St. Andrew’s Young Adults (SAYA): A new weekly small group for adults in their 20s and 30s (single/married) will begin again after summer break. Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682 for details and any questions.

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 - 449536, create your username and password.

Join us on Tuesdays, beginning September 20, 9:00-10:00 a.m., for The Church’s Social Teaching from Pentecost to Pope Francis. This course traces the development of the Church’s social justice teaching from the Pentecost to the present day.

Join us on Wednesdays, beginning September 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m., for Divine Mercy: In the second greatest story ever told. This is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Fr. Gaitley weaves a tapestry of wonder and beauty from the threads of the dramatic history of the divine mercy, the transformative message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the powerful witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. Pope John Paul II.

Join us on Thursdays, beginning September 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m., for SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained. 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 religious education programs are highly encouraged to attend, especially those with children/youth preparing for sacraments.

Registration for Elementary, EDGE (middle school), LIFETEEN (high school) and CHOSEN (Confirmation) will be held after Masses the weekend of September 10 & 11. Classes for all levels will begin the following week. Fees remain the same: $30/Elementary, $35/Middle & High School youth; with a maximum of $80 per family. Fees are payable at time of registration. Please speak with Alena Camarota if you need other arrangements.

We apologize for the late planning of the Kick-offs for middle and high school youth. Because we don’t have a youth minister in place just yet, parents will need to step forward to help planning and organizing. Join us for Bowling & Lunch on Saturday, September 10. We will meet and leave St. Andrew’s parking lot at 8:30 AM (sharp), traveling to Nob Hill Bowling in Yakima. Bowling will be offered 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. We will then travel back to St. Andrew’s where lunch will be provided with outdoor games. Youth will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. We will need chaperones with large vehicles to drive and several volunteers to have lunch ready. Youth must RSVP to guarantee seat availability, 962-9819.

2nd Year CHOSEN Confirmation classes begin on Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

LIFETEEN High School classes begin Sunday, September 18, 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.

EDGE Middle School classes begin on Monday, September 19, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Andrew’s Preschool classes will begin Wednesday, September 7, or Thursday, September 8, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to Fr. John Shaw as he will celebrate Daily Mass next week, Tuesday through Friday. Msgr. Robert Siler will celebrate weekend Masses during Fr. Rolette Armony’s absence.

Parish offices will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and Blessed holiday.

Next week’s collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give generously. Envelopes are on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Meetings

Young At Heart (55+) will meet on Monday, September 12, at 9 AM at The Palace Café. Join us in Centering Prayer on Mondays at 5:15 p.m., in the meditation/cry room. For more information, please call Karen at 962-946.

Crafts Unlimited meet in the activity center on Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. For more information, please call Carole Vondergeist at 962-1551.

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To better facilitate this list, it will be purged at the beginning of every other month, in: July, Sept., Nov, etc.

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Gerald Dunn, Rob Snyder, Ian Boykow Smith, Pat Carmey, Peter Corti, Don Bacon, Carlos Hutron, Ray Orcutt, Ken Lafferty, Randy Brunson, Ken Riddle, Bob Riggins, Esta Willard, Fred Schoen, Robechle Lund, Ulyah Dillon, Mac Brotherton, Tom Emerson, Leo and Linda Brennan, Shawn Lopez, Hubert Schmidt, Jean Lamore, Jon Ericson, Doug Holmgen, Jodi Huschka, Dorothy Drottmann and our priests and many others 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.)

YOUTH MINISTER POSITION – We are seeking a full-time youth minister to lead our enthusiastic, faith-filled team of volunteers to grow our dynamic and engaging youth program. You will work under the direction of our Pastor and parish administrator with some expectations including organizing the confirmation program, several retreats, and attending a youth convention. Must be an active Catholic, at least 21 years of age, and have youth ministry education or comparable experience, as well as a passion for reaching teens and fighting fires in their hearts that will lead them to becoming active Catholic adults. Full-time position with great benefits!

For information contact the parish at (509) 962-9819. Applications and related information can be obtained at: http://www.spirittrack.com/yakima/oneapp.

We are ready to accept donations of fresh zucchini from your gardens. Please remove bags (vegetable will sweat and rot) and leave in silver kitchen refrigerator. Thank you in advance for your donations. October Festival 2016 Mass will be celebrated at Dry Creek Assisted Living at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 7, and at Hearthstone on Wednesday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. Please consider attending and helping out our visiting priests.

On Sunday, September 18, Catechetical Sunday, we wish to honor Sharon Rosell as she retires as R.C.I.A. director. Sharon has lead this ministry for the past 23 years. Many parishioners are alumni of this program and many others have supported this ministry over the years by being sponsors, speakers, providing snacks, etc. Please join us after Mass to say thank you to Sharon for many years of service at “Coffee & Donuts.”

We welcome Scott Zimmerman as he steps into the role of R.C.I.A. director for 2016-17. Scott has past experience as an elementary catechist and CCM R.C.I.A. catechist. Please continue to show your support of this wonderful ministry.

Please visit our website to view Amoris Laetitia of the Holy Father Francis. “The Joy of Love” brings together the results of the two Synods on the family convened by Pope Francis in 2014 & 2015. You can view the whole document on line. A rushed reading is not recommended.

As part of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis, you are invited to pray the “Holy Door” at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima on any given Sunday and receive special indulgences announced by our Holy Father with the usual requirements of Reconciliation, Eucharist and prayers for the intentions of our Pope. Indulgences may be gained once a day. A single celebration of Reconciliation suffices for multiple indulgences.