### FAITH FORMATION

**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.

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

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

**COMPASSION CORPS** 2nd & 4th Thursdays -7 PM at the couch/5th grade room. Contact Kelly Held 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.

**SAYA:** For young adults. Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682

### OFFICE HOURS / HORAS de OFICINA

Monday – Friday: 8 am-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter. April 29 2018
With gratitude and appreciation, Sunday Collection
Sunday April 22 $ 5,574
Building Fund: $ 730
Rel. Edu. $ 532

UPCOMING EVENTS
April 29 Life Teen 6:15 pm. St. Vincent the Paul 2nd collection.
April 30 Edge 6:30pm- 8 pm
May 1. Mass at Pacifica at 9 am
May 3rd: Mercy Night at 6:30 pm
May 4: Wedding at 5 pm. PNO 6-10 pm
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May 6: Religious Education 2nd collection
May 8: Confirmation 7-8:30 pm
May 10: Second year First Communion at 6 pm

MAYFEST: Please plan to join us for lunch this May 5 from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. This is a parish-sponsored fundraiser. There will be a soccer tournament in the afternoon.

FORMED: Sign up for daily reflections in English or Spanish at www.formed.org and type our code 449536 to create your username and password.

Parishioner, Avery Garrett, will be presenting her Junior Voice Recital at the CWU Music Building on Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m., in the Recital Hall. Come share beautiful music and delicious treats!

MEN’S STUDY GROUP: we will continue the 14 week series on Mondays, on the Holy Spirit, narrated by father Dave Pivanka, on YouTube. Join us Monday nights 6:30 in the library to watch the videos and join in discussion.

St. Andrew’s Preschool is seeking a Teacher’s Assistant for the 2018-19 school year. Hours are M-F 8:30-11:15 am. The position begins August 29. Contact the parish office for a complete job description and application.

Young at Heart, 55 and older, meets for breakfast at the Palace Café on the second Monday of the month at 9 AM. Please join us on Monday, May 14. For more information, please contact Judy Poplawski, 962-5889. Thanks

FAITH FORMATION. Everyone is invited to attend a 5-week series titled Overcoming Obstacles to Holiness by Fr. John Riccardo on Thursdays at 6:30pm at the library beginning on April 26 to May 24

Friends of the Foundation Luncheon. Join the Trustees of the Central Washington Catholic Foundation. Lunch is free, but an RSVP is required. May 24th – St. Joseph, Wenatchee 12:00pm – 1:15pm. You may register by calling (509) 972-3732 or send an email to: kwilmes@cwcatholicfoundation.org.

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Mother’s Day Brunch at St Andrew’s to Support Religious Education. The Religious Education program will be hosting its annual brunch to celebrate mothers and raise money for Bibles for our kindergarten class. Sunday May 13th at 10 am in the Social Hall. Recommended donation is $15 per person or $75 per family. We are seeking generous individuals who would like to sponsor a table for $75 to offset the cost of supplies. Menu includes: Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Shrimp Scampi, Chicken with Basil and sun-dried tomatoes, Enchiladas, Waffles, Eggs benedict, a variety of Quiche, Bagels and Lox, assorted fruit and salads, and several desserts. Coffee, Orange Juice, Bloody Mary’s and Mimosas included. Please reserve early to guarantee your spot. Brunch is limited to 50 people. Contact Alena Camarata by voicemail or text at (509) 306-0131.

"Thanks to all who contribute to making Divine Mercy Sunday another success, especially Jerry & Sue Connolly, Irma Gonzalez, Jackie McCain, and Diane Dier."

Pro Deo Et Patria will have a short prayer ceremony at Holy Cross Cemetery at 11am on Memorial Day, Monday 28 May. Also, please bring your worn US Flags and place them in the box in the foyer to be retired. In that box, you will also find requests to have a name engraved on the veteran memorial wall at Holy Cross.

CATHOLIC RADIO IS IN OUR AREA! 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.
This weekend is the 5th Sunday Collection for St Vincent de Paul Ministries. As we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show the love of the Risen Christ by bringing your love to those in our local community who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Science of Babies
At the moment of conception, a new human being is formed which has the exact number of chromosomes that any human being has in each cell: forty-six. Encoded on these chromosomes is all the genetic information for the new individual. There has never been a person with exactly the same code before, and there never will be one again; that person is unique from the very first instant. When was it decided that you would be male or female? When was the color of your skin or eyes decided? All at the moment of conception! This is not religious dogma; these are not quotes from the Bible or the Catholic Church. These are scientific facts that can be found in any biology book in the world! Yet when we stand up and say that these babies should be protected from abortion, we are told it is just an opinion and that we are imposing our religion on others! Since when is common biology a religious doctrine? Since when is it a matter of opinion; to say that you may not kill a baby? Since when and why should we ignore the rights of others in the name of freedom of choice; Since when is killing a respectable or acceptable choice?

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION April 29, 2018
We have previously addressed the issue of what is included in the readings which we hear at our liturgies on Sunday — that is, the Church operates on a three-year cycle with A being basically the Year of Matthew; B the Year of Mark (our current year as a matter of fact); and C the Year of Luke. One might ask “Where is John?” The Gospel of John is more or less scattered through the other three cycles. All together there are 70 passages we hear from John over the three years, 30 in B, and 20 in A and C. However, these usually occur during Lent and Easter.

While the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) provide a view of Jesus from birth to ascension, John focuses on the final 40 months of Jesus’ life, with particular emphasis on His death and Resurrection. John has been called ‘the spiritual gospel’, not because the others are unspiritual, but because it has a special way of drawing our attention to who Jesus is and challenging us to make a personal response to Him. John’s Gospel constantly calls us to a relationship of trust with the Lord. The call is not to a complex system of beliefs, but simply to believe that Jesus really is from God and that to relate to Him is to relate to God. He is God’s Word in human reality. That is essential for us to hear during Easter season.

The First Reading from Acts speaks of St. Paul coming to Jerusalem to be with the other Christians and disciples, including Apostles. Although this event occurred three years after Paul’s conversion, he was greeted with mistrust and doubt. It would have been easy for Paul to just turn his back on those who rejected him and to leave. That is something many of us might have done, but not Paul.

As a sidelight we must take notice of Barnabas and what he did because it provides a great example to us. Barnabas welcomes Paul into the family of God simply by providing friendship to him. Hospitality is one of the Four Pillars of stewardship. Like Barnabas, we need to be welcoming and friendly to those who come into our parish.

There are three letters attributed to St. John in the New Testament. The first letter, from which today’s Second Reading comes is somewhat different from the other two. All three were seemingly written in a more general way than the letters of St. Paul. Paul’s letters were generally written to a specific community (e.g., Philippians, Corinthians, etc.) John’s letters appear to be written to the general Christian community. However, the First Letter clearly follows the spirit of John’s Gospel.

Despite the richness of this entire reading, let us concentrate on John’s statement that “… we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.” If we are in true fellowship with the Lord, we should want to do things that please Him. If we look carefully at our lives, we need to differentiate between what we do to please ourselves and what and how much we do to please the Lord. God is glorified when we do what pleases Him, even if that may not please us at a precise moment.

In the Gospel from John, Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches. The world He lived in was filled with grapevines. Last Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday, but the branch depends on the vine even more than the sheep depend on the shepherd. We must be rooted in and connected to Jesus to function effectively. Our goal should be to bear fruit for God’s Kingdom.

In Greek the word for “prune” is the same as the word for “cleanse.” When the Lord prunes us, He cleanses us. Having been cleansed, we are prepared to serve Him and others and to bear fruit. When we bear fruit, in a spiritual sense we bring honor to God.