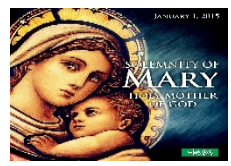




December 31, 2017

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 2nd

No Mass

Wednesday 3rd

9am + Margaret Lambert – Gladys Payne

Thursday 4th at Rainycrest

10am + David Fontana – Margrit Schaum

Friday 5th

9am For Christians and other religious minorities struggling for a peaceful coexistence with their neighbours, may they be allowed to practice their faith in full freedom

Saturday 6th

5pm + Mr. & Mrs. Esperidion Cardona & + Romel Jessie Blase Jr. (baby) & + Perpetua Blase – Nissa & Family

Sunday 7th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9am Intentions of Butch & Barb and Jackie & Jami – Louella,

+ Billy Bird – Dick & Rose

11am + Gloria Sawka – Frank & Becky

+ Mary Shortreed – Steve & Shirley Buttner

Intentions of Deacon Bob & Betty Grynol

– Shirley F.

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1st reading: (Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; 21.1-7)

2nd reading: (Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19)

Gospel: (Luke 2.22-40)



In your prayers, please remember those who

are sick: Eva Mattson, Arlene Steinke, Ewan MacKintosh, Rosalie Cousineau, Shirley Fraser, Nick Mutz, Kari Urquart, Ernie McColeman,

Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Dianne Pattison, Noella & Rick Hamilton, Father Michael Mitchell, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Ismael Albao

Offertory Collection for St. Mary's

Weekend Of

December 24th – \$4864.60

December 25th – \$12936.63

Counting Teams

January 8th – Linda

The Third Sunday of Every Month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

Jan Adams, Linda Anderson, Greg Perreault, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Jan Glueheisen, Phyllis Johnson (Bruyere), Kayla Bruyere, Desiree Alfred, Brian McPherson

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekend of

December 24th – \$1041.47

December 25th – \$1254.79

What's going on?!

January 1 – Office Closed

January 4 – Music Ministry meeting – 4:30pm

January 9 – Bereavement Group – 1:00pm

January 10 – Financial Council – 11:00am

January 11 – EDGE Night – 6:30-8:30pm

January 13/14 – CWL Membership Drive

January 14 – OLOL Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 16 – Assoc. of St. Marguerite d'Youville – 1:00pm

– Parish Council – 6:30pm

January 17 – OLOL Parish Council – 7:00pm

January 20 – Youth Mass & LifeTeen

January 20/21 – St. Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 1, 2018

9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

The office will be closed for New Year's on January 1st.

World Day of Peace

January 1



The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.”



EDGE: Youth groups for grades 6-9

The EDGE leaders would like to wish the youth a very Happy New Year. May you feel God's presence near, and may He guide and bless you all! Many thanks and blessings to our Parish community for supporting our Youth Groups! **We meet again on January 11, 2018.**

LIFE TEEN Youth groups for grades 9-12



Our Next Life Teen will be on January 20th. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from our Youth Ministry!



Life Teen Lunches:

The first lunch in the New Year will be January 10th at the Northwest Catholic District School Board Office.

MISSING: Sometime over the summer, 2 guitars went missing from the parish. If anyone borrowed them or might know what happened to them, we would appreciate it if you let the office know or you can just return them. Thanks!



Women's Cursillo

Cursillo is a short weekend course that enhances your experience of Christianity and builds Christian community. The next women's Cursillo is scheduled for **February 8 – 11, 2018** at Eagle's Nest Retreat Centre. It is not too late to apply! For application forms, go to www.cursillo-thunderbay.org or contact anyone you know who has made a Cursillo.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is suspended until January 17, 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend.



TEC #83 has been postponed to the weekend of Feb. 2-4, 2018. Applications are available at the back of the church.

Marriage



Preparation

Are you planning to get married in 2018? St. Joseph's Parish in Dryden is offering the Marriage Preparation Program the weekend of February 9 & 10, 2018. The deadline to register is January 25, 2018.

Please call the Parish Office at 274-5233 as soon as possible if you would like to attend this program.

Food for Your Journey - A New Year's Resolution is Like an Egg

A poor lady found an egg, called her three children together, and told them, "Children, from now on we'll have nothing to worry about. See: I have found an egg...and here is what we are going to do with it. We are not going to eat it, but put it under our neighbour's hen and let it hatch out into a little chick.

And we won't eat that little chick either. She'll grow up, lay eggs, and hatch them. Then we'll have plenty of chickens and plenty of eggs.

But we won't eat either the chickens or the eggs; we'll sell them and buy a calf. We'll raise the calf into a cow. Then the cow will have many calves and soon we'll have a herd of cows. We'll sell the cows and buy a farm....then we'll keep on buying and selling, buying and selling..."

The lady was speaking with so much excitement, that she dropped the egg onto the floor...

Many New Year resolutions are like that: people dream up a lot of ideal promises but many of them never even last until January the second. They are like that broken egg...

A Smile for Your Journey - The Bishop's Visit

Little Johnny's dad was the pastor of a small church in the Midwest. One day, he told Johnny that a very important church leader, a bishop, was coming to the church and would be staying with them in their home. Little Johnny became very excited about meeting the bishop. "What do I get to do?" he asked.

"Your job," father answered, "will be to take his morning tea up to the guest room."

"What shall I say?" little Johnny asked.

"Just remember to say, 'It's the boy, my Lord, it's time to get up'"

Little Johnny was very excited. He rehearsed his lines, repeating them over and over. Finally the day came, and little Johnny had learned all his lines. At the appointed hour, the bishop's tea and a biscuit were set on a tray and given to little Johnny to take to the guest. Knocking on the visitor's door, the boy became so excited his lines got all mixed up, so when he finally spoke, out came, "It's the Lord, my boy, and your time is up."

