February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent
When the Lord calls, we answer!

Monday & Thursday, Communion Service, 8 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Mass, 8 AM
DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
(the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass is offered for the people of the parish)
Tuesday, William Hoyt
Wednesday, Peg Krieger
Saturday 5 PM, Honor of Blessed Virgin Mary

The origins of the theology of stewardship are found in this passage from the Old Testament. Stewards return the first fruits of their labors to God, not the leftovers. This practice is a reminder to always place God first in our lives.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!
Are you new to St. Andrew’s Parish? We welcome you. Please introduce yourself to the priest prior to Mass, and fill out a registration form. Ask for a parish directory.

“SERMON on the AMOUNT”
Regular Sunday (2 qt $62.514) 449.00
Building Fund (2qt $10376) 604.00
Total Jan & 31 5099.00
Religious Education (2qt $40.153) 381.00
Initial Offerings 381.00
Ash Wednesday 772.34
The Pastor and Finance Council have developed a parish budget which calls for an average weekly income, from Sunday and Building Fund donations, of $5,392.35; and $494.60 for Religious Education Programs. Thank you for your financial support.

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 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 call Carole Vondergeld at 962-1551.
We are replenishing our supply of pillow case dresses for the BAWA Health Initiative. Please consider donating bias tape and new or gently used pillow cases.
Compasion Corps, St. Andrew’s Parish invites and men and women to an upcoming Merciful like the Father Retreat on Saturday, March 5, 10 AM to 6:30 PM. Cost is $10. Lunch, dinner and snacks provided. Please reserve your spot(s) for childcare in advance. You will have the opportunity to reflect on yourself and the merciful love of God to man. It is an invitation to understand more of what Pope Francis conveys in “The Holy Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.”
Come to the pathway of love and holiness; Christ and the Church are calling you. This retreat focuses on the Merciful like the Father, Eucharist, Work of Mercies/Corporal/Spiritual, The Presence of God in our Lives, and To Live and Testify. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Alejandra Tejeda for more information, 962-9819 or standrewsparishOA@ymail.com

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained
classes continue in Quincy; and Yakima the following weekend, Saturday, February 14, at 10:15 a.m. Upcoming Meetings

Season of Lent
The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor the weekly Friday Night Fish Fry during Lent. Join us at 5:30 p.m. Cost is by donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Stations of the Cross will be offered in the church at 6:30 p.m., on Friday nights during Lent. Thank you to Roger Wilson who will lead this weekly prayer. Fr. Tomas will be available to hear confessions on these nights, starting at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining a group of parishioners praying the Rosary every Saturday at 4:30 p.m.; just before Mass, in the cry room of the church.

Parents & Catechists
The next Elementary Parent Meeting will be Sunday, April 3, at 10:15 a.m. All parents are required to attend.

Upcoming Education

St. Andrew’s Young Adults (SAYA): A new weekly small group for adults in their 20s and 30s (single/married) will continue this Thursday, February 18, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., in the activity center. Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682 with any questions. Children are welcome!
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will continue Monday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. The Rite of Sending will be Sunday, February 14, at 9 AM Mass, and concluding in Yakima at 3 PM.

Bible Study open to all parishioners will continue this Friday, February 19, at 9:00 a.m. If interested, please contact Emily Stickney at 968-9195 or Alison Mattson at 962-3564.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will continue this Tuesday, February 16, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., in the library. Hugh Spald will lead a program on the History of the Church.

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will offer SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained in Spanish, Monday nights, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., resuming February 17, 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’s code - 449536, create your username and password. Join us for discussion on Wednesdays.

Elementary and Youth

Elementary sessions resume Sunday, February 21, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

EDGE sessions resume Monday, February 22, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

EDGE Spring Lock-In will be Friday/Saturday, February 26/27, 7:30 PM to 8:30 AM. Theme is “Hero.” All middle school youth invited. Sign up in the office. No cost, but please bring a snack or breakfast item to share. We are looking for cheese or vegetable pizza donations for the evening meal. Urgently seeking adult volunteer chaperones to lead a small group, particularly from 7:30 PM to midnight. If interested, please contact Thomas.

LifeTeen sessions resume Sunday, February 21, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Please note new time.

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sessions will continue this Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m.

High School Service Trip and Social in Yakima– Meet at St. Andrew’s on Saturday, February 20, at noon. We’ll volunteer at a pregnancy crisis center and St. Vincent De Paul Center in Yakima from 1 to 4 PM. Following, we will go to GETAB for trampoline fun. Cost is $10. Need two chaperones and have room for 18 students. Call Thomas.

No religious education classes this weekend in observance of President’s Day.

Last weekend, February 6 & 7, was our annual Stewardship Weekend. If you have not turned in your form, please do so now. You will be contacted by the leader of the ministries marked on your sheet. Be sure to pick up your updated Ministries Handbook.

Thank you for your gifts of time and talents.

The weekend of February 20/21, we welcome the CareNet Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles should be returned within 2 weeks. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

St. Andrew’s Ministry Leaders Gathering is next Saturday, February 20, 2-5 PM, in the social hall. We will share briefly about our ministries’ duties, mission, challenges, etc. If a leader unavailable, please send a delegate. Please bring your favorite dish to share at a potluck lunch. RSVP to the office at standrewsparishOA@ymail.com

To better facilitate this list, it will be purged at the beginning of every other month, i.e. March, May, July etc.

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Betty Nolls, Gerald Gunn, Bob Snyder, Lori Boylue Smith, Pat Conner, Peter Corti, Don Boedeker, Carol Abraham, Dale Hudson, Roy Fletcher, Jim Wilkerson, Conney, Ray O’Donnell, Herbers, Joe Jacobs, Bemice Orcutt, Ken Lafferty, Fr. Richard House, Fr. William Vogel, Randy Branson, Jeff Windkessel, Bob Riggs, Esta Willard, Fred Schaan, Bob Wikulski and our priests and nurses who suffer from poor health, and those who are sick but wish to remain anonymous, you pray to the Lord (Please call the office to update databases).

This year’s Family Lenten Retreat was a huge success! We had 30 children from 13 families and 15 volunteers who enjoyed a 10-hour Lenten adventure. Each family made 6 projects to take home. Thank you to Alena and all the wonderful volunteers who made the retreat such a joyful day. Special thanks to Jerry and Rachel Hochstein for providing music, and to a generous donor family to cover all expenses.

St. Andrew’s Parish has been invited to “enter the Door or Mercy” at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at the 11 AM Mass in English & the 1 PM Mass in Spanish. The Cathedral Parish will pray for our parish community, recognize pilgrims from our parish and extend a warm welcome. Refreshments provided after each Mass in the Assembly Place. We hope that you will consider going on this pilgrimage.

Bishop Tyson extends an invitation to all Catholic attorneys, judges and those who serve in the legal profession and their colleagues to a special Red Mass asking the blessing and protection of Christ for the good cause and their deliberations on Tuesday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima. Reception following.