



## Elementary and Youth

Elementary classes will continue this Sunday, January 29, at 10:05 to 11:05 a.m.

The Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on Saturdays, February 4 or March 4, at noon, as part of a parent/student mini-retreat. Please make sure your second year preparation student attends one of these workshops. Please see Alena Camarata if you need different arrangements.

LIFETEEN High School classes will resume this Sunday, January 22, 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.

EDGE Middle School classes will resume this Monday, January 23, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Middle school students will attend a Middle School Rally in Bellevue on Saturday, March 11. Cost is \$30. We will leave at 7:30 AM, and return about 9 PM. Please eat breakfast before leaving and bring money for dinner. Registration forms available. Chaperones/drivers are needed. Please contact Alison Mattson (962-3564).

2<sup>nd</sup> Year CHOSEN Confirmation classes continue this Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the social hall.

Confirmation Retreat Registration Packets have gone out. They are due back now. Cost is \$50. Parents are needed to drive and/or chaperone.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21, at the 5 PM Mass. Please mark your calendars and remember our youth, their leaders and parents in prayer as they complete their preparation process.

The next **Parents Night Out Fund Raiser** will be Friday, February 3, 6 to 10 PM. Children ages up through elementary are welcome; middle and high school youth are welcome as helpers. If you have a baby, please bring a well-stocked diaper bag for the evening. Proceeds will benefit Adult Education Programs.

During the month of February the EDGE Middle School program is doing a **Food/Sock Drive to benefit the Cold Weather Shelter Program in Ellensburg**. They are in need of microwaveable food such as Cup of Noodles, soups, mac 'n cheese, etc. Also needed are fruit snacks, protein and granola bars and items people can take with them for the day. Wool socks are requested. Please leave in box at church entrance.

We have received 141 ACA pledges, totaling \$ 45,017. Our parish goal is \$40,747. The programs, services, and ministries supported by the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal are intended to meet the needs of Catholics here in the Diocese of Yakima. The Church serves each of us, and our financial support is needed to continue God's work here in Central Washington. Additional pledges over our goal is rebated back to St. Andrew's to supplement our operating budget. For 2016, we received over \$15,000 in rebates.

Thank you for participating in the ACA. If you haven't participated in the past, please prayerfully consider participating this year. Those who have participated in the past have received a personalized pledge card in the mail to use. Thank you for your continued support.



2016 Donor Statements will be mailed on Monday. Thank you again for your generosity over the past year.

We have a growing collection of broken chairs that need to be repaired. If this is something you can do, please contact the parish office, 962-9819. Thank you to Robert Collier who is repairing broken tables.



The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held Monday, January 30, at 7 PM. Parents and god parents must attend. Please bring a copy of the State Birth Certificate of the child(ren) to be baptized. Sorry, we are unable to care for young children during class.

## Upcoming Meetings

**May Festival is around the corner and it's time to start preparing.** There will be an **organizational meeting** for the annual May Festival on Tuesday, January 31, at 5:30 p.m. We are looking for feedback and building up ideas, as well as people interested in helping out in any way. Please contact Alejandra for more information (962-9819).

**St. Vincent de Paul Ministries** will meet Sunday, February 5, at 10:15 a.m.

Join us in **Centering Prayer** on Mondays at 5:15 p.m., in the meditation/cry room. For more information, please call Karen at 962-9648.

**Crafts Unlimited** meet in the activity center on Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring a lunch. For more information, please call Carole Vondergeest at 962-1551.

**Ellensburg Open Door Health Clinic** is open 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6 to 9 PM, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 9 AM to noon. Services are free.

The next **Retrouvaille Weekend** is February 10-12, in Spokane. This is for marriages going through difficulties of any sort, or just needs a pick-me-up. Visit [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org) for confidential information.

**MAGNIFICAT** sessions will resume Saturdays, February 11, at Holy Spirit Parish in Kennewick, February 18, at St. Pius X Parish in Quincy, and February 25, at St. Paul Cathedral School in Yakima. Sessions begin at 9 AM.

The Ellensburg Community Clothing Center at the First United Methodist Church is in need of volunteers for sorting, Mondays and Fridays, 9 AM to noon, and open to public times Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9 AM to noon. Training provided. Please contact Peggy at 425-765-7798, or Pat at 509-607-9508.

The **Annual Northwest Catholic Men's Conference** will be Friday and Saturday, February 24 & 25, at the Pendleton Convention Center. Open to all males age 15 and above. Begins Friday at 4 PM and ends at 5 PM on Saturday. Cost is \$40 and includes 3 meals. Please call St. Mary's parish 541-276-3615 or visit [www.nwcmg.com](http://www.nwcmg.com)