

Elementary and Youth

Elementary classes will resume Sunday, June 4, at 10:05 to 11:05 a.m.

EDGE, Life Teen and CHOSEN Confirmation sessions have concluded for this school year. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming summer program events.

Quo Vadis Days 2017, July 31 to August 2. Young men ages 13-19 are invited to the 6th annual Vocations Camp. Cost is \$50 per camper. Scholarships and family rate available. Registrations are due on Wednesday, July 20. For more information or to register, call Michael Kelly at 509-367-5297 or visit <http://yakimadiocese.org/ministries/quo-vadis>

St. Andrew's Preschool Registration – Classes for 3/4 year olds is offered Tuesday and Thursday; classes for 4/5 year olds is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 to 11:00 AM, following the Ellensburg School District calendar. Monthly tuition is \$90 and \$110, respectively, with a non-refundable \$40 registration fee. There is a waiting list for both classes.

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held Wednesday, May 31, 7 PM, in Spanish. Parents and god parents must attend. Please bring a copy of the State Birth Certificate of the child(ren) to be baptized. Sorry, we are unable to care for young children during class.

Upcoming Meetings

The **October Festival Committee** will meet on Wednesday, May 31, at 7 PM, in the Craft Room. Please be sure to attend or send a representative. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please call Cathy Dunn at 925-5407.

Join us in **Centering Prayer** on Mondays at 5:15 p.m., in the meditation/cry room. For more information, please call Karen at 962-9648.

Crafts Unlimited meet in the activity center on Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., but not Holy Week. Bring a lunch. For more information, please call Carole Vondergeest at 962-1551.

Many thanks to the parishioners who donated funds for the new Divine Mercy image in the church. The Rosary, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is prayed in the church Monday through Friday at 7:30 AM, and Saturday at 4:30 PM. Please join us.

A parishioner has immediate need of a **night time care giver** for supervision if awake. Includes light cleaning, maybe laundry or making breakfast. Please call daughter, Mary, at 425-239-9704. Some day hours may become available.

We have copies of *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* by Matthew Kelly available in the church vestibule and parish office (in English or Spanish) for \$2 donation.

Ellensburg Open Door Health Clinic provides free medical care to those who couldn't afford it otherwise. Please join us at Bleachers Restaurant for a fund raiser on Monday, June 5, 11 AM - 8:30 PM. Be sure to mention the fund raiser and a portion of the profits will be donated to EODHC. Thank you for your support.

Please take time to fill out the **2017 Stewardship Form** in the pews and return. We also have updated handbooks available. Many thanks to all the parishioners who give of their time and talents for St. Andrew's. Forms will be compiled with names and sent to the ministry head people, so they can contact you.

Four Square Church has begun the demolition and clean-up phase of its fire restoration. If you would like to help with this process, please contact Pastor Steve Luten at 925-5000.

Dear parishioners,

I'm pleased to let you know that St. Andrew Parish, thanks to your continuing generosity, has at long last met its goal for the Yakima Diocese Capital Campaign for Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education, with a recent payment of \$35,596 from our parish savings.

You may remember that our goal for this important project, which began more than 10 years ago, was \$146,600. Because we also were running our own campaign for a new rectory at the time, we were only able to raise \$75,408, leaving a balance of \$71,192.

However, several of our parishioners also have donated generously to help the Diocese pay for seminarians and senior priests through a program called the Bishop's Founders Circle. Bishop Joseph Tyson agreed to give us credit for \$35,596 in donations made by these parishioners, provided the parish make an equal payment, to bring the Capital Campaign to a close at St. Andrew's.

If all of that sounds complicated, it is because it is. Seminarian education is the Diocese's single largest budget item. It will cost more than \$700,000 next year to educate 14 seminarians. And the Diocese will spend nearly \$300,000 for pensions, health care, and other needs of our 12 senior priests.

While Fr. Roletto is away for a month on a well-deserved vacation to the Philippines, two of those senior priests, Fr. John Shaw and Fr. Seamus Kerr, will be assisting us during the week, as they did in September and October when Fr. Roletto was studying Spanish. I will be serving the parish on weekends and Tuesday evenings and will be happy to answer any questions you might have while I am in the parish.

Again, thank you for your ongoing generous support of St. Andrew's, which has made it possible for us to meet our goal for the Diocese's Capital Campaign. Sincerely in Christ, *Fr. Robert*

13th Annual Catholic Family & Child Service Garden gala will be Saturday, June 17, at Holy Family Gathering Hall in Yakima, beginning at 6:15 PM. Please call Julie Heilman at 509-853-1303 for information and reservations.