

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Nov 4-5, 2017 Welcome to our visitors!

Are you new to St. Andrew's Parish? We welcome you. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass, and fill out a registration form. Ask for a parish directory.

DAILY MASS Mon.- Fri 8 AM. Wed. at 5:30 PM
Tuesday at 7 pm Spanish

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Chris McPhilips †
Tuesday, Maxine Vlahovich †
Wednesday AM, Mary Connoly †
Wednesday PM, Brian Heinrichsen †
Saturday, Gina Aldrich †
Sunday 11:15 AM, Edwin Gutierrez †
Sunday 5 PM, Karen McLean †

“Sermon on the Amount”

Oct 14 & 15 5793.00
Oct 21 & 22 3881.00
Oct 28 & 29 5269

Regular Sunday 4552.5

Building Fund 717.0

Religious Education 436

St. Vincente 1,207.5

The Pastor and Finance Council have developed a parish budget which calls for an average weekly income from Sunday & Building Fund donations, of \$5,392.35; & \$491.60 for Religious Education Programs. Thank you for your financial support

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7: Mass for Deceased Priests at St. Paul Cathedral 5:30 p.m.
November 8, at 9 AM Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at Hearthstone Cottage.
November 9. Natural Family Planning (NFP)
November 9-10 **Middle School Lock-In**
Nov. 10 **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
November 18 The Annual Fall Rent A Teen.
November 19 RCIA rite of acceptance 9 am. ER collection.
November 19 People to Saints Meeting.
Nov. 20: Finance Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Masses 9 am and 11 am (Spanish)
Nov. 24 **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
Nov. 25. Giving Tree displayed.
Nov. 27: Baptismal Preparation at 7 pm
Nov. 26 Christ the King. Advent Wreath party at 10 am.
Nov. 29 Preparacion para Bautismos.
Nov 30. St. Andrew Feast Day. Pizza Party at 6:30 pm
December 3. Life After Confirmation.

ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH

Religious Education classes for Elementary age children, Sundays at 10:15-11:05 a.m.

Second Year Sacrament class for Parents and Students will be Thursday, November 16, at 6PM. This is a mandatory class for students and parents.

EDGE Middle School youth: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Please invite your friends.

Middle School Lock-In will be Thursday and Friday, November 9 & 10, 7 PM to 9 AM. Chaperones are needed.

Life-Teen High School youth: Sundays at 6:15 p.m. Attendance at these sessions are mandatory for First Year Confirmation Preparation youth.

CHOSEN First Year Confirmation Preparation every other Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Next one is Nov 15.

Attendance at these sessions are mandatory.

Permission slips for Middle and High school outings will now be available on our website!! Now you can download and print forms at home and bring them to class. Forms are located at the bottom of the page under the corresponding Middle School or High School tabs.

Thank you to Alena Camarata, all the helpers and the children that participated in the Retreat/ Altar Server Class last Saturday November 4.

ADULT EDUCATION

St. Andrew's Young Adults (SAYA): A group for adults in their 20s and 30s now meeting regularly. Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: every other Monday in the library at 6:30 PM. Please call Mark Hayden for more details at 962-9005.

FAITH FORMATION ONLINE. Is offered in English



and

Spanish. Visit www.formed.org and type our code 449536 to create your username and password.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Thursdays at 7 PM, in the library (No classes on Thanksgiving) This is an inquiry class for those interested in becoming Catholic, or for those Catholic adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information, please contact Scott Zimmerman (962-9661).

Today is pledge Sunday, the culmination of our parish effort providing an opportunity for every single parishioner of our church to have a share in the mission of our bishop and the diocese of Yakima. This week is the week! Please

The Annual Fall Rent A Teen Fund Raiser will be on Saturday, November 18. Those parishioners who need a helping hand around the house raking leaves, or moving boxes, etc., are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin table. We will need chaperones/drivers for our high school youth to get to the jobs. Proceeds benefit summer youth programs.

CARENET FALL BASIC TRAINING for volunteers will be held Tuesdays and Wednesdays, November 7, 8, 14, 15, 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 and pre-registration is required. Call Judy Phelps at 925-2273 with any questions.

MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS, Deacons and Bishops will be celebrated by Bishop Tyson and the priests of the Diocese of Yakima, assisted by the Diaconate community at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima on Tuesday, November 7, at 5:30 p.m.

VETERANS' DAY Saturday we, as a nation, pause to honor all those who serve & have served in the armed forces of our country, with a special memory of those who have died. We owe a great deal to all those men & women who have served so valiantly over the years. In our own parish we have many veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and the several undeclared battles & skirmishes in between.

GIVING TREE St. Vincent de Paul Ministries of St. Andrew's Annual Giving Tree Program will have registration on Sunday, November 5, at 10:15 a.m. We will only be able to take the first 25 families. This program is meant for families who are low income or are in need for other reasons, and cannot provide a Christmas dinner or gifts for their family. If you know of a senior citizen or a family in need, please make them aware of this program. Interpreters will be available. Gift sign-ups are for children 0-17 years of age. We will also take additional names for the **Adopt-a-Family** program. If you or a group would be interested in providing gifts for the children and food for the family, please call the parish office.

All other families should plan on signing up for the Community Christmas Basket Program. Those forms will be available at DSHS and HopeSource.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) November 9. Please register at www.celi.org and contact the Hochsteins at rachel.hochstein@gmail.com with any questions.

THANKSGIVING DINNER St. Andrew's will host a free Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings on Thursday November 24 at 1 PM, in the social hall. Please call the parish office for your free admittance ticket. If someone is interested in preparing this meal, please contact the parish office, 962-9819. Everyone invited.

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION November 5, 2017
In many ways being a Christian and being a good steward

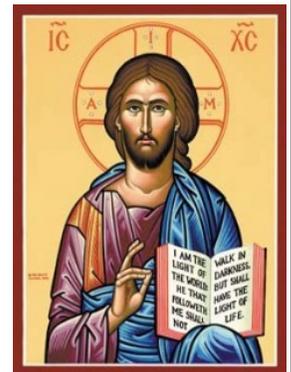
have everything to do with humility. Jesus is the absolute epitome of humility and today's readings once again emphasize that fact. However, we also must recognize that it is a way of living to which He calls us as well.

Our First Reading is from the Old Testament Book of Malachi. Malachi is the last of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and it is thus the final Book of the Old Testament, placed just prior to Matthew. Scholars debate whether the author is actually someone named Malachi, as in Hebrew "Malachi" means "God's messenger" and it may not even be a proper name. The Book of Malachi is among the shorter books in the Bible with just over 1,300 words. To put that in perspective the Book of Genesis contains more than 32,000 words.

In this particular passage God, through Malachi, addresses those who do not sincerely practice their faith. It is interesting to note that at one point in today's readings, Malachi states, "You have turned aside from the way." The "Way" with a capital "W" was what early Christians were called. It stems from Jesus' statement, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Malachi points out to those to whom he was writing that turning aside from the way is an unacceptable and insincere act. Acting in this way is the opposite of humility.

St. Paul understood what it meant to be humble. For him the focus was always on the faith and on Christ, not on any personal glorification. In the Second Reading drawn from his First Letter to the Thessalonians Paul says, "We were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well." This idea of serving, of giving self, is key to living a stewardship way of life. In the Gospel, as we will see, Christ really emphasizes it. Paul makes it clear he was among the Thessalonians to give something to them, not to take something from them. Paul also stresses the love aspect of giving in this way: "...so dearly beloved you had become to us."

In the Gospel the Lord says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus was



Father Flood/Webb

31st ORDINARY SUNDAY / THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

