December 6, 2015
Second Sunday of Advent
Grant us your salvation, Lord

Week of December 7

Monday, December 7

1. Holy Name of Jesus
2. Visit of the Magi
3. Day of Departure

Tuesday, December 8

1. Holy Name of Mary
2. Day of Departure
3. Crescent

Wednesday, December 9

1. St. John’s Day
2. Day of Departure
3. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thursday, December 10

1. St. Mary’s Day
2. Day of Departure
3. Mass for the Poor

Friday, December 11

1. St. Barbara’s Day
2. Day of Departure
3. Friday Morning Bible Study

Saturday, December 12

1. St. Joseph’s Day
2. Day of Departure
3. Saturday Evening Bible Study

Sunday, December 13

1. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2. Day of Departure

When we seriously consider the role of steward, our vision becomes outward-directed with a longing to share from our blessings and abundance with those in need.

Concrete actions are
• "Sermon on the Amount" 1108.50
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  • November 1 1108.50
  • November 2 362.00
  • November 3 1108.50
  • November 4 362.00

In the last week of November, the Finance Council reviewed and approved the budget for the Parish Financial Year 2016-2017. The overall budget is $6,710,978, with a $2,816,000 deficit. The Parish Treasurer, with the approval of the Finance Council and the parishioners, is working to implement a plan to address this deficit, including cost reduction and efficiency initiatives.

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) ended December 13, but we encourage continuing your support for this important program. If you have not already contributed, please pray about your response and consider making your gift before the end of the year.

Thank you for your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul Ministries and other programs within our parish. Your generosity helps us continue to support our parishioners and the wider community in need.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

The Pastor and Finance Council

Adult Education

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will continue on Monday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. This is an inquiry class for those interested in becoming Catholic, or for those Catholic adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bible Study open to all parishioners will resume on Friday, December 11, at 9:00 a.m. If interested, please call Emily Stickey at 968-9195 or Alison Mattson at 962-3564.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will continue on December 8, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., in the library. Hugh Spall will lead a program on the History of the Church.

Classes de Catecismo Martes a las 6:30 p.m., para adultos. Todos están invitados a participar. También estaré 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., resuming December 2, in the library. Every parishioner has access to the beauty of SYMBOLON, and other offerings, with our special parish online subscription. Visit www.formed.org and scroll down to submit our parish code - 449356, create your username and password. Join us for discussion on Wednesdays.

Elementary and Youth

Elementary sessions resume this Sunday, December 6, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

All Middle and High School youth are invited to join in spreading Christmas cheer and candy canes to the residents at Heartstone on Thursday, December 10. Meet at St. Andrew’s at 5:30 to practice and depart at 5:15. Late arrivals can meet us at Heartstone. Hot chocolate and games at St. Andrew’s afterwards!

EDGE sessions continue Monday, December 7, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Christmas Party will be Monday, December 14. Please bring a dish to share and a $5 wrapped gift item for gift exchange.

CHOSEN Confirmation Preparation sessions continue Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 16. Fr. Tomas will be celebrating a special closing Mass for our Confirmation candidates, and we will follow it with a party and gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share and a $5 wrapped gift item.

LIFENIGHT session will resume this Sunday, December 6, 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.

LifeTeen Christmas trip to Leavenworth will be Sunday, December 13, 10 AM to 7 PM. Cost is $10 and will include dinner. Please dress warm, and bring a lunch. Will depart after 9 AM Mass. Space is limited, so sign up quickly!

Seattle Homeless Service Trip for high school youth is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 9 AM to 10:30 PM. We will serve the homeless at two shelters near Pioneer Square. This will be exciting and will involve a significant amount of walking and time downtown. We will serve food and provide supplies. Bring a sack lunch and join us in the 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 Carol Vordergerzt at 962-1551.

Compassion Corps, a new ministry reaching out to those who have lost loved ones recently, will meet on Thursday, December 3, at noon in the library. Bring a lunch, if you wish.

Upcoming Meetings

Join us in Centering Prayer, a form of silent or contemplative prayer that has been a 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 will meet December 8, then resume meeting in the activity center on Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., after the first of the year. Bring a sack lunch and join us in the 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 Carol Vordergerzt at 962-1551.

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To better facilitate this list, it will be purged at the beginning of every other month, ie: Nov, Jan, March etc.

Please pray for the sick of our parish— Betty Nolls, Gerald Gunn, Rob Snyder, Lori Boykiv Smith, Pat Camery, Peter Conot, Dan Bacon, Carlos Huitron, Dale Knudson, Ray Fletcher, Jamie Winterer Carney, Reid O’Donnell-Herbers, Joe Jacobs, Bernice Orcutt, Ken Lafferty, Fr. Richard House, Fr William Vogel, Randy Bronson, Jeff Kindlworth and our priests and nuns 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.)

We are most grateful to our loyal donors and the new donors who have pledged to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). If you have not done so, please take a moment to review the information you received in the mail. Please prayerfully consider making a gift. Your gift is essential to sustaining the many ministries of the Diocese of Yakima. Your parish pledge goal is $38,722.00. We have met $25,608.00 of our goal with 91 donors.

 attached, for ease of sorting.

Gift Wrapping party will be Tuesday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m., everyone invited. Fill supplies provided. You may be partial to your own personal scissors. Refreshments provided.

Baskets will be distributed on Thursday, December 17, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Thank you for your generosity to this wonderful annual program.

Many thanks to the Gates family for cutting boughs and the Johnson family for arranging the Advent Wreath Party and those who participated. When done with frame, please return for safekeeping until next year.

Thank you to Alena Camarata, her family and helpers for an excellent St. Andrew’s Family Pizza Party. Fun was had by all!

The Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson, D.D. will offer a special “White Mass” for doctors, dentists, nurses, physician assistants and all who make the profession of medicine on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima. Receptions to follow.

Christmas Gifts & Goodies will be this Saturday, December 5, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 6, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Wives in Prayer will sponsor the goodies. Proceeds benefit St. Andrew’s.

Our Advent Communal Reconciliation Service with visiting priests will be Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 20, following 9 AM Mass. Everyone invited.

MAGNIFICAT classes will resume in January.

The Giving Tree is on display. Please take a tag or two and purchase the appropriate item(s). Gifts are due back on or before 10:00 a.m., Sunday, December 13, UNWRAPPED with TAGS.