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Welcome to our visitors!!
Welcome back!! We are happy to see you!!

COVID UPDATE: Governor Inslee announced a new Proclamation regarding the wearing of masks in Washington State, effective Monday, August 23. That means: masks will be required at all times when attending Mass, or any other activity at St. Andrew’s until the order has been updated. Thank you for your patience, understanding and stewardship to help protect your neighbor, friends and family.

Mass with Bishop Tyson on KAPP, Sundays at 6:30 AM (English) & 9 AM on Hispanicvision. Can also be viewed on the Yakima Diocese website after airing.

https://www.ewtn.com/
https://www.ewtn.com/tv
http://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/
https://saltandlighttv.org/
https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/

St. Andrew’s parish offices will be closed on Monday, Sep 6, in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday. Parish offices will re-open to the public on Tuesday, September 7. If you have any questions or need further assistance please call: Barbara Johnson 509-962-9819. To request Anointing of the Sick Sacrament call the parish office at 509-962-9819.

Please pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish Linda Brennan, Christina Keys, Dorothy Droztmann, Anthony Gabriel, Sandy Thomas, Darlene Gapp, Rebecca Rojas, Dan & Chris Papineau, Sam Cavanaugh, Fr. Maury Peterson, Msgr. Perron Auve, Fr. Reilly, Fr. Murthaugh, and our priests and nuns who suffer from poor health, we pray to the Lord. Please call the parish office with updates.

In regards to Sunday collections and Second collections, please feel free to:
1. mail in your donation.
2. donate online using the VANCO link on our web page https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?apver3=wWs24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKLg0BDvsSG3VIWOCPJJNNxD8upk1Y7JIdavDs ozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vZ2Oym6i15a_QF1IDOKHauXHubq5Z7ap 551mPerc4ZeYHCKZhesjGNmz5B6dxy_ml13FNXJLz6trPC2ih9A-~&ver=3
3. an electronic payment through your bank.
4. leave your donation in the basket at Mass (located in center church isle) or drop off at parish office.

Thank you for your continued support.

This weekend we take up an emergency collection to support the Church and Humanitarian needs for the country of Haiti that was devastated when hit by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm. Over 2,000 people have been killed, over 12,000 have injured, about 53,000 houses destroyed, and search and rescue missions continue to be underway. Please consider aiding those in need, please be generous.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6

Tue—† Fr. Joseph Koterski, SJ
Wed—† Michael McCord
Thr—† Cing Carney 1 yr anniv
Fri—† Mary & Hubert Schmitt

Bulletins can be viewed online at https://st-andrewsparish.org/bulletins

It’s been awhile since we could say this, “Our October Festival is ON!” And, Raffle tickets will be available by Friday, September 3. Raffle tickets can be picked up during business hours at the parish office or at the church door before and after Masses, beginning Saturday, September 4. Please consider picking up one or two books to sell to your friends or family.

This year’s prizes are the "Strawberry Fields" quilt, an American Girl doll, Kira, complete with wardrobe, and a huge picnic basket full of culinary delights with a Germanic theme. Proceeds support many efforts for our church and for our community.

If anyone has any questions or would like to help out with distributing/selling the tickets, I welcome the help. I can be reached at 267-240-4188 [Miriam Ledwith]. Thanks so much for supporting this effort. And let’s make this the best Raffle ever!
**St. Andrew’s Preschool Open House Day** is Tuesday, September 7, with classes beginning on Monday and Tuesday, September 13 & 14. Please note new start dates.

We are planning for **in-person religious education classes** to start in September. **More catechists and classroom assistants** for elementary, middle school and high school are needed. Please contact Fr. Jaime or the parish office if you are interested. **Registration packets** are available NOW after Mass. Please watch the bulletin for more information. This will be YEAR 1 for Confirmation Preparation.

Are you an adult who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? **Need sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion?** Been away from fully practicing your Catholic faith? **Simply want to learn more about your faith?** Please join us at **R.C.I.A.** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) on Thursday nights, 7 to 9PM in the social hall, beginning on September 9. For more information or questions, please contact Scott Zimmerman at 509-929-3790 or email gitanesteel@yahoo.com

We are accepting your **garden zucchini**. Please bring and place in the **silver kitchen fridge** (remove all bags). It will be grated for our famous October Festival zucchini soup.

**Please join us Thursdays 8:30AM to 3PM for Adoration in the Church.**

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (**CCC #1380- Saint John Paul II**)

**Saint Kieran of Clonmacnois**

Feast Day—September 9    512-545

From his birthplace in Connaught, Ireland, Kieran traveled at age 15 to study under St. Finnian at Clonard. According to legend, he took along a cow for milk. He became the most learned monk there, then spent seven years with St. Enda in the Aran Islands, where he was ordained. He moved on to Isel, but soon left because other monks complained of his generosity to the poor. About 545, with eight companions, he founded the monastery at Clonmacnoise, on the River Shannon, which became a famous religious center for its manuscripts and metal liturgical objects. Kieran died at Clonmacnoise and is counted among the Twelve Apostles of Ireland.

**Below, please find, in English, the text of Pope Francis’ August 17 message encouraging, as an act of love, the reception of COVID-19 vaccines approved by competent authorities. Also find below video link to the Pope's comments. In English they are incorporated into a three-minute video with other Church leaders from the Americas. Please note that the video is recorded in Spanish (the Pope's native language), with English subtitles.**

Please also note that the link to the video takes viewers to the official Vatican news channels on YouTube (English and Spanish). Viewers who watch the video using these links will find that any subsequent videos that pop up are related to public appearances by the Holy Father or other Vatican news.

https://youtu.be/JWf3Ji11EaU

**In a brotherly spirit, I join in this message of hope for a brighter future. Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together.**

**Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people. Love is also social and political, there is social love and political love; it is universal, always overflowing with small gestures of personal charity capable of transforming and improving societies (cf. Laudato si', no. 231, cf. Fratelli tutti, 184).**

Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future. God bless you, and thank you. +FRANCIS
Having finally met its goal of collecting $5.25 million dollars, the Capital Campaign for Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education that began 15 or so years ago has formally ended. With the help of a small transfer from the Parish Assistance Fund (also known as the Poor Parish Fund), all of our parishes were able to at least raise 20 percent of their original goals. St. Andrew’s parishioners pledged $155,579.98 towards a goal of $146,600, with $149,599.98 being paid as of June 30, 2021.

While we can and should celebrate this important achievement, the work continues of supporting and growing both the Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education Trusts, as well as their corresponding funds. This includes the annual collection this summer, as well as through continued development of the Bishop's Founders Circle and other fund raising efforts. The next issue of the Central Washington Catholic newsletter will feature a deeper look at our past, present and future work in these areas.

Most important is our continued prayers for an increase of vocations, and in gratitude for the service of our senior priests. Many thanks to all for your prayer and work.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON CATHOLIC NEWSLETTER LINKS:

The conference will be held virtually on Saturday, October 30 via the OnAIR virtual event platform. As with previous years, you can expect all of the same inspiring keynotes and presenters, as well as networking opportunities with fellow attendees and exhibitors. All registered attendees will have access to the virtual platform during the event. There is no registration fee for the Cornerstone Catholic Conference. Attendees are invited to make a donation to help cover the costs of the event. Those making donations of $75 or more will be given first access to recorded speakers after the conference has concluded. Recordings will be available to the public 60 days after the event on the WACatholics YouTube channel. Registration is now open at https://www.wacatholics.org/cornerstone-2021.
NEW FACE COVERING REQUIREMENT
(WA State Department of Health, eff. 08/23/2021)

Every person in Washington State must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when they are in a place where any person from outside their household is present or in a place that is generally accessible to any person from outside their household, subject to the exceptions and exemptions below.

NOTE: Masks are generally not required when outdoors. However, DOH strongly recommends all people, regardless of vaccination status, wear face coverings in crowded outdoor settings … where there is decreased ability to consistently maintain physical distance between non-household members.

People Exempt from General Face Covering Requirement

The following people are exempt from the requirement to wear a face covering:

• Children younger than five years old;

• Children who are younger than two years old should never wear face coverings due to the risk of suffocation.

• Children who are two, three, or four years old, with the assistance and close supervision of an adult, are strongly recommended to wear a face covering at all times in public settings when around non-household members; and

• People with a medical condition, mental health condition, developmental or cognitive condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes, but is not limited to, people with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

NOTE: Those serving in leadership roles during Mass may remove face coverings while leading specific parts of the service, provided they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
August 23, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Prompted by the massive earthquake and tropical storm that hit Haiti, I ask parishioners consider to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from this disaster. Haiti is the poorest country in the Americas.

This is what we know:

- A magnitude 7.2 earthquake and tropical storm has killed over 2,000 people.
- Over 12,000 people were injured.
- About 53,000 houses were destroyed.
- Search and rescue missions are underway.

Please consider aiding those in need.

Funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church and/or Catholic Relief Services/ Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. Funds will be used in response to the earthquake and tropical storm in Haiti and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed.

Haiti relies heavily on donor countries and organizations for relief.

Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

[Signature electronically applied]

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Scan the QR code to donate. Thank you!
GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn’t take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness.

Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life’s unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it’s really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life’s incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God’s story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
You can hear God talk to you. He speaks to you through the Bible. He speaks to you through your parents, teachers, and friends. When you hear him, you obey his commandments. You stop pouting and stomping. You obey your parents. You put your toys away. You share your food, clothing, and blankets. You say the right words to make a friend feel better. When you listen, God helps you stay on the path to heaven.

**PRAYER**
Open my ears to hear you clearly, Lord.

**MISSION FOR THE WEEK**
I will listen and follow my Mom and Dad’s directions right away.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS
Saturday Vigil—Vigilia en Ingles: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9 am & 5 pm
Misa del domingo: 11:15 am (Spanish)
Daily Mass: 8 am Tuesday — Friday
8 am Monday, Liturgy of the Word
Confessions: Saturdays at 3:30 pm, also by appt.
Confesiones: Sábados a las 3:30 pm o por cita.

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DUE TO COVID-19, ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

PARISH 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 509-306-0431

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 via Zoom. Contact Scott Zimmerman at 929-3790

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

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.
The Knights of Columbus Thursdays 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

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. Seeking new members. Contact Maryann Witkowski 509-859-3455

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. Your prayers are most appreciated.

Catholic Radio: 100.3 FM/KXAA

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM): 706 N Sprague Contact Marcus Ayers at 925-3043
marcus.ayers@yakimadiocese.org  Mass offered on Sundays at 7PM. Currently offered to students & faculty only.

FORMED.org parish code: 449536 Catholic resources free to all parishioners of all ages, in English & Spanish.