Badry, Sherry Loesch, Irene Feddema</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Heisler</p> <p>May: Carrie Bendfeld, Marcie Matthiessen, Tammy Zimmer, Janet Wolbeck, Pat Martz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Killam</p> <p>April 18, 25: Beth Berrecloth, Kathryn Fee, D'Arcy Evans May 2, 9, 16, 23: Therese Mazure, Coralie Freadrich, Eileen Birkjar, Jane Birkjar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Daysland</p> <p>Apr 18 – Apr 24: Colette Green Apr 25 – May 01: Bernie Szott May 02 – May 08: Craig Badry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Killam</p> <p>Apr 19 – Apr 25: Reg Fee Apr 26 – May 02: Geri Clark May 03 – May 09: Dan Fee</p>

DAYSLAND GENERAL CHURCH CLEANING	
<p>MEMBERS of OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIES CATHOLIC CHURCH General Church Cleaning has been moved up a couple of months beginning the week of February 28 to April 30, 2010. Signup sheets are posted on the door of the scrub room located in the main hall. Sign your name or family name beside the area you are able to clean and when you have completed this task - put a line through the item listed. Last year we had a successful turn out (85% of church cleaned). Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this project. If you are unable to help during the months of March & April 2010 and would like to participate, please phone Joan Badry (780-374-3863). I can arrange another date for you.</p>	

UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES IN OUR CHURCHES
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ April 26, 2010 at 10.00 AM * St. Peter Church in Strome – Mass for CWL ❖ May 01, 2010 at 1.00 PM * St. Martin Church in Heisler – MEMORIAL MASS for Martin Badry ❖ May 12, 2010 at 7.30 PM * St. Boniface in Spring Lake – SPRING MASS (Blessing of the graves) ❖ June 13, 2010 at 2.00 PM * Our Lady of the Prairies – SPECIAL MASS with Anointing of the Sick ❖ June 27, 2010 at 2.00 PM * St. Peter Church in Strome – ANNUAL MASS

YOUTH RALLY 2010	
<p>When? DATES: April 30 – May 2, 2010 Registration: Friday 8:00pm – 9:30pm Pick Up: Sunday 12:00pm (<i>noon</i>)</p> <p>Where? Our Lady of Victory Camp, Bentley, Alberta</p> <p>Who? For youth 13-18</p> <p>Cost? \$50 if Registered after April 1, 2010</p> <p>Contact? Jeannette Manser: (403) 342-4800 Ext. 3353 Lisa MacQuarrie: information@olvc.ab.ca</p>	

Next Baptism Preparation Session	
	<p>Killam - St. Joseph Parish – Church Hall * May 13, 2010 at 7.00 PM</p> <p>Please, register at the office (780-385-3503) before May 02, 2010, if you plan to attend!</p>

Our Lady of the Prairies, Daysland – HELP NEEDED!!!!

Daysland Church has two groups of ladies comprised of all members of the parish, not just CWL members, who prepare the lunches for the funerals which are held in Our Lady of the Prairies church. The leader of the one group of ladies, Deb Zwack, has retired after many years of service and we now find ourselves with a group of very willing workers but no-one to co-ordinate their services. That person or persons would be required to phone for people to work at the church preparing the lunch as well as phone for squares and purchase the groceries at our local grocery store and meat market. If two or three people could work together as co-leaders, it would make the job much easier as they could share the job of phoning and purchasing the supplies. We very much appreciate all the work that Deb did as circle leader as this is a very important ministry within the church - having a lunch prepared so that family and friends can spend time together after the funeral is invaluable. Also, a big thank you to Marion Terway and her helper, Kathy Terway, who so capably look after the other circle. If anyone would be willing to take on this ministry, it would be very much appreciated. **Please contact Celine Makarowski at (780) 374-2144 Thank you.**

The parish is looking for parish members who would like to be part of a group of volunteers to keep the grass mowed during the upcoming growing season. Equipment is provided. If you would like to participate in this ministry, **Please call Grant @ (780) 376 – 2107.**

St. Martin, Heisler: is having their annual general cleaning – **May 3rd, starting @ 9 am.** Bring cleaning clothes and pails – supplies provided. For info call **Janet @ (780) 889 – 2169.**

HAVE YOU TRIED THE CD COLLECTION YET?????

The Eucharist: Our Very Life: Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald – As a medical doctor and licensed psychotherapist, Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald knows very well the deep hunger and inner needs of the human heart. He explains how the Holy Eucharist becomes the core and center of our lives since only Jesus can fill what is lacking within the human spirit that is bruised and broken. Discover the immensity of God's love revealed by His Real Presence.

Mary Handmaid of the Lord: Blessed Mother Teresa

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying 'yes' to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

Customer Reviews

I rate this CD a 10! It gave me more understanding of why Mother Mary must be honored. Luke - Calgary, AB

To hear Mother Teresa's own words about compassion for human life was inspiring. I have shared it

2nd Annual WIDOW'S "MIGHT": Saturday, April 24 @ 5 pm @ Strome Seniors Center

Calling all widow's to a fun evening in honour of "You"! – with a delicious home cooked meal, guest music, a guest speaker, door prizes and more!

NO charge to attend – but please call to confirm meal numbers to **Gloria @ (780) 374 – 2482.**

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