

Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

News Notices Upcoming Events

February 4, 2019

CWL South Ward Joint Meeting

The St. Peter CWL invites you to attend the South Ward Joint Meeting at St. Peter Church on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019**, beginning with Mass at 7:00pm with main Celebrant Msgr. Stilla. The theme being homelessness, Colleen Martin, LM will give an overview of Thunder Bay's homeless people. Members are asked to bring personal hygiene items to be given to Grace Place, as well as scissors and plastic grocery bags to make a humungous ball of plastic yarn to be turned into sleeping mats by John and Chris Wreszczak.

Bible Study and Homiletics

The Kitchitwa Kateri is offering these meetings on **Tuesday evenings** at 7:00pm, alternating with one week being Bible Study using video and one week being homiletics using the Lectio Divina method of prayer. For more information, call Penny at 807-631-7467.

Screening: Fatal Flaws

Our Lady of Loretto Parish will be hosting a screening of the Euthanasia film *Fatal Flaws* on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019** at 7:00pm. Discussion and refreshments will follow. For more information, please text or call Jaro Kotalik at 807-251-3323. Everyone is invited!

Pasta Night at St. Theresa's

St. Theresa Church in Kakabeka Falls invites you to their pasta night on **Saturday, February 9, 2019** at 6:00pm. Menu includes 3 different pastas, Caesar salad, garlic rolls and dessert. For tickets or reservations (\$15/adult; \$8/child 6-11; \$2/child under 6), call Sharon at 807-577-8296 or Judie at 807-475-5438.

Takeout Supper – Spaghetti and Meatballs ~ Please remember to bring your own containers!

In support of their community projects, the Columbus Club will be cooking spaghetti and meatballs on **Thursday, February 14, 2019** at the Columbus Centre, 301 S May St. *Takeout menu* (3:00pm to 6:00pm): spaghetti with sauce and six meatballs/\$11.50, ten meatballs in sauce/\$11.50, one litre of spaghetti sauce/\$10; chicken, perogies, salad and buns also available for purchase.

Alpha

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that deal with concepts of Christianity, designed for those wanting to deepen their faith and for those who are not yet familiar with Christianity. Each session consists of gourmet appetizers, a thought-provoking video, and small group discussions in a warm, accepting atmosphere. St. Agnes Church invites you to their next series, beginning **Monday**, **February 25, 2019** at 7:30pm. Register by contacting Kim Coursolle at 807-628-2724 or koconnor@tbcschools.ca. No cost!

Consoling the Heart of Jesus

This 10-week small group retreat will be held on Monday nights from **March 4 to May 13, 2019** (except April 22) from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Our Lady Chapel at St. Patrick Cathedral (please use Donald St. entrance). Through DVD talks, group discussions and music, you will be drawn more deeply into the mystery of the Heart of Jesus as taught by Saints Faustina, Therese of Lisieux, Ignatius Loyola and Louis de Montfort. The cost is \$15. Please register ASAP with Doug McClure at 807-708-4143 or <u>bumba3712@gmail.com</u>.

Confirmation Preparation

Holy Family Parish will be doing their Confirmation preparation in the form of a 2-day Confirmation Retreat on **Friday and Saturday**, **March 22 and 23, 2019**, with the Confirmation scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2019. The cost for the entire weekend is \$50/candidate. Please contact Holy Family Parish at 807-473-9722 or holy.family@shaw.ca for further details.

New Evangelization Summit

This year's New Evangelization Summit, **Saturday, May 4, 2019**, will be live-streamed from Ottawa to locations around the globe, two of which are located in our diocese: St. Martin School in Terrace Bay and St. Agnes Church in Thunder Bay! Featured will be six world-class speakers, including Fr. James Mallon, author of "Divine Renovation". For more information or to reserve tickets for this *FREE* event, visit www.newevangelization.ca; or contact Jeff Kubinec at 807-630-0624 in Thunder Bay or Betty Hanley at 807-825-9048 in Terrace Bay.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2019



Saint Josephine Bakhita, Patron of the victims of human trafficking

Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Loving God, who rewards the humble with your own transcendent grace, you blessed St. Josephine Bakhita with remarkable charity and mercy, even for those whose hatred, greed and lust for power rendered them blind to her luminous humanity. May her prayers on behalf of the exploited, the victimized and the powerless rescue the captives, strengthen the oppressed and move the hearts and minds of the unjust. May your light flood into the darkest shadows amid our needful world, carrying with it the balm of your healing and unfathomable mercies — both for those innocents who suffer and survive within such sinful darkness and for the wayward souls who have brought them there.

Renew, we beg, these broken hearts and wounded spirits. Have mercy upon a world disordered and disoriented by the nonstop assault of evil.

We ask this through your son, Christ Jesus, whose own consecrated servant, Josephine Bakhita, bore the scars of exploitation and now resides forever before your throne, as patroness of these poor souls. Amen.