



**January 28, 2018**

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Welcome visitors!**

**“Sermon on the Amount”**

**Regular Sunday Jan 21 \$**

**Building Fund: \$ 735**

**Religious Edu. \$ 701**

**TOTAL: \$ 7,559**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan 28: Religious Education classes 10:15 am
- Jan 29: Edge Dinner 6:30 pm
- Jan 31 1st Year Confirmation 7 pm
- Feb 2: Presentation of the Lord Mass 6:30 pm Spanish.
- Feb 2-3 Diocesan Confirmation Retreat
- Feb 3: 1st Saturday Mass and St. Blaise’ blessing of the throats. Altar Server training Spanish 11 am.
- Feb 4: Religious Education classes 10:15 am  
LAC at 3:30 pm and Life Teen at 6:15 pm
- Feb 5: Edge 6:30 pm
- Feb 9 PNO 6-10
- Feb 10: Reconciliation Retreat 11 am-2 pm
- Feb 10: Holy Hour and Mass Spanish 6:30 pm
- Feb 11: Religious Education classes 10:15 am  
Life Teen at 6:15 pm
- Feb 12 Edge 6:30 pm
- Feb 13 Mass at Pacifica 9 am
- FEB 14 ASH WEDNESDAY: 7:30am Ashes, 8am Mass, 12:10 pm Ashes, 6pm Mass, 7:15pm Misa.**
- Hearthstone ash service at 9 am**

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

**Faith Formation Online** in English or Spanish.

Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade room. Contact Carole Vondergeest 962-1551.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Thursdays 8:30am-5:30pm

**R.C.I.A.:** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Thursdays at 6:30pm in the library. Call Scott Zimmerman 962-9661.

**COMPASSION CORPS** Thursdays -7 PM at the couch/5th grade room. Contact Kelly Held (509) 304-4866

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade room 7 PM -4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mark your Calendar for the 2018 **Cameroon Fund-raising Dinner!** It will be Saturday April 21st on Aviator Lane, off KittitasHWY. You will hear from the physicians and nurses who launched the Health Clinic in Bawa last December. Details to come later!

Ann Dibble is the new area coordinator for **PRE-PARES**, and she said that in order to get things rolling here, we'd need a lead person who'd be willing to hold monthly meetings, be the main contact person for Ellensburg, and help raise awareness in the community. Ann would be there to help this person get all of this going of course. So if anyone's interested, her contact info is (509) 823-2768 and [adibble@catholiccharitiescw.org](mailto:adibble@catholiccharitiescw.org).

To link your **Fred Meyer Rewards Card** to St. Andrew’s, please visit [www.fredmeyer.com](http://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.

**Deadly Silence!**

Abortion is the most common, least regulated medical procedure and the number one killer in America. More lives are lost each year through abortion than all deaths due to cancer, heart attacks, accidents, AIDS, natural disasters, wars, illness and diseases combined. The savagery of war, the atrocities of the Nazi holocaust, graphic violence, natural disasters and critical and bloody medical procedures are routinely shown on the media. But never an abortion!

Women are denied critical information on the risks of an abortion, including increased risk of Breast Cancer, Post Abortion Syndrome, the sale of body parts etc. The truth about abortion has been censored by the media, silenced by our courts, politicized by our politicians and even silenced in our churches and schools. Babies in the womb have no voice except yours and mine. We cannot remain silent any longer!

**The so-called right to abortion has portrayed the GREATEST OF GIFTS**

**~ a child ~  
as a competitor,  
an intrusion and  
an inconvenience.**

**~ Mother Teresa**



Dear Parishioners,  
Our Holy Adoration on Thursdays is well attended. If you have a break during your day, please come from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm and pray to Jesus present in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. The exposition ends with Benediction at 5:30pm. We need another volunteer, from 12:30pm-1:30 pm. We also need substitutes that can assist us when someone is away or sick. Please consider signing-up for this ministry.  
Next Saturday, February 3rd, we have our First Saturday Mass. February 3rd is also the feast day of St. Blaise, who is the patron saint of those suffering from any illnesses of the throat. We will do the special blessing of the throat during the Mass.  
Please notice that our baptismal classes are now on the last Saturday of the month at 9 am. After consultation with Jacqueline McCain and Rebecca Cates, who help us with the presentation of our baptismal classes, we decided to start using our online faith formation material from [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Families that are unable to attend our baptismal classes are welcome to watch them online for free. Use Our code 449536 to create your username and password. The online video is *REBORN. YOU, YOUR CHILD AND THE HEART OF BAPTISM*. There are some easy questions that need to be answered after each video. I found those videos very useful because they are created to reflect and understand some basic articles of our faith. There are many other faith formation videos and movies that you are welcome to watch with your family. Please consider making a video selection to watch during our coming Lenten season. Blessings to your family. Yours in Christ,

*Fr. David*

**Virtus training** for anyone who volunteers with minors will be held on Saturday February 24th 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the dining room of the social Hall. Please register online at [Virtus.org](http://Virtus.org). Limited to the first 25 people who register. Additional classes will be offered as needed.

Planning meeting for Catholic Kidz Camp section leaders on Sunday February 25th at 11:15 in the social hall.

First Reconciliation Retreats on Saturday February 10th and March 10th at 11:00 am. Please attend your scheduled retreat.

### **STEWARSHIP REFLECTION January 28, 2018.**

During the Liturgy of the Word there are three scripture readings plus the Responsorial Psalm. Most often the First Reading comes from the Old Testament (although during Easter it tends to come from the Acts of the Apostles); the Second Reading is often from one of the New Testament letters.

Our First Reading today is from the Book of Deuter-

onomy. The *Torah* describes Moses as “*the greatest prophet who ever was and will be*” His influence is so great on Judaism that the religion is sometimes called Mosaism. At the beginning of this reading Moses says, “*A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen.*” Moses is speaking of Jesus, and it is such a clear declaration that we need to pay attention to this reading and all others as well.

Later in the reading Moses quotes God as saying, “*I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.*” When we consider today’s Gospel you will understand that statement more clearly.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians St. Paul said that the most important thing in life was not romantic love, but pleasing God. From his view, he personally could please God better by remaining single. He is not condemning those who are married, and he is certainly not saying someone cannot serve God and pursue his or her vocation and calling if they are married.

Paul does make it clear that each of us called and each of us must define and pursue that calling. Whether that is a temporary or a permanent state, it should be seen as a special opportunity to serve God.

There are two distinct parts to today’s Gospel Reading from St. Mark. The first involves Jesus teaching clearly and with authority in the synagogue. We know from where His authority came and was based, but the people at that time were “astonished” because this occurred early on in His ministry. Perhaps a more telling moment is the second part of the Gospel when Jesus expels an evil spirit. In the time of Jesus there were many who offered the ability to expel evil spirits from someone, but they tended to use long and elaborate ceremonies, and they often were not successful. In all of Holy Scripture Jesus never failed to cast out a demon. He did not need to rely on ceremonies, because He had the authority of God, the same authority to which is referred earlier in this Gospel.

Jesus says quite simply, “*Quiet! Come out of him!*” That is enough and the reaction of the people is to be amazed and the beginning of having trust in the Lord, the same trust we need to have. God needs to be the authority in our own lives. We need to comprehend that and to adjust our lives to serve the Lord as good stewards and disciples...

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