Adult Education

Bible Study open to all parishioners will continue on Friday, October 2, at 9:00 a.m. If interested, please call Emily Sickney at 968-9195 or Alison Mattson at 962-3564.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on October 6, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., in the library. Hugh Spall will lead a program on the History of the Church. No meeting on September 29, due to October Festival preparation.

Classes de Catecismo Martes a las 6:30 p.m., para adultos. Todos están invitados a participar. También estarán viendo otros temas de gran interés. Asiste con toda la familia.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will offer SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained on Wednesday nights, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., continuing September 30. Fresh. Bold. Relevant. SYMBOLON features video and discussion sessions that brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. Parents of children/youth in the religious education programs are highly encouraged to attend, especially those with children/youth preparing for sacraments. Check out their website at www.symboloncatholic.org for an overview.

Elementary and Youth

Religious Education Registration is happening now at each program. Elementary fee is $30 and Middle/High School fee is $35, with a Family maximum of $80. On Line Registration is also available. Please keep in mind that Sacraments are a 2-year process. Don’t forget to pick up your updated 2015-16 Religious Education Hand Book.

Elementary sessions continue this Sunday, September 27, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Last Sunday we had 115 children and 14 volunteers. We started the day with an opening activity that included recorded music, the Mass Readings and a discussion. In the classrooms, the children learned about Faith through the Catechism, Prayer and Scripture. The children planted seeds of faith and did a relay activity where they stretched their mind and bodies and learned what the Catechism says about why we are here. (God infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. CCC1). Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Alena at 925-0131 or standrewparishRE@yahoo.com

EDGE sessions continue Monday, September 28, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

CHosen Confirmation Preparation sessions continue Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Please arrive in a timely fashion.

Our first CHosen Confirmation Retreat will be Friday to Sunday, October 9-11. All Confirmation students are required to attend. Women will be staying at St. Andrew’s and men will be off-site. Please see the office or Thomas Megargle to obtain a packing list. Please keep our students in prayer.

We are looking for donations of simple breakfast items for Saturday and Sunday mornings for both men and women, as well as, lunch for the women on Saturday. If you are interested in helping provide food items, please contact Thomas Megargle.

LIFEnight sessions continue Monday, September 27, 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Childcare will be available for children ages 9 months (crawling) to 4 years old during the Sunday 9 AM Mass, starting September 27. Please bring children to the youth room. If your child(ren) has/have not been registered or in volunteering one or more Sundays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., please contact Stacey Bankston-Engel (425-283-8734) or Terri Sorosen (509-312-0207).

Parents & Catechists

There will be a Catechists and Volunteers retreat for Elementary Religious Education on Sunday, October 4, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. A light meal will be provided. R.S.V.P. to Alena Camarata at standrewparishRE@yahoo.com or 509-306-0131.

There will be an Elementary Parent Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., in the social hall. Sorry, no childcare is available. All parents should attend this meeting. It is critical that all parents of students who are preparing to receive sacraments (1st & 2nd Year) bring a copy of the child’s baptismal certificate (if not baptized at St. Andrew’s) and REGISTER their child for the sacrament.

Lifefteen Core Team will meet Thursday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Thomas.

Confirmation Core Team will meet Thursday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m., for current members and those interested in joining the team.

Upcoming Meetings

Join us in Centering Prayer, a form of silent or contemplative prayer that has been part of Catholic history for centuries, on Mondays at 5:15 p.m., in the meditation/cry room. You’ll be home by 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call Karen at 962-9648.

Crafts Unlimited meet in the activity center on Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and join us in fun which benefits St. Andrew’s by helping to make various items for sale during October Festival and our Christmas Gifts & Goodies Sale in December. For more information, please feel free to call Carole Vondergeist at 962-1551.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries will meet Sunday, October 4, at 10:15 a.m. Compassion Corps, a new ministry outreach to those who have lost loved ones recently, will meet on Thursday, October 8, at noon in the St. Jerome Library. Bring a lunch, if you wish.

To better facilitate this list, it will be purged at the beginning of every other month, e.g., Sep., Nov., Jan., etc.

Please pray for the sick of our parish— Betty Nolls, Gerald Gunn, Rob Snyder, Lidi Byblow Smith, Dan Witkowski, Wolly Dixon, Pat Carney, Peter Conti, Matt Morton, Theresa Rette, Tyler Robinson, Ruth Hayer, Vyvane Prater, Maria Stampley, Don Bacon, Joe Ng, Maria Lopez-Kirkham, Meg Seubert, Adam Donddy, Maria Barrios, Fr. Dan Greene, Margarita Huerton, Fr. John O’Shea, Magr. Perron Ave, Randy Brunson, Dale Knudson, Ray Fletcher, Janie Winterer, Corred and our priests and nurses who suffer from poor health, and those who are sick but wish to remain anonymous, we pray to the Lord. Please call the office with updates.

A reminder that everyone is invited to pray the Rosary before Sunday Mass in the cry room, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Give thanks for the Religious. Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generally for the collection to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Envelopes are on the bulletin table.

The next Baptism Preparation class will be on Monday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. (English), and Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. (Spanish). Parents and god parents are required to attend. Please bring a copy of the State Birth Certificate. Sorry, we are unable to provide childcare.

Music Ministries

The Choir of St. Andrew’s (COSA) is an adult choir which sings primarily at the Sunday 9 AM Mass. We rehearse at 8:15 a.m., in the church on Sundays prior to Mass, with occasional rehearsals as needed. This Fall we are planning a Choir Retreat in Upper County on Saturday, October 24, which will feature a time not only for meditation, prayer and fellowship, but also working on some great music! If you have sung in choirs in high school or college, you would be a great addition to the choir. You are invited to come at 8:15 a.m., on Sundays, September 27, and October 4, to try singing with Barbara Pickett with any questions at 962-3639.

The JUBLITE CHOIR is a choir for young singers in grades 1-8. Our calendar is coordinated with that of religious education and we rehearse in the activity center from 11:15-11:45 a.m., on Sundays. We sing four times a year mostly at the 9 AM Mass; in the Fall, Christmas Children’s Mass, Lent and for the first Sunday in May, which includes a Paschal Service. Please contact Jerri Connolly at 962-4207 with questions. We also strive to continue this ministry. Our next rehearsal is Sunday, October 4, at 11:15 a.m. We welcome all young singers to join us.

The Music Ministry at the Sunday 5PM Mass is in need of help. We need someone to do occasional photocopying and filing of music, sound tech person(s), someone to operate laptop computer for projection of music and last, but not least, several strong, both men and women, including some who are willing to cantor the psalm. We also need a pianist and a keyboard player. Solo wind and string players are also welcome. (Some ability to improvise is helpful.) Please consider offering your time and talent in support of this ministry. Without some additional membership, we may be unable to continue this ministry. Please call Jerry Connolly at 962-4207 with questions.
World Meeting of Families Prayer

God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
You have made us
Your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.

May Your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the
Holy Family,
with the aid of Your Holy Spirit,
guide all families,
especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek Your truth
and live in Your love.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
pray for us
2015 Year for Families

Thank you to Juan Gonzalez for donating the labor for the parking lot sign pedestal and Phil Kelleher for donating the cost of materials. Please take a look and see the beautiful work.

October Festival 2015

Thank you for your donations of zucchini. We have enough now.
October Festival will be NEXT Thursday, October 1, 10 AM to 3 PM, featuring a homemade vegetable beef or cream of zucchini soup, bread and a slice of pie for $5.00. Browse through the Country Store, Bake Shop, Craft Shop and a Raffle. A reserved dining area is offered for those on a tight lunch break. This is a parish-wide and community event.

Please be sure to check the schedule posted by the church doors. Workers are asked to park in the field parking to allow room in the paved parking lot for our guests.

The success of the event relies on your generosity of time and talents. The Craft Shop appreciates your needlework, sewing and hand-crafted items. Please use a blue slip from the parish office. The Country Store is accepting garden items and dried floral arrangements. Sorry, we are unable to accept home-made jams, jellies and relishes, per Health Department regulations. We look forward to offering a huge Bake Shop with all the wonderful goodies people make. Fresh baked bread and pies are wonderful accompaniments to the soup luncheon. Sorry, we are unable to accept cream pies, because of refrigeration needs.

If you need disposable pie tins, they are in a box by the church door. Help yourself.
Raffle tickets are now on sale after all weekend Masses. Prizes include: double-size “Radiant” quilt, American Girl Doll and accessories, and a white afghan. Cost is $1.00
Reserved Dining Room Tickets are available in the parish office. This is for those on a short lunch break.

Yakima #96 Young Ladies Institute will host the 63rd annual Seminarian Burse Dinner on Sunday, October 4, noon to 4:00 p.m., at Holy Family Gathering Hall in Yakima. For tickets, call Dolores LaCoursiere at 509-452-9960, or purchase at door. Proceeds benefit seminarian education.

The priests of the Diocese of Yakima will be attending the annual Priest Convocation this week of September 28. Please keep them and all priests in your prayers.

It’s time to reserve your spot at the 2015 Celebration of Faith on October 10, 2015 at the Yakima Convention Center. The evening starts with a hosted reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by a wonderful dinner and program ending at 8:30 p.m.. Fr. Stephen Rowan of St. Martin’s University will be the keynote speaker and Kelly Mattson of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Selah is the Emcee. Register online at www.cwcatholicfoundation.org/registration or by calling the Central Washington Catholic Foundation at 509-972-3732.

Is God calling you to be a Permanent Deacon? The Diocese of Yakima has opened a four-year plus Formation Program for men, ages 35-62, who wish serve in this capacity. Please discuss with Fr. Tomas and ask for application packet. Brochures are available on the bulletin table.
Compassion Corps, a ministry new to St. Andrew's, reaches out to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. An interactive group, compassion Corps will meet at noon on dates to be announced in the parish bulletin. The initial meeting will be in the library on Thursday, September 17. Bring your own lunch. Those interested in participating may join the group at any time and may continue as long as participation is helpful. Transportation can be provided. Please contact Jim or Joanne Cortese (509-306-9111) for more information.

Alejandra Tejeda has offered to be in the parish office on Sunday mornings until someone is hired to fill that position.

St. Andrew's is pleased to announce that we are now offering electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering through Vanco Services. Visit www.st-andrewsparish.com and click on link to set up your profile. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the parish office. You will also be able to process preschool tuition payments and book store purchases. As always, you can use your donation envelopes, cash, checks and bank automatic payments as forms of donations.

We are most grateful to our loyal donors and new donors who have pledged to the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). If you have not made your pledge yet, we invite you to do so. Your gift is important in supporting the many ministries of the Church. Our goal is 200 participants and $38,722.00. Currently we have 139 pledges totaling $44,531.66. Thank you.