



May Anniversaries



Birthdays

May 2 – Fr. Gerry LeStrat
May 4 – Fr. James Holland
May 9 – Fr. Edward McSheffrey
May 16 – Fr. Gilles Gauthier
May 17 – Fr. Susai Jesu
May 28 – Fr. Alfred Hubenig

First Vows

May 3 – Fr. Edward Kosa (63 years)
May 31 – Br. Louis Gendre (60 years)

St. Charles Parish

This past weekend, Fr. Ken Forster, OMI, Provincial of OMI Lacombe Canada announced that the Oblates will be leaving St. Charles Parish. The Oblates have served this parish for 40 years; it is only after much discernment that this decision was reached.

Community Dinner

The residents of Foyer Lacombe, along with a few local Oblates, gathered for a lovely dinner at Foyer Lacombe last week; they celebrated Archbishop Sylvain's birthday and bid farewell to Fr. Guislain Kibete Nkwar, OMI and to Br. Eugene Mwape, OMI. Fr. Mike Dechant, OMI from Saskatoon dropped by for the occasion.



Basic Oblate Community Reunions

Star BOC: Thursday, May 16th at 7 pm at Star of the North Retreat House.

Gareth BOC: Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30 pm at Gareth Place. ***All are welcome.***

Assembly

Br. Anthony District will hold an assembly on May 28 and 29th at Star of the North. As details are still being worked out, information on this assembly will be sent to all Oblates and Associates early next week for registration.

Retreat

The annual Brother Anthony District Retreat for Oblates and Associates will take place at Star of the North Retreat Centre from September 30th to October 3rd, 2019. Father Richard Sudlik, OMI from the US Province, will animate this retreat. More information to follow in coming issues of Happenings.

Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage

The annual Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage will take place at Lac Ste Anne from Saturday, July 20th to Thursday, July 25th, 2019. For more information, please visit the official pilgrimage website: <https://lacsteannepilgrimage.ca>

Program at Star of the North

Journeys to Justice, with Joe Gunn

Are church communities the best places to go if you want to engage in social and ecological justice? Is the prophetic desire for justice encouraged to burn in the hearts of church-goers today? Do our ecclesial structures promote animation and action towards public justice? Joe Gunn answers these questions head on in a new book by Citizens for Public Justice, Journeys to Justice: Reflections on Canadian Christian Activism. By recalling the ecumenical victories of the recent past and sharing the reflections of a new generation of Christians working for justice, this conversation challenges us all to live out Christianity in concrete ways, today.

Wednesday, May 29th, 2019 from 7pm to 9pm // Cost: \$15.00

Star of the North - Employment Opportunity

Star of the North Retreat Centre is seeking a part-time Program Coordinator, (flexible 25-30 hrs per week, with some evenings and weekends required) with possibility of growth into a full-time position. The Program Coordinator is responsible for: developing, administering, and delivery of programs; program event coordination; coordinating, meeting and training hospitality volunteers; hospitality to facilitators and program participants; advertising, marketing and online website promotion; communications / event promotions through social media and online presence.

The successful applicant will have an MA degree in spirituality or theology and/or have relevant education and experience for adult spiritual retreat and formation. The applicant will be well organized, hospitable, and skilled at working independently and as part of a team to fulfil the mission, goals and objectives of the centre. Start date to be determined.

Apply by mail to:

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We appreciate your interest but only those short-listed will be contacted.