



# Newsletter #5

December 5, 2019

May hope, peace, joy and love

fill your home  
and heart!

Wishing you a  
blessed Advent!



## 5 things we're smiling about this month:



1

Opening night of "Thirty Horrible Catastrophes of Middle School" begins on Wednesday. It will be awesome!



2

Jr. and Sr. Girls home opener for Basketball begins Tuesday after school. Come out and support our teams... **Go Dragons!**



3

Our ECS classes and 1/2 English classes helped decorate trees at Kootenai Brown Museum—be sure to stroll through the museum and have a look!



4

Advent has begun and we gathered together for our first Advent celebration of 2019.

*Happy 1st week of Advent!*



5

7 students attended the two day **FNMI Resiliency Conference** in Calgary last week and had a wonderful experience making memories, and learning lots!



# FAITH FOCUS:

3-Year Faith Plan – “Making Our Mark: Journey of an Intentional Disciple”

**2019-2020 Theme – Beginning the Journey  
Calls to Action – Be mindful of God’s presence... Be prayerful...**

## **SMPC ‘Adopt A Family’ for Advent Project:**

Have you seen our “Grateful Tree” for Advent? Come check it out at the entrance of the school! Along with student messages of gratitude, we have decided to adopt TWO anonymous families within our school community and show our gratitude by supporting them with donations this holiday season. If you are interested in participating in the project please:

- ★ Choose a star off the tree
- ★ Purchase whatever the star has written for the anonymous family member
- ★ Gift wrap the donation and label it with the star from the tree
- ★ Place the wrapped gift under our tree

There will also be a food hamper collection that staff and students are welcome to contribute to. During the last week of school our anonymous families will be notified, and I’m sure surprised by the wonderful generosity of our St. Michael School Community.. Let’s make someone’s Christmas great- wanna help? Visit our tree!



*Lectio  
Divina  
Workshop*

**December 15  
2:00 PM**

At: St. Michael's Parish  
958 Christie Avenue,  
Pincher Creek  
Phone: 403-627-3071.

*Seeds of the Word*  
By Paul Hill

**“Seeds of the Word”**- Come find out all about ‘Lectio Divina’ in at workshop @ St. Michael Church - all are invited to attend (see poster)! Special event for Youth Group for Saturday (Dec 13th) @ 8pm in church basement. All students in grade 5+ are welcome!



## School Events:

### Drama Production



Thursday  
December 5  
7:00 pm in the  
Den

*"30 Horrible Catastrophes  
of Middle School"*

Tickets available in the  
school office.

### Elementary Christmas Concert!

Thursday, December 12  
7:00 pm in the Den

Pre-k students up to grade 6 will  
be performing!



### Christmas Banquet & Dance

Thursday, December 19  
6:00 pm  
Pincher Creek Community Hall

The banquet and dance are for  
our grade 7-12 students and  
staff. Lists will be posted letting  
students know which item  
they need to  
bring for the dinner.  
The fee to get into the dance is  
\$10 or \$8 with a donation to  
the Food Bank.

### The Friends of St. Michael's

The Friends of St. Michael's are our school  
booster club. They support our school in  
many ways including: school activities,  
Dragon athletics, student awards, bussing,  
Scientists in the Classroom and much more.

The Friends meet on the First Monday of the  
month in the Den, all are welcome to attend!

#### Current Fundraiser: Cash Calendar >

Contact Janine Johnson or Margo Schmidt  
to purchase a ticket for \$25. Draws begin in  
January.

For more info: [Cash Calendar](#)

### School Council

St. Michael's School Council

#### MISSION:

Families collaborating with school  
administration to maximize the success of  
St. Michael's students.

#### MOTTO:

To Inform and be informed. To respect and  
be respected. To include and be included.

#### Next Meeting: See you in January!

Please come out to the meetings and  
have your voice heard.



## Le coin français - The French Corner



### "J'aime le français" Merit Award

1F Elora Barfuss    5F Clayton Barfuss  
2F Joel Moller    6F Sienna Poulsen  
3F Zach Clinton    7F Adrijanna Cooley  
4F Jazz Hochstein    8F Jaxson Speelman

#### "En classe":

Le 17 décembre, Gr.1/2F will be visiting Crestview Lodge to sing and play Bingo in French with the seniors.

Le 4 décembre 5/6F Presentation on how to protect your hearing, what causes hearing loss, and how to be a good friend to someone who has hearing loss by Pauline Peddle, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support Teacher.

#### French Words of the Month:

*Joyeux Noel* Merry Christmas

*Merci* / Thank you

*De rien* / You're welcome

#### Useful Websites:

<https://www.wordreference.com/>

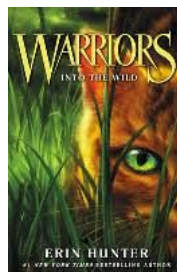
<https://planetfrench.com/>

## Library Corner



The library is getting Close to finishing some of the read aloud novels for each class, and working on finding new titles to begin in the new year. Re-labelling books and getting new titles out is happening daily.

New to the library titles include:



If you are interested in volunteering contact Mrs. Young in the office for the appropriate paperwork.

*Books give a soul to the universe,  
Wings to the mind,  
Flight to the imagination and life to everything.  
- Plato*

## Be In The Know!

### School Messenger

Improving our Schools' Communication with Home!

Click here for information: [School Messenger](#)



### St. Michael's School Webpage: [SMPC](#)

For information on: school calendar, time tables, school fees, school supplies, staff contact info., bell schedule, school council notices and so much more! "Like Us" on Facebook: St. Michael's School, Pincher Creek Follow us on Instagram: [stmichaelspc](#)

### Holy Spirit Board Meetings:

To see the Holy Spirit Board meeting dates and meeting briefs click the link below:

[Meeting Dates and Meeting Briefs](#)

### Alberta Health Services

For more information:  
[Healthy Children December](#)  
[Healthy Teens December](#)


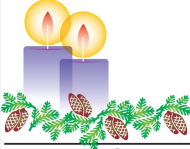

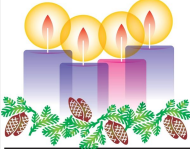




## Off Campus News:

For information on post-secondary fairs, open houses, RAP and work experience:

[Click Here](#)

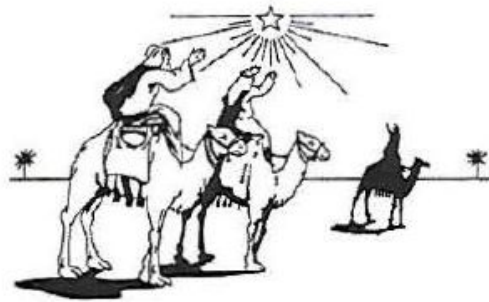
# December 2019

<p>1</p>  <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Friends of St Michael's Meeting</p> <p>Elementary parent/teacher interviews</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Advent Celebration 9:00 am</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Drama Production 7:00 pm in the Den</p> <p>Picture retakes 9:30 am in the art room</p> <p>1-2 E/F to KBPV to decorate trees</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Drama Production 7:00 pm in the Den</p>	<p>6</p> <p>PD Day No classes for students</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>  <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Friends of St. Michael's Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Earth Rangers presentation for elementary classes 2:00 pm</p> <p>Gr 11 &amp; 12's to visit U of L</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Elementary Christmas Concert 7:00 pm (pre-k to grade 6)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>  <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1-2F Crestview &amp; Bowling</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Christmas Banquet &amp; Dance for students (gr 7-12) 6:00 pm Pincher Creek Hall</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>  <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Christmas Holidays</p>	<p>24</p> <p>December 21 through</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>to January 05</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>See you back on</p>	<p>27</p> <p>January 6th!</p>	<p>28</p>

# St. Michael's Parish

958 Christie Avenue, Pincher Creek, Alberta

Phone: 403-627-3071



*"Glory to God in the Highest"*

December 4, 2019

Dear Friends:

Soon we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord. The words from St. Luke's gospel which will be proclaimed on Christmas Eve assure us that the birth of Jesus means "glory to God in the highest" and "on earth peace among those on whom he favors!" Most people would not question that Christ's birth gave glory to God in the highest, but we may wonder about peace on earth.

One of the graces of the birth of Christ as man means that the wall of hostility between God and us is broken down. God is able to live in us and work in us. May our efforts then be for the peace of Christ and our prayers to the Father be for His peace - that it will rule in our hearts, in our families and in our world.

Our **Advent Reconciliation Service** will take place on **Wednesday December 11, 7 p.m.** A number of priests will be attendance to hear confessions, so this is a good occasion to receive the mercy and forgiveness of God.

On **Sunday December 15, 2 p.m., a Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) Workshop**, will offered by five sisters from the Seeds of the Word community. Please Come! For further information see [www.seedsoftheword.com](http://www.seedsoftheword.com).

Our **Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule** is:

Christmas Eve (Tuesday December 24): 5:00 and 9:00 pm

Christmas Day (Wednesday December 25): 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve: (Tuesday December 31): 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Day. (Wednesday January 1): 10:00 p.m.

May your Christmas be filled with peace!

*Fr Myles Gaffney*

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Pastor, St. Michael's Parish