

Dates to Remember, 2008

Please schedule the following events into your calendar :

March 8th St. Patrick's Day Stew Supper & Pub Night
March 9th St. Patrick's Day Concert
March 10th St. Patrick's Day Card Game
April 8th Sacrament of Confirmation
July 19th Annual Dinner Theatre

Cemetery Mass Schedule – 2008

St. Michael's Cemetery, The Front: July 20th at 2:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cemetery, Lance Cove: August 3rd, at 2:30 p.m.

Katimavik Billeting

Discover Canada without even leaving your living room! Become a host family and open your home for 9 days to a Katimavik participant who is currently volunteering in your community. It's a great opportunity to get to know a young person aged 17 to 21 from another part of the country. Contact Allison Hands at 488-6611 or bellisland@katimavik-atl.org if you are interested. The billeting period runs from the evening of Feb.22 to the evening of March 1st. Billeting is fast approaching and we are still short several placements, please contact as us soon as possible.

Jubilee Pilgrimage To Lourdes + Medjugorje

April 18-27, \$2525: 150 – Yr Jubilee pilgrimage to Lourdes +Medjugorje. Including air from Moncton or Halifax, accommodation, 2 meals per day, tour per itinerary, local guides, Info: Marie Desjardins @ 207 868-5027 or bubblepink49@hotmail.com

Bereavement Seminar

Bereavement Seminar for people who have lost a loved one. This session will be presented by **Dr. Rick Singleton**, Director of Pastoral Care and Ethics with Eastern Health. The session is from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Monday, February 18th, 2008 at the Health Science Centre in room 2J-619. Stay on the main corridor through the main entrance. No registration is necessary. For more information you can call 777-6959.

Knights of Columbus State Lottery Tickets

Once again this year St. Michael's Parish and the Knights of Columbus will combine efforts in the sale of the Knights of Columbus State Lottery. The State Lottery has in the past been a successful fundraising event for both the Parish and the local council. We are asking members of the Parish and members of the Knights to purchase one or more of these tickets and/or take one or more to sell to friends and relatives. The cost of the tickets is \$40.00, and there are a number of prizes to be won including the \$50,000.00 first prize. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available with tickets after Mass each week. Thank you for your past support. Because of new lottery regulations each ticket has to be accounted for, so we ask that you return any unsold tickets.



St. Michael's Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Feb. 17th, 2008

An Act of Faith:

Genesis 12:1-4

“Go From your country and your kindred.”

“Abram went.” Those two words may not sound like much, but they set in motion the entire story of God's chosen people.

God made a big promise to Abram. God promised to make him the father of a great nation, to have his name revered in blessings, to side with his friends and bring an end to his enemies. Who could refuse such an offer?

God only asked one thing of Abram in return. God asked him to go.

Abram had been living in Ur, in what is now Iraq. He probably had a very comfortable arrangement, with property and friends and relatives around him. But God had other ideas. God wanted Abram to inhabit another place, where his family could prosper in number, productivity, and faith. These blessings would be his if Abram would just go.

Abram went. In that simple act of obedience, he demonstrated the depth of his faith and the strength of his trust. In that simple act, he became the beneficiary of God's great promise. God may be asking you to go, to leave some place of comfort, to cross the threshold of a land you do not know, to believe that greater promises lie beyond. God needs only some sign of faith and trust.

First Reading: Genesis 12. 1-4

The calling of Abraham, father of the people of God.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8-10

God called us to be holy and gives us life and immortality through the Gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Jesus' face shone like the sun.

**SANCTURAY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF DARLENE CURNEW BOUDREAU
BULLETIN: IN MEMORY OF SUSAN GORMAN**