MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO de MISA

Daily Mass/Misas Diarias: 8 am Monday-Friday
Tuesday 7 pm (Spanish)
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9 am and 5 pm
Misa del domingo: 11:15 am (Spanish)
Exposition and Adoration 8:30 am-5:30 pm

Confessions Saturday 3:30 pm. Also by appointment or ask the priest after Mass

Religious Education classes Sundays 10:15am-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

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FAITH FORMATION

CENTERING PRAYER Mondays at 5:15 pm in the meditation/crying 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 Kelley property. Tuesdays-10:30 am – Larry & Bea Cates 857-2163

CRAFTS UNLIMITED -Tuesdays 11 AM in 2nd 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 or email 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. Contact Jeremy Hochstein 509-306-6589

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
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9th, 2018

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11 Mass at Pacifica 9 am
13 RCIA Class at 6:30 pm
15-16 Collection for Retired Religious
   October Festival Sign-up
20 RCIA Class at 6:30 pm
22 Baptismal Classes (English) at 9 am
23 Elementary RE first classes 10:15 am
   LIFETEEN first class 6:15 pm
24 Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
25 RCIA Class at 6:30 pm
   KC meeting at 7 pm in 2nd grade room
30 St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection

The OCTOBER FESTIVAL is coming soon!
This year, St. Andrew’s October Festival—a parish-wide and community event—falls on October 4th. Please consider donating zucchini or other items to our Country Market! We are also seeking volunteers for zucchini shredding. We will be grating/shredding zucchini for the Cream of Zucchini soup in the kitchen from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on September 16. This is a great way for new parishioners to get involved in your parish. in the kitchen from 1:00 to 3:00 on September 16 to freeze the grated zucchini. Tickets for October Festival can be purchased in advance from the parish office, and a Special Reserve Room is available upon request. Got zucchini? Excited to volunteer? Please contact Cathy Dunn: 925-5407

YOUTH MINISTRY
-EDGE Kickoff- Monday Sep. 24 @ 6:30 PM at Carey Lake. We will be meeting and eating at Carey Lake. Hot dogs and s’mores stuff will be provided if we are not in a burn ban. Feel free to bring games, friends, extra snacks. We are excited to start a new year with friends and faith.
-Life Teen Kickoff- Sunday Sep. 23 @ 6:30 PM at Carey Lake. We will be meeting and eating at Carey Lake. Hot dogs and s’mores stuff will be provided if we are not in a burn ban. All are welcome 9-12 graders. Bring friends, food, and fun. We are excited to start the year anew.
-Confirmation-Classes have changed to weekly Wednesday classes. Life Teen is no longer mandatory. Classes start the 26th.
-Funeral Dishes-There are a lot of dishes that need to be picked up. They are located by the kitchen. We need to clear them out before October Fest comes around. October Festival is now on Facebook!! Check it out for pictures, prizes, and details!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: We are excited to bring back Financial Peace University to St. Andrews. This is comprehensive 9 week class helping navigate all the challenges of money. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 6-8 pm starting September 20th. This class changes lives, brings peace about your finances, and often brings couples closer together. This class is open to everyone, singles or couples, working or retired, in a good financial place or struggling to make ends meet. All have something to learn. Interested? 20 minute preview after the 9am Mass Sunday September 15th. Questions: please contact Emily Ayers at e19fischer@gmail.com Ready to sign up: use this link https://fpu.com/1068349

Maintenance Position Please help us take care of maintenance work. There is a lot to do, so we are continuing to seek a full-time hire. If you have or know someone willing to take on the job, please contact the parish office.

All-New Brats & Brew: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a “Brats & Brew” event from 5 to 8 pm October 4th. Stay tuned for more specific information, or just stay here after the October Festival, which is on the same day!

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“Let anyone who comes to you go away feeling better and happier. Everyone should see goodness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile. Joy shows from the eyes. It appears when we speak and walk. It cannot be kept closed inside us. It reacts outside. Joy is very infectious.”
PRO-LIFE CORNER

When Life Begins. Pro-choice advocates are invariably loathe to acknowledge the most important medical and scientific fact of all, namely that life begins at conception. Indeed, they will find no medical textbooks or scientific reference works that say that life begins at any time other than at conception.

Many are no doubt aware that some of the world’s most prominent scientists and physicians have testified at a Senate committee that life begins at conception. At these same hearings, the pro-choice lobby, though invited to do so, failed to produce even a single expert witness who would (or could) contradict or even question this accepted fact.

Moreover, pro-choice advocates often accuse pro-lifers of having no plan for all those lives "forcibly brought into being". When they say this, they often appear resentful that some lives are being saved, instead of aborted. This is surprising in that pro-choice rhetoric insists that they want abortion to be "safe, legal and rare," despite the fact that more than 3,000 abortions are carried out each and every day.

Another fact that is often ignored is that there are more than 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers in the United States staffed almost entirely by pro-life volunteers. These centers, unlike abortion clinics, offer expectant mothers a real "choice" other than abortion, and provide post-pregnancy medical and other assistance free of charge. So where as the abortion industry has raked in hundreds of millions of dollars since abortion was legalized in 1973, the motive of pro-lifers, in offering their time and money to support women in problem pregnancy situations, is entirely selfless.

Get involved with St. Andrew’s PRO-LIFE ministry!
Contact Larry & Bea Cates 857-2163

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Sept. 9, 2018

This Sunday’s readings once again illustrate the timeless message of stewardship interwoven throughout the Word of God. Today’s readings offer beautiful illustrations of two of the “Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship” — hospitality and service — and the joy that a life lived for others can bring.

The first reading from Isaiah starts off with a powerful message of hope meant to be shared. “Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared.” What a message of encouragement and consolation the prophet is instructed to give!

By virtue of our Baptism, we modern-day prophets are entrusted with this same message. We, too, are called to share the good news of salvation with others, starting in our own families and circle of friends and extending to all in our parish and community. Sharing this Good News is the true goal of hospitality.

In our second reading, from the letter of St. James, we see that all are equally worthy of our hospitality. “If a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Sit here, please,’ while you say to the poor one, ‘Stand there,’ or ‘Sit at my feet,’… have you not become judges with evil designs?”

Clearly, we are to welcome and serve everyone who walks through our church’s doors, extending warmth and a dignified greeting to all. The person who wanders in late to Mass, who is not dressed to our personal standards, may be just the person who is most in need of the message of hope we read of in Isaiah this week. Sometimes we can offer that message simply with a smile and offer to come and sit next to us in “our” pew.

The Gospel reading from Mark gives further illustration of hospitality and service, and the connection between the two. In this passage we find Jesus on the go, and “people brought to Him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged Him to lay His hand on him.”

These people had already heard the Good News that Jesus was preaching. In response, they reached out to a man who literally could not hear and brought him close to Jesus so that he could receive the Good News, too. This is true service. This is hospitality at its finest. Jesus responds immediately to this act of service and hospitality, opening the deaf man’s ears and removing his speech impediment!

And what about the people whose service and hospitality had made this encounter possible? Jesus blessed them for it, confirming their faith to such a degree that they were “exceedingly astonished” and could not stop themselves from proclaiming the miracle they had witnessed.

This scripture passage illustrates a wonderful aspect of stewardship living — we simply cannot outdo our God in generosity. The more we give of ourselves to welcome and serve others for His sake, the more He blesses and strengthens our own faith. This week let’s challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zone to reach out to someone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus. We may just find ourselves astonished at what miracles He accomplishes!

For more stewardship reflections, visit catholicsteward.com/blog!