

Elementary and Youth

Registration for Elementary, Middle School and High School Religious Education Classes will be held this weekend, September 9 & 10. Cost is \$30 for elementary and \$35 for middle/high school students, with a family maximum of \$80.

Please remember that registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held at a separate time. Preparation for sacraments is a two-year process. Registration for First Holy Communion will be Thursday, October 12, at 6:00 p.m. Registration for Confirmation will be Wednesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. These are mandatory classes for parents and students and will not be repeated. Information will be presented in English and Spanish.

New process for RE registration: In the breezeway you will find tables set up with a Master Data Form, listing all children/youth alphabetically. Please find your household LAST name with child(ren) name(s) and verify all information listed on the sheet (grade, address, parent phone/email, youth phone/email). From this Master Data Form, we will update our records. Please pick up a booklet with important dates and information for the various programs. Please note new programs offered.

Elementary Catechists will meet on Sunday, September 10, at 1 PM, to go over the new year. Light refreshments will be served.

EDGE Middle School Catechists will meet on Monday, September 11, at 6:30 PM; CHOSEN Confirmation Catechists will meet on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:30 PM; and LIFE TEEN High School Catechists will meet on Thursday, September 14, at 6:30 PM. We are still in need of volunteers for the youth programs. This is for new and returning Catechists. Come find out what's new this year. Light refreshments available.

Middle and High School Youth are invited to a Kick-off this Sunday, September 10, at 6:15 p.m. We will enjoy the acoustic concert by Daniel Oberreuter, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education classes for Elementary age children will begin next Sunday, September 17, at 10:05 a.m. Please be prompt, as classes begin immediately. Children will be able to have a donut in class.

Sessions for EDGE Middle School youth will begin on Monday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Sessions for LifeTeen High School youth will begin on Sunday, September 17, at 6:15 p.m. Attendance at these sessions are mandatory for First Year Confirmation Preparation youth.

Sessions for CHOSEN First Year Confirmation Preparation youth will begin on Wednesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries will meet on Sunday, September 17, at 10:15 a.m.

October Festival meeting - Thursday, September 21, at 7 PM.

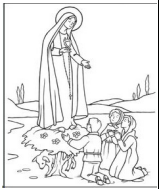
Thank you for your food donations for recent funerals. Your dishes are ready for pick up in the kitchen.

Please remember October Festival when you are picking **zucchini** from your garden. You may leave zucchini in the silver kitchen refrigerator. Please remove from plastic bags, or the zucchini will rot.

October Festival Volunteer Sign Up weekend is September 16 & 17 at all Masses. Thank you in advance for sharing your talents for this parish wide event.

Catechetical Sunday is next weekend. Fr. David Jimenez will bless all program Catechists and especially our First Catechists, Parents.

For the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Pope Francis has offered the faithful an opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee year, which began November 27, 2016, and will end November 26, 2017. There are three ways of obtaining the indulgence, detailed in a statement on the shrine's website www.fatima.pt. Copies of the statement are available on the bulletin table.



The second way applies to “the pious faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October 2017, and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary.”

A statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be placed at the front of our church on Wednesday, September 13 and Friday, October 13, for all who wish to visit and pray in honor of the Virgin Mary.

Those seeking an indulgence must pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima. To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfill the ordinary conditions: celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Fr. David will celebrate Mass at Hearthstone Cottage on Wednesday, September 13, at 9 AM. Please consider joining the residents.

The Choir of St. Andrew's (C.O.S.A.) will resume on Sunday, September 17, at 8:20 a.m. New members are always welcome.

JUBILATE Children's Choir is for young singers in grades 1-8. We sing quarterly at the 9 AM Mass. Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, October 1, following morning religious education class. This is a great way to learn about our Catholic faith and about music, too. We welcome new and returning singers. Please contact Barbara Pickett with questions.

In light of the recent decision to end the DACA program for undocumented youth in six months, Bishop Joseph Tyson will visit three parishes this coming week to give encouragement to young people who are affected and hear how he and the Church can spiritually support our youth at this time of uncertainty.

The Bishop also is preparing to visit Rome in two weeks for the diaconate ordination of Jesús Mariscal and César Izquierdo, accompanied by Fathers Felip Pulido, Jacob Davis and Salomón Covarrubias, and about 30 other pilgrims. During this pilgrimage, he intends to share comments from youth from the Diocese of Yakima when he sees our Holy Father, Pope Francis, during the regular Wednesday audience as well as through direct correspondence.

The **Listening Sessions** are planned for Monday, September 11, at 6 PM, at St. Joseph Parish, Yakima; Thursday, September 14, at 7 PM, at St. Joseph parish, Wenatchee; and Friday, September 15, at 6 PM, at St. Joseph Parish, Kennewick. This is an opportunity to pray, hear from each other and find spiritual support.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy." said Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Bishop Joseph Tyson is encouraging all parishes to have a second collection in September to benefit victims of Hurricane Harvey. Red envelopes have been placed on the bulletin to do so. Funds will be sent to Catholic Charities USA for the support of humanitarian and recovery efforts and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB. Please visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org for more information.

To link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to St. Andrew's, please visit www.fredmeyer.com and sign in to your online account. Click on community rewards and link to St. Andrew's #91058. You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, while helping out St Andrew's.

St. Andrew's is proud to join **F.I.S.H. Weekend Backpack Program** this year for children attending Valley View Elementary. This program provides snacks and single-serving meals over the weekend during the school year, mid-October through May. You can help with this program in many ways; donating food from list available on the bulletin table, money or your time (regularly or sporadic). Please watch the bulletin for on-going information, or contact Karen at 306-0431, or Amy at 962-2533 to volunteer.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for post-abortion healing, will be held October 27-29, at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane. Registration closes Friday, October 6. Call confidentially 509-994-4355 or email healing@rvspokane.org. For more information visit www.rvspokane.org/retreats.asp

Habitat for Humanity is accepting names for the next 2 homes. To apply, please fill out an application at their office, 307 S. Main, and attend an Orientation Night. Please contact Samantha at 962-5058 for more information. www.kchabitat.org

The Diocese of Yakima invites you to a Liturgy Day on Saturday, September 30, 9 AM to 1 PM, at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima. This kicks off the Magnificat 2017-18 year. These classes are designed for growth in knowledge of our faith, creed and doctrine of the Church and are open to all parishioners.


Led by Bishop Joseph Tyson, the English-speaking Magnificat program is a formation school of faith for leadership and lay ministry.

The **Magnificat October classes** will be Saturdays, October 7, at Holy Spirit in Kennewick; October 28, at St. Joseph School Wenatchee, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Church Mission Congress 2017 is Saturday, October 14, 8AM to 4PM, at Holy Family Church campus in Yakima. This is a day of prayer & reflection, keynote speakers, food, vendors, raffles and workshops in catechesis, youth curriculum, adult curriculum and adult formation. Please register with Alena Camarata or Sarah Moore by Sunday, October 1. This is part of the Magnificat program.

For questions please contact the diocesan office at 509-965-7117 or magnificat@yakimadiocese.net

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Cornerstone Catholic Conference, October 20-21, in Tacoma. Keynote speakers are Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles and host of the Catholicism series; Helen Alvaré, columnist for America magazine and former staff for USCCB Pro-Life office and Ralph McCloud, Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). This Conference hopes to inspire and educate Catholics and others to continue working together to protect human life—the unborn, individuals who live in poverty or on the margins of society, and people at the end of life.

 is part of this. A wide range of services and support are available to those families with children birth to 5 years of age, Visit www.preparesforlife.org or 509-946-4645 for more information, or flyer on bulletin table. St. Andrew's is looking to see how this program can be implemented here via volunteers and referrals.

