UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 8 Edge 6:30-8 pm.
Jan. 8 Financial Peace University preview class at 6:30 pm
Jan. 10 Mass at Hearthstone, 9 am
Jan 11 Edge Dinner
Jan 15 OFFICE CLOSED
Jan 17 1st Year Confirmation  7 pm
Jan 18: First Communion class for 2nd year students- 6 pm
Jan 20 MARCH FOR LIFE in Yakima
Jan 20. First Confession at 11 am
Jan 21, at 2 pm Sanctity of Human Life Remembrance
Event at Holy Cross Cemetery on Dry Creek Road.
Jan 22: Financial Council at 6:30 pm
Jan 22: 8 Edge Dinner 6:30-8 pm.

ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH

Religious Education classes Sundays at 10:15-11:05 a.m.
EDGE Middle school youth:  Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Life-Teen High School/youth: Sundays at 6:15 p.m.
CHOSEN 1st Year Confirmation every other Wednesday at 7 pm

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Faith Formation Online in English or Spanish.
Visit www.fpu.com and type our code 449536 to create your username and password.
SAYA: For young adults. 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 Tuesdays 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.
EUCHARISTICADORATION Thursdays 8:30am-5:30pm
COMPASSION CORPS Thursdays -7 PM at the couch/5th grade room. Contact Kelly Held (509) 304-4866
KNIGHTS 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.

Epiphany Proclamation
Dear brothers and sisters,
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return.
Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.
Let us recall the year's culmination, Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,
will occur on the Fourteenth Day of February.
The Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the Twenty-ninth of March and the evening of the Thirty-first of March,
Easter Sunday being on the First day of April.
Each Easter -- as on each Sunday -- the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.
The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on Sunday, the Thirteenth of May or Thursday, the Tenth day of May.
Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the Twentieth day of May. And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the Second day of December, 2018.
Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.
To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.
We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of war, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other? —Mother Teresa

January 22, 2018 marks the 45th anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade. This one decision made abortion legal in our country, through all nine months of pregnancy. Conservative estimates indicate that at least 60 million lives have been lost to abortion since that day. Here in Kittitas County, we want to take a moment to reflect, remember, and honor all of the lives lost, and all of the friends and family members impacted by this loss.

On Sunday, January 21, 2018, at 2:00 pm, we will gather at the Kittitas County Memorial to the Unborn for a “Sanctity of Human Life Remembrance Event”. It will be a brief time of scripture reading, singing and prayer. (The Memorial to the Unborn is located at Holy Cross Cemetery on Dry Creek Road.)

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!!

Rachel’s Vineyard: At this blessed Christmas season, the Rachel’s Vineyard team extends our warmest best wishes to all our readers, especially those who bear the burden of abortion trauma. We pray for you to be touched by the hope and healing of the Christ Child and we humbly beg for your continued prayer for the formation of our team and our ministry in this diocese in the coming New Year. Be filled with love and hope because: “This is the irrational season, When love blooms bright and wild. Had Mary been filled with reason, There’d have been no room for the child.” Madeleine L’Engle

If God is calling you to hope and healing OR to minister to those in need of hope and healing here in our local community, please contact Lisa Petersen (509-421-7847 or lisapetersen65@gmail.com) for more information. Your call will be kept completely confidential.

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 Laflerty, Ken Riddle, Bob Riggins, Fred Schaan, Raechelle Lunde, Wally Dillon, Tom Emerson, Leo and Linda Brennan, Shawn Lopez, Hubert Schmitt, Jean Larmore, Jodi Huschka, Dorothy Drotzmann, Rich Hoctor, John Shea, Lee Honeycutt, Mary Andreotti, Lee Orcutt, Beth Brunson, Arlene Steinhardt, Karen Mayfield, Deb Clark, Gary Cutts, Patrick Kopczynski, Natalie Joyce, Kathy Taylor, Paul Cloutier, Ruby McCauley. (Please call the office with updates, this list will be purged at the beginning of every other month.)

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION January 7, 2018.

Epiphany is traditionally and actually on January 6, but a number of years ago the Bishops in the United States moved it to the Sunday which falls between January 2 and 8. The First Reading opens with “Rise up in splendor...Your light has come.” We are to do more than just receive the light. We are to share it and reflect it. In our terms it is as if the Lord said “Rise and shine; your light has come.” We are called to be disciples and to be the Light of Christ.

In his letter to the Ephesians, our Second Reading, Saint Paul points out that “the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” Paul also says in relation to the divinity of the Lord, “the mystery was made known to me by revelation.” We need to appreciate that what we translate as “mystery” is from the Greek word used by Paul mysterion. For us a mystery may represent something dark or obscure or incomprehensible. However, that is not the meaning of mysterion. It is more accurately translated as a now-open secret, something originally hidden, but now revealed by God.

There are certain passages in Holy Scripture almost universally known, and certainly well known to even a lukewarm Christian. The story of the Magi, the wise men or the three kings, falls into that category. As Matthew shares it in today’s Gospel, they were “magi from the east.” At no time does Matthew tell us there were three of them nor does he indicate that they are kings. Most likely, according to scholars, they were astronomers or astrologers, thus their knowledge of and fascination with the star which led them. Who they were and how many of them there were is not important. What is important is that they represent all of us, and their actions suggest to us how we need to respond to Jesus Christ and what He is and represents.

Matthew tells us that “on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.” Joseph is evidently not present, and there is a reason for that. He was not, as we know, the true father to Jesus. They presented gifts to Jesus, not to His mother or His parents. When we give to Jesus today, we do not do it directly, but to the Lord’s people through the parish and other charities.

Finally, these visitors worshipped the Lord (“They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”). We, too, need to worship the Lord; we, too, need to acknowledge His holiness and His kingship. Worshiping is more important than the gifts, but we are reminded in this Gospel that both are significant.

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