32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  Nov 11-12, 2017

Welcome 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 INTENTIONS
Monday, Joe and Dorothy Droitmann
Tuesday, NO MASS  at 8 AM
Tuesday 7 PM; Mass Spanish
Wednesday Carney Family ♦
Thursday, Lorand Kellenyi ♦
Friday, Christopher McPhillips ♦
Saturday, Harriet Johnson ♦
Sunday Mary Lonowski ♦

“Sermon on the Amount”
Oct 14 & 15  5793.00
Oct 21 & 22  3881.00
Oct 28 &29  5269
Nov 4-5  8,115.5

Regular Sunday $6,676
Building Fund: $1,439.5
Religious Education: $947
All Saints:  $1,030

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; & $401.60 for Religious Education Programs.

Thank you for your financial support

UPCOMING EVENTS
Nov. 10  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Nov 12  NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Nov 16:  2nd Year Sacrament Prep Parent/Child Class 6 pm
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. 23:  Thanksgiving dinner 1pm
Nov. 23  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
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Nov. 25:  Giving Tree displayed.
Nov. 27:  Baptismal Preparation at 7 pm
Nov. 26 Christ the King. Advent Wreath party at 10:15 am.
Nov. 29 Preparacion para Bautismos.
Nov 30.  St. Andrew Feast Day. Pizza Party at 6:30 pm
December 3. Life After Confirmation.

CATHOLIC RADIO  Tune in to Catholic Radio this week for a new edition of Servants Hearts! Join our host Wayne Wright as he speaks with Holy Apostles Parishioner Dr. Maggie Ellis about the ancient practice of praying the Scriptures known as Lectio Divina. Tune in to 88.7 FM/KDMB in Moses Lake/Quincy, 102.9 FM/KEFA in Wenatchee, 97.3 FM/K247CH KDMB in Chelan/Entiat and 100.3 FM/KXAA in Cle Elum/Ellensburg to hear the interview at the following times: Tuesday, November 14th @ 12pm, Wednesday, November 15th @ 8am, Thursday, November 16th @ 9am, Friday, November 17th @ 5pm.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Radio in Central Washington!

EDGE Middle School youth: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Please invite your friends.
Life-Teen High School/youth: Sundays at 6:15 p.m. Attendance at these sessions are mandatory for First Year Confirmation.

CHOOSEN First Year Confirmation Preparation every other Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Next ones are on Nov 15 and Nov 29. 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.

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).

Pivotal Players in the History of Catholicism Adult Ed
Tuesday 9 AM – Hugh Spall (509)925-2937 parish library.
Crafts Unlimited -Tuesdays 11 AM -Carole Vondergeist (509)962-1551 in 2nd grade room.

ABUSE HOTLINE: Our diocese has this private line for those wishing to report incidents of sexual abuse regarding clergy, diocesan or church employees or volunteers. 1-888-276-4490.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: We are most grateful to our loyal donors and the new donors who have pledged to the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you were not present or prepared to make a pledge last weekend, we invite you to do so today. Your gift is essential to sustaining the many ministries of the Diocese of Yakima. The Church serves each of us, and our financial support is needed to continue God’s work here in Central Washington. We have received 75 pledges totaling $23,138. Hopefully, with your cooperation, we can soon reach our goal of $ 39,417.00.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lori Boykiw Smith, Pat Carney, Peter Conti, Don Bacon, Carlos Huitron, Ray Fletcher, Reid O’Donnell-Herbers, Joe Jacobs, Bernice Orcutt, Ken Lafferty, Ken Riddle, Bob Riggins, Fred Schaan, Rachele Lunde, Wally Dillon, Tom Emerson, Leo and Linda Brennan, Shawn Lopez, Hubert Schmitt, Jean Larmore, Jodi Huschka, Dorothy Droitzmann, Rich Hoctor, John Shea, Lee Honeycutt, Mary Andreotti, Lee Orcutt, Beth Brunson, Arlene Steinhardt, Karen Mayfield, Deb Clark, Gary Cutts, Patrick Kopczynski, Natalie Joyce. (Please call the office with updates, this list will be purged at the beginning of every other month.)

ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH
Religious Education classes for Elementary age children. Sundays at 10:15-11:05 a.m. (No classes on Nov. 12)
Second Year Sacrament class for Parents and Students will be Thursday, November 16, at 6PM. This is a mandatory class for students and parents.
CARENET FALL BASIC TRAINING for volunteers will be held Tuesdays and Wednesdays, November 14, 15, and 21, 6:30 p.m. Cost is $50 and pre-registration is required. Call Judy Phelps at 925-2273 with any questions.

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.

THANKSGIVING DINNER St. Andrew’s will host a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 24 at 1 PM, in the social hall. Please call the parish office for your admittance ticket. If someone is interested in helping prepare this meal, please contact the parish office, 962-9819.

ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH MAKING PARTY Please join us for our Annual Advent Wreath Making Party on Sunday, November 26, following the 9 AM Mass. If you still have your wreath form from last year, please return it to be reused. All materials and light refreshments are provided.

ST. ANDREW FAMILY PIZZA PARTY The Feast of St. Andrew Family Pizza Party will be Wednesday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m. We will need help with food prep on Tuesday, November 29, at 6 PM and clean up after the dinner.

JOB OFFERING AT ST. ANDREWS: St. Andrew’s is seeking a part-time maintenance & janitorial person. This would be about 10-15 hours per week as needed for duties including, but not limited to, general light repair work, snow shoveling/blowing, weeding, bathroom upkeep, table/chair set up/down, etc. Please contact the parish office at 962-9819 if interested. This might be the perfect job for a retired person.

PREPARES of Central Washington has providing compassionate and life-affirming care and access to tangible resources for over 500 women, babies, children, and families by the help of 82 trained PREPARES volunteers! If you are interested in learning more about PREPARES please contact (509) 853-2768 and visit us at face-book.com/PREPARESCW. http://www.preparesforlife.org/

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION November 12, 2017
If you pay attention, you are aware that our Church year is drawing to a close. Today is the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next Sunday is the Thirty-third, and the last Sunday in November is the Feast of Christ the King. With December come Advent and the new Church liturgical year. Throughout this year most of our Gospel Readings have come to us from Matthew, which is the norm for Cycle A, our current year. With the new Church year we will hear Gospels largely from St. Mark.

As we approach the end of the Church year, we also reach the end of the Book of Matthew. Today’s Gospel comes from Chapter 25. Chapter 26 begins with the Last Supper and Jesus’ final hours before His Crucifixion. Most scholars feel that Matthew’s Gospel presents the fullest account of Christ’s teaching. What we have heard in recent weeks confirms that as Christ has presented us with several teaching parables, including today’s Parable of the Ten Virgins. Today’s First Reading is drawn from the Book of Wisdom. Written only 50 years or so before the coming of Christ, the primary purpose of the book is basically indicative of its name — the author extols the splendor and worth of divine wisdom. Today’s reading, as is the case with many in Wisdom, is intended to provide background for Jesus’ teaching. “For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence.”

Throughout the year we are called to listen carefully and to hear and assimilate the Holy Word of the Lord. Doing that and making an effort to understand the messages of wisdom found therein do bring us wisdom. In all of his various letters there are four occasions when St. Paul cautions those to whom he is writing, “We do not want you to be unaware…” In other words Paul wants to make sure that they (we) are not ignorant about something. Today Paul writes “We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep.”

Paul is speaking about the Second Coming of Christ, and his reminder leads very well into Jesus’ message in today’s Gospel. (The other three times Paul uses the phraseology are when he writes the Romans not to be ignorant of God’s plan for Israel; in First Corinthians Paul says do not be ignorant about spiritual gifts; and in Second Corinthians he says not to be ignorant of the suffering and trials in Christian living). The phrase “fallen asleep” was common at Paul’s time to refer to death. Were you aware, for example, that the word “cemetery” meant, “sleeping places?” Paul’s point is that we who are living must also be prepared. And there is hope because the reward for being prepared is that “…we shall always be with the Lord.” That is the great reward of heaven — to be with Jesus forever.

Paul points out that not even death can break our unity with Jesus and other Christians.

Jesus could not be clearer about the necessity of preparedness on our part. The Lord reminds us in the Gospel from St. Matthew “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” Jesus wants His followers, His disciples, to be ready and prepared. He also makes it clear the price for failing to be ready is high: “Amen, I say to you I do not know you.”

Holy Scripture prompts us often to be aware and ready. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul paralleled Christ’s message, stating, “Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than we ever believed.” Disciples of Jesus need to think often about the fact that He may come any time. We will stand before Him and give an account of our lives, of our stewardship really. He has entrusted us with many gifts. Are we ready to justify how we have used those gifts? From: www.catholicsteward.com/blog