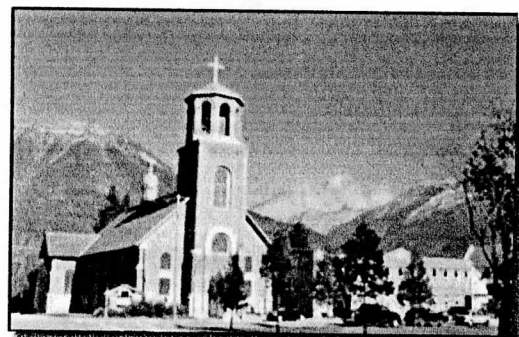


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Holy Family Parish is organised together with St. Michael's, Sparwood and St. Bernard's, Elkford.

5th November 2017

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Memorial Service for those who Died at the Rink – *Next Sunday*

The families of Wayne Hornquist, Lloyd Smith and Jason Podloski invite the community to take part in a Memorial Service next Sunday 12th November.

The location of the Memorial Service is at Fernie Secondary School on the east end of the soccer field around a bonfire. The service starts at 1:30pm. Seating and a live video feed will be set up in the Fernie Secondary School Gymnasium for anyone that does not want to be outside. Entrance into the gymnasium is through the west doors of the building. Please enter the area quietly from all sides of the service site.

Dress warmly to be outside, there will be family parking only in the staff parking lot on the east side of the school. Public parking will be available at Prentice Park, Isabella Dicken Elementary School, and Secondary School student parking lots. The families invite the public to join them for a reception in Traynor Hall following the service.

Rink Tragedy – A Time of Prayer and Reflection - *Tuesday*

The ministers from the United Church, the Anglican Church and our Church are holding an evening of prayer and reflection for those affected by the deaths at the Rink. It will be from 7pm to 8pm this Tuesday at Know United Church, 201 2nd Avenue in Fernie (go in and up the stairs to the balcony). During the evening we will be praying for all those caught up in this tragedy, particularly Wayne, Lloyd and Jason's families. But we know that many more people have been affected by these deaths. Feel free to drop in at any time during the evening and to leave at any time. This evening is not a formal service but a quiet time for prayer, reflection and, if people want, a time to share either with one of the pastors or with others who are there. There will be some readings and music, but what we do will be adapted according to who turns up and what is right for them. So do come and join this vigil, even for a few minutes, so all affected by this tragedy know that the churches are holding them tightly in prayer.

Priests' Annual Study Days

The priests of the diocese are meeting this week in Kelowna for their annual study days. Please keep them in your prayers as they look at various issues affecting the diocese. Fr. David hopes to join them later in the week.

Rocky Mountain Village

Due to the study days there will be no Mass at Rocky Mountain Village this week. But the Rosary will be prayed there this Monday at 2pm. Anyone is welcome to join the residence to pray the rosary.

Mass Times

Masses for Sunday

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Mass

There is **no Mass** this week in Rocky Mountain Village but the Rosary will be prayed there on Monday at 2pm.

Ministries

Saturday 11th November

Eucharistic Minister:

Colin Lynch

Reader:

Donald DiGeorgio

Greeters:

Patsy Caravetta & Frank Rambold

Sunday 12th November

Eucharistic Minister:

Eunice Peterson

Reader:

Cathleen Sonntag

Greeters:

Jesse Mong & Family

Church Cleaning this week:

B. Coultry, G. Kitchen, C. Sonntag,
R. Anselmo

Finance

Collections:

28th/29th October \$1224.35

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2017/2018:

Given to date.....\$7,270.00

Our Diocesan Goal.....\$11,600.00

*To donate to the Fernie Refugee Fund
please go to our website:*

www.holyfamilyfernie.ca

and there is a link on the home page.

*You will receive a charitable receipt for
any donation from CanadaHelps.Org*

Suggested Websites

Diocesan Website:

www.nelsondiocese.org

Catholic Women's League:

www.cwl.ca

Knights of Columbus:

www.kofc.org

Development & Peace:

www.devp.org

Canadian Conference of Catholic

Bishops: www.cccb.ca

Restoration Committee Update

The Holy Family Parish Restoration Committee is pleased to report that in the last few months we have received three grants towards our latest projects. One grant from Heritage BC for the development of a Conservation Plan for the Holy Family Church, one grant from Columbia Basin Trust and another from Heritage BC for the refurbishing of the stained glass windows, repair and refurbishing of the exterior trim on the church and refinishing of exterior doors on the church plus the fitting of electric door openers for wheelchair users and others with mobility issues. Work in these areas will commence this month and continue throughout 2018.

As a parish we are very grateful indeed to the Columbia Basin Trust and to Heritage BC for their kind support. Similarly we are very grateful to all the parishioners and our many visitors from Alberta who have (and we hope will continue) to support these projects. We particularly hope that the restoration of the windows will make a real difference to the look and feel of the building.

The Fernie Family Garden Project Requests Help

The Fernie Family Garden project is underway, and we need your help! We are looking for yard wastes such as leaves, grass clippings, deciduous tree trimmings (from alders, apple, birch, cottonwood, poplar, and willow), woodchips, sawdust, clean used straw. If you are interested in contributing your time, materials, muscle, green thumb and/or gardening knowledge please email ferniefamilygarden@gmail.com or call Tanya at 250-430-7613. This is an exciting project – you are welcome to be a part of it!

Wednesday Choir Practices

Anyone who heard the choir last week must have been impressed. If you would like to be part of this group, whatever your musical ability, please contact Rosanna: rosanna1@shaw.ca or text 250-423-7290.

Knights of Columbus – Important Meeting

On Tuesday, 21st November at 7pm there will be a special meeting for the members of the Knights of Columbus in the coffee room. The purpose of this meeting is to determine the future of Council 2206. All members are strongly asked to attend.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

The Mass schedule for Christmas and the New Year weekend is attached to this newsletter. Please take it and put it somewhere you can refer to it later. This year the arrangement of the Masses is complicated by the fact that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are both Sundays. The last time this happened was 2006 when there were two priests in the Elk Valley. So do please note the changes so you don't miss any of the Masses at this most holy time of year.