UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues Feb 20—Bible Sharing at 10:15am Fri Feb 23—Stations of the Cross 7pm Sat Feb 24—Campfire Sing-a-long after Mass

DIOCESAN EVENTS

<u>Called Together, Giving Sharing, Serving.</u> Update as of Jan. 31, 2018: St Joseph's Appeal Goal = \$26,845. Pledges received = \$17.865. Thank you for your generous continued support.

Prince George Diocesan Council CWL Convention:

At St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers, April 20 - 22, 2018. For more information or registration email Eileen Bouvier at bouviere@telus.net

PARISH EVENTS

WELCOME TO FR BENJIE

Our Pastor has arrived from the Philippines. We welcome Fr Benjamin (Benjie) Gamos OSA.

CAMPFIRE SING-A-LONG

Come join us <u>Sat. Feb 24</u> after Mass in the parish centre to <u>welcome Fr Benjie</u> and for a sing-along (oops..... No Campfire) Soup, buns and beverages will be provided. Bring snacks if you wish. Bring your voice and musical instrument and join in.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Fridays @ 7:00pm

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm on Fridays. Fri. Feb 23rd Stations of Cross will be led by Catholic Women's League.

BIBLE SHARING GROUP

We have Bible Sharing on Tuesday mornings in the Parish meeting room. As we have in the past gathering at 10:15 and starting our Bible Sharing at 10:30 am.

BUILDING OUR FAITH

Using the DVD Series Symbolon

Next session is on Monday February 26 at 7:00 pm in the Parish meeting room.

Topic is The Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation

The Sacraments aren't simply the rituals we go through because we happen to be Catholic. They are profound moments of encounter with Jesus Christ, who imparts his life and grace to us and draws us deeper into his love through the seven sacraments.

Everyone is welcome.

Meeting dates for March are 12th & 26th.

ASSIST A FORMER PARISHIONER

Foziea Loki has finally got approval for her brother from Sudan to come to Canada. She needs help with the air fare from Sudan to Vancouver. \$1500—\$2500. If you could help please contact Lu Blackburn (250) 847-5930



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Benjamin Gamos, OSA to our school and parish families. If you see him wandering about, please introduce yourself to him.

ST. JOE'S USED KITCHEN STOVES FOR SALE

The grade 7 legacy fund from last year is buying 6 new stoves for the kitchen. We are so excited and thankful! We are selling our old stoves for \$50.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing one of the stoves please call the office. You do have to pick-up the stove as well. No deliveries.

OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Click on and browse our fantastic, easy to use website. Thank you to Sean Mitchell for building our new website as a donation to the school. We are grateful for all his time and work that he put in to it.

GEOGRPAHY CHALLENGE-start studying now!

Starting Monday, Feb. 19th our intermediate classes are going to participate in a school-based geography challenge! Students will have the opportunity to participate with a partner or group and questions will be selected for age appropriateness. A team final will be held in the gym. Students are encouraged to study and parents can too!

TONS OF THANKS!

Literally tons and tons of snow was shoveled and blown off the roof. We send out appreciation to our roof workers—Rob, Trevor, Troy, Graham, Joanna, Allen, Kelly, Sean, and Mason. And the support crew—Jodie, Corinna, and Taryn. Thank you for your time, energy and hard work.

GRADE 7 RAFFLE

Please buy some tickets to support the Grade 7 class trip to Prince George and Barkerville! Tickets are only \$2 each, and are available from any grade 7 student, or you can purchase them at the office. First prize is a homemade twin sized quilt, second prize is a \$50 Safeway gift card, and third prize is a homemade chocolate mousse cake. Draw date is March 19th, 2018. Thanks for your support!