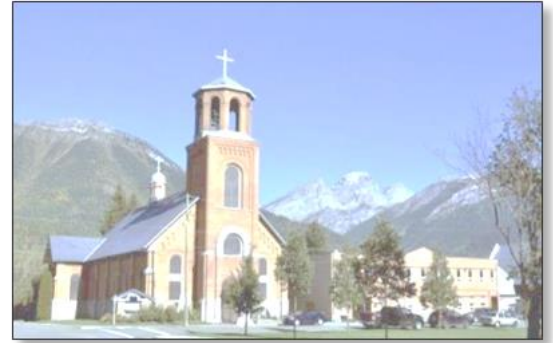


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28th July 2019 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Parish

Summer and Mass

As previous mentioned in the newsletter, there is normally a weekly Mass at Rocky Mountain Village on Wednesdays at 11am where we use the Sunday readings and prayers. Because of room availability, we don't have Mass on the last Wednesday of each month – that is, this coming Wednesday – but after that we will be back to normal.* Do feel free to join us, particularly if for some reason, getting to Mass on the weekend is difficult for you.

[*Rocky Mountain Village does not have a Mass on the last Wednesday of each month, that is, 31st July and 28th August. Fr. David is also away on Wednesday 21st August. Any other changes to the schedule will be shown in the newsletter.]

Coffee After Mass will be back in September

Very many thanks to all those who have diligently come in and set up for coffee each Sunday morning over the last year, and those who have provided the goodies to go with the coffee. During the summer we give our workers some time off, so there will be no more coffee after Mass until September.

Fernie Family Garden

We have some additions in the garden. Two new beds were put together this past week, which makes five in total. That makes the first block of garden beds to be available for rent. If you are interested in one of these garden beds or know of anyone who is, please email ferniefamily@gmail.com, or contact the Parish Office to inquire. Soil will be topped up and ready to go for a fall planting (Garlic anyone?), or for next spring.

Weeds in the garden space are being removed over the next few weeks. A few types of noxious weeds have been identified, so it is vital they are removed properly.

Fundraising continues towards the fence building. Please consider dropping off your bottles at the church shed, or you can donate your designate return money to the Fernie Family Garden right at the depot. This helps our volunteers out a lot. Thank you for your support.



Mass Times

Masses for Sunday

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Mass

No Mass at
Rocky Mountain
Village

Prayer Candle Votives

Our prayer candle standing at the back of the church is fully operational again. The votives consist of 100% Beeswax thus eliminating the damaging effect that ordinary candles cause.

Thank You So Much

Our church is so grateful for all our wonderful volunteer's that have willingly given their time to help train Ginny in the Parish Office. She has lots to learn, and has greatly appreciated your efforts, patience and kindness. Thank you!

Flower Bed in Front of Church Sign

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church building. During the summer there are many visitors in Fernie who walk past it and admire its beauty. This is a great chance for us as a Catholic Church community to make a positive impression on others. But for this to work the flower beds around the church also need to be in tip-top shape. Currently we are looking for a nurturing green thumb to trim our peonies and roses in the flower bed. This is a lovely job that could be done on a sunny afternoon or two during the summer, and would be a real help to the parish. If you are interested please stop in and see Ginny at the Parish office or you can call 250-423-6127.

Clearing out photocopying room

We are very fortunate at this time that we have most of the Family Centre utilised for various activities, groups and organisations; so much so that we have been asked if more space could be made available. Specifically, a room has been requested for small meetings of groups, for example, support groups. As the Family Centre is a resource to the community we want to help. Also, the more utilised the Centre is, the more income we get to maintain the property, which is something we need to do to ensure that the Family Centre is not yet another drain on the parish's financial resources. We have two rooms that are currently not rented out at all, the coffee room we use on a Sunday and for other parish functions, and the smaller photocopying room that is relatively close to the front door. The Parish Council very much want to keep the coffee room exclusively for parish use, so we won't be renting this room out, but the current photocopying room does have potential for other uses.

Accordingly, we need to clear out all the items that are stored in the photocopying room. Different groups or individuals might have items stored in there. If you or a group you belong to have items in that room, can you please arrange for these items to be identified and stored somewhere else. This needs to be done *this week*, because at the beginning of August we intend to redecorate the room and furnish it ready for rental at the beginning of September. If you don't have a key to the room, you can access it while Ginny is in the office: Tuesday to Fridays, 9am to 2pm.

At some point we might also ask for volunteers for a short 'work bee' to get rid of any items left in the room, as we think many of the items in there will need to be thrown away.

The Parish Council would also like to thank those who have worked so hard keeping the Family Centre as a hub of activity; this is not just good for the community, it also provides significant revenue to do vital upgrades to the building to keep it as a safe, modern facility.

Ministries

Saturday 3rd August

Eucharistic Minister:

Volunteer

Reader:

Patrice Oscienny

Greeters:

Rob Lecavalier

Sunday 4th August

Eucharistic Minister:

Visitor

Reader:

Giselle Kitchen

Greeters:

Luis Grijalva and Family

Church cleaning 2 week starting Monday 22nd July:

H. Binter, L. Campisi & M.

Scarpelli

Finance – Collections:

20th/21st July 2019..... \$1209.69

Candle.....\$5.00

Pilgrimage of Faith:

Diocesan Goal..... \$12,150.00

Given to Date..... \$8685.54

Need to reach

Diocesan Goal..... \$7,165.00