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)
Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am-5:30 pm Thursdays
Confessions: Saturdays at 3:30 pm. Also by appointment or ask the priest after Mass
Religious Education classes Sundays 10:15-11:05 am.
EDGE Middle School Youth Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Life-Teen High School/Youth Sundays at 6:15 p.m.
Confirmation Wednesdays 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 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.
R.C.I.A: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Thursdays at 7:30pm in the library. Call Scott Zimmerman 962-9661 or email gitanesteel@yahoo.com
COMPASSION CORPS 2nd & 4th Thursdays -7:30 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. Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682
Catholic Campus Ministry, at 706 N Sprague. Contact Marcus: 925 306-6589
December 16, 2018
Welcome visitors!
With gratitude and Appreciation

Building Fund: $ 845
Rel. Edu. $ 517.5
Total Sunday: $ 7,206.5

UPCOMING EVENTS
DECEMBER 2018
16 Parish Christmas Breakfast 10:15 am.
20 and 27 No RCIA
21 Parents’ Night Out High School Fundraiser 6-10 pm
23 Christmas decoration at 7 pm
24 Christmas decoration at 9 am
22 Choir practice at 1 pm
24 Children’s Christmas Vigil Mass 4:30 pm
Christmas Vigil Mass 8:30 pm
25 Christmas Day Mass 9 am English & 11 am Spanish
30 Feast of The Holy Family. 5th Sunday Collection
Altar Server Pizza Party at 12:15 pm

JANUARY 2019
1 MARY MOTHER OF GOD.
Masses 9 am English & 11 am Spanish
3 RCIA Class at 7:30 pm
4 Parents’ Night Out H. School Fundraiser 6-10 pm
5-6 1st weekend Religious Education Collection
6 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8. Mass at Pacifica 9 am

Parent Night Outs are back! Dec. 21 from 6-10 PM. It is open to babies to 5th graders. If you are in MS or HS let Sarah know if you want to help. We are excited to have this ministry and fundraiser back for everyone.

“Consoling the Heart of Jesus”
10 Week Small Group Study,
Every Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30, in the Parish Library,
Beginning January 9. This retreat gives us an awareness of God’s infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy, showing us the way to console His heart by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely. To participate or for more info, call Gretchen Thatcher, 933-2364.

Are you new to St. Andrew’s Parish? We welcome you. Please fill out a registration form.

During inclement weather, the southeast activity center door will be unlocked before and after Masses for those who need a more sure-footed walk area to access the church for Mass. As a courtesy, please leave this parking area available for those who need close-to-building parking.

Valley View Weekend Meals: When you can, please put oatmeal packages, applesauce and mixed fruit cups, apple and orange juice cartons, Carnation Essential Breakfast packages (drinks are too heavy), protein bars, snack crackers, mac and cheese cups, or Chef Boyardee cups in the foyer basket! Thank you, St. Andrew’s!

PRO-LIFE CORNER Part I. Are we sure we are 100% Pro Life? The Church teaches that all life is sacred and must be cherished and protected from conception to natural death. By keeping this guiding principle in mind in reviewing all the following moral issues of today, we can quickly see what it means to be 100% Pro Life, no exceptions. Abortion: This is defined as the removal of an embryo before it can survive outside the uterus. While it may not look or function completely as a baby, it is still a baby. By not protecting and nurturing an embryo, we have taken the life of a little boy or girl. Now we have to ask the difficult questions for some. While many people are against abortion in general, and still calling themselves prolife, they take exception in the following cases: rape, incest, or severe mental or physical birth defects in the unborn child. Those exceptions to abortion are not prolife, because they are not protecting all life. We cannot take the life of any unborn child, regardless of their condition or the circumstances of their conception. The child is innocent, created by God in his image, and deserving of God’s plans for his life here on earth.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24:
4:30 pm Children’s Christmas Vigil Mass
8:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

DECEMBER 25
9:00 am Christmas Day Mass English
11:00 am Spanish Christmas Mass

JANUARY 1, 2019 Mary Mother of God
Masses 9 am English & 11 am Spanish
INDOOR SOCCER FOR BAWA. Sponsored by Ellensburg Pediatrics, SHIRTWORKS, DOMINO’s Pizza, Utopia Frozen Yogurt, in partnership with the Ellensburg Elite Academy. A great opportunity for your child to combine community service and soccer skill building!
Who: 5-13 year-old Boys & Girls
When: December 27 & 28 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Ages 5-8 12:00 noon – 2:00 PM Ages 9-13 Where: Ellensburg Racquet Center 6061 Vantage Hwy
Minimum Donation: $30 per participant Proceeds support BHI Projects in Bawa, Cameroon, Africa.
Register your kiddo(s) by December 20th, 2018 Contact bawasoccer-camp2013@gmail.com with name & age

Rediscover Your Marriage -
Retrouvaille simply means “rediscovery”. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the February 2-4, 2018 Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site at www.Retrouvaille.org.

By tradition, the collections received at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are donated to Catholic Charities. If you wish your donation on Christmas to benefit St. Andrew’s, please use the special marked envelope “My Christmas Gift to my Church” on the bulletin table. You can also note that on your check. Thank you for your generosity and thinking of St. Andrew’s.

As the year comes to a close once again, we are thankful for the many contributions in time, talent and treasure that St. Andrew’s receives. Thank you for your generous sharing. Monetary donations **received before 4 PM on Monday, December 31, will be credited to your 2018 statement.** Statements will be mailed mid-January. **ACA payments are recorded by the Diocese of Yakima** and you will receive a statement from them for that activity. Donations **received on/after January 1 will be credited to your 2019 statements.** Thank you again for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Dec. 16, 2018
“Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again: rejoice!”
We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete is the Latin word for “rejoice”) this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior’s birth and ultimately for His Second Coming.
Our First Reading, from Zephaniah, certainly gives us cause to rejoice. “Fear not… be not discouraged! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.” Even more cause for joy, this Savior **delights** in us — “He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in His love, He will sing joyfully because of you.” How can we not be moved by a God who pursues us, who comes to us as Savior, and who actually sings for joy over us!

Our Second Reading gives still more cause for joy as St. Paul reminds us, “The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all.” Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: “In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Paul’s instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him along with our thanks. This guidance calls to mind aa vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to live out this thanks, making our lives a “Christmas gift” to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist’s message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same.” He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God’s gifts to them!

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ’s extravagant love. Let’s avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let’s look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him. When we get this “gift” right, all the other gifts and to-do’s on our Christmas list will fall into their proper place. From catholicsteward.com/blog/