**ST. ANDREW’S PARISH**
401 S WILLOW ST • ELLENSBURG, WA

**FAITH, PRAYER & SOCIAL MINISTRIES**

R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets Thursdays at 6:30 PM. For those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith. **Contact Scott Zimmerman at 509-929-3790 or email gitanesteel@yahoo.com**

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

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

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

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

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.

Compassion Corps 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM (Jan 9 & 23) in the couch/youth room. **Contact: Kelly Held at 962-1250**

Crafts Unlimited meet Tuesdays 11 AM in the middle-west room. **Contact Carole Vondergeist at 962-1551**

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

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:15 AM (Jan 5 & 19). Seeking new members. **Contact Maryanne Witkowski 509-859-3455**

The Knights of Columbus Will meet Thursday, March 26, 27, at 7 PM. **Contact Josh Mattson at 509-856-4579**

PREPARES is a Catholic pro-life ministry which supports and accompanies young families. Donations can be left in the activity center lobby at the PREPARES donation crib. A special collection will be held March 14 & 15. Your prayers are most appreciated. **Catholic Radio: 100.3 FM/KXAA**

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM): 706 N Sprague Contact Marcus Ayers at 925-3043. Mass on Campus on Sunday at 7 pm in SURC 137 during school year. **FORMED.org parish code: 449536 Catholic resources free to all parishioners.**
**Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2020**

**Welcome to our visitors!**

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**LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

**Stations of the Cross** will be offered on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 PM.

Knights of Columbus will offer a **Fish & Chip Dinner** at 6 PM on the Fridays of Lent. Cost is by donation.

*Experience how families around the world live, work and play in a series of short stories and videos on [https://www.crsricebowl.org/](https://www.crsricebowl.org/)*

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, March 10, for the **Annual Diocesan Risk Management** meeting.

Thank you for your participation in the **First Sunday Religious Education Collection** this weekend.

We are most grateful to our loyal donors and new donors to the **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)**. As of Jan 31 Diocesan Reports, we have received pledges in the amount of $53,346, towards a parish pledge goal of $44,006. Potential rebate of 9,340.

**Please pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish** especially Linda Brennan, Christina Keys, Sharon Rosell, Don Bacon, Dorothy Drotzmann, Fr. Tom Burnell, Msgr. Perron Auve, Fr. Reilly, Fr. Murtaugh, Fr. John O’Shea and our priests and nuns who suffer from poor health, we pray to the Lord. **Please call the parish office with updates.**

**March Birthdays** 9-Jose Barrera, Carol Erfle, Barbara Pickett, Cecilia Rodriguez 10-Alexandra Arreola, Jared Vargas 11-Gabriela Michel, Jocelyn Munguia, Ericka Rangel 12-Finn Beaty, Lourdes Perez 13-Yasmin Ramirez 14-Joseph Fromherz, Owen Samuelson 15-Alondra Michel, Kathy Moore, Joseph Zepeda

**March Anniversaries** 17-Jerry & Mercy Gipson

If you have an update to the Birthday or Anniversary lists, please contact the parish office.

**Discussion of the Fall Parish Read,** “A Devotional Journey into the Mass” is this Sunday, March 8, at 10:15 AM in the parish library.

**Registration for 2020-21 St. Andrew’s Preschool** has begun for currently enrolled families and alumni. Beginning Monday, March 23, registration will be open for parishioner families and those on the waiting list. Spaces will fill quickly. Open registration to the public will begin Wednesday, April 1.

**A Collection Event for PREPARES ministry** will be held next weekend, March 14 & 15. Please bring your contributions of clothing (especially socks and underwear, sizes 4 and up) and baby supplies (especially diapers, sizes 4 and up).

The **October Festival Committee** is looking for a few new members! Positions open are: Vice Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Raffle Coordinator, two kitchen Coordinators, and two people to run the Main Dining Room. Please contact Barbara Diefenbach 661-972-6416 or Lacey Wedin 509-656-4492 with any questions or come to our next meeting on Thursday, April 2, at 7 PM in the Parish Activity Center.

**Men's Fellowship Group** continues the Lenten study of the Sunday Readings, *With Jesus to the Cross*, on Mondays at 6:30 PM. Contact Mark Hayden at 929-2035.

**Wisdom of Works and Mercy**, a small group study, continues this Wednesday, 7-8:30 PM. Contact Gretchen at 933-2364 for more information.


Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on March 13-15, at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane. Apply at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) For more information, 509-922-9813

**Rachel’s Vineyard:** Is God is calling you to hope and healing OR to minister to those who have experienced abortion, please contact Lisa Petersen (509-421-7847 or lisapetersen65@gmail.com) for more information. Confidential. Next Retreat is March 20-22 near Ellensburg. Cost $129. Scholarships available.

*Do you have a project around the house that’s too big to tackle? Volunteer Services* may have a group of volunteers available to help. Low-income seniors and those who are disabled are eligible to receive help through Volunteer Services, a program of Catholic Charities. Groups of volunteers can take on projects such as yard clean-up, household cleaning, and painting. For information, contact LouAnn Desgrosellier at 965-7100, Ext. 1094. **Volunteers also accepted.**

If you have an item for the bulletin, please email it to: bulletinellensburg@gmail.com. The deadline is Tuesday at 10AM, earlier for holiday weekends.
Dear brothers and sisters,

We are grateful that this Easter Vigil we will celebrate the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Thank you to Scott Zimmerman for leading this important ministry at St. Andrew’s. The RCIA process has different steps. The First Step is the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. This rite most often take place during Advent or the months before it (October through December). The second step is Rite of Election or Enrolment of Names. It is usually celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent at the local diocesan cathedral, led by the local bishop.

Last Sunday we celebrated the ritual “for sending the catechumens to the bishop”, so they could celebrate this second step. Although optional at the parish level, this ritual is pastorally important for members of the parish to experience the development of our RCIA program and be involved with their prayer and support with our catechumen and candidates into full communion. We will be praying again for our catechumen on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent when the Celebrations of the Scrutinies will take place. The final RCIA step is the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

I want to keep you informed of our next parish activities:

**RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

St. Andrew’s, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 11 & Tuesday, March 17

Also, on Sunday, March 15, after the 9 am Mass for the First Communion students.

**Surrounding area Services**

Wed, March 25, at Holy Family, Yakima 7 PM

Thrs, March 26, in Cle Elum 7 PM

Wed, April 1, at St. Joseph, Yakima—4 PM**

Thrs, April 2, at St. Paul Cathedral, Yakima 7 PM

**CEMETERY BOARD MEETING:** Monday, March 9, at 6:30 pm. We invite all cemetery board members and parishioners that would like to be involved in the preservation and maintenance of Holy Cross Cemetery to join us for this meeting.

**THE DEANERY MEETING** with Bishop Tyson will be on Tuesday, March 24, at 5 pm. Dinner will be provided. Bishop Tyson is inviting all parochial leaders and staff from Cle Elum, Roslyn and Ellensburg (our Kittitas Deanery), to join him for this informative reunion.

**WILLOW STREET CONSTRUCTION**

WORK: The City of Ellensburg will be widening Willow Street. They are scheduled to start piping the ditch in front of the Church and Park next week. There will be some temporary driveway closures as they remove and replace the existing curvets with the new pipe, but we will have access to the Church with at least one driveway at all times. There will be no work over the weekend. After the pipe is installed, the crew will start working on the sewer main on the other side of the street. This will create temporary traffic delays on Willow Street near the work areas. After the sewer is finished by early April, they plan to stop work until school is out in mid-June and will complete the rest of the project this summer.

I will keep you posted on the next developments.

With my prayers and blessing for all of you,

Fr. David Jimenez

**CATHOLIC CHURCH CALLS FOR CIVILITY**

The Catholic Bishops of Washington State released a pastoral statement calling on all Washingtonians to work toward healing our political divisions. The Bishops point out that civility is everyone’s responsibility, “If we want people running for elected office to behave better, we have to start with behaving better with people we encounter who hold differing opinions than our own.” Observing the paralysis of our political system, the bishops stressed the urgency of alleviating human suffering at home and abroad. “We must learn again how to work with people who hold different political positions and keep the pressing priorities paramount,” said Archbishop Paul D. Etienne. “We cannot let disagreements derail our efforts for the common good.” The pastoral statement is titled, “Love One Another – Practicing Civility for the Common Good.” The statement highlights the national Civilize It campaign sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The Bishops invite Catholics and others to pledge to “promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community.” For more information, please visit: [https://yakimadiocese.org/2020/02/27/bishops-call-for-civility-in-political-discourse/](https://yakimadiocese.org/2020/02/27/bishops-call-for-civility-in-political-discourse/)

**BISHOP TYSON WILL CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL BLUE AND RED MASSES** at St. Paul Cathedral at 5:30 PM with a light reception following.

**BLUE MASS** honoring those currently serving in, or who have died in the line of duty in the public safety field, Tuesday, March 10, and **RED MASS** for all those associated with the legal profession, Tuesday, March 17.

Are you new to St. Andrew’s Parish? We welcome you.

Please fill out a registration form.