

December 25, 2016
The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord!

Week of December 26 schedule

Monday & Tuesday, Communion Service, 8 AM

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, Mass, 8 AM

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

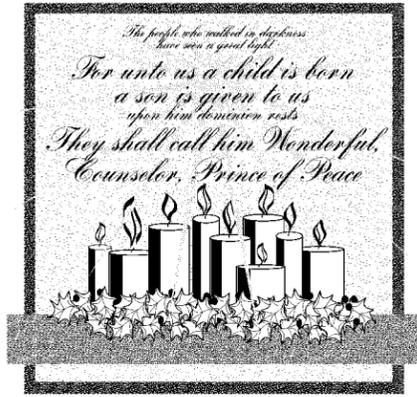
(the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass is offered for the people of the parish)

Wednesday, John Kandra †

Thursday, Frank Nolls †

Friday, Anita Dudley †

Friday, Mary Lonowski †



For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

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"SERMON ON THE AMOUNT"

Dec 3 & 4	5294.00
Dec 10 & 11	5591.00
Regular Sunday	4101.00
Building Fund	537.00
Total	4638.00
Religious Education	452.00
Christmas	25.00
Military Services	70.00

The Pastor and Finance Council have developed a parish budget which calls for an average weekly income, from Sunday and Building Fund donations, of \$5,392.35; and \$491.60 for Religious Education Programs. Thank you for your financial support.

2017 Calendars are available on the bulletin tables.

Adult Education

St. Andrew's Young Adults (SAYA): A group for adults in their 20s and 30s (single/married) is now meeting regularly. Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682 for details and any questions or find us on facebook.

Wives In Prayer will start a new session on Friday, January 6, 9 to 11 AM. Childcare provided. Please contact Emily Stickney 968-9195, or Alison Mattson 962-36564.

Every parishioner has access to the beauty of **SYMBOLON**, and other offerings, with our special parish online subscription. **Children's content is now available (programs, ebooks, movies and talks).** **Selections in Spanish** are also now available. Visit www.formed.org and scroll down to submit our parish's code - 449536, create your username and password.

Join us on Tuesday, January 3, 9:00-10:00 a.m., for *The Church's Social Teaching from Pentecost to Pope Francis.* This course traces the development of the Church's social justice teaching from the Pentecost to the present day.

Join us on Wednesday, January 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m., for a new program, *CATHOLICISM - Journey around the world and deep into the Faith,* with Bishop Robert Barron. The beauty, the goodness and truth of the Catholic Faith. Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda...from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the fullness of CATHOLICISM is revealed.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will resume on Monday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m., in the activity center. This is an inquiry class for those interested in becoming Catholic, or for those Catholic adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information, please contact Scott Zimmerman (962-9661).

To better facilitate this list, it will be purged at the beginning of every other month, ie: Jan, March, May, etc. Please pray for the sick of our parish— Lori Boykiw Smith, Pat Carney, Peter Conti, Don Bacon, Carlos Huitron, Ray Fletcher, Jamie Winterer Carney, Reid O'Donnell-Herbers, Joe Jacobs, Bernice Orcutt, Ken Lafferty, Randy Brunson, Ken Riddle, Bob Riggins, Fred Schaan, Raechele Lunde, Wally Dillon, Mac Brotherton, Tom Emerson, Leo and Linda Brennan, Shawn Lopez, Hubert Schmitt, Jean Larmore, Jaci Erickson, Jodi Huschka, Dorothy Drotzmann, Rich Hctor, Darrel Eason and our priests and nuns who suffer from poor health, and those who are sick but wish to remain anonymous, we pray to the Lord. (Please call the office with updates.)



Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Annual Parish Christmas Breakfast. Thank you to those who assisted with set up and clean up. St. Andrew's Young Adults (SAYA) would like to thank the parishioners for their generous support of the Christmas Basket Raffle. The fund raising goal was exceeded.

There are Flower Donation envelopes on the bulletin table if you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers.

During inclement weather months the southeast activity center door will be unlocked for those who need a more sure-footed walk area to access the church for Mass. As a courtesy, please leave this parking area available for those who need close-to-building parking.

A huge thank you to Diane Dier and her wonderful decorating crew who have transformed our church to enhance the Christmas liturgies.

Welcome to the many visitors this Christmas holiday weekend. Blessings and safe travels!

Join us weekly on Tuesdays for Mass in Spanish at 6 PM, beginning on January 3.

Elementary and Youth

Religious Education classes are taking a holiday break until after the first of the new year. Have a blessed Christmas!

Elementary classes will resume Sunday, January 8, at 10:05 to 11:05 a.m.

Parent & Child 2nd Year Preparation Class meeting will be Thursday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. All parents and children are required to attend.

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

EDGE Middle School classes resume Monday, January 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

2nd Year CHOSEN Confirmation classes resume on Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the social hall.

The next **Parents Night Our Fund Raiser** is Friday, January 6, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Elementary age children and younger are welcome to attend. Middle school and High school age youth may volunteer as assistants. Please be sure to bring a well stocked diaper bag for your baby.

We have received 128 ACA pledges, totaling \$ 42,942. 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.

Upcoming Meetings

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 will resume meeting in the activity center on Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., after the first of the new year. For more information, please call Carole Vondergeest at 962-1551.

Parish offices will be closed on Sundays & Mondays, December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2, in observance of Christmas & New Year's Day, respectively.

*Many thanks to all parishioners for their generous support of the **Annual Giving Tree Program.** We were able to help 25 families and residents of Prestige Cage and Pacifica Senior Living. Thank you also to the St. Vincent de Paul Ministries volunteers for all their hard work in coordinating this annual beloved endeavor.*

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, December 31 & January 1, Masses will be celebrated on Saturday, at 5:00 PM, and Sunday, 9:00 a.m., and 11:15 a.m., (Spanish). No Sunday 5:00 p.m., Mass.

First Friday Benediction on January 6, will be celebrated following the 8 AM Morning Mass.



Bring Hope to Life with a gift to the 2016 Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities. Your gift will help spread the love of Christ through a network of Catholic Family & Child Service Agencies, Catholic Charities Housing Services and Saint Vincent Centers. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to your neighbors in need by using the special marked envelope on the bulletin table.

By tradition, the collection received at the Christmas Masses is donated to Catholic Charities. If you wish your donation on Christmas to benefit St. Andrew's, please use the special marked envelope "My Christmas Gift to my Church" on the bulletin table. You can also note that on your check. Thank you for your generosity.

As the year comes to a close once again, we are thankful for the many contributions in time, talent and treasure that St. Andrew's receives. Thank you for your generous sharing. Monetary donations received before 4 PM, Friday, December 30, will be credited to your 2016 statement. Statements will be mailed mid-January. ACA payments are recorded by the Diocese of Yakima and you will receive a statement from them. Donations received at the December 31/January 1 Masses, will be credited to 2017 statements. Thank you again for your generosity.

MAGNIFICAT sessions will resume in February.

The next **Retrouaille 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.Retrouaille.org for confidential information.

If you would like to have a veteran's name (living or deceased) engraved on the wall at Holy Cross Cemetery, please fill out a form in the parish office. A great gift for a veteran or a surviving family member. An engraving order will be placed in the Spring. Price is approximately \$3.50/letter.