

10423-172 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5A 4X4  
Phone: 780-456-5222 Fax: 780-456.5231  
Web Site: [www.stcharles.ecsd.net](http://www.stcharles.ecsd.net)

---



St. Charles Catholic  
Elementary School

March 23, 2026

Dear Families,

As we enter the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we are invited to continue our journey of reflection, prayer, and preparation for the joy of Easter. This sacred time encourages us to turn our hearts toward compassion, forgiveness, and hope, following the example of Jesus in all that we do.

In the coming days, our school community will take part in meaningful opportunities to deepen our understanding of Holy Week. Classes will be engaged in learning activities that help students reflect on the events leading up to Easter and the significance they hold in our faith.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming **Passion Play on Thursday, March 26 at 1:00 PM.** This special presentation is a powerful way for our students to bring the story of Jesus' love and sacrifice to life. Families are warmly welcome to join us.

Please note that **Thursday, March 26 is a full day of school**, and **Friday, March 27 will be an early dismissal** for Spring Break.

This evening, we are proud of our Social Justice Student Leaders who will be leading the **Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Parish at 7:00 PM.** We invite all families to attend and join in this prayerful experience as we walk together through the journey of Christ.

May this Lenten season continue to be a time of grace and renewal for all members of our school community.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## Chief Superintendent Message

You can read Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's March reflection on Truth, Beauty and Goodness by visiting: [Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's March 2026 Message](#)

## Upcoming Events:

Please continue to check our website calendar regularly for news and events, <https://stcharles.ecsd.net/> you can download the calendar to your devices or print it out!



**St. Charles is on Instagram!** This is where you will find a snapshot of the upcoming week and some great photos of what is happening. Follow us at: [stcharles\\_ecsd](#)

## [ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026](#)

Subject to Change

<b>Focus: FORGIVENESS</b>		<b>MARCH 2026 (Math Madness)</b>	
Friday March 20		Evening Way of the Cross at St. Charles Parish @ 7:00 PM- All Are Welcome	
March 23		Grade 1 In School Field Trip	
<b>Thursday March 26</b>		<b>Cancellation of Early Dismissal- Full Day of School</b> <b>Kindergarten Classes Today</b> Passion Play @ 1:00pm	
March 27		<b>Early Dismissal at 11:30</b> No Kindergarten	
<b>March 30- April 6</b>		<b>Spring Break</b>	

<b>Focus: JUSTICE</b>		<b>APRIL 2026 Easter / Autism Celebration Month</b>	
April 3		Good Friday	
April 6		Easter Monday	
April 7		Classes Resume	
April 8		Groovebox- Artist in Residency 10 days- starting April 8-24	
April 9		Easter Mass at St. Charles Parish- All students and staff attending	
Friday April 10		Spirit Day Hot Lunch- Love Pizza	
April 14		Grade 2 at Ortona Gymnastics 9:15-12:15	
April 15		Grade 3 field trip to Telus World of Science	
April 16		School Assembly @ 9:00AM	



## Registration is Open for 2026-2027 School Year!



We are accepting new registrations for the 2026-2027 school year. Please encourage any new families to visit our [registration page](#) for more information.



Our **School Advisory Council (SAC)** plays an important role in building a strong school community, and we need your help.

**Our Next Meeting is May 6@ 6:30 in the library.**

**For information on SAC, volunteering opportunities please email:**

**[stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com](mailto:stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com)**



**Our next Hot Lunch is April 10- Love Pizza**

All orders **MUST** be placed 5 days prior to the lunch date. In most cases, this will be a Sunday.

**May 8-Booster Juice**



## **Parish News**

Please visit [St. Charles Parish](#) for more on what is happening in our Parish.



Please let us know when your child celebrates their Sacraments and send along a photo for our display!

### **Lent & Easter Schedule**

**Stations of the Cross** - Fridays; Fridays; March 6,13, 20, 27 - 7PM

**Penitential Service** - Thursday, March 12 - 7PM

**Palm Sunday** Saturday, March 28 - 4:30PM

Sunday, March 29 - 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM

**Reading of the Passion, Pabasa** - Thursday, April 2—12 Noon

**Holy Thursday** - Thursday, April 2- 7PM

**Good Friday** - Friday, April 3 - 11AM, 3PM

**Holy Saturday** - Saturday, April 4 - Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food - 10AM

**Easter Vigil** - Saturday, April 4 - 9PM

**Easter Sunday** - Sunday, April 5 - 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM

**St. Charles School Student Social Justice Club will be leading the Stations of the Cross at the Parish on Friday March 20th at 7:00PM. All families are welcome to attend this beautiful liturgy.**

## **Confirmation 2026**

**Registration for Confirmation will take place in person on Thursday, March 19 from 10 AM to 6:30 PM and Saturday, March 21 from 10AM to 1PM (registrations are drop-in).**

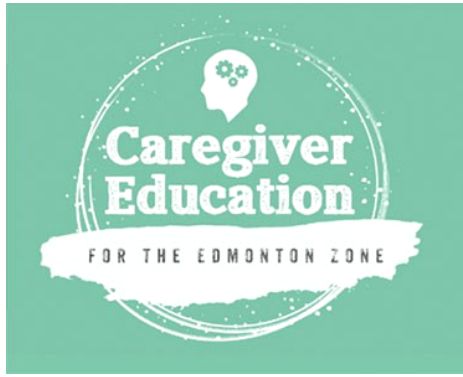
This sacrament is for youth grade 6 (11 years old) or older. Candidates' Baptism Certificate is required. Classes will be on Tuesdays, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM.



Class dates: April 14, 28; May 5, 12 & 19 Retreat Day & Rehearsal: To be announced.  
Confirmation Celebration will be in June. Date to be announced. For more information, **please call Linda at the Parish office 780-456-5399 or email: Linda.Boire@caedm.ca**

## Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

### Important Phone Numbers



- Recovery Alberta Children Youth & Families Centralized Intake Services: 1-780-342-4415
- Recovery Alberta Crisis and Stabilization Team: 780-407-1000
- Canadian Mental Health Association Distress Line: (780) 482-4357
- **Kids Help Phone: Phone 1-800-668-6868** • Text 686868 •
- Message online [kidshelpphone.ca](http://kidshelpphone.ca)

Visit our website for tip sheets, videos, and more! [www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca](http://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca)

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

<https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/resources/cyf-amh-resource-links/anxiety-parents>

## WEBSITES

### Anxiety Canada - Anxiety Canada

- [Numerous resources and information regarding a diverse array of anxiety-associated disorders and issues for all ages.](#)

### Anxiety in Kids - Child Mind Institute

- [A website that provides information about different types of anxiety for kids and parents.](#)

### Tips for Parents and Caregivers - Anxiety & Depression Association of America

- [Tips for parents and caregivers for helping children manage their anxiety disorder.](#)

### Generalized Anxiety Disorder - Mental Health Literacy

- [Information about General Anxiety Disorder causes, treatments, and resources for coping and treatment.](#)

### Coping Skills for Kids - Encourage Play

- [Website with practical ways to help kids cope with stress, anxiety, and anger.](#)



## Stress in Children and Teens - Government of Alberta

- Foundational information about stress in children and teenagers.

### St. Charles Catholic School Share Lent Project 2026



This Lent, let's move forward On Track for Justice "The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking." — Pope Leo XIV (Dilexi te, §75) Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, has been launched!

Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity.



Loving God,  
The destruction of your Creation,  
our Common Home, echoes in our hearts  
the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

Listening to this cry, we hear your call  
to ecological conversion.

Turn us away from actions that harm  
our relationships to you, our planet,  
and our sisters and brothers.

Turn us towards the track for justice.

Gather us as your Church, North and South,  
to walk this track together.  
Let us be guardians of Creation and  
not rivals for its spoils.

May we encounter others on the way  
who seek ecological justice  
and join our efforts to their own.

Guide us together towards the dream of  
our human family living on a healthy planet,  
in dignity, solidarity, justice and peace.

**AMEN**

#### How can our students and their families help?

1. Parents can go online to donate at [devp.org/give](https://devp.org/give)
2. The *Social Justice Student Leadership Team* has organized a couple of fundraising activities to take place over Lent, so please consider supporting us. We have "**Jars of Hope**" in each classroom for students to drop off donations.
3. We will be hosting a craft sale before Spring Break
4. Pray with us. We ask all our families to pray in solidarity for a just world.

**Thank you for your support,  
St. Charles Social Justice Leadership Team**

