

Elementary and Youth

No religious education classes this weekend in observance of Presidents Day.

Elementary classes will resume Sunday, February 26, at 10:05 to 11:05 a.m.

The Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on Saturday, March 4, at noon, as part of a parent/student mini-retreat. Please make sure your second year preparation student attends (or did attend Feb 4). Please see Alena Camarata if you need different arrangements.

The next Sacrament Preparation Parent and Student class will be Thursday, March 9, at 6:00 PM. We will be working on our Thank You Prayers for the printed program. This is a mandatory class for parent and student.

LIFETEEN High School classes will resume Sunday, February 26, 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.

EDGE Middle School classes will resume Monday, February 27, 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).

2nd Year CHOSEN Confirmation classes continue this Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the social hall.

High School youth are invited to a short bible study on the Wednesdays of Lent after the 5:30 PM Mass and before 7 PM Class in the LifeTeen room. Lead by Alejandra Tejada, we will cover the Easter Story, culminating in the viewing of the Mel Gibson Movie, The Passion of The Christ. We hope you will join us.

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.

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 microwavable 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.

Our parish will participate in the 134th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support helps build the church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Visit www.blackandindianmission.org/nationalcollection for more information. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

St. Andrew's Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate Reflection Day is Sunday, March 12, 12:15 PM to 3 PM. All 46 Confirmandi and their sponsors are required to attend. Please bring a potluck item to share for lunch. Agenda also includes a bi-lingual presentation, small group discussions, saint reflection and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider attending morning or evening Mass together that day. This is mandatory.

May Festival Volunteer Sign Up Weekend is the weekend of March 4 & 5 after all Masses. This is a parish wide event and everyone's help is needed. We are still looking for people to organize specific booths like egg rolls, small carnival-like games, cup-cake walk, kitchen help, set-up, clean-up, popsicles and other small food booths. Mostly what this entails is finding volunteers to support that specific booth. Great opportunity for ministries to support a particular booth. Please call the parish office (962-9819) with questions or early volunteering. More information will be available after next planning meeting on Sunday, March 26, at 12:30 PM.

Have you been thinking about volunteering at St. Andrew's? The October Festival team could use your help. Three positions are available: Treasurer, Kitchen, and Raffle. Many thanks to Lorraine Bramstedt, Jim & Joanne Cortese, Sally Eberle and Angie Huschka for their past service. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Cathy Dunn at cdunn49@charter.net or 925-5407.

Upcoming Meetings

The **Finance Council** will meet on Monday, February 27, at 6:30 PM.

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.

Lent Highlights

Ash Wednesday, March 1, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Masses will be celebrated at 8AM, 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM (Español). Liturgy of Word will be celebrated at 12:10 PM. This is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Knights of Columbus will offer a Fish Fry on Fridays of Lent beginning on March 3, at 5:30. This is a fund raiser, cost by donation.

Stations of the Cross will be offered on Fridays of Lent at 6:30 PM in the church.

In addition to Daily morning Masses, evening Masses will be offered Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, at 5:30 PM, and Friday, at 5:00 PM.

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times best-selling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll get short, inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? For more information, visit www.BestLentEver.com

Totally Catholic gift items will be available for purchase after Masses the weekends of February 25/26 and March 4/5, as well as at the first Friday Fish Fry of Lent on March 3. Lots of items for First Communion, RCIA/RICA or Confirmation will be available. Proceeds benefit high school youth programs.

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held Monday, February 27, at 7 PM (Wednesday, February 22, 7 PM., in Spanish). 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.

Cornerstone Project - On Tuesday, February 28, at 6 PM, our area churches of St. Andrew's, St. John the Baptist and Immaculate Conception will gather with Bishop Tyson, Fr. Roletto and Fr. Brooks to touch on 4 themes: Abortion, Immigration, The Cornerstone Conference 2017, and the Pastoral letter on Poverty. **All parishioners are invited to participate, especially those who are involved with Pastoral and Finance Councils, RCIA/RICA, Youth, Religious Education and catechists. Appetizers will be available. This will be similar to the Synod meetings we had awhile back, which had very good participation.**

We have copies of *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* by Matthew Kelly available in the church vestibule and parish office (in English or Spanish) for \$2 donation.

As human beings we are constantly engaging and disengaging in everything we do. We engage and disengage at work, in marriage, as parents, in our quest for health and well-being, in personal finances, environmentally, politically, and, of course, we engage or disengage spiritually.

If you walk into any Catholic church next Sunday and look around, you will discover that some people are highly engaged, others are massively disengaged, and the majority are somewhere in between. Why? What is the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics?

Answering this question is essential to the future of the Catholic Church. If we truly want to engage Catholics and reinvigorate parish life, we must first discover what drives engagement among Catholics. Matthew Kelly explores this question in his groundbreaking new book, and the simplicity of what he discovers will amaze you.

Matthew Kelly is a New York Times best-selling author of sixteen books, an internationally acclaimed speaker, and a business consultant to some of the world's largest and most admired companies. In Catholic circles he is perhaps best known for his book *Rediscover Catholicism*, which is the most read Catholic book of our times.

SAVE THE DATE – **St. Patrick's Trivia Night** is Saturday, March 18. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. More details will be printed in next week's bulletin. Contact the parish office (962-9819) to register singly or as a team.

Join us for the Diocesan Pedagogy Day on Saturday, March 4, at Blessed Sacrament Parish (1201 Missouri St., Grandview), 9 AM to 3 PM. This workshop will provide a basis for our deeper work together as catechists and teachers of children and adults.

Please join **F.I.S.H. in its February HAVE a HEART for HUNGER campaign**. F.I.S.H. asks families, businesses and individuals to partner and donate \$40 each month. Visit www.kvfish.org or call 925-5990 to donate.

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

Bishop Tyson will offer special Masses to recognize, thank and uplift some important personnel in our communities and parishes at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima. All Masses will begin at 5:30 and followed by a reception in the assembly place.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 8, for a White Mass for all doctors, dentists, nurses, para-pro and all healthcare professionals; on Tuesday, March 14, for a Red Mass for all judges, lawyers, legal assistants and all those in the legal profession; on Tuesday, March 28, for a Blue Mass for all first responders, those in law enforcement, firefighters, ambulance and emergency responders.

The "colors" are associated with each profession, with "red" for legal professionals referring to the academic hood for degrees in law.

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

In 2016, F.I.S.H. helped feed 4,926 households by distributing 446,542 pounds of food to its guests served through 9,164 meals in its Hot Meals program, 7,072 lunches to kids in its Summer Meals for Kids program, and provide weekend snacks and quick meals to 108 school children through the Backpack Program. Thank you St. Andrew's for your incredible help and thank you in advance for your continued support of these programs.

On the occasion of the Diaconate Ordination at St. Peter's Basilica of Cesar Izquierdo and Jesus Mariscal of the Yakima Diocese, A pilgrimage to Assisi, Florence and Rome will be offered under the Spiritual Direction of Bishop Tyson and Fr. Felipe Pulido, September 19-30. Download a brochure at www.GoCatholicTravel.com/PulidoTyson or call Celia Butterfield at 509-961-1823. Flyer posted on parish office window.

