

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon Feb 4: Building Our Faith

Tues Feb 5: Bible Sharing @10:15am

Wed Feb 6: Rosary @ 12:15pm

Sat Feb 9: Sing-A-Long after 5pm Mass

DIOCESAN EVENTS

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2018

Called Together 2018-19 has reached 82% in pledges, total = \$328,668. St Joseph's Parish Goal is: \$27,386

Pledged to date: \$16,270

PARISH EVENTS

SING ALONG EVENING – SATURDAY FEB. 9 AFTER 5PM MASS
Changed to NEXT Saturday -Join us for a Sing-a-Long at the Parish Centre. We would appreciate volunteers to bring soup and buns. Please contact Marie Ziegler (250) 847-2574

BUILDING OUR FAITH - 7PM MON. FEB 4, 2019

Everyone is invited to attend these sessions.

Session Five from the Series Catholicism

Episode 5: "The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure" presents the Church's missionary endeavour which begins with the adventures of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. From Ephesus, Corinth, Athens, and Rome and to the far reaches of the world Father Robert Barron traces the influence of these two great apostles and their enduring legacies in the life of the Church.

YOUTH GROUP CO-ORDINATOR

Is there someone out there who would be interested in co-ordinating 12 to 14 year olds one weekday evening? Please contact the Church office.

SNOW REMOVAL –HELP NEEDED!

Would someone mind shovelling the walkways at the church, **please**; or operating the snowblower?

ROSARY RECITED – WEDNESDAY @ 12:15PM

Everyone is invited to say the rosary during lunch hour on Wednesdays in the church. Prayers are being said for the sick children of our community.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dying Healed Workshop: March 9, Saturday. 9.30 am - 3.30 pm. Smithers CRC (4035 Walnut Dr.) Cost: \$20 includes lunch and workbook. This workshop gives training for those wishing to provide compassion and support to those who suffer illness, disability and/or loneliness, particularly at the end of life. It is also suitable for palliative and hospice care volunteers. **Registration before Saturday February 23 is required. Limited spots available.**

The registration form and payment information is in the February Prolife Newsletter. More info on the program at

www.maketimeforlife.ca

Contact: Office at 250 847 2475 or wecaretoo@telus.net



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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Catholic Schools: "What Do You Want of Me, Lord?"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE –what are the characteristics which Catholic schools strive for?

Philosophy of Education for Catholic Schools in the Prov of BC:

"Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in the Catholic school. His teaching and life inform the school's identity and characteristics which include:

- a belief in the inviolable dignity of every human person;
- a sacramental sense that leads us to recognize God manifested by God's creation
- a recognition of God's sanctifying presence in Word and Sacrament
- a love for encounter with God in prayer
- a Gospel spirit of freedom and love
- a spirituality of communion marked by mutual respect, accountability and caring
- a concern for justice leading to a critical analysis of society
- a sense of solidarity and commitment to the marginalized

These are both sane and holy characteristics to me – and ones which encompass the whole person.

- Rosemary McKenzie

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK- Food Bank Challenge

As part of Catholic Education Week, students were encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army. This is one of the times of year when the Food Bank has fewer resources. Family teams were awarded points based on the number of items brought in. It's a win-win situation!

Every Day: Classroom Catholic Faith Trivia Quiz.

Tuesday- Crazy Sock Day!!

Thursday: Family playground walk (8:45) and then muffin morning in the gym for parents, younger siblings, and students! MmmMmmMmm!

Friday: Students dressed in school family colours and it was crazy hair day!! Wowee!

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION

Please contact the parish office at 250-847-2012 for information regarding sacramental preparation. St. Joseph's School's catechetical program in grade two teaches children both generally and specifically about forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and being part of the body of Christ and Holy Eucharist, but the parish is responsible for the formal Sacramental plans and program. This year, the Sacrament of Confirmation starts being administered to students in grade six.