

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

May 14, 2023

520 South Garfield St. Kennewick, WA 99336

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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WEEKEND MASSES

MISA EL FIN DE SEMANA

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm (English)

7:00pm (español)

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:30pm

(English)

1:00pm & 7:00pm (español)

First Friday Mass 7:00pm (English)

WEEKLY MASSES

MISAS ENTRE SEMANA

Monday-Friday: 6:30am 8:30am SC (English)

Thursday 7:00pm SC (español)

Saturday 8:30am SC (English)

Pastor

Parochial Vicar

In Residence

Deacons

Parish Staff

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Very Rev. Cesar Izquierdo

Fr. Riccardo Keolker

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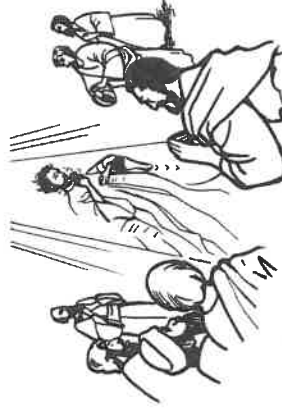
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Bookkeeper

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While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. LUKE 24:51

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Saturday/sábado

4:00 pm BC

6:30 pm SC

BAPTISMS

“As a rule an adult is to be baptized in his or her Parish and an infant in the Parish of the parents unless a just cause suggests otherwise.” (Canon Law 587 & 2) If you are a parishioner who attends St. Joseph and would like to baptize your child in another Parish, you will need a letter from the Pastor of St. Joseph giving you permission to do so. If you are not a St. Joseph parishioner and want to baptize your child in this Parish, you need to get permission from your Pastor to baptize your child here. The parents and sponsors must attend a class before the Baptism of the child.

PRAYER CHAIN

To put someone on the Prayer Chain:

Email parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org or call the Parish Office at 586-3820

MISSION & CORE VALUES

Our mission and sacred purpose as the parish of St. Joseph is to fully live our Catholic Faith, which is rooted in Jesus Christ and the Teachings of his Church, to nurture and build our parish so that every parishioner can know love, and serve God in this world and encourage others to do the same.

Our core values include:

Hope—our actions and ministers will be rooted in prayer and joyfully carried out with competence, care and confidence in God’s promise of Salvation.

Liturgy—maintaining the highest of ministries standards that bring glory to God through the rites, ceremonies, prayers, and sacraments of the Church.

Community—caring about and addressing the needs of others.

Evangelism—telling others the good news about Jesus.

Giving- practicing stewardship as a way of life by sharing of our time, talent, and treasure to support the ministry.

INQUIRING ADULTS-RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation Of Adults RCIA is for all adults older than 18 years of age in need of the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation. We welcome your interest in exploring the Catholic Faith and invite your participation in our year-round RCIA process. Call the Parish Office for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing is the proper Sacrament for those Christians whose health is seriously impaired by sickness, before surgeries, or anyone over the age of 59. Through the Sacrament of Anointing, the Church supports the sick in their struggle against illness and continues Christ’s messianic work of healing. If you need the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Priest of the Parish where you want to celebrate your wedding ceremony to discuss your situation and set the date in the Parish calendar. Do this at least six months prior to the day you are planning to marry.

FUNERALS

Death is something that awaits all of us and our loved ones. Yet we often wish to avoid thinking about it. Please let the office know how we can help with the farewell of your beloved family member.

May 14, 2023

Stewardship Message

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes: we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

Collection for May 7, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$17,655.02
Building Fund	\$821.00
School Donations	\$400.15
St. Vincent DePaul	\$100.00
Diocese	\$55.00

Prayers: For our Armed Forces at home and overseas including Christian Fraga, Steven Hahn, Ramon Vargas, Ian Dimmick, Christy Hylden, Andrew Jacobsen, Alexander Araujo, Tyson Kaas, Christian Shink, Juan Borrego, Estrella Gomez, Erick Miller, Eric Sheldon, and Justin Dennis Byerly. For our sick including Drew Schreiber, Gil Gloria, Elaine Himes, Lois and Rick Rutherford, Jan Billings, Rory Valdes, Father Lawrence Reilly, Silvia Rodriguez, Kathleen Barone, Monica Moore, Lourdes Nelson, Jessica Floeter, Billy Sickles, Nestor Barba, Elizabeth Torres, Eva Bratton, Kim Davis, Kathy Ramirez, Bill Roe, Donna Whitehead, John Curran, Bob and Mary Ross, Alberto Carranza, Danika Whitsett, Fr. Tom Long, Jerry Mikkelsen, Kelly Freeman, Gus Perez, Jim Nicacio, Arlene Callahan, Dominic Nicacio, Luca Nicacio, Phyllis Pelletier, Nancy Park, Marlene Madrigal, Sherri McKie, Hugo Garcia, Vanessa Nicacio, Carol Smith, Pat Leskovar, Tony Wise, Patty Brown, Armando Rodriguez, Jose Del Angel, Zara Husan, Raquel Cardoza, Samuel Quintanilla, Pat McKie Szacik, Christy Leskover, Carmen Nava, Mike Draper, Peter Braun, Tracy Slater, Yolanda Quintero, Kimberly Hansen, Hazel Meister, Ernie Skwierczynski, Kendra Skwierczynski, Kolton Hansford, Jeannine Soehnein, Debbie Lord, Joanne, and all parishioners with health problems and for those from our community who have passed away recently. Please call when your ill family member gets better, so we can make room for others on the list of prayers for the sick.

ADORATION CHAPEL



**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

Openings:
Mon. midnight (after 11 pm hour Sunday)
Mon: 2 am, Tue. 2 am,
Wed. 2 pm, Thu. 3 pm
Fri: 10 am
Sat: 1 am

The Adoration Chapel

is open to visitors.

Please call: Carol, 582-5011, or, en español, Delmi, 509-528-8896, to obtain a personal code for entry.

"The message of all the Marian apparitions, both past and present, is that the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will culminate in the Eucharistic reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This Eucharistic reign will come through perpetual adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." - Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - Fire from Heaven

6th Sunday of Easter

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 part of our Catholic community, please fill out a registration form available on our website. Welcome!

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



May 15-21

Monday, May 15	Saturday, May 20
6:30 am	8:30 am
† Elaine Loftus	† Mary & Joseph Lysiak
8:30 am	5:30 pm
Pat Hall (Healing)	† Audrey Simmelink
Tuesday, May 16	7:00 pm
6:30 am	† Rafael Alvarez
† Arnulfo Tiroi	† Salvador Pineda Arias
8:30 am	† Agustín Martínez Mojica
† Frances Fritze	Sunday, May 21
Wednesday, May 17	9:00 am
6:30 am	† Ludwick and Victoria
† Enrique Valdivia	Frackiewicz
8:30 am	11:00 am
† Deceased Members of the	Pat Leskovar (B-day)
Debevec Families	† Fidelina Segura
Thursday, May 18	Jim Donley (Healing)
6:30 am	1:00 pm
No Intentions for this Mass	Fernando Miramontes (Healing)
8:30 am	† Eudoro Moreno
No Intentions for this Mass	5:30 pm
7:00 pm	† Ann Morgen
† Armando Loza Jaimes	7:00 pm
Friday, May 19	Brian Miramontes (Healing)
6:30 am	† Aucencia Perez
† Enrique Valdivia	
8:30 am	
† Dr. Angelica Alto	

St. Joseph Catholic School is seeking qualified teachers for the following positions:



- Math/Algebra/Geometry - (Middle School) - Part Time up to 20 hrs. per week.
- Music and, if possible, Choir/Marimba/Orchestra - (K-8) - Part Time up to 20 hrs. per week.
- PE - (K-8) - Part time up to 18 hrs. per week.

Positions could be combined provided the applicant is qualified to do so. Our teachers are dedicated to students' success. They show their commitment to our young people thriving in their educational pursuits. Our teachers incorporate their Catholic faith in their daily teaching. For a complete job description and application apply at:

<http://www.applitrack.com/vakimadiocese/onlineapp>
or www.siske.org for a link to the application.

A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES

"Whoever loves Me will keep My word." Are you called to bring the word of Christ to His flock? Have you considered a call to the **priesthood** or **consecrated life**? You are invited to join Serra Club members for their dinner meeting (potluck) and installation of incoming officers for 2023-2024. This dinner will be held at 6:30 pm on May 16 at the Community Center of Holy Spirit Parish in Kennewick. Serra International is the only lay organization aggregated to the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy. That connection gives the Serra apostolate a clear focus as one that promotes and supports priests and priestly vocations. It also fosters, affirms, and promotes vocations to consecrated life. For more information, please contact Jean Foust, 509-302-9923 or Bill Davis, 509-438-2584.



Wednesday in-person at 9:15 am in the Parish Office, second floor, rooms A and B or on Facebook.

By Fr. Riccardo Keolker

Traveling Vocations Crucifixes

Courtesy of the Serra Club of the Tri Cities, St. Joseph Parish has two Traveling Vocations Crucifixes—one at the 9:00 am Mass and one at the 1:00 pm Mass. Sign up to take a crucifix (box includes the crucifix, rosary, and prayer cards) home for one week and pray for vocations—all vocations, but especially vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Vowed Religious Life. We pray that more men and women will hear God's call and say yes. Remember, without priests, we would not have the Holy Eucharist and other sacraments.

5/14 Joe & Martha Klein
5/21 David & Alexandria Barr
5/28 Open

With questions or to sign up, contact Celine Petersen, 509-582-8738, or Irma Valdivia, 509-366-4422

DAILY MASS READING

May 14 SUN: SIXTH SUNDAY OFEASTER
Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17/ Ps 66: 1-3. 4-5. 6-7. 16. 20/ 1 Pt 3: 15-18/ Jn 14: 15-21 (In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, the Ascension of the Lord superseded the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Therefore, the following second reading and Gospel may be substituted today: 1 Pt 4:13-16/ Jn 17: 1-11a)

May 15 Mon: Easter Weekday/ Isidore the Farmer, mm
Acts 16: 11-15/ Ps 149: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15: 26 -- 16: 4a

May 16 Tue: Easter Weekday
Acts 16: 22-34/ Ps 138: 1-2ab. 2cde-3. 7c-8/ Jn 16: 5-11

May 17 Wed: Easter Weekday
Acts 17: 15. 22 -- 18: 1/ Ps 148: 1-2. 11-12. 13. 14/ Jn 16: 12-15

May 18 Thu: Easter Weekday/ John I, pp, mt
Acts 18: 1-8/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Jn 16: 16-20

May 19 Fri: Easter Weekday
Acts 18: 9-18/ Ps 47: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Jn 16: 20-23

May 20 Sat: Easter Weekday/ Bernardine of Siena, p, r, ms
Acts 18: 23-28/ Ps 47: 2-3. 8-9. 10/ Jn 16: 23b-28

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

Deadline: All baptismal registrations MUST be completed one month prior to Baptism. To reserve dates, parents must register at the Parish Office in person.

Baptisms: Saturdays, July 15
August 19
September 16
October 21
November 18

Baptism Class:

All parents and Godparents are required to participate in pre-Baptism classes. Once parents register, we will give them the information for the classes.

Godparents: If there are two, one must be male and the other female. They must be practicing Catholics, at least 16 years of age, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.



The Knights of Columbus Council 8179 is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, June 6, from noon to 5:00 pm in Dillon Hall.

You can make an appointment on-line at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

MOTHER TERESA MEAL MINISTRY

Delivering lunches twice a month for the Union Gospel Mission!

First Sunday— June 4, 2023, at 10:15 am (or right after the 9 am Sunday Mass)
Third Tuesday— May 16, 2023, at 9:15 am

To see a list of donations needed or to volunteer to help, please contact Angele St. Hilaire through the parish links by visiting: www.httds://stioseph-kennewick.ore/



Women of St. Joseph's

Ladies, please join us and become a valuable part of this ministry.

Meeting: May 16, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Yard Sale shed next to the PAC.



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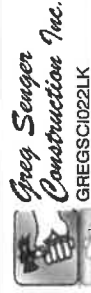
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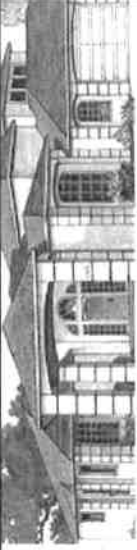
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Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish
From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido
Date: May 13-14, 2023

Visitors— On Saturday, May 13, Father Rex Familiar and Father Teodulo Taneo visited Saint Joseph Parish to celebrate a special Mass for Codi Orland Mateo. Mateo was killed on March 31 by a wrong-way driver on State Route 99 in Stockton California, where he was a student at UC Davis. He was a former Chiawana High School graduate, musician, and friend to many. His family thank you for your prayers.

Also, Father Ricardo Villarreal will be visiting Kennewick from Friday, May 13, through Saturday, May 20, staying at the rectory (old convent). Father Villarreal will be celebrating some daily and weekend Masses during his visit. Please extend a warm welcome to him.

The first annual St. Joseph's Legacy Golf Tournament benefiting St. Joseph's Catholic School was held on Saturday, May 13, at Columbia Point Golf Course in Richland. The St. Joseph's Legacy Golf Tournament was created to help raise funds for the academic success and formative growth of our students. All donations directly support St. Joseph Catholic School's continued commitment to *Excellence in Catholic Education*. Our school provides a challenging academic curriculum in a Christian environment and inspires our students to be servant leaders in our community and beyond. For this, we rely directly on the funds we raise through your support. With great participation by the community, this tournament was a successful event. I thank the parents and volunteers who worked many hours to make this event possible. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for donating to **St. Joseph's Legacy Golf Tournament**.

Parish Youth Field Trip— Our seminarian Danny Sanchez organized a field trip to Our Lady of Sorrows Grotto in Portland and to Mount Angel Abbey, east of Salem, for thirty young people from our parish and eight adult chaperones. The goal was to promote and inspire vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Some of our youth are discerning possible vocations to those calls by God. My thanks to Danny Sanchez, some Carmelite sisters, and the parents who accompanied the youth.

The Holy Rosary during May—May is the month traditionally devoted to the Holy Mother of God. On all the Saturdays of May we will be praying the rosary outside the Small Church for the intentions of the Holy Father: “that church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.” We will also pray for the youth of our parish, the sick, the elderly, and those who received the sacraments this Easter season. Please join us after the 8:30 am Mass next Saturday, May 20.

Mothers’ Day—During the weekend Masses of May 13-14, we celebrated Mothers’ Day. I thank all mothers for saying yes to life with special thanks to my mother and my grandmother, who is 98 and still looking for a boyfriend!

Knights of Columbus—On Sunday, May 14, the Knights of Columbus prepared and served a wonderful breakfast after the 9 am and 11 am Masses. Knights’ breakfasts are great times to meet other parishioners and build up our community. Proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to our parish youth group.

Principal Search Committee – As you know, Perry Kelly, the principal of St. Joseph School, informed me that he will not be retuning next school year. Therefore, I have assembled a team to review applications and interview applicants. The position is posted on the Yakima Diocese website. <https://www.applitrack.com/yakimadiocese/onlineapp/>

Religious Education Program—Please register your child (ren) for the 2023-24 year of Religious Education classes. We have opened up registration during May. As we plan for the upcoming fall, I **encourage you to register as soon as possible**. Advance registration is very helpful, as we will be ordering our curriculum materials soon. Parish Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00 pm (closed 12:00-1:00 pm). If you are unable to come during our office hours, please call and make appointments with Doris Rosenow or Maria Rodriguez: 509- 586-3820.

I like to keep my cell phone on vibrate or silent far more often than I have the ringer turned on. Turns out, I’m not alone. Another thing I’m not alone in is the sensation of feeling the phone vibrate... even when it isn’t doing so! Even though I could have sworn I felt those vibrations for a call or text, it was just my mind playing tricks on me. Sometimes I don’t even have my phone in my pocket, but my body just decides I “got a call.” Strange! There’s a name for this phenomenon – phantom vibration syndrome or PVS. This is most often associated with excessive mobile phone use and is described as a “tactile hallucination” as the brain perceives a vibration that is not present. As early as 2017, 90% of college undergraduates indicated they were experiencing this phenomenon. Is anyone surprised?

Typically, when I notice this occurring, I know it’s time to take a break from my phone – or at least change the pocket I’m storing my phone in. Have you ever felt this? If so, maybe it’s time for a “phone fast” or, at the very least, turn off the vibration function until you feel normal again. A few weeks of lessened phone use should do the trick!

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May 2023

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One Minute Meditations

Act in confidence

Jesus does not want us to be troubled by worldly concerns.

"My peace I give you" (John 14:27). When you feel

yourself starting to worry or stew about a difficult situation (or person), act out your belief that your prayer for resolution will be answered. Substitute positive, cheerful thoughts for negative ones. God is in control.

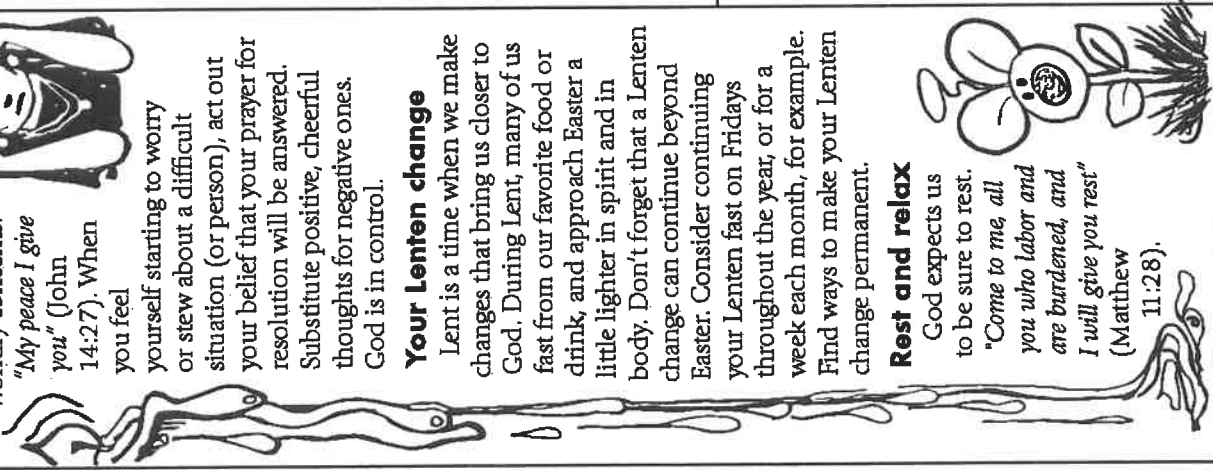
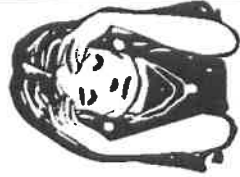
Your Lenten change

Lent is a time when we make changes that bring us closer to God. During Lent, many of us fast from our favorite food or drink, and approach Easter a little lighter in spirit and in body. Don't forget that a Lenten change can continue beyond Easter. Consider continuing your Lenten fast on Fridays throughout the year, or for a week each month, for example. Find ways to make your Lenten change permanent.

Rest and relax

God expects us to be sure to rest.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).



God loves each of us uniquely and fiercely no matter where we come from or how we look. Those of us who follow Him know that it's not just important to love each other. It's God's law.

Celebrate diversity. Invite foreigners or people who are different from you to your home or church. Jesus

was once a foreigner in a strange land and was grateful for the hospitality He received. There is great diversity in the Communion of Saints.

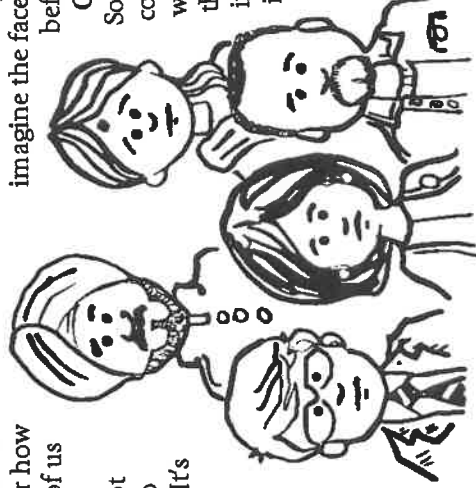
Practice patience. It can be tough to listen to someone with a speech impediment or a heavy accent. Imagine, though, how grateful that

person will be when you offer your attention. Perhaps it would help to imagine the face of Christ in the face before you.

Counsel the ignorant. Someone from another country, background, or with different abilities than yours might behave in what looks like an inconsiderate way out of ignorance or limitations. He might appreciate being informed.

Speak up. Don't stay quiet when you witness prejudice, and be positive about diversity if friends or relatives start criticizing others' faith, cultures or abilities.

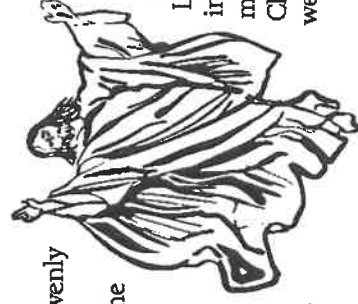
Act with love. The God of love gave of Himself so we could be reunited with Him. We share that love when we assume the best of others and look for the good in all God's children.



Welcome all God's children

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Jesus' Ascension into heavenly glory is good news. Sacred Scripture explains that in the Ascension, Jesus, the High Priest, entered the heavenly temple to pray for us with the Father (Hebrews 9:24). Secondly, from his throne in heaven,



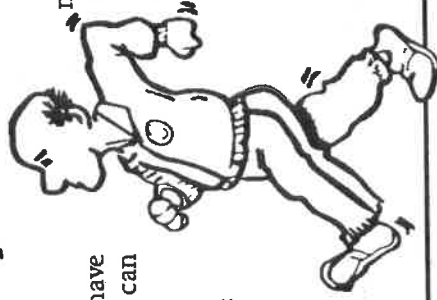
Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected to Him, especially in the Eucharist. Lastly, since Christ entered into eternal glory, we as the members of His Body, the Church, may hope to follow if we remain faithful to Him.

Why do Catholics celebrate the Ascension?

Take good care of yourself. You belong to God.

Taking care of ourselves can become a low priority in the midst of other obligations. Yet caring for our bodies and minds is a duty we have to God. He needs us strong and healthy so we can help build up His kingdom.

Body: What you put into your body is even more important than what you put on it. Take steps to make your diet healthier and more nourishing. Avoid drugs or excessive alcohol. Doctors urge daily exercise and eight hours of sleep each night.



Mind: Become picky about what you feed your mind, too. What you watch, read, and listen to influences the way you look at the world. Evidence shows that it's hard to regularly watch violent shows or movies and still be a calm and happy person. Programs or movies that portray infidelity or promiscuity as acceptable behaviors eventually dull our sense of sin. Feed your mind positive, Gospel-centered images that will build you up and inspire you. Surround yourself with people who do the same.

from Scripture

John 20:19-23, "Receive the Holy Spirit"

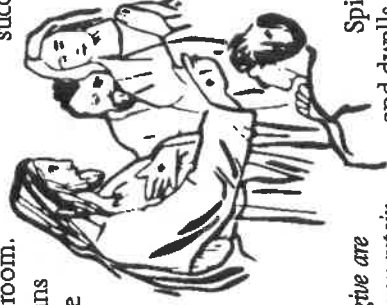
This Gospel passage gives us a glimpse of how the apostles spent their first Easter Sunday – hiding in a locked room.

They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them. To their surprise and great relief, Jesus appeared to them in glory and spoke words of peace. He showed them His glorious wounds as "living proof" of His Resurrection.

Then Jesus gave them a mission: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" establishing the Sacrament of Penance (John 20:23). He gave them the Holy Spirit, anticipating the feast of

Pentecost. Now, having authority to forgive sins, the apostles and their successors could continue Jesus' work after He returned to heaven.

Jesus' appearance to His apostles reveals the fullness of God's mercy. He also sent the Holy Spirit to them. He descended powerfully on Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. That same Spirit is gifted to us in Baptism and dwells in our souls. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's love to you and help you become more like Christ each day.



Feasts & Celebrations

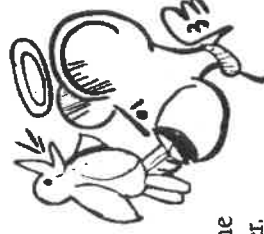
May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (1st Century). St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

May 10 - St. John of Avila (1569). Born to wealthy, pious parents, St. John left a budding career as a lawyer to become a priest. At the request of his bishop, he worked and preached to renew the faith of Catholics in Andalusia.

May 18 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 25 – St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (1607). Born to a distinguished Florentine family, Catherine de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun.

Upon making vows, she experienced ecstasies, and became a mystic and a healer.

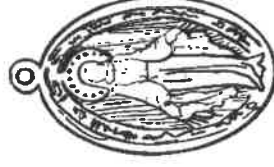


Q & A

What is the meaning of the Miraculous Medal?

The Miraculous Medal, given to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830, was designed by the Blessed Mother to teach us three things:

Mary prays for us: The medal's front reads: *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.* We don't pray to her; she prays for us! Of course, we can go directly to Jesus anytime. In fact, Mary's role is to bring us to Jesus as swiftly and safely as possible.



Evil can be defeated: Mary is shown crushing Satan's head, recalling the prophecy of his defeat (Genesis 3:15). Mary's humble "yes" to God paved the way for Christ's victory over death, sin, and evil. When we give God our "yes," then Christ's victory bears fruit in our lives.

Grace is always available: St. Catherine asked why only some of the gemstones in Mary's rings radiated light. Her answer? The dim gems symbolize "the graces for which souls forget to ask." God's grace is always available to us. All we have to do is ask.

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Religious Education 2023-2024

Registrations for new students will open May 1- June 30!

Parish office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm y 1:00 – 4:00 pm

First Reconciliation & First Communion

- Preparation begins in first grade
- 2-year program— weekly classes (must attend consecutively). Regular attendance for Mass and classes, as well as active participation in class is necessary.
- Must provide baptism certificate at time of registration even if baptized at St. Joseph.
- Must register their child each year.
- \$50 per student to cover book and materials



Ongoing Faith Formation (Post Communion)

- For children and youth who have already received their first communion.

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children/teens)

- Unbaptized children ages 7 and up.
- 2 year program— weekly classes (must attend consecutively).
- This program has supplementary classes for the students, Parents, and Godparents.
- Regular attendance for Mass and classes, as well as active participation in class is necessary.
- All students who are ready and prepared will receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil in their second academic year of classes.
- Must provide state issued birth certificate at time of registration.
- \$50 per student to cover book and materials.

Confirmation Program

- Students must be in grades 7-10 grade and have previously received the First Communion (Eucharist).
 - Please provide copy of the baptism and first communion certificate at time of registration.
 - 2-year program – weekly classes (must attend consecutively).
 - Regular attendance for Mass and classes, as well as active participation in class is necessary.
 - Must attend a retreat in the second year of preparation.
 - 15 hours of Christian service must be completed each year.
 - Registration is required each year.
 - \$50 per student to cover book and materials.
- Note: A confirmation Sponsor is required.

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To request a certificate of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Marriage call the parish office.
Please note the following:

- You may only request your own certificate, or for your child under 18.
- All Certificates must be picked up at the parish office in person, with valid ID. We cannot mail, email or fax certificates to you personally.
- Please allow 1 week for St. Joseph to process your request.
- Suggested donation of \$5.00

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS

Helping to serve luncheons, to family and friends of the deceased, after a funeral is part of the Corporal Work of Mercy. This ministry could use more volunteers to donate food, help set up, serve food, and clean up after the luncheon. Would you like to join this ministry?



If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Wright at 509-430-3544 email: mysarahj@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

You can also sign up by clicking on the link or scan QR code: <https://sjk.flocknote.com/FuneralCommittee>

2024 Quinceañera Program

A Quinceañera is a joyous celebration of a young woman — a Quinceañera — reaching the age of 15.

The celebration is a way of acknowledging that the young woman has reached maturity and is ready to take on additional responsibilities. Most importantly, the celebration reaffirms her religious faith and the traditional virtues of the Catholic family.

In order to celebrate a Quinceañera at St. Joseph Church, the following requirements must be met:

- The Quinceañera's parents must be registered (provide your envelope # at moment of making registration) in the parish and be actively attending Sunday Mass.
- The Quinceañera must have previously received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). Please present a copy of the Quinceañera's First Communion certificate at the moment of registration.
- Beginning May 1, 2023, please register her for the Confirmation program at the Parish Office if she has not received Confirmation.
- As part of the formation process, the Quinceañera will need to attend youth group on a weekly basis and six supplementary classes.
- The Quinceañera is required to attend a weekend youth retreat.
- Parent and Quinceañera service hours: The Quinceañera must complete 20 service hours and the parents must complete 10.

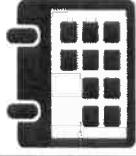
Registration & Reservations will only take place on August 1 2023 thru December of 2023 at the parish office. Reservations for 2024 will not be accepted after this date. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

All Masses for Quinceañeras are all held in the small church on the fourth Saturday of the month at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. For more information, contact the parish office at 509-586-3820 Ext. 101.

Hope Medical Pro-Life Speaker

Hope Medical presents internationally renowned pro-life speaker, author, and EWTN Español television host, Patricia Sandoval. Mrs. Sandoval will be speaking on two nights Spanish: May 30 in St. Joseph Parish's Dillon Hall (dinner served at 6:30, speaker at 7:00), and June 1 in St. Patrick Church immediately following the 6:30 Mass. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, there is no charge to attend.

Call 509-396-7736 for reservations.



St. Joseph Youth Group

Date: Fridays

Grade: 8th-12th

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

May 19—Parish Office

May 26—PAC (gym)



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INFANT BAPTISMS

Thank you for choosing life! The Lord has blessed you with the gift of a child and now you have made the important decision to have your child baptized in the Catholic Church.

Baptisms at our parish are celebrated in groups on the third Saturday of the month (except for Lent and Advent).

Before a date is set all paperwork needs to be completed & turned in with required documents (at the same time) one month prior.

TO REGISTER FOR A BAPTISM

- **Pick up a registration packet at the parish office during office hours.**
- Provide a copy of infant's birth certificate (must be a legal copy from the state, not a certificate from the hospital)
- There is to be only one male godparent or one female godparent or one of each. *Complete guidelines included in the registration packet.*
- Godparents must submit a copy of their confirmation certificate
- Parents & Godparents must attend the Baptism class in person.
- Suggested donation of \$50.00 per child (non-refundable).

If you are not a parishioner and want to baptize your child in this Parish, you will need a letter from your parish pastor granting you permission for your child to be baptized at St. Joseph Parish.

If the child is older than 7 years, they will need to register them for the Religious Education program (2-year program). Registrations will begin May 1st.)



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Yakima Event Honors Monsignor Ecker, Benefits Christ The Teacher School

by Christine Corbett Corniklin

An enthusiastic crowd of 450 people gathered at the Yakima Convention Center on April 14 to honor Monsignor John Ecker and benefit Christ the Teacher Catholic school. Some \$375,000 was raised for the school, as attendees enjoyed dinner and an auction, while honoring Monsignor for his 90th birthday and 65 years of service in the priesthood.

A keynote address by Andrew Guffner, Ed.D., emphasized the importance of service to those around us, as Monsignor Ecker exemplifies through his life. Kuffner, who is La Salle



Monsignor Ecker spoke to attendees at the Yakima Convention Center fundraiser.

In the days leading up to the event, Monsignor Ecker reflected on the 65 years he has spent thus far as a priest for the Diocese of Yakima, nearly 50 of them within the Diocese itself, in a conversation with the editor of the *Central Washington Catholic*.

“It’s a great life for me,” he said. “The

Director of Formation for Mission in the District of San Francisco, also suggested that it is important to be grateful for the gifts given to us, remembering that all is given to us by God.

first day I got here, I felt I was in the right place for me.”

Among the highlights of his decade of service, he recalled helping to form Holy Spirit Parish in Kennewick in 1965 “so many great things that happened here” (at the Cathedral). Monsignor also was a U.S. Navy chaplain during the Vietnam War and beyond. For years, he has served as both Vicar General of the Diocese and Pastor of St. Paul Cathedral.

Asked how he felt about his milestone 90th birthday on March 18, he simply replied, “How long I live is up to God.” He marked his 65th anniversary priesthood on February 3.

“I have found a lot of fulfillment in this Diocese,” Monsignor Ecker concluded. He suggested that “anyone considering becoming a priest give it a try!”

Deacon Antonio Garcia Ordained in Mexico City for Diocese of Yakima

When he was just nine years old, Deacon Antonio Garcia decided that he wanted to become a priest. Gathering for dinner with his family and some clergy, Garcia was impressed by the priests he met and how happy they appeared to be. “I want to do that,” he told himself.

On April 22, in the chapel of the Seminario Hispano de Santa Maria de Guadalupe in Mexico City, Garcia took a major step toward that goal he set many years ago. He was ordained a transitional deacon, with plans to be ordained a priest in about a year. Bishop Joseph Tyson officiated. In another special connection to the Diocese of Yakima, Garcia wore a “dalmatic” (or tunic with sleeves) from Holy Family Catholic Church in Yakima and an alb (a white, belted garment worn under the dalmatic) from Father Edgar Quiroga.

“I want to be a holy man, to serve the people of God, to offer my life for the people I’m going to serve in Yakima,” observed the 33-year-old native of Colima, Mexico. Garcia will arrive in



Deacon Antonio Garcia honored his grandmother on ordination day.

made pilgrimages to area churches. “All of my family are always pushing me, praying for me, happy for me,” he observed in an interview with the *Central Washington Catholic*. The day before his ordination, he described himself as “very happy... very excited, a little nervous.”

As he now prepares to come to the Diocese of Yakima, he says, “I want to be very open to people, to help them.” Please keep our new deacon in your prayers, along with all of our clergy in

Although his father, Pedro Garcia, died when Antonio was only six and his mother, Maria Osegueda, died in 2020, his grandmother has been a steady inspiring presence in his life.

Now 99 years old, Angelina Arreguin joyfully attended his ordination, along with his siblings and friends. “She took me all the time to church, to Masses, she read the Gospel, she gathered all the grandchildren she recalled. In addition, they made pilgrimages to area churches.

“All of my family are always pushing me, praying for me, happy for me,” he observed in an interview with the *Central Washington Catholic*. The day before his ordination, he described himself as “very happy... very excited, a little nervous.” As he now prepares to come to the Diocese of Yakima, he says, “I want to be very open to people, to help them.” Please keep our new deacon in your prayers, along with all of our clergy in

Message from Bishop Tyson...

Dear Friends:

This month features an article about our vest transitional deacon – Antonio Garcia – and allows me to again highlight the vocation as one of the three-fold ministries of Holy Orders in the Church.

It also features Monsignor John Ecker, who is on the other end of the spectrum, having just celebrated his 90th birthday as well as 65 years of priestly service.

Let me start with Antonio Garcia. While the son of Antonio's family is in Colima, Mexico, he also has family in the Yakima Valley like so many of our clergy. Such is the nature of a missionary Church.

And such was the missionary nature of the original diaconate. The sixth chapter in the Acts of the Apostles opens up the bilingual nature of the early Church: "Hellenists" and "Hebrews." It seems that the Greek-speaking widows were not being well attended to, so the apostles selected seven deacons to better reach the "Hellenists." These first seven all had "Greek" or "Hellenistic" names.

One of the impressive features of our diaconal body of permanent deacons is the way in which deacons who speak English can assist our bilingual priests whose first language is Spanish. The reverse is also true! Our diaconal body in Central Washington faces challenges closely related to the very roots of the diaconate in the Acts of the Apostles.

Antonio Garcia is a "transitional" deacon, meaning he is preparing to become a priest. Under the most recent provisions of the Holy See's "Program for Priestly Formation," after school, seminarians are ordained transitional deacons and then have an intensive year in a parish before going on for ordination as priests.

I am sending Antonio to St. Andrew

Light To Be Ordained Deacons

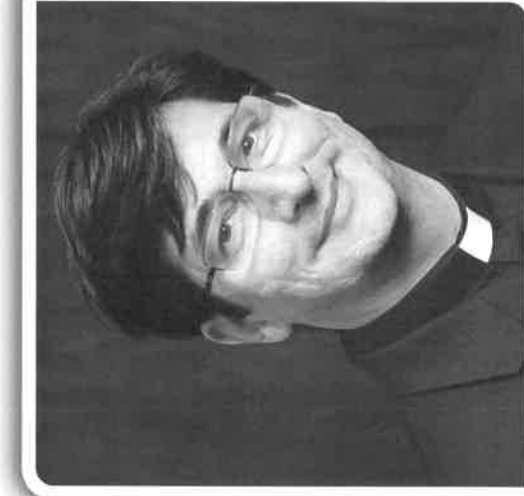
Bishop Joseph Tyson will ordain one transitional deacon and seven permanent deacons at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 26, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Wenatchee.

John Washington, 29, originally from Blonega, Georgia, has been studying for priesthood at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago. After his diaconal ordination, he will serve this summer at Our Lady of the Desert Parish in Mattawa, then return to Mundelein to complete his studies prior to priestly ordination.

The following men will be ordained permanent deacons. They have been in formation for several years. The names of their parishes are in parentheses.

If you have been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Yakima Diocese has a sexual abuse hotline for those who wish to report some incident concerning



Bishop Joseph Tyson

Parish in Ellensburg. While his English is excellent, he will spend one more additional year in English fine-tuning his verbal and written skills even as he serves weekends at the parish.

Now I want to pivot to Monsignor Ecker. His sister, Ann, moved up to Yakima just a few short years ago after the death of her husband. But the whole family was in town at the Yakima Convention Center as we raised the paddle for student scholarships for the Monsignor John Ecker Foundation.

At that event, I told the story of my own roots in priesthood. As many of you know, I was baptized at St. Paul Cathedral. My Mom and many of my older cousins attended the old St. Paul Cathedral School. And my Mom and Dad were wedded at St. Paul Cathedral over 66 years ago. They are still together, too, although my mom has severe dementia.

My grandmother, who was a longtime parishioner at the Cathedral, sized up Monsignor Ecker and noticed that he and I were about the same height. She borrowed one

of his vestments and made sewing patterns. That is how I got my first vestments as a neophyte priest.

But symbolically, Monsignor Ecker has been the pattern of priesthood for so many of us spiritually. We are all grateful for his many years of faithful and dedicated service for creating the "pattern" and even providing the "cloth" for our own priesthood today. Monsignor Ecker arrived shortly after the Diocese of Yakima was formed and knows or has known nearly every single priest who has served here.

Service. That is the key. The church documents on the diaconate stress that the deacon is an icon of charity which is the very foundation of its establishment in the sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. And Jesus himself speaks to his disciples, succinctly stating "I stand in your midst as one who serves." (Luke 22:27)

Service. That is also what ties together other features in this month's *Central Washington Catholic*, be that our offerings through our "Magnificat" catechetical formation program, or the fine celebrations of the Easter Vigil across Central Washington Service.

That is what you, dear readers, support in your volunteer efforts at the parish and in your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. I hope this issue of the *Central Washington Catholic* inspires you to even deeper levels of service.

With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

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How Many 'Saints of Spring' Can You Name?

The Catholic Church has a rich history of saints from around the world. How many of the following saints – including an important member of the Holy Family – can you name? Answers follow below.

1. May 1. The patron saint of cancer patients, this man was born in Italy in 260. Following conversion to the Catholic faith, he had a vision of Blessed Mother and joined the Servite Order. When told he would need amputation of a foot due to cancer, he prayed and was cured. The miracle became widely known.

2. May 3. One of Jesus' Apostles, not much is said in the Bible about this saint who was born in Galilee. Called by Jesus himself, he once asked the Lord to "show them the Father." Tradition says that he reached in Greece, and died by being crucified upside down.

3. May 13. Three shepherd children in Portugal reported seeing visions of this saint in 1197. They described her as "a lady more brilliant than the sun." The saint urged them to pray the Rosary to obtain peace and the end of the Great War. At one time, the sun appeared "to dance," looking like a spinning disc in the sky.

4. May 14. This saint was chosen as the new twelfth Apostle, taking the place of Judas. He was reportedly chosen by the other Apostles as someone who had been a disciple of Jesus from the beginning. He was persecuted and eventually reached death as a servant of the Lord.

5. May 23. At a young age this saint was

taken into slavery, yet she remained cheerful and devoted to God. She refused to participate in a pagan festival in Corsica. She further refused to make sacrifices to false gods, even though she was offered freedom if she would do so. This enraged officials who had her hanged on a cross.

6. May 26. This Italian saint of the 16th Century had a vision at about age 18 that resulted in his conversion. Moving to Rome, he evangelized and helped the poor. Compared to Socrates, he easily fell into conversation and taught the Christian Way. After a "globe of fire" entered his mouth, he was inspired to form the Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity, became a priest and worked for reform in the Church. He is today the patron saint of Rome.

7. May 30. An inspiration to women of all ages, this young patron saint of France lived in the 15th Century. Believed to have heard the voices of several saints, she also had visions in which she was told to repel the English from French land. While still a teenager, she helped to secure a victory at Orleans and reclaim other cities for the French. She was later charged with heresy and burned at the stake in Rouen, France.

8. June 13. The patron saint of lost things, this man was born in Lisbon, Portugal. He joined the Franciscan Order, and served in Tuscany. When a novice stole an important book of his, he prayed that it would be returned. Not only was the book returned, but the novice also returned to the Order which he had left. When heretics

would not listen to him, he preached to fish, which would gather toward him, causing his critics to begin listening, too.

9. June 15. A lesser-known saint who lived in the 13th Century and was born near Brussels, this young woman entered a convent at the age of seven and remained there until her death. She suffered greatly with leprosy. Eventually, she was paralyzed and became blind. She loved the Eucharist and had visions. She is patron of the blind, the paralyzed.

10. June 17. This feast day honors one of our greatest saints, whose picture is sometimes shown with seven swords (or wounds) piercing her heart. These wounds are related to such things as her flight into Egypt, the brutal death of her son and his burial. She is honored for her virtues, her love of God and her love for all people.

11. St. Bernadette Lazzarini
12. St. Philip of Fatima
13. St. Julia
14. St. Anthony of Padua
15. St. Elizabeth
16. St. Joseph
17. St. Margaret
18. St. Michael
19. St. Nicholas
20. St. Peter
21. St. Rose
22. St. Vincent
23. St. Yusef
24. St. Zita

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Cardinal George Biographer Visits

Michael Heinlein, author of “Glorifying Christ: The Life of Cardinal Francis E. George, OMI,” will be visiting the Yakima Diocese May 18-19 to speak to students at La Salle High School, participate in a clergy formation day, and speak at two public events.

On May 18, Heinlein will speak to high school students in the morning before joining the clergy for their annual “spring theological update,” which this year will be centered on the Cardinal’s life and legacy. At 5:30 p.m., he will return to La Salle for a Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by a short talk and reception, as well as an opportunity to sign copies of his book.

The following evening, May 19, Heinlein will visit Christ the King Parish in Richland for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:30 p.m., again followed by a short talk and reception, as well as an opportunity to sign book copies.

Heinlein’s book, “Glorifying Christ: The Life of Cardinal Francis E. George, OMI,” published by Our Sunday Visitor in March, is available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and osvatholicbookstore.com, among other outlets. A limited number of copies will be available for purchase at the public events.

Magnificat Synthesis Day Planned

The final gathering for the 2022-23 Magnificat series is set for Saturday, May 20. The topic for this “synthesis day” will be “Synod Update: Youth.” Bishop Joseph Tyson and fathers Jesus Mariscal and Edgar Quiroga will be the presenters.

The morning will begin with 10 a.m. Mass at St. Paul Cathedral, followed by the presentation at 11 a.m., and lunch and aaffle from noon to 1 p.m.

Please note that all other Magnificat sessions for May have been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts and to focus on the parish Congreso Católico de Evangelización Familiar that was held April 28-30 at the Yakima SunDome.

For more information, call Valeria Flores (509) 965-7117 or email valeria.flores@tikimadiocese.org.

Catholic Youth Camp Is Scheduled

Registration is now open for the fourth annual Catholic Youth Camp, scheduled for June 18-23 at Lazy F Camp in Ellensburg. This year’s theme is “As It Is In Heaven.”

This is a quality, weeklong summer camp for students entering fifth grade through 12th high school graduates.

The program includes daily Mass and rosary, Adoration, Reconciliation, daily faith talks plus songs and games, gaga ball, water polo, a climbing wall, zipline and a campfire each night.

Counselors and an arts and crafts director are encouraged to apply, joining adult supervisors and staff including priests and religious sisters. Those who would like to sponsor a camper are also encouraged to contact camp directors.

Applications and questions may be

Around The Diocese

Here is a snapshot of some activities around the Diocese of Yakima over the past weeks:



Holy Redeemer Church in Yakima was decorated for Easter Sunday.



On April 16, Monsignor Ecker celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Paul Cathedral in appreciation for his 65 years of priesthood and 90 years of life.



The Knights of Columbus inducted nine new members at Holy Rosary Church in Moxee on March 30.



Catechumens were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Joseph Church, Wenatchee.



Priests from throughout the Diocese gathered at St. Paul Cathedral for the annual Chrism Mass on March 28.



Catechumens came forward to receive the Sacraments on Initiation from Bishop Tyson during the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral.