

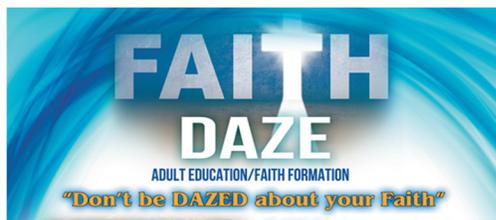
# heard it through the Grapevine

Website: [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

October 2017

**Facilities Committee** have been discerning the development possibilities for the two unallocated spaces on the second floor. Our intention is to develop these spaces for Youth and Family programs keeping in mind that the new development will be multipurpose in nature. We are at the initial planning stages and hope to make progress on this development over the next year.

Other items that we are looking at are the various options for hearing assist systems, and developing long term plans for replacement of equipment and furnishings.



During this 2017-2018 year we have planned four golden opportunities to deepen our faith as individuals and as a community. Each evening we examine concerns that have been presented by parishioners. The format is simple and inviting – introductory prayer followed by input on a topic and ending with small group discussion and the opportunity for large group sharing. There is no cost but we ask that people bring a nonperishable food item for the Food Bank.

Our first session was September 27, “Struggling for Faith in my Family - How do I find Peace?”

Please join us from 7:45 to 9:00 pm (following the 7:00 pm Mass) on the final 3 Wednesdays:

**November 29**, Care for our Common Home - the Vision of Pope Francis

**February 28**, Care for the Caregiver

**May 2**, A Better Understanding of the Mass

## St. Joseph Catholic Women’s League

The CWL is busy with a variety of activities. Our first annual “Women, Wine and the Word - An Evening of Gratitude” was September 22 with Fr. Leo English as the guest speaker.

The Grande Prairie CWL Presents



An Evening of Gratitude

The evening was centered around the theme of Gratitude and all who attended were treated to a time of reflection, conversation and fellowship.

The women enjoyed delicious appetizers, desserts, raffle draws and of course, a glass of wine. Mark your calendars for September 2018 - you won't want to miss next year!

Join us at the CWL Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 1 to 4 pm. There will be a tea, door prizes, baking, crafts table, white elephant table and the Gift Shop table. Please come support the CWL.

## St. Joseph Refugee Committee

The Refugee Committee may seem dormant but there is always work being done behind the scenes. A number of parishioners came to a presentation on the Refugee Committee and how it has worked within the past year or so. We do not currently have anyone arriving but will call upon those interested in helping when we know a family is coming. A submission to Immigration Refugees Citizenship Canada (IRCC) will soon be sent. A lot of paperwork needs to be completed when making a submission, which can take months. Then the waiting process begins and can take up to a few years to unfold. The government reviews the application, accepts the application as meeting refugee determination guidelines and if the case is given the green light, interviews, medical and criminal record checks ensue before they arrive in Canada.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

In 2017, Development and Peace celebrates 50 years as an organization. D&P is the social justice arm of the church and is inspired by the values of the Gospel, particularly the preferential option for the poor. D&P works with grassroots organizations in developing countries on issues such as environmental justice, peace building, etc. Another aspect of D&P's work is the education of Canadians about issues facing peoples of the global south. Two members from our Archdiocese were able to see the work of D&P partners firsthand when they joined a Solidarity Tour to Bolivia. Mia Klein-Gebbinck from Beaverlodge and Helen MacDonald from Grande Prairie spent 12 days in Bolivia visiting various partners of D&P. Glen Argan, a participant from Edmonton, described a solidarity tour as "discovering that when you thought you were the benefactor, you were actually the recipient of something more valuable than money." Stay tuned for a Bolivia Solidarity Tour presentation.

**Check out the parish blog** with some homegrown spiritual reflections written by our parishioners. Go to [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca) and sign up on the home page under "subscribe" to receive notification for each new post.

Other **Catholic Podcasts/Websites** you may enjoy:

[www.ascensionpresents.com](http://www.ascensionpresents.com) Fr. Mike Schmitz speaks to college students, but great for all ages.

[www.matthewleonard.com](http://www.matthewleonard.com) **Matthew Leonard** explanations of the deep truths of the faith & interesting interviews with Catholic luminaries.

[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org) Join Bishop Robert Barron for a weekly podcast on faith and culture.

[www.catholicbytes.com](http://www.catholicbytes.com) for busy Catholics. Speakers are priests, deacons & seminarians studying in Rome

[www.catholicstuffpodcast.com](http://www.catholicstuffpodcast.com) A lighthearted exploration of prominent & obscure Catholic topics.

[www.catholiccastmedia.com](http://www.catholiccastmedia.com) (CAST) includes catechesis, apologetics, stories, and travel links.

[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) Shopping, saints, prayers, bibles, news, calendar, encyclopedia, and more!

[www.bustedhalo.com](http://www.bustedhalo.com) The Podcast is free and has select segments from the show on The Catholic Channel ch. 159 on Sirius.



**High School Alpha** runs twice a year for 10 weeks during lunch time at St Joseph High School. This film series teaches students topics such as, Is there more to life than this?

Who is Jesus? and more on how to go deeper in faith. We supply lunch and the students receive religion service hours. An average of 65 students attend per week. Would you like to sponsor a student for this program? \$20/student will cover the cost of lunch for the semester. Your assistance will make a difference and the students are very appreciative. Please contact the parish office if you would like to contribute.

### Coming up in November (TH=Tranquille Hall)

Sat. 4: 7 - 10:30 pm, Youth Choir & Movie Night  
Mon. 6: 7 pm, Mass of Remembrance, church  
Fri. 10: 7 - 9 pm, SALT Movie Night, Tranquille Hall  
Sun. 12: after Mass, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall  
Thurs. 16: 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church  
Fri. 17: 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church  
Sat. 18: 1 - 4 pm, CWL Xmas Bazaar, Tea & Bake Sale, TH  
Sun. 19: 3 - 5 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall  
Mon. 20: 7 - 9 pm, Parent Sacrament Forum, TH  
Thurs. 23: 7 - 9 pm, Parent Sacrament Forum, TH  
Fri. 24: 7 - 9 pm, SALT/EDGE, Xmas Service Project, TH - 7:30 pm, Ultreya, church  
Sat. 25: 10 am - noon, Parent Sacrament Forum, TH  
Wed. 29: 7:45 - 9 pm, Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall

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### **ARCHGMYOUTH** ([archgmyouth.com](http://archgmyouth.com))- **HELP NEEDED**

Contact [archgmyouth@gmail.com](mailto:archgmyouth@gmail.com) for information on these events or registration forms.



### **World youth Day - Panama 2019,**

January 22 - 27 Volunteers Needed:  
Group Leaders (Spanish an asset!),  
Fundraising Coordinator, Nurse.

Participants: Minimum age requirement - 18 yrs

*Text: WYD2019 to 514-900-0130 for updates*

Deadline to Register: November 15, 2017



### **ST. JP 2 Ski Trip:** Volunteers Needed

Bus Driver, Meal Planner,  
certified First aider, Chaperones  
Jasper (ages 16 - 19 yrs) Feb. 16 - 19  
Worsley (12 - 15 yrs) March 3 - 4