

December 23, 2018

Stewardship Message

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44) When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

Every day-Every way Stewards

That we take time to properly prepare ourselves to celebrate Mass each Sunday.

Collection for December 16, 2018

Sunday Offerings	\$16,392.80
Building Fund Weekly Collection	\$2,563.44
Children's Offerings	\$654.19
School Donation	\$566.00



Prayers: For our Armed Forces at home and overseas including **Christian Fraga, Journey Brabanty, Steven Hahn, Ian Dimmick, Ramon Vargas, John Hylden, Andrew Jacobsen, Christy Hylden, Alexander Araujo, Tyson Kaas, and Juan Borrego, Christian Shink.**

For our sick including **Drew Schreiber, Rob Jasso, Sr. Robert Joseph, Elaine Himes, Vivian Whitman, Shirley Foster, Lois and Rick Rutherford, Fr. Lawrence Reilly, Silvia Rodriguez, Jan Billings, Kathleen Barone, Monica Moore, Gil Gloria, Lourdes Nelson, John Walker, Pat Ray, Jessica Floeter, Billy Sickles, Christina Dimmick, Rosa Elena Gomez, Nestor Barba, David Pottorff, Elizabeth Torres, Ignacio Jaramillo, Luis Carrasco, Rory Vadlres, Rosa Nicacio, Ruth Hutchings, Eva Bratton, Kim Davis, Frank Hernandez, Francisco Alvarado, Kathy Ramirez, Donna Whitehead, Candelaria Garcia, Jan McCallister, Alberto Carranza, Maria L. Juarez, Danika Whitsett, Bill Roe, Scott Meyer, Rick Meyer, John Curran, Marcie Palmieri, Agnes True, Cheryl Porterfield, Santiago Rubalcaba, Asuncion Hernandez, Ricardo Jaranio, Emily Larson** and all parishioners experiencing health problems, and for those from our community who have passed away recently.

Be sure to call when your ill family member gets better, so we can make room for someone else on the list of prayers for the sick.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Jesus is waiting. Could you please help with Adoration during the times listed below?

Monday: 12 midnight, 1am, 3am; Tuesday: 1pm' Wednesday: 12 (midnight); Thursday: 11am; Saturday: 5pm, 6pm

Underlined hours = no adorers

Call Carol, 582-5011, Leticia Martinez 396-4033 to volunteer for an hour.

"Jesus became man two thousand years ago, & desires to remain with us still under the appearance of bread. Our loving God longs to be with His people and to have a personal relationship with them. Jesus remains with us not to be hidden in our tabernacles but to be made known, loved, & adored." (Missionaries of the Blessed Sac. Newsletter 36) (Christmas – 25 Tue.)

The Adoration Chapel is open to all 24/7. Please visit Our Lord any time you would like.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to our Parish Community!

If you are new to St. Joseph, we welcome you – whether you have come here from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish. You have helped us celebrate the liturgy in a beautiful way. If you would like to become a part of our Catholic community, fill out a registration form available in the foyer of the Big Church or call the Parish Office, 586-3820, or just stop by the office. Welcome!

REGULAR EVENTS AT OUR PARISH

Morning Prayer	Liturgy of the Hours, Monday-Friday, SC	6:00 am
K of C business meeting	Second Tuesdays, Annex #805	7:00 pm
Middle School Youth Group	Mondays, PAC	6:00 pm
Pro-Life Rosary	Tuesdays, Planned Parenthood Building	9:20 am
Marian Devotion	Rosary/Confession/Mass Tuesday, BC	6:30 pm
Prepares	Tuesdays, Annex #809	1:30 pm
Moms' Chatterbox	Thursdays, Annex #809	10:00am
Chancel Choir	Thursdays, BC	6:30 pm
TMIY	Thursdays, Conf. Room	7:00 pm
First Fridays	Mass and Benediction, SC	7:00 pm
Catholic Daughters	Second Saturday, Mothers' Room, SC	9:00 am
Carmelites of the Sacred Heart-	Third Saturdays, Preschool	9:00 am
Jr. Catholic Daughters	Fourth Saturdays, Mothers' Room, SC	9:20 am
	BC– Big Church SC– Small Church	

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



December 24-30

Monday	4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (children's prog.) 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 pm Misa de Noche Buena
Tuesday	12:00am Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am Christmas Day Mass 11:00 am Misa de Navidad
Wednesday	6:30 am (RIP) Sam V McCue 8:30 am (RIP) Lucille Manning
Thursday	6:30 am (RIP) Elain Loftus 8:30 am (RIP) Lucille Manning 7:00 pm
Friday	6:30 am (Birthday) John Driver 8:30 am (RIP) Lucille Manning
Saturday	8:30 am (RIP) Lucille Manning 5:30 pm (RIP) William Martin (RIP) Gladys Gonzalez
Sunday	7:30 pm (RIP) Arnulfo Sanchez 7:00 am St Joseph Parish 9:00 am (RIP) Lucille Manning (RIP) Norma Dulay 11:00am Tommy & Peggy St Hilaire (RIP) Gladys Gonzalez (RIP) Washington Jaime 1:00 pm Asuncion Zarate & Familia Mendoza Familia Garcia 7:00 pm Eric Shink

Contact the Parish Office to request a Mass for a special intention or the repose of a soul or in honor of someone's birthday, feast day, anniversary or in memory of the day someone died. The suggested donation is \$10.00. The Sunday 7:00 am Mass is celebrated for St Joseph Parish. Other Sunday Masses and the Vigil are available for Mass intentions.



Did you know?

For Advent, St. Joseph's Catholic School 8th Graders will compare and contrast the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels and learn apologetic arguments for the Marian dogmas and doctrines since there are so many Marian feasts throughout this season!

"Love, the Star, is on the way!" Merry Christmas!

Visit us at www.sjske.org and like us on Facebook!

Volunteer Christmas Party

Attention all 2018 volunteers of

St Joseph Parish. Join us for our Christmas Party Friday, January 4 at 6:00 pm in Dillon Hall. Please RSVP to the Parish Office 586-3820. (We will have a White Elephant gift exchange (optional). Gift value of \$10.00



Registrations for Montessori Preschool

We still have some openings in our amazing Montessori Preschool. Please make an appointment this week to see how our wonderful, faith-filled preschool program can help your child become excited about learning and ready for kindergarten. Call 509-586-0481.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Kennewick

Also check out our updated website

www.stjoseph-kennewick.org

Thank you!

Thank you to the Religious Education, Spanish group and ministries, that coordinated and participated in the Guadalupe festival. They raised **\$3,406.00** for our building fund.



WSJ Family Bingo Night

Join us this Thursday, December 27 form 6:00 -8:00pm in Dillon Hall.

Come and enjoy some family time and concessions will be available, all proceeds go to support the 2 FOCUS missionaries form our parish.



Women of St Joseph News

Are you interested in joining or helping with one of the WSJ standing committees (Hospitality, Funeral, Yard Sale, Art and Craft Show)? Please call Kim Sheldon at 460-1368 or Theresa Thomas at 366-5631.



TriCities Catholic MOMs is a Prepares friendship ministry connecting moms to Catholic play groups, faith-sharing groups, support groups, moms' socials and meal trains. If you have "little ones," join us for fun and companionship. If your youngsters are grown, please join us in loving and supporting our parish's young families. **We are currently seeking meal train volunteers.** Learn more at www.tinyurl.com/tccatholicmoms or call Lindy Styer at 808-489-3848.

We specialize in random acts of kindness!

Building Expansion Update

Is it a bee hive or an office building? With so many workers inside installing plumbing, electrical, heating and air conditioning, windows, insulation, and wall board, some days there is barely room to turn around. But we're making great progress! The second-floor interior has been painted and the first floor is close behind. Masons are installing the cement block around the base of the exterior, which will be followed by stucco on the upper portions. With the arrival of colder weather, we've postponed paving the parking lots until near the end of construction but hope to complete the curbing and sidewalks soon. Please do not drive and park in the unpaved construction zone. It's exciting to see everything coming together and we're anxious for the parish to see and begin to use this new facility. If you have any questions or concerns about the construction project, call Jerry Johnson at 430-8375.



Christmas Trees



The Knights of Columbus will sell fresh cut Noble Firs in the St. Joseph Parish parking lot. Monday through Friday 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Get your tree early and enjoy it all Advent through Epiphany!

Scrip

Remember to purchase your gift cards at the Parish or School offices. Proceeds benefit St Joseph School.

We have a 10% promotion on a few gift cards, Bass Pro Shop, Blessed on First, Body Boutique, Ihop, Krispy Kreme, Quiznos, Regal, Rite Aid, Walgreen's, Wendy's. All sales are final!!



Art & Wine Gala Event

Save the date for our annual Art & Wine "Red Carpet Gala" Event on February 16, 2019. Join us for dinner, live music, dancing, live and silent auctions. Due to popular demand last year, this year's event has been moved to the Three Rivers Convention Center. Tickets are \$75.00 available in the Parish and School offices and online soon.

St Joseph Feast Day Celebration

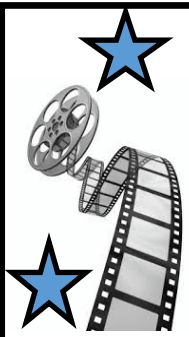
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Time is fast approaching and we need your help and participation to celebrate the feast day of our parish patron saint. If you or your group would like to participate by presenting a dance, talent show, or a play, please call the Parish office at 586-3820 to sign up or for more information.



The **Prayer Chain** allows specific prayer intentions to be submitted via e-mail. The intentions are then forwarded to members on the prayer chain for their thoughtful and considerate prayers. You can call the parish office or e-mail your prayer intentions to parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org. Please be specific about the details and include your name. We would love to receive news of answered prayers so that those on the chain may also celebrate the power of prayer.

To become a member of the Prayer Chain, simply send an e-mail to: parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org We will add you to our list. Thank you for your support and prayers



2019 Father-Daughter Ball A Night of Glamour Saturday, January 12, 2019, 6:00-9:00pm

The 2019 Father -Daughter Ball is fast approaching. The event will be in Dillon Hall, from 6-9:00 pm Saturday, January 12, 2019. *NOTE* that this is the **SECOND** Saturday in January. The ball is an "after dinner" dress-up affair, with some simple snacks, activities, music, dancing, and prizes.

The event is for fathers and their daughters, grandfathers and granddaughters aged newborn to age 99. Tickets are available in the Parish Office, as well as in the foyer as announced after select Masses. Seating is limited, and there will be **no ticket sales at the door**.

****If you are a mother, father without daughters, or brother Knight in the area, or anyone else who would like to help make this event a success, please contact Jeff or Imelda Jewell at 628-5350. We could really use the extra hands, both in planning and execution!**

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Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities



Extend the love of Christ to your neighbors by contributing to the 2018 Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities. As the social service arm of the church, Catholic Charities brings hope to life by embracing people, strengthening families, and empowering to thrive. Please help us serve others by giving generously in the envelopes provided in the bulletin and foyer. To learn more about the Catholic Charities network of services, visit www.catholiccharitiescw.org.



Hope Medical News!

Hope Medical & Columbia Basin Fertility Care Services, Introductory Session, free, on 1st (English class) & 2nd Wednesdays (Spanish Class) of each month, **6:30 pm** at **HOPE MEDICAL**, 7500 W. Arrowhead Ave. in Kennewick. You're invited to come and learn about the Creighton Model gynecologic and reproductive healthcare system to assist with **family planning, infertility, and women's health**. Questions? Call Hope Medical at 396-7737. **"What Every Couple Needs to know."**

What Every Woman has a Right to know". Registration REQUIRED for free session at HopeMedicalWA.com. No childcare provided.



Rediscover Your Marriage - Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the February 15-17, 2019 Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site at www.Retrouvaille.org.



You are invited to attend a free concert performed by the **University of Portland Singers**. The concert will take place **Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 pm**. The concert will be performed at the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel at Tri-Cities Prep.

Serra Club News

Serra Club of the Tri-Cities is having their monthly breakfast meeting at Christ the King in Richland on Saturday, January 5, 2019 beginning with mass at 8:00 and followed by breakfast treats and meeting. Please join us to learn more about Serra Club. Serra Club is an organization of Catholic lay men and women whose main mission is to foster vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life. For more information, please contact Mike Barnett at 586-0274, Bill Davis at 946-5782, Liz Johnston at 308-1861 or Juanita Heinen at 531-3476.

The Word has been made physical, given form and flesh through the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. The wisdom of the universe has been gifted to the human race to save it from itself. May we all look to this glorious gift of the Father, and celebrate his mercy forever. Amen



St Vincent De Paul News!



The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Joseph's Parish serves those in need within our parish boundary. From Sep 12 to Dec 12 we have helped 42 households (75 adults and 108 children) by distributing \$3,528 in the form of food cards, PUD payments, rent and gas. This is all made possible by you. **THANK YOU!** We have 6 active 2-person teams but we need more help, especially if you are bi-lingual. If you are looking for ways to experience God by serving his people, please call Tom Curran at 509-619-0358. Dec 30 is a fifth Sunday please be generous as winter is especially hard for low income folks.

Meditation

The first Christmas gift was a newborn baby. Our heavenly Father is full of surprises! You might have expected, as the Jewish people did, that God would come to earth as a king and a conqueror. Who could have expected the Messiah would arrive as a poor and helpless little child?

Destined to save the world, our Savior was born to a poor family. By entrusting Himself to the care of Mary and Joseph, the Lord lifted up the family and made it holy. He showed us that each child has infinite value, even those born in hardship and poverty. It's a beautiful truth that is often forgotten in our times, when children may be viewed as a burden. But most parents will attest that the arrival of a newborn child changes everything. Life might not get easier, but it gets richer. Our children inspire us to new heights of selflessness. We would give our lives to protect them – and our hearts are no longer our own.

God knows our fears and our desires. Lean on Him and depend on His providence. If you are afraid to begin a family, concerned about finances or your ability as a parent, trust Jesus to provide all you truly need. Trust in Him, and believe. He is with us always.

St. John Paul II, Christmas Homily 2003

"O Child, who willed to have for your crib a manger; O Creator of the universe, who stripped yourself of divine glory; O Redeemer, who offered your vulnerable body in sacrifice for the salvation of humanity!"

May the radiance of your birth light up the night of the world. May the power of your message of love thwart the proud snares of the evil one. May the gift of your life make us understand ever more clearly the worth of the life of each human being...

O Holy Night, so long awaited, which has united God and man forever! You rekindle our hope. You fill us with ecstatic wonder. You assure us of the triumph of love over hatred, of life over death. For this reason we remain absorbed in prayer.

In the luminous silence of your Nativity, you, Emmanuel, continue to speak to us. And we are ready to listen to you. Amen!"