MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Welcome visitors!

“Sermon on the Amount”
Regular Sunday $ 7,864
Building Fund: $ 1,345
Religious Edu. $ 1,294
TOTAL:  $ 10,503

UPCOMING EVENTS
Dec. 26 Mass at Pacifica Senior Living
Dec. 31 St. Vincent’ second collection 9 am
Jan 1 Parish office closed
Jan. 2 Preschool classes resume.
Jan 2-3 No Mass
Jan 3: Confirmation Classes
Jan 4 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 AM
Jan 4: Benediction 5:30 pm
Jan 6 First Saturday Mass  9 am and Anointing of the sick
Jan. 8 Edge 6:30-8 pm.
Jan. 8 Financial Peace University preview class at 6:30 pm
Jan. 9 Mass at Hearthstone, 9 am
Jan 11 Edge Dinner

ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH
Religious Education classes for Elementary age children,
Sundays at 10:15-11:05 a.m.
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. These sessions are mandatory for First Year Confirmation.
CHosen First Year Confirmation Preparation every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES
Faith Formation Online in English or Spanish.
Visit www.formed.org and type our code 449536 to create your username and password.
SAYA: St. Andrew’s Young Adults-For adults in their 20s and 30s. Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682
CENTERING PRAYER Mondays at 5:15 pm in the meditation/cry room. Contact Karen at 962-9648.
Men’s Fellowship / Study Group: Mondays at 6:30 PM in the library. Contact Mark Hayden at 962-9005.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Tuesday at 8:30 am
Pivotal Players in the History of Catholicism, Tuesday 9am library. Call Hugh Spall 925-2937 for more information.
Pro-Life Prayer-Outside of Planned Parenthood on Kelleher property. Tuesdays-10:30 am – Larry & Bea Cates 857-2163
CRAFTS UNLIMITED -Tuesdays 11 AM in 2nd grade room. Contact Carole Vondergeest 962-1551.
COMPASSION CORPS Thursdays -7 PM at the couch/5th grade room. Contact Kelly Held (509) 304-4866
K NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in 2nd grade room 7 PM -4th Thursday. For more info. Contact Matt Fromherz 962-8472.
WIVES IN PRAYER Fridays 9-11 AM at the parish library –Contact person: Emily Stickney 968-9195.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
SUNDAY DECEMBER 24
Children’s Mass:  4:30 PM
Vigil Mass:  10 PM
MONDAY DECEMBER 25
Christmas Mass at 9 English
Christmas Mass at 12 Spanish.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31: Feast of the Holy Family:  Regular Sunday Masses

MONDAY JANUARY 1st: MARY MOTHER OF GOD (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Masses at 9 AM English and 11 AM Spanish.

As the year comes to a close again, we are thankful for the many contributions in time, talent and treasure that St. Andrew’s receives. Monetary donations received before 12:30 pm Saturday December 31, will be credited to your 2017 statement. Statements will be mailed mid-January. ACA payments are recorded by the Diocese of Yakima and you will receive a statement from them. Thank you again for your generosity.

This year New Years Day, January 1st, the Feast of Mary Mother of the Lord and the Annual Day of Prayer for PEACE although it remains a special HOLY DAY, it does not include the obligation of participation at Mass because it falls on a Monday. A SPECIAL MASS FOR PEACE, HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER WILL BE OFFERED AT 9:00AM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018. A WONDERFUL WAY TO BEGIN THIS NEW YEAR. Please plan on joining us!! Masses the weekend of December 30-31 will follow our usual schedule. Because it is also the 5th Sunday of the month, a collection for our parish’s St. Vincent Society to respond to our local needy will follow all Masses that weekend.
Dear Parishioners:
We have many people to acknowledge these past weeks:
- Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Annual Parish Christmas Breakfast. Thank you to those who assisted with set up and clean up.
- A huge thank you to Diane Dier and her wonderful decorating crew who have transformed our church to enhance the Christmas liturgies.
- Many thanks to all parishioners for their generous support of the Annual Giving Tree Program.
- Also, thank you to those who went caroling at Hearthstone and those who helped with the Children’s Hospital Service Project.
In the name of the parish staff of St. Andrew’s we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Yours in Christ,
Fr. David Jimenez

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION
“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” With those words our Blessed Mother Mary places her total trust in God. We are called to do the same. Mary’s response to God is the same response we need to offer the Lord. This took much more trust in the Lord than we might imagine. Mary agreed to receive a pregnancy that would be seen as suspect in a culture which had a potential death penalty for adultery. Spiritually speaking, there are similarities between the Lord’s work in Mary and His work in all of us. Jesus lives within each of us spiritually. He lived in Mary not only spiritually but also physically. Jesus was made visible to the world through Mary physically, but He should be made visible to the world through us as well. Who we are and how we relate to and treat others is a sign to the world of Who Jesus is and what a Christian is and should be. Are we showing the world what it means to be His disciple? Is there a better time than this to do so? The entertainer and comedian Bob Hope once said, “My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?” From: www.catholicsteward.com/blog

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
It’s still not too late to help our parish and assisting our Bishop & Diocese in the ministry of the “greater Church”, the Diocese of Yakima. Envelopes & pledge cards are in the vestibule pamphlet racks.
THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY CLAIMED A SHARE IN THIS SPECIAL MINISTRY!!

THERE ARE FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES on the bulletin table if you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers.

Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities
Extend the love of Christ to your neighbors by contributing to the 2017 Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities. As the social service arm of the church, Catholic Charities serves people throughout the lifecycle. From expectant mothers and young children to frail elders and the handicapped, Catholic Charities brings hope to life for those most in need. Please help us serve others by giving generously on Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. To learn more about the Catholic Charities network of services, visit www.catholiccharitiescw.org.

CATHOLIC RADIO IS IN OUR AREA! Tune in to 100.3 FM/KXAA in Cle Elum/Ellensburg; 88.7 FM/KDMB in Moses Lake/Quincy; and 102.9 FM/KEFA in Wenatchee. Thank you for supporting Catholic Radio in Central Washington.

Concerned about your financial future? Looking at retirement? Or just having a hard time making ends meet? Come and learn how to make it all work, and what you can do to take control of your money NO MATTER WHAT YOUR SITUATION. This 9 week financial class covers all the topics our parents should have taught us (budgeting, insurance, retirement, and more). Open to any age, singles or couples, and any financial situation. Not sure? Come to a preview class on Monday, January 8, at 6:30 pm, and ask any questions you might have. Classes start Monday, January 22, 6:30-8:00 pm (9 weeks). Cost is $109 per couple (first 20 to sign up get $50 off) Sign up here http://www.fpu.com/1054642 Childcare available upon request “This program help me and my husband become debt free just five years after receiving our degrees. We were over $50K in debt and over these five years our average income was only $35K a year. This program gave us the tools to control our money and made it work for us. We are so thankful for Financial Peace University " Questions please contact Emily Ayers at: e19fischer@gmail.com or the web page for the class http://www.fpu.com/1054642

CHRISTMAS
"TIS THE SEASON TO BE STRESSED OUT..."

THAT SHOULDN'T BE "JOLLY" NOT "STRESSED OUT."

YOU'RE ALWAYS CORRECTING ME!

NEW YEARS
I'M TIRED OF MAKING RESOLUTIONS I CAN'T KEEP.

WHY DON'T YOU RESOLVE TO NOT MAKE ANY RESOLUTIONS THIS YEAR?

HELLO, ANYBODY HOME?