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September 2019

Parish Pastoral Council: Cookie Project

As the Pastoral theme for our parish is "Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service" the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) decided on a project that would center originally within our church congregation and spread out into our community. We focused on seniors living in lodges in Grande Prairie (Heritage and Pioneer Lodges and Lakeview in Clairmont). Beautiful "Hello cards" were designed, colored and messaged by students at Holy Cross School. A big thank you to Father Leo and the teaching staff for making this happen.

On Saturday, June 15th, we mixed, baked and packaged 530 cookies: 2 cookies per each beautiful rainbow colored foil bag, sealed with a happy face! Father Leo was by far the fastest stirrer. He is now familiar with the workings of our BIG mix master!!!! Sunday, June 16, at 1:30 children from our parish, along with their families, gathered in Tranquille Hall to pick up the cookies and deliver them to the lodges. One comment expressed repeatedly was "The children were a big hit at Lakeview Senior Complex and were so great at handing out the cards and cookies. They were not shy when handing them out and the residents made us feel welcome. There were lots of smiles and laughter had by all."

Many thanks to all the PPC who helped with this project. Thank you Tracy, Mark, Char, Yolande and Shaun for volunteering to assist us! You brought laughter and loving touches to this project. To the Parish members and children who supported this project, thank you.

Would we do it again? In a heartbeat!

This past summer at **Vacation Bible School**, over 150 children and 70 volunteers filled every corner of the church. At "In the Wild" VBS we had amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus. Each encounter was like a snapshot – a specific moment in time captured on the pages of Scripture. Each day the children explored music, recreation, Bible stories, made crafts and shared snacks where they had the opportunity to "Zoom in! Focus on Jesus!". We met Jesus in the temple, at the river, on the water, at the tomb and on the road. It was an adventure of a lifetime!



Upstairs Development The planning and approval process for the upstairs renovation was wrapped up by the middle of June and construction started at the beginning of July. Construction included the development of a large open meeting room designed (with a youthful feel) for youth and other parish based activities. The upstairs servery moved enabling the creation of a small intimate meeting space. A storage plan was developed and implemented for the former youth room. We were very fortunate that we were able to do the vast majority of construction during the summer months and are in the process of looking after all of the finishing details. We look forward to being able to access the new space in early October. We are planning on fundraising for furnishing the newly developed spaces. Many thanks to the principle designer, general contractor and all the associated trades people for a job extremely well done! Stay tuned for the upcoming Open House.

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2019/2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

Check the bulletin and webpage for details

SPECIAL OCCASIONS



100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

March 29 - April 1: *Parish Mission*

April 26: *100th Anniversary*

May 3: *Anniversary Dinner*, Evergreen Park

June 14: *St. Joseph Day in the Park*

Mass, 11 am, Muskoseepi Park. Family fun follows

YOUTH HALLOWEEN DANCE & HAUNTED HOUSE

(Grade 6 - 8) OCTOBER 25

FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY October 26

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED November 4

DISCOVERY YOUTH RETREAT

November 29 - December 1

MERCY MONDAY Sacrament of Reconciliation

December 16

MARDI GRAS FAMILY DANCE February 21

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER February 25

ASH WEDNESDAY February 26

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH March 19 parish feast day

Mass followed by social

GOOD FRIDAY April 10

EASTER SUNDAY April 12

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

May 14, Sacrament (no Mass) and social

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FOOD May 30/31

BLESSING OF PETS June 21

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWING YOUR FAITH

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Thursdays, February 27 - April 2

CONQUER SERIES

Tuesdays, October 15 - November 12

FAITH DAZE

November 27 - *Saints*

Feb. 19 - *A Catholic Understanding of Marriage & Divorce*

May 6 - *Forgiveness*

FRIDAYS IN LENT FEBRUARY 28 - APRIL 3

Soup, Reflection, Stations of the Cross

GRIEF AS A JOURNEY: OUR WALK TO EMMAUS

Mondays, October 21 - December 9

OCCURRING MONTHLY

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

One Friday/month

October 11 November 22 December 20

January 17 February 14 April 17

May 15 June 12 July 17 August 14

Cursillo Ultreya last Friday (except December)

FRENCH MASS

October 13 November 17 December 15

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFASTS

OCTOBER 13 NOVEMBER 3 DECEMBER 8

JANUARY 12 FEBRUARY 9 MARCH 15

MAY 10 JUNE 7

MARTHA'S PRAYER TIME 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS

PRAYERS FOR HEALING third Thursday

October 10 - August 20

Except 2nd Thursday - October 10 & March 12

SOMETHING'S MISSING third Monday/month

October 21 - May 18

Except December 9 (2nd Monday)