

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

September 10, 2023

XXIII SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASSES

MISA EL FIN DE SEMANA

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (English)
7:00 pm (Español)

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm
(English)
1:00 pm and 7:00 pm (Español)

WEEKLY MASSES

MISAS ENTRE SEMANA

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 8:30 am, Small Church (English)

Thursday 7:00 pm, Small Church (Español)

Saturday 8:30 am, Small Church (English)

First Friday Mass 7:00 pm, Small Church (English)

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Notice: Saturdays time has been updated.

Saturdays | 3:30 -5: 30 pm | Big Church

Thursdays | 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Small Church

First Friday | 6:30 -7:00 pm | Small Church

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 and 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.

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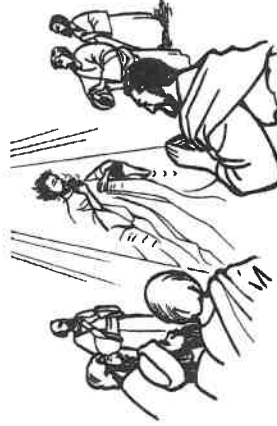
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While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. LUKE 24: 51

INQUIRING ADULTS-RCIA

Order of Christian Initiation Of Adults

OCIA 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 OCIA 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 avoid thinking about it. Please let the Parish Office know how we can help with the farewell to your beloved family member.

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—rooting our ministries and actions in prayer, joyfully carrying them out with competence, care and confidence in God's promise of salvation.

Liturgy—maintaining the highest of ministry standards to 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, talents, and treasure to support the mission and ministries.

Stewardship Message

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." -Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Collection for September 3, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$17,048.66
Building Fund	\$523.00
School Donations	\$201.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$5.00
Med. Lake fires	\$3,275.46
Maui	\$1,982.00



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, Silvia Rodriguez, Kathleen Barone, Monica Moore, Lourdes Nelson, Jessica Floeter, Billy Sickles, Nestor Barba, Elizabeth Torres, Kim Davis, Kathy Ramirez, Bill Roe, Donna Whitehead, John Curran, Bob and Mary Ross, Alberto Carranza, Danika Whitsett, Father 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 Leskovar, Carmen Nava, Mike Draper, Peter Braun, Tracy Slater, Yolanda Quintero, Hazel Meister, Ernie Skwierczynski, Kendra Skwierczynski, Kolton Hansford, Jeannine Soehnlein, Debbie Lord, Joanne, Judy Kirk, 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.

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 September 11-17

Monday, September 11

6:30 am
† Lambert Hanses
8:30 am
† Lambert Hanses

Tuesday, September 12

6:30 am
† Elaine Loftus
8:30 am
Abhran Valdovines

Wednesday, September 13

6:30 am
Isela Valdivia (Healing)

8:30 am
† Gerry Mahoney

Thursday, September 14

6:30 am
Isela Valdivia (Healing)
8:30 am
† Peter & Aila Thompson

Friday, September 15

6:30 am
† Frances K. Wild
8:30 am
† Aila Rose West

Saturday, September 16

8:30 am
† James Loftus
† Grace Ranson
† Samuel Thompson
5:30 pm
† Johnnie Tobin
† Mary Lowney
† Ted Leskovar

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am
No intentions for this Mass
11:00 am
† Josie Wannarachue
1:00 pm
† Julia Placencia
† Teodoro Olivera
† Amalia Del Pozo
5:30 pm
† Ann Morgen
7:00 pm
† Luis Jaime Tijerina

Women of St. Joseph News

The Yard Sale this fall will be held on September 22 and 23 at 901 Fourth Avenue.



Thank you for being so generous! You can drop off your treasures until Monday, September 11. We will start taking items again on September 25. Please pick up a volunteer form or call Theresa if you would like to help.

Openings:

ADORATION CHAPEL

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



SUN 6am
MON. 12am, 2am
WED. 3am
THU. 4am,

The Adoration Chapel is open to visitors.

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

"Yours is to praise Me for those who never praise Me, and to thank Me for those who never thank Me. Yours is to keep a vigil of faith before the Sacrament of My love until the veil falls, and I call you to see Me face-to-face eternally." (In Sinu Jesu)

Bible Study

All Wednesdays, starting on September 20—November 8.
Time: 9:30–11:00 am or 7:00–8:30 pm
Location: Parish Office—Second Floor
Cost: \$23 for material

For more information or to register, contact; Laura Sieler at 509-585-7630.

A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES

"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18: 20)
The community that gathers in Christ's name is the Church. Are you being called to discipleship, serving as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister?



September 24 is Priesthood Sunday. Be thinking about how you can show appreciation for the priests in your lives.

COLLEGE AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Do you want our young people to stay active in their faith when they go off to college?

There is a program that can help, started by **Serra Club USA**. It is called **Newman Connection for Catholics**. To sign up a student, go to <https://signupnc.newmanministry.com> Enter the name of the graduated high school senior and the college/university and location of the school the senior plans to attend this fall. The **Newman Connection** is a program that connects students to the "**Catholic presence**" when they arrive on campus. Campus Ministers will send personal invitations to the students to visit their Catholic facilities when the students arrive on campus. Should there be no Newman Center nor Catholic Campus Ministry at some colleges, the students will receive information about nearby parishes.

SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION

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.

9/10 Miriam Byesly
9/17 Joe & Pat Barajas
9/24 Reeny Olsen

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

MOTHER TERESA MEAL MINISTRY

Delivering lunches twice a month for the Union Gospel Mission!

First Sunday—October 1, 2023 at 10:15 am
(or right after the 9 am Sunday Mass)
Third Tuesday—September 19, 2023, at 9:15 am

To see a list of donations needed or to volunteer to help, please contact Cindy Meyer through the parish links by visiting: <https://stjoseph-kennewick.org/mtmm/>



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(MOTHER TERESA)
Altruism to the Poor



The Knights of Columbus Council 8179 is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, **October 3, from noon to 5:00 pm** in Dillon Hall. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP

KENNEWICK, WA



Grade: 8 -12

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Registration forms

available at all youth nights.

September 15—PAC (Gym)
September 22—Parish Off
September 29—PAC (Gym)

Coordinators: Ms. Nancy Trinidad and Angel Machado



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St. Joseph School
8th Grade Car Wash

Saturday, September 16, 2023
9:30 am—1:30 pm | \$10
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The Parish Office will be closed from 1- 4 pm on the Fourth Wednesdays of each month.
We apologize for the inconvenience.

Christ The King Parish and School's
47th Annual Sausage Fest is September 15-16, 2023.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for new members. If you have thought about doing something for those who need assistance, SVP may be for you. Most of us average fewer than two hours a week. The pay is not great (actually it's zero) but the benefits are very good: joy, satisfaction helping those in need, friendship with other Vincents, and grace. For more information, call Tom Curran at 509-619-0358 or Español, Rafael Del Pozo at 253-878-1072.

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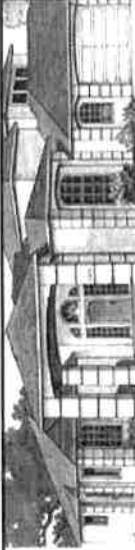
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September 15th -16th

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Saturday 11am – 11pm**

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47 Years of Family Fun!**

You are invited to Christ the King's 47th annual Sausage Fest. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a weekend of great local foods, outdoor beer garden, games for all ages, handmade arts and crafts, bingo, live music and entertainment.

Admission is FREE!

**Events and items to check
out at Sausage Fest...**

- Famous Sausage Fest sausages, fresh-picked corn, homemade desserts and bier rocks!
- Local talent on the outdoor stage
- Games for the entire family
- Outdoor beer gardens with live music – now on the school playground

An affordable weekend of family fun!

See you there!





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AUGUST 2023

News from Around the Diocese

Help Outfit Bishop-elect Pulido

Members of St. Joseph Church in Yakima are asking for contributions for a fund to help Bishop-elect Felipe Pulido purchase all of the accoutrements he needs for his new role as Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego. Along with donations from St. Joseph Parish in Kennewick, this will help purchase vestments, a bishop's ring, mitre (hat), crozier (staff) and other items.

The date for the consecration of Bishop Pulido and a second Auxiliary Bishop in San Diego is September 28, with another special rite to honor him planned for September 10, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Kennewick.

At the 11 a.m. Kennewick Mass in English and the 1 p.m. Mass in Spanish, Bishop-elect Pulido will take the Oath of Fidelity administered by Cardinal Robert McElroy of San Diego, who offered to come to our Diocese for the ceremony so that parishioners who can't attend the consecration Mass could be witnesses.

Designated donations may be sent to St. Joseph Church, 212 North Fourth Street, Yakima, WA 98901.

Help Requested for Residents of Maui

Our help has been requested for the residents of the fire-ravaged island of Maui, Hawaii, by Most Rev. Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, and Monsignor Terrence Watanabe, Vicar of Maui-Lanai.

"Today, our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires. ... This is an opportunity for us to show our solidarity as a Catholic faith community and lend a helping hand to those who have lost so much," the two said in a message to Catholic dioceses.

In 2008, the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to support our parish and school communities," they wrote. "We have set up a dedicated webpage for donations to go directly ... to support the relief efforts for our fellow community members affected by the Maui wildfires." Tax-deductible donations may be made at <http://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>.

In addition to asking for prayer, Bishop Silva and Monsignor Watanabe noted that, "Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope."

Church Mission Congress Planned

"Building The Young Church" is the theme of the 2023 Church Mission Congress scheduled for Saturday, October 14 at La Salle High School in Union Gap.

Registration is now open for this event, which will feature speakers, prayer and reflection, merchandise vendors and raffle prizes. The cost is \$35 for adults, \$25 for youth age 13-19 and \$15 for children 12 and under. (Walk-in registrations will be \$10 more per person.)

To register, visit www.yakimadiocese.org or

Group from Holy Family Church Attends World Youth Day in Portugal

By Christine Corbett Conklin

A group from Holy Family Church in Yakima, shared the experience of a lifetime, traveling to Lisbon, Portugal, earlier this month for World Youth Day. Led by Carlene Markfelder, youth director, and Father Cesar Vega, pastor of the parish, the group included 13 youth and 21 and three other adult chaperones.

After "about three years" of preparations by the youth, including pie sales, car washes and donations from parishioners and family members, to pay for the trip, the group flew out of Seattle on July 30. The very long flight stopped in Paris and Madrid before continuing on to Lisbon, Father said.

The August 1-6 festivities had a theme of "Mary Arose and Went With Haste." The event began with Mass on August 1 which drew an estimated 800,000 people and closed with a crowd of some 1.5 million including 10,000 priests, Father Vega explained. Pope Francis met with various groups during the week, addressing the entire crowd on both August 4 and 6.

"The youth were really inspired to see someone (the Pope) we usually see on TV," Father observed. "There was a lot of admiration and respect. ... He talked about the dignity of each person, how God calls us each and how we should not be afraid to follow God's call ... For



Father Cesar Vega toured Lisbon with members of the Holy Family group.

me, it was very spiritually uplifting and fulfill to see a Pope who was able to connect with younger generations and challenge them."

It also was an amazing experience to see "thousands and thousands of youth, walking through the streets of Lisbon, singing," Father added. "There was a sense of camaraderie, of unity at some level - we are different languages different countries, but we are one family. You felt at home." Each group carried a flag from their home country so that others could recognize where they were from.

The Yakima group also had the chance to travel to Fatima, Portugal, to see the site where Our Lady appeared to Lucia Dos Santos and 11 cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, and to pose for a picture in front of a family home of theirs.

The journey was very moving for all of them, Father Vega said. "I saw the love, the respect, the appreciation that the youth have for God and His Church." One young woman in the group even said that her call to become a religious sister had been strengthened by the trip. "There is this longing in people's hearts. Pope Francis said) the reason for that longing is Christ."



The Holy Family group posed in Fatima, Portugal, in front of a family home of the children to whom Blessed Mother appeared.

New Assignments for Priests Announced

Bishop Joseph Tyson has announced the following changes of assignments for priests in the Yakima Diocese. The effective dates are noted below:

- Father José Herrera, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Ephrata, is appointed pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Kennewick, effective August 1.
- Father César Izquierdo, administrator of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Kennewick, is appointed pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church effective August 1.
- Father César Vega, pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Yakima, resumes a study sabatical September 1, including studies in Rome and the Middle East. After family bereavement

spirituality, Fr. Vega is appointed pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Moses Lake effective February 14, 2024 (Ash Wednesday)

- Father Daniel Dufner, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Moses Lake, is appointed pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Yakima, effective February 14, 2024.
- Father Michael Ibach, Judicial Vicar in residence at Holy Family Catholic Church, is appointed administrator of the parish which is continuing to administer the Office of Canon Concerns, effective September 1, 2023, through February 13, 2024.

- Father Michael Kelly, parochial vicar of Joseph Catholic Church in Yakima, is appointed parochial vicar of Holy Family Catholic Church

Message from Bishop Tyson...

Dear Friends:

Fall is in the air. Kids are headed back to school. So are we! We have a spectrum of activities this month, including a trip to World's Day by some of our teens and their catechists and parents. I hope they inspire you to consider what you can learn and what you can teach!

Learning and teaching. I want to pivot and tell you about our mid-August catechetical gathering held at La Salle High school. We had some 140 catechists who work with youth. Many came from the Yakima area. But Joseph in Kennewick rented a bus. Folks in Mattawa, Prosser, White Swan and Ellensburg carpooled.

"Our students think catechism classes are boring," commented one catechist in Spanaway. "How can we make them less so?" she wondered.

One of the real challenges is that most of our catechetical volunteers speak Spanish as their first language while many of the bilingual youth learn critical thinking skills in English. The core of the day was spent on lesson planning. Native Spanish speakers were learning how to do lesson planning in English. The lesson planning certainly touches the key tasks outlined in Pope John Paul II's "General Catechetical Directory" from 1971 and echoed in a missionary key by Pope Francis in 2019. From the 1997 version, here are the key tasks:

- Knowledge of the Faith
- Liturgical Catechesis
- Moral Formation
- Teaching to Pray
- Formation in Community
- Initiation into Mission

A good lesson plan touches on all six tasks. But the lesson plan is not just an alignment of these outcomes to the particular textbooks with their written materials. A good lesson plan builds on this scaffolding with audio clips and music. Ascension Press – one of the publishers we use – has Father Michael

NEW Assignments for Priests Announced Continued from page 1

• Father Edgar Quiroga, parochial vicar of St. King Catholic Church in Richland, is appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Yakima, effective August 1.

• Father Eduardo "Lalo" Chavez, parochial vicar of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wenatchee, is appointed parochial vicar of St. King Catholic Church in Richland, effective August 1.

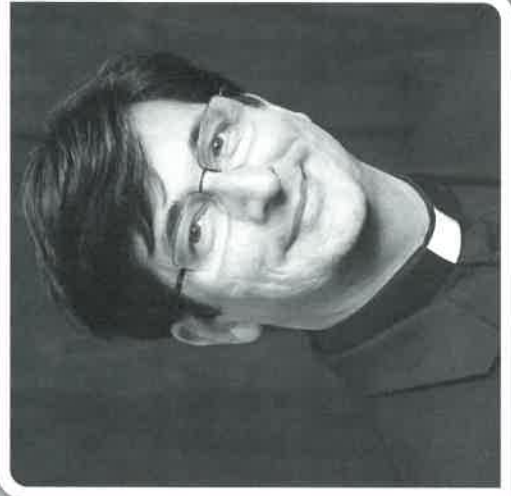
• Father Edwin Lozada, parochial vicar of St. Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Moses Lake, is appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wenatchee, effective August 1.

• Father Ricardo Villarreal, who recently returned from a leave of absence, is appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Kennewick, effective July 1.

• Father Christian Melendez, who has been trying to complete the Washington State requirements to be a licensed clinical psychologist,

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

Schmidt who provides succinct talks of 5 to 10 minutes on topics that might be touched on in any given lesson plan.

During Covid-19, I helped all the parish-ees subscribe to FORMED – a kind of Catholic Netflix – with hundreds of books, movies, videos and music that with careful planning can be woven into a good lesson plan and make the class move. Valeria Flores from our diocesan staff helps provide some of these resources and also holds drop-in catechetical clinics via Zoom, usually the first Wednesdays of the month for about an hour in English and an hour in Spanish.

But ultimately catechesis is not about lesson plans with video clips. It is about an encounter with the Lord. How do we as catechists foster a relationship with Christ for those we teach? How do we deepen our own life of personal prayer and sacramental worship?

Catechesis starts with the catechist. Maria Elena Ponce from Holy Redeemer, Yakima, and Emma Mendoza from St. Paul Cathedral both spoke about the catechist as the first curriculum and the parents as the first educators

of the Faith. Before we talk about books and videos and integrated lesson planning, Emma and Maria Elena noted, catechists in their personhood are the curriculum.

Indeed the very word "catechesis" comes from the Greek stem "echo." Catechesis is an "echo" of the Faith. As catechists we echo Jesus.

This was the first of what I hope will be many catechetical gatherings built on the Spanish language series of classes we ran with Marta Wilson at Saint Joseph in Yakima.

This time we provided English support. Some hoped that there might be separate English and Spanish tracks. And we do this with Magnificat. But I was grateful to have everyone together because most all of our youth live in a world that is both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking. If we want to reach inside of them, then maybe we should live in two worlds, too.

If you'd like to be part of our catechetical network, pop a message to Valeria at valeria.flores@yakimadiocese.org and check the ongoing listing of resources on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/yakima.diocese>.

Let me close with an advance thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, because this is one of the ways we support the passing on of the Faith to our youth. And I want to quickly note my gratitude to all the catechists who serve in all our parishes across the Diocese of Yakima. Thank you!

Next month is our Church Mission Congress where older youth and young adults will be the focus. In the meantime let's pray for a new year of learning.

With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

priests and deacons as they continue to serve in active ministry, or in a ministry of prayer.

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How Many of The Saints of Autumn Can You Name?

There are many Catholic saints whose east days are observed during Autumn. How many of the following can you identify? The answers follow at the end.

1) September 21. This saint is credited with the first of the four Gospels found in the New Testament. Writing in Aramaic, he wanted to convince others that Christ's kingdom had come in a spiritual way, instead of by military force. A tax collector, he has become the patron saint of bankers.

2) September 23. Born in 1887, this saint was a Capuchin friar who dedicated his life to God as a young child. Growing up, he reportedly could see guardian angels and talk with Jesus and Mary. One day, while hearing confessions, he felt pain and discovered that he had "stigmata," or wounds in his hands and feet which resembled the wounds of Christ.

3) September 25. The son of a woman of the Irish royal court, this saint was born in 550 A.D. in Connaught, Ireland. He reached in southern Ireland, lived for a time as a hermit and founded a monastery which became the city of Cork and for which he served as bishop. Reportedly, he had not set for two weeks after his death in the area of Cloyne.

4) September 29. One of three archangels honored on this day, this saint is known to combat the Devil, to escort people to Heaven when they die and to champion the Church, among other

responsibilities. In the Book of Revelation, he and his angels battle a dragon.

5) October 18. Another Gospel writer, this saint may have been born a slave. Becoming a doctor, he is known for particular sensitivity in evangelizing Gentiles, speaking of forgiveness and mercy. He traveled extensively with St. Paul. Today, he is the patron saint of physicians.

6) October 28. One of Jesus' 12 Apostles, this saint was believed to be a cousin of Christ. At the Last Supper, he is said to have asked Jesus why He would not make Himself evident to the whole world after He rose from the dead. He was the author of an Epistle and is believed to have been a martyr. Today, he is known as the saint of hopeless causes.

7) November 3. There is an interesting story regarding this saint, who died in Wales in 660. She is believed to have been beheaded after refusing the advances of a man. Where her head hit the ground, the Holy Well reportedly sprang up, today a popular Welsh pilgrim site. One version of the story involves her head being restored to her body and her then becoming a nun and abbess.

8) November 5. A cousin of Mary, this saint was described as a holy woman. Later in her life, she was visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary and bore a son named John

9) November 5. This saint was the mother of St. Gregory the Great. After her

son converted the family home into a monastery, she, too, lived a monastic life for a time, nearby. The patron saint of pregnant women, she was known for small kindnesses such as bringing her so fresh produce.

10) November 28. The patron saint of the Miraculous Medal, this woman was born in 1806 in France. A pious child, she regarded the Blessed Virgin as her mother after the death of her biological mother. She joined the Daughters of Charity, and had a vision in which Our Lady showed her inside an oval frame. The saint was told that this image should be placed on medals with words asking for Mary's intercession and wearers would receive "great graces.

St. Catherine Laboure.

St. Winifred; 8) St. Elizabeth; 9) St. Sylvia;

St. Luke; 6) St. Jude Thaddeus;

St. Finbar; 4) St. Michael the Archangel;

St. Ignace; 1) St. Matthew; 2) St. Padre Pio;

St. Luke; 6) St. Jude Thaddeus;

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Make A Difference Collection Beneficiaries Say Thank You!"

The Diocese of Yakima recently received several thank you letters from beneficiaries of many of the special collections we take up in our parishes throughout the year.

The ones listed below are representative of the thanksgiving offered by all those throughout the universal Church who give our help. Virtually every request for assistance is met either through an in-pew collection or a donation from the generous contributions that parishioners and clergy make to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Six of the national collections which usually receive just an annual donation are on a rotating schedule for an in-pew collection in August, so that we can learn more about the work being done throughout our country and world to help build up the Body of Christ through the promotional materials placed in the pews. Here are the collections and amounts listed the recent letters:

Solidarity Fund for Africa, \$4,000;
Church in Latin American, \$4,000;
Catholic Relief Services, \$6,000; Catholic Communications Campaign, \$8,106.45
(Diocese retains 50 percent of this collection for local efforts); Catholic Home Missions, \$25,096.53.

Thank you for your generosity!

Retirement Collection Supports Elderly Religious

The annual special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up in the Diocese of Yakima the weekend of September 9-10, with all the proceeds going this year and in future years to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

The collection benefits more than 1,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Many served for years for little pay. Today, hundreds of religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Donations offer financial assistance and resources that help religious communities care for their elders.

"I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey," said Bishop Joseph Wilson. "I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life."

For the past several years, the Diocese as applying 50 percent of this collection to support the Beit Mery Hermitage and the retirement needs of Sister Janet Strong. She no longer affiliated with the Diocese and is relocated to Bellingham. Please keep her in your prayers.

Back To School: Talking With Your Kids

By Paul Ashton, Psy.D., D.Min. - Consultant to the VIRTUS® Programs

children?

- What are appropriate physical, emotional and behavioral boundaries?
- What do you do when a stranger or another adult makes them uncomfortable?

Opportunities:

- Try having car conversations with you children. They can be brief, private and you do not have to look at each other!

- Plan family pizza nights with a movie that helps to illustrate your family values. Discuss your insights after the movie. Listen to theirs.

- Find teachable moments: issues in school, on the news or in the neighborhood are opportunities for you to begin conversations with your children.

- Ask your kids who their friends are and about their families. Make sure you know them.

- Offering to pick up/drop off your kids affords you loads of opportunities to start conversations.

- Insert yourself into the lives of your children—their interpersonal relationships, school and friends. Do not be afraid to make yourself known.

- Be a leader; do not wait for your kids to ask questions. You should initiate questions.

- Take trips to museums, aquariums, zoos and places that express the fullness of life. Use these teachable moments to teach about the gift of life and creation.

General Advice:

- Be brief. Do not feel that these conversations have to be long and drawn out
- Speak often. Kids remember through repetition. Short catch phrases, shared family clues and references make it interesting and important. It creates ownership.

- Do not be shy. Teach your children pride and respect for who they are and how beautifully God created them.

- Be confident. Research your material and use appropriate books, videos and media resources to explain your points.

- Be clear. Do not use confusing words. Explain everything. Teach by patient example.

- Be loving. Always show love, compassion, respect and kindness. Never laugh at them, but laugh with them.

- Teach appropriate and acceptable words and phrases. This avoids shame and guilty feelings.

- Remind your children that God loves them tremendously and so do you.

- Let them know that they can tell you anything, and you will be there for them to help them through it.

- Teach them that nothing is impossible for God whose love permeates your family and makes you strong.

Note: *Virtus provides safe environment training materials to the three dioceses in Washington State as well as to many church organizations throughout the United States*

To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others. — Pope Saint John Paul II

Summer vacation is way too short for kids and way too long for many parents.

Whatever the feelings, it is time to return to school, schedules and homework. Now might be a good opportunity to review some important topics for

conversations with your children. No

matter what their age or grade level, it is a good

practice for parents to have conversations with

their kids about their family values, safety

and "what to do if" situations. The things

that matter to you and your family should be

reviewed and emphasized in as many ways as possible with your children. However,

finding creative ways to accomplish this is the challenge.

Over the course of the past 27 years, I

have trained hundreds of parents in various education programs and the feedback from

a very large majority of them is consistent: they intend to speak with their kids, they

want to, but they just do not know how. What often results are good intentions that

are not acted upon. Excuses, excuses, excuses! There are

many — but are they really good ones? Embarrassment is one of the big ones. For

the most part, today's parents were not on the receiving end of these important

conversations with their own parents, and are often uncomfortable with starting

conversations that are difficult. Being confident about what you want

to say, how you want to say it and when, helps to quell the anxiety that accompanies

this responsibility. Below are some helpful suggestions for topics, opportunities and

some all-around general advice to assist you in this important responsibility of

parenthood. Talking with your children before

something happens gives them the tools, language and confidence to make good, safe

and informed decisions, and may help to protect their lives. May your conversations

be fruitful and blessed!

Topics:
▪ What are the safety rules in your family?

- What is the plan should there be an emergency in your family?

- Who are the safe adults in their lives?
- What should a child do when another adult asks the child to keep a secret?

- What are your family and Faith values regarding respecting life?

- What is the appropriate language to name body parts?

- What values about God's gift of Life do you espouse as a family?

- What are your expectations of your

