

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

401 S WILLOW ST • ELLENSBURG, WA



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” - Mt 11:10

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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday Vigil-Vigilia en Ingles: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9 am and 5 pm
Misa del domingo: 11:15 am (Spanish)
Daily Mass: 8 am Monday-Friday
Misas en español: 7pm Martes
Confessions: Saturdays at 3:30 pm, also by appt.
Confesiones: Sábados a las 3:30 pm o por cita.

OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday-Friday 8 am - noon & 1-4:00 pm
Lunes -Viernes 8am-12pm y de 1-4:00 pm
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Emergencies-Emergencias: 509-901-3885(after 5 pm)

Office Administrator: Barbara Johnson
Youth Minister/Confirmation: Sarah Moore
Elementary Religious Education: Alexandra Ruvalcaba
Preschool: Mari Gabriel

Catholic Radio: 100.3 FM/KXAA

PREPARES A ministry to companion and aid young families. Contact Sally Gililand 206-854-2936

FAITH, PRAYER & SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Centering Prayer Mondays at 5:15 PM in the cry room. Contact Karen Gookin at 962-9648

Men's Fellowship Group Mondays at 6:30 PM. Contact Mark Hayden at 929-2035.

Tuesday Morning Study Group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9 AM, in the library. Contact Hugh Spall at 925-2937

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Tuesdays 8:30AM in church

Pro-Life Prayer Join us outside of Planned Parenthood on Kelleher Ford property. Tuesdays 10:30 AM.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:15 AM, . Seeking new members. Contact Maryanne Witkowski 509-859-3455

Crafts Unlimited meet Tuesdays 10AM in the middle-west room. Contact Carole Vondergeest at 962-1551

The Knights of Columbus meet 4th Thursday at 7 PM. Contact Josh Mattson at 509-856-4579

Compassion Corps 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM in the couch/youth room. Contact: Kelly Held at 962-1250

R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Contact Scott Zimmerman at 509-929-3790 or email gitanesteel@yahoo.com

Wives In Prayer is seeking help to provide child care during Friday meetings. Contact Emily Stickney at 968-9195

SAYA (St. Andrew's Young Adults). Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682

**3rd Sunday
of Advent
December 15, 2019**

**Welcome to
our visitors!**

<i>With gratitude and appreciation</i>	
Dec 7 & 8, 2019	
Regular Sunday	5,235.00
Building Fund	1,795.00
RE Program	1,960.85
Total	8,990.85

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 16

- Tue—Nichole Koch & Family
- Wed—Joseph Drotzmann Family
- Thr —†Colleen Kelleher
- Fri—†Michael Weiss
- Sat—†Don Erickson
- Sun—Jean Skibenness

The **PARISH CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** will be this Sunday, December 15, at 10:15 AM. Everyone is invited.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to keep the parish office open when Barbara is gone. If you can assist for several hours or more, please contact the parish office at 962-9819. The parish office will be closed Friday, December 13, at noon and Thursday, December 26.

We are most grateful to our loyal donors and new donors to the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)**. We have received pledges from 126 households in the amount of \$36,430.50, towards a parish pledge goal of \$44,006. As always, 100% participation of our 1,100+ households is our main goal. Please visit www.yakimadiocese.org if you'd like to donate online. Please prayerfully consider your pledge this year.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the **1ST WEEKEND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY OF OUR PARISH especially Christina Keys, Sharon Rosell, Don Bacon, Dorothy Drotzmann, Msgr. Perron Auve, Fr. Mike Ibach, Fr. Reilly, Fr. Darell Mitchell, Fr. Murtaugh, TJ Johnson, and our priests and nuns who suffer from poor health, we pray to the Lord. *(Please call the parish office with updates; reviewed weekly.)*

DEC BIRTHDAYS 16-Rosario Naranjo, Delfino Rodriguez, Shirley Sendelbach, Salvador Zamora 17-Valerie Farrell, Tobias Megargle 18-Manuel Arroyo, Holly Fromherz, Jesus Gil, Betty Hopper 20-Hayden Ruiz, Annie Stickney, Robert Witkowski 21-Alexander Cabalero, Mark Hayden

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY 18-Josh & Alison Mattson 19-Ismael & Martha Garcia 20-Clem & Paula Ehoff, John & Barbara Pickett 23-Ken & Vicky Garrett 27-Darrel & Jan Eason 31-William & Tamara Holmes

The **GIVING TREE** Gifts are due back on or before 10 AM, this Sunday, December 15, UNWRAPPED with GIFT TAG ATTACHED (for ease of sorting). A **WRAPPING PARTY** for these gifts will be this Tuesday, December 17, at 9 AM. Gifts and food vouchers will be distributed on Thursday, December 19, 9 AM to noon. Thank you for your continued support.

EACH YEAR, YOUR OFFERING AT CHRISTMAS MASSES GOES TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CC). Motivated by Christ's love, CC works to bring hope to life by embracing people, strengthening families, and empowering to thrive. To learn more about CC network of services, visit www.catholiccharitiescw.org CC envelopes are provided on the bulletin table. *If you wish to make a Christmas donation to St. Andrew's Church, please us the **MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH** envelope, also on the bulletin table.*

VALLEY VIEW WEEKEND MEALS appreciate applesauce or mixed fruit cups, hot chocolate packets, Carnation Instant Breakfast, protein bars (10+gr), single OJ or apple juice cartons, Chef Boyardee cans. **FISH FOOD BANK** will appreciate cash or canned and boxed holiday meal ingredients. **FISH** new location is 804 Elmview Rd.

ST. VINCENT 5TH SUNDAY will be the weekend of December 28 & 29. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Many thanks to our generous parishioners who support St. Andrew's in every way possible with time, talent and treasure. Monetary donations received by 4 PM on Dec 31, will be credited to your 2019 donation statement which will be mailed out mid-January.

SIMBANG GABI MASS— Join us at St. Peter Claver Parish on Saturday, December 21, at 5PM for Mass and a reception to follow at the Filipino Community Hall (211 W 2nd St, Wapato). Lorena 509-952-3846.

Dearest parishioners of St. Andrew's, I sincerely appreciated the wonderful dinner and gathering that you so graciously presented last Saturday evening. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who prepared the dinner and to those who set tables and decorated. It was wonderful to experience the out pouring of love and support by those who attended the Ordination Mass. Thank you also to Fr. David who so graciously invited me to assist at my very first Mass that night...a night that I will never forget! Everyone truly offered me an example of what serving in the name of Christ means. I look forward to following this example as permanent deacon. Yours in Christ the Servant, Deacon James (D.J.)

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
In observance of the Christmas Holiday, no classes will be offered Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, December 22 — January 1. Classes resume the week of Sunday, January 5, 2020
Elementary— Sundays, 10:15—11:05 AM
High School Youth Group— Sundays, 6:15—7:30 PM
Middle School—Mondays, 6:30—8 PM
Confirmation Preparation—Wednesdays, 7—8:30 PM.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

December 15, 2019 — Third Sunday in Advent
IS 35:1-6A, 10; PS146:6-10; JAS 5:7-10; MT 11:2-11



Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas, when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life.

In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

Weekly announcement

A Celtic Christmas: Featuring Affiniti and Howard Crosby December 17, 2019 7:00 PM St. Paul Cathedral Parish 15 S. 12th Ave, Yakima. Admission by Donation

2020 National Education Contest: Students in grades 4-12 are invited to participate in the contest. Participants may create works of arts, music, poetry, computer art, photography or a written essay with the theme being "Bless are the peacemakers" or "living in harmony with others". For more information contact the Religious Ed. Office.

2020 Calendars: Our 2020 calendars are here! Please take one home. We will like to thank *Henry D. Johnston* for his kind and generous support toward our parishioners' 2020 calendars. It is a real consolation to us to realize that there are those who are willing to make sacrifices in order to share in our mission. In a very real sense, he is among those who give life to our work for Christ.

The Cardinal Newman Society was founded in 1993 to promote and defend faithful Catholic education. The **Newman Guide** (www.NewmanSociety.org/CollegeGuide) is a free online resource providing in-depth profiles of faithful Catholic colleges and information to help you navigate the transition from high school to college life. Sign up for **Recruit Me** (www.NewmanSociety.org/RecruitMe) to allow faithful Catholic colleges to recruit you.....and be eligible for the Newman Society's \$5,000 essay scholarship contest for high school seniors.

Men's fellowship group will begin a new lectio Divina series Monday Dec 16, 6:30 p.m. This study is on evangelization, looking at Acts of the Apostles. Check it out on formed.org to preview. Our concurrent series, *The Wild Goose*, continues at the same time. Join either one at any time.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Story of the Nativity

WATCH ON
FORMED.ORG

Understanding the Full Story of Jesus' Birth

DECEMBER CALENDAR

21-22 Christmas Liturgical Decorations

22 Christmas *Posadas* after Spanish Mass

24 Christmas Vigil

English Masses 4:30 pm & 8 pm.

25 Christmas Day

Mass 9 am English. Misa a 11 am Spanish

28-29 St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection