

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2025

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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: 6:30am & 8:30am, 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

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.

## PRAYER CHAIN

To put someone on the Prayer Chain:

Email [parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org](mailto:parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org) or call the Parish Office at 509-586-3820

## Pastor

Fr. Jose Herrera

## Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ricardo A. Villarreal

Fr. Christian Melendez

## In Residence

Fr. Riccardo Keolker

## Deacons

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Mr. Juan Garcia

Mr. German Farias

Mr. Gustavo Valdivia

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## Parish Staff

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### Bookkeeper

Jessica "Jessie" T.

Melissa N.

## INQUIRING ADULTS-OCIA

*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.



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

## 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

### The Baptism of Our Lord

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water, but He Who is mightier than I is coming... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics, we only have one gift to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourselves to God, place your trust in Him, and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

### Collection for January 5, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$17,918.87
Building Fund	\$626.00
School Donations	\$1,159.00
Religious Education	\$814.71
St. Vincent de Paul	\$10.00
First Offering	\$992.00
Votive	\$406.22
Diocese	\$55.00
Holy Days	\$810.00
Carlo Acutis Statue	\$30.00

The Parish Office closes early on

fourth **Wednesdays** of each month. The Office will be open from 9 am to noon on fourth Wednesdays.



### Prayers

**For our Armed Forces:** 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, Justin Dennis Byerly, Wyatt Beaton.

**For our sick:** Bill Murray, 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, 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, Patty Brown, Armando Rodriguez, Zara Husan, Raquel Cardoza, Samuel Quintanilla, Pat McKie Szacik, Carmen Nava, Mike Draper, Peter Braun, Yolanda Quintero, Hazel Meister, Sandra Sckieryczynski, Kolton Hansford, Jeannine Soehnlein, Joanne, Marie Smith, Armandino Gamino, Ana Espinoza, Sara and Johnny Howard, Father Kurt Hadley, Sara Melgarejo, John Lyczkowski.

**For our recently deceased:** Evangelina Chavarin, Andres Rios, Robert Joseph Titus, Jean Zoner.

Kindly ring us when your ailing loved one finds healing, so we may open space for others on our list of prayers for the sick.

### ADORATION CHAPEL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Openings: Friday: 8 am, 9 am Saturday: 8 am: 5 pm**

The Adoration Chapel is open to visitors. Please consider accepting the invitation to sign up for regular weekly hours of Adoration.

Please call to obtain personal codes for entry.  
**Carol at 509-582-5011**, or, en español,  
**Delmi at 509-528-8896**

Every time we look at the Sacred Host may we hear the Father say: “This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.”

## 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!

### Monday, January 13

6:30 am  
† James V. Loftus  
8:30 am  
David Lysiak (Birthday)  
**Tuesday, January 14**

6:30 am  
† Octavio Barriga  
8:30 am  
† Jere Lysiak  
**Wednesday, January 15**

6:30 am  
† Amalia Del Pozo  
8:30 am  
† William Wunduke  
**Thursday, January 16**

6:30 am  
No Intentions for this Mass  
8:30 am  
† Joe Gallegos, Sr.  
7:00 pm  
† Gregoria Meraz

**Friday, January 17**  
6:30 am  
† Elaine Loftus  
8:30 am  
No Intentions for this Mass  
8:30 am  
No Intentions for this Mass

### Saturday, January 18

8:30 am  
† Sal and Laurie Pennella  
5:30 pm  
St. Joseph Youth Group  
7:00 pm  
† Raul Beltran  
† Miguel Nava  
† Eleno and Amador Garcia  
† Elvia Garcia

**Sunday, January 19**  
9:00 am  
John Lyczkowski (Healing)  
11:00 am  
No intentions for this Mass  
1:00 pm  
No intentions for this Mass  
5:30 pm  
No intentions for this Mass  
7:00 pm  
No intentions for this Mass



Scan QR code to request online!

Requests for Mass Intentions for the upcoming year can now be submitted from January through June, 2025.

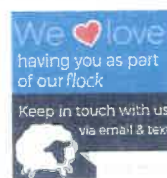
The Eucharistic Missionaries invite you to a monthly **Holy Hour**, featuring the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, on the **last Wednesday of each month in the Small Church at 7 pm.**

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE

A new Altar Servers' schedule has been sent out to you by e-mail, and it is also now posted on the bulletin board in the vesting sacristy. If you did not receive a copy by e-mail, please call the Parish Office, so we can get one sent out to you. Thank you!



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025. We will resume our regular hours on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.



If you would like to receive our bulletin links through text message, you can easily sign up for Flocknote by texting JOINSTJO to 84576 or by visiting us online at <https://sick.flocknote.com/bulletins>. After that, simply choose the bulletin group you want to receive.

JANUARY 2025

# ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP NEWS



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**ST. JOSEPH  
YOUTH GROUP**  
GRUPO JUVENIL SAN JOSÉ



**Mission Statement:** St. Joseph Youth Ministry (Ministerio Juvenil) is a welcoming community committed to the personal growth and development of the young Church, to encounter Jesus and cultivate a relationship with Him, to pursue a lifelong journey as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. To accomplish our mission, we seek to encourage the youth to develop and share their gifts, guided by the Spirit, through active participation in the life and mission of the Church in our parish community.

## LIFE NIGHTS (YOUTH GROUP)



LIFE TEEN



All 7th - 12th grade students are welcome to join us on Friday evenings for youth group (Life Nights) from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Parish Office (2nd floor). There is no cost for any youth to attend.

Life Teen is an international Catholic youth ministry catechesis, which seeks to lead teens closer to Christ. Life Teen is 100% Catholic using the Catechism and scripture coupled with personal testimony to engage the youth to grow deeper in their faith.

## CORE TEAM

If you are an adult 18+ interested in helping youth grow closer to Christ by joining our youth ministry team, please contact Nancy T. youth06.stjoseph@gmail.com or nancy.stjoseph@gmail.com. The

## STUBIE 2025



DEUTERONOMY 4:24

Teens currently in 8th to 12th grade are invited to join us for a weekend away at the Steubenville Northwest Youth Conference in Spokane, WA. This exciting event will gather a few thousand Catholic teens for an opportunity to encounter God and experience His love through the power of the Sacraments, dynamic Catholic speakers, uplifting music, and the chance to make new friends!

Registration for the July Steubenville Youth Conference will open January 15. The conference will take place from July 11 to July 13, 2025, however we leave a day before for a fun day at Silverwood.

Please note that seats are limited and will fill up quickly! To secure your spot, a non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required immediately. Additionally, there will be a mandatory parent meeting on January 31 at 6:30 PM.

## PRE-EASTER YOUTH RETREAT CONFIRMATION RETREAT



APRIL 11, 12, 13, 2025

Our core team is beginning to recruit adults, parents, grandparents, and young adults who wish to serve at this year's Pre-Easter Youth Retreat. We expect around 300 youth to attend, so we will need over 40 adult volunteers.

There are various ways to use your gifts to serve the young church! Some volunteer opportunities include setting up, being part of the kitchen crew to cook meals, joining the prayer team, serving as chaperones, leading small groups, working behind the scenes, providing snacks, and assisting with registrations. Teens who are already confirmed can also serve on the retreat team. To volunteer, please send an email to the addresses provided at the top. All volunteers must complete a volunteer packet and must complete their Virtus Safe Environment training before January 31.

Please keep our young church and our team in your prayers as we prepare for this retreat. Thank you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- Youth Mass | January 12 | 5:30 pm
  - XLT (Adoration) | January 17 | 7:00-8:30 pm | Small Church
  - Donut Sunday | January 19 | after the morning Masses
  - Life Night | January 24 | 7:00-8:30 PM | Parish Office
  - Steubenville Parent meeting | January 31 | 6:30 PM | Parish Office
- Scan the QR code to see volunteer opportunities.

Join us for a night of praise & worship!



# XLT

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

"MY SON, YOU ARE HERE WITH ME ALWAYS; EVERYTHING I HAVE IS YOURS." LK. 15:31

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

SMALL CHURCH || 7:00-8:30 PM

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# ÚLTIMAS NOTICIAS DEL GRUPO JUVENIL



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Misión Ministerio Juvenil de la Parroquia San José: : El Ministerio Juvenil de San José es una comunidad acogedora comprometida con el crecimiento y desarrollo personal de la Iglesia joven, para encontrar a Jesús y cultivar una relación con Él, para emprender una jornada de por vida como discípulos misioneros de Jesucristo. Para cumplir nuestra misión, buscamos animar a los jóvenes a desarrollar y compartir sus dones, guiados por el Espíritu Santo, a través de la participación activa en la vida y misión de la Iglesia en nuestra comunidad parroquial.

## NOCHES LIFE (GRUPO JUVENIL)



Todos los estudiantes de 7.º a 12.º grado están invitados a unirse a nosotros los viernes por la noche para la reunión del grupo de jóvenes (Noches Life) de 7:00 a 8:30 p. m. en la Oficina Parroquial (segundo piso). No hay ningún costo por la asistencia.

Life Teen es una catequesis internacional de ministerio católico para jóvenes que busca acercar a los adolescentes a Cristo. Life Teen es 100 % católica y utiliza el catecismo y las Sagradas Escrituras junto con el testimonio personal para motivar a los jóvenes a crecer más profundamente en su fe.

## EQUIPO

Adultos y jóvenes adultos interesados en ayudar a los jóvenes a acercarse a Cristo uniéndose a nuestro equipo de ministerio juvenil, comunícate con Nancy T. youth06.stjoseph@gmail.com o nancy.stjoseph@gmail.com.

## STUBIE 2025



Adolescentes actualmente en 8vo a 12vo grado son invitados a unirse a nosotros para un fin de semana en la Conferencia Juvenil Steubenville Northwest en Spokane, WA. Este emocionante evento reunirá a unos miles de adolescentes católicos para tener la oportunidad de encontrarse con Dios y experimentar su amor a través del poder de los sacramentos, oradores católicos dinámicos, música edificante y la oportunidad de hacer nuevos amigos.

La inscripción para la Conferencia Juvenil se abrirá el 15 de enero. La conferencia tendrá lugar del 11 al 13 de julio de 2025, sin embargo, saldremos un día temprano para pasar un día de diversión en Silverwood.

¡Recuerde que los asientos son limitados y se llenarán rápidamente! Para asegurar su lugar, un depósito no reembolsable de 50 dólares es necesario de inmediato. Además, se llevará a cabo una reunión obligatoria de padres el 31 de enero a las 6:30 p. m.

## RETIRO JUVENIL PRE PASCUA RETIRO DE CONFIRMACIÓN



### 11, 12, 13, DE ABRIL

El equipo del grupo juvenil está comenzando a reclutar adultos, padres, abuelitos y adultos jóvenes que deseen servir en el Retiro Juvenil Pascua de este año. Esperamos alrededor de 300 jóvenes, por lo que necesitaremos más de 40 voluntarios. ¡Hay varias maneras de usar sus dones para servir a la iglesia joven! Algunas oportunidades de voluntariado incluyen en organización, formando parte del equipo de cocina, unirse al equipo de oración, servir como acompañantes, dirigir grupos pequeños, trabajar detrás de escena, proporcionar refrigerios y ayudar con las inscripciones. Los adolescentes que ya han recibido el sacramento de confirmación también pueden servir en el equipo de retiro. Para ofrecerse como voluntario, envíe un correo electrónico a las direcciones que se proporcionan en la parte de arriba. Todos los voluntarios deben completar un paquete de voluntariado y deben completar su el entrenamiento de Virtus antes del 31 de enero. Por favor, mantenga a nuestra iglesia joven y a nuestro equipo en sus oraciones mientras nos preparamos para este retiro. ¡Gracias!

## EVENTOS PRÓXIMOS



- Misa Juvenil | 12 de enero | 5:30 pm
- XLT (Adoración) | 17 de enero | 7:00-8:30 pm | Iglesia Chica
- Cafecito y donas | 19 de enero | después de las Misas de A.M.
- Noche Life | 24 de enero | 7:00-8:30 PM | Oficina parroquial
- Reunión de Padres para la Conferencia Juvenil | 31 de enero | 6:30 PM | Parish Office

Escanea nuestro código QR en busca de oportunidades de servicios cristianos.

¡Acompáñenos por una noche de alabanza y adoración!

# XLT

## ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

PERO EL PADRE LE DIJO: "HIJO MÍO, TÚ ESTÁS SIEMPRE CONMIGO, Y TODO LO MÍO ES TUYO, LC. 15:31

### VIERNES, ENERO 17

IGLESIA CHICA | 7:00-8:30 PM





# CENTRAL WASHINGTON CATHOLIC

*El Católico de Washington Central*

Pāchu Washintin Chmuk Tātpas

JANUARY 2025

## PREPARES: 10 years of Serving the Unborn, Mothers and Families

*Courtesy of Catholic Charities*

*Ashleigh was 18 when she found herself pregnant. Her mother was furious at her daughter's "stupidity"—the word she used to describe the situation. Ashleigh felt something compelling her to keep the baby. It wasn't the father, as they didn't even speak anymore, but there was something in her heart that knew this baby belonged. When she began showing, her mother's criticism only grew, until Ashleigh felt she had to leave.*

*At 31 weeks pregnant, Ashleigh found herself couch surfing with friends. In her situation, school seemed to be the least of her worries, and she quit going. Understandably, she became overwhelmed and depressed, not knowing where to turn, and knowing that the baby's birth was not far off.*

### Creating a Plan to Help

Providing support for all pregnant mothers and young families in Washington State has been the goal of PREPARES since its inception in 2014. An initiative of the Bishops of Washington State, led by Bishop Joseph Tyson, the aim was to create a ministry that would support any pregnant woman or new family. "Our ultimate goal," Bishop Tyson explains, "is to make sure that no child, born or unborn, is abandoned or alone. We want to make sure that every mother and father, whether in a rural area or a large urban setting, has a community of caring people around them, walking those first five critical years of life."

Launched in 2014, the PREPARES model was developed specifically to deliver support to struggling new mothers and families. Receiving

diapers, clothing, and assistance with connecting to community resources is essential for many PREPARES mothers, especially those who may be many miles from family. Most PREPARES families manage on very little income, and struggle to pay for rent, electricity, groceries, and other daily necessities. PREPARES volunteers provide diapers and wipes to families, as well as information on rental assistance, food banks, medical care, and other needed resources.

The PREPARES ministry goes beyond the provision of physical items and community resource information. Each mother participating in PREPARES is offered a family companion to provide a listening ear and non-judgmental support. These caring companions—who are all volunteers—create warm connections and offer a sense of family to mothers and fathers who may feel very alone.

*Ashleigh was just four weeks from her due date when the mother of a friend suggested she contact her parish's PREPARES ministry. She gave Ashleigh the phone number of PREPARES and within the week, Ashleigh had met with*



*Photo of a young mother and her child, Courtesy of Catholic Charities.*

*Lisa, her new companion provided Ashleigh with information on housing for young mothers and helped her register at a local hospital for the birth. The following week, Lisa began rounding up new clothes and items, and Ashleigh found a bassinet. Within a week of the birth, Ashleigh began to see a little light at the end of the tunnel. She even reached out to her mother and told her how much she missed her.*

### Ministry Growth

In 2015, the Yakima Diocese had just five volunteers serving more than 100 families. Today, there are 260 PREPARES volunteers in 35 parishes. An additional 100 volunteers in the Spokane Diocese are also serving families through Central Washington PREPARES.

### A Journey Together

The volunteer family companions are women who have risen to the occasion. Many have felt the call to help new mothers and families; many remembering their own parenting experiences. Companions receive training, where each builds a "tool kit" of resources that help them build relationships with women and families who may live very different lives from themselves.

One companion explained, "It's a bit different from the moms I was a mom to. I don't worry about where my money will come from, or whether I can pay

*Continued*

## You Are Invited to Join In On Pro-Life Activities Planned for 2025

*By Christine Corbett Conklin*

Numerous pro-life events are already planned for 2025. Come and show your support for respect for life from conception to natural death!

Special events will lead off with the annual **Masses for Life** for the Diocese of Yakima. An English Mass will be held at 11 a.m., and Spanish Mass at 1 p.m., Sunday, January 5, at St. Paul Cathedral, South 12<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut avenues in Yakima.

Also in January will be the **Yakima Walk for Life**, scheduled for Saturday, January 25. Participants are asked to meet

at 1 p.m. outside of Grace of Christ Church, 9 South Eighth Avenue. Donations of diapers are welcomed at this event, for distribution through outreach of Triumph Treatment Services.

### Students for Life

Young people between the ages of 13 and college age, will meet from the Tri-Cities, to Yakima and East Wenatchee throughout the year. The

groups teach self-respect and the value of life, and speak out against the use of abortion and euthanasia, while speaking out into our communities with their projects. For more info, contact Christine Corbett Conklin at (509) 985-6248.

In **Wenatchee**, there will be a **Life Vigil** at Planned Parenthood, 1000 Okanogan Avenue, from March 5 to April 13. To sign up for vigil hours, or receive more details, contact Janet Conklin at (509) 387-0775. Also in Wenatchee, a **Rally & March for Life** is planned for May 1. More details will follow in a later issue of the *Central Washington Catholic*.

Check your local church bulletin and the website of the Diocese of Yakima ([yakimadiocese.org](http://yakimadiocese.org)) for announcements of other events in your community.

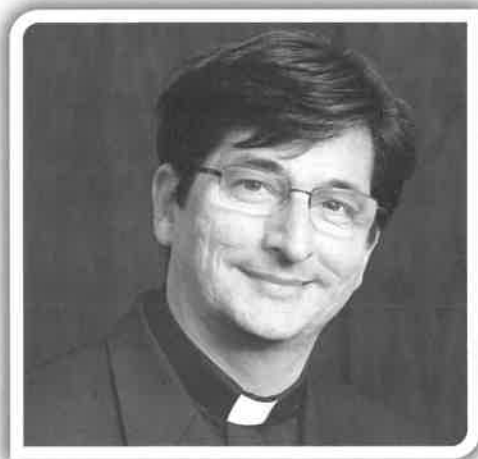


*Members of the Gregory Sherman Chapter of Students for Life joined in Yakima's January 2024 Walk for Life.*

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uplifts the 10th anniversary of  
PREPARES outreach. Both are intimate-

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wanted a charitable act that  
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media outlets have noted that



**Bishop Joseph Tyson**

after Roe vs. Wade there has actually been  
an increase. The *New York Times* noted  
on October 22, 2024 that: "In nearly every  
state that has banned abortion, the number  
of women receiving abortions increased  
between 2020 and the end of 2023, accord-  
ing to the most comprehensive account of all  
abortions by state since the overturning of  
Roe v. Wade.

"In the 13 states that enacted near-total  
abortion bans, the number of women receiv-  
ing abortions increased in all but three, ac-  
cording to the study. Some women traveled  
to clinics in states where abortions were  
legal. Others ordered abortion pills from  
U.S. doctors online, after doctors in other  
states started writing prescriptions under  
shield laws that protect them when they  
provide mail-order pills to patients in states  
with bans."

PREPARES provides a positive coun-  
terpoint to this trend. Well north of 17,000  
families have been touched by PREPARES  
over these last ten years. I recall one Span-  
ish-speaking woman I met in Moxee. She  
was on the baptism preparation team. She  
also formed the core of the new PREPARES  
group in her parish. A neighbor who knew  
she was involved with the parish confided  
in her that her boyfriend had made her an  
appointment for an abortion. "What do  
you want to do?" she asked her neighbor. "I  
would like to try to keep the child." PRE-  
PARES was able to provide wrap-around  
support and care for their journey and they  
are happy parents.

As bishop, I am grateful for the many  
ways our parishioners work "upstream"  
before a woman even approaches a clinic.  
I am grateful for the material support of  
diapers and bottles and baby formula that fill  
our PREPARES welcome baskets. I also am  
grateful to so many of you who support our  
statewide St. Valentine's Day funding drive  
each year with your financial gifts.

What accounts for the greatness of PRE-  
PARES? I think the key ingredient might be  
in the vision of Pope Francis, who has an  
amazing way of cutting across the ideolo-  
gies of the left and the right in focusing on  
people. In his apostolic exhortation, "Rejoice  
and Be Glad," he writes:

"Our defense of the innocent unborn,  
for example, needs to be clear, firm and pas-  
sionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human  
life, which is always sacred and demands  
love for each person, regardless of his or her  
stage of development. Equally sacred, how-  
ever, are the lives of the poor, those already  
born, the destitute, the abandoned and the  
underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and  
elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the  
victims of human trafficking, new forms of  
slavery, and every form of rejection. We can-  
not uphold an ideal of holiness that would  
ignore injustice in a world where some  
revel, spend with abandon and live only for  
the latest consumer goods, even as others  
look on from afar, living their entire lives in  
abject poverty."

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living out both our teachings on life and  
our teaching on justice. It gives a richness  
to the beauty we see in the creche of Christ  
as well as the creche of every child we want  
to protect and every woman we want to ac-  
company. Saint Francis was a genius of the  
spiritual life in his capacity to make real the  
event of the incarnation. May we continue  
to make real the incarnation of Christ by re-  
membering deeply with Pope Benedict XVI  
that "God comes as a baby!"

With every best wish and blessing!  
Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima

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# Test Your Knowledge About The Catholic 'Saints of Winter'

In all of the preparations for Christmas and Holy Days honoring Blessed Mother, it's easy to overlook the many other wonderful saints whose feast days are celebrated during the Winter season. How many of the following saints can you name? Answers follow at the end.

1) January 2. Described as "one of the giants of the early Church" and "one of the great orators of Christianity," this saint, from the area of what is now Israel, died in 379. Both of his parents and several of his nine siblings also are honored as saints. As a monk, he founded several monasteries and became a bishop. He helped establish Nicene teachings in the Church and denounced "Arianism," or the teaching that God the Father was more important than Jesus.

2) January 3. The patron saint of Paris, this French woman was consecrated to God at only seven years of age. She later became a nun, teaching, performing charitable acts and making prophesies. Her visions began to turn people against her. She earned the respect of kings, and led people in prayer to be spared from the army of Attila the Hun. After her death in 512, her shrine was carried in procession during a plague. Those who touched the shrine were healed.

3) January 5. This American saint was born in 1811 in Bohemia. With too many priests in service and no one to ordain him, he traveled to New York. Ordained a priest by a bishop in New York, he traveled from rural town to town, even celebrating Mass at kitchen tables. He later became a Redemptorist priest and then a bishop. He is known

for establishing the first Catholic school system in a diocese and helping to found many schools before his death at the age of 48,

4) January 18. This young saint was the daughter of a European king. She became a novice in the Dominican order of nuns at age 12. She refused any special favors and worked diligently to serve the poorest of the poor and the very sickest hospital patients. No task was too undignified for her. All of her tremendous work and many hours of prayer helped to contribute to exhaustion and led to her death at the age of 29.

5) January 20. This saint, who is believed to have been born in France, joined the Roman army, apparently to help other Christians in danger from the Romans. After converting numerous people to the Faith, he was discovered by the Emperor and sentenced to death. Archers shot many arrows at him and he was believed to be dead. However, he survived and confronted the Emperor about his unfair persecution of Christians, only to be sentenced to death again in 288.

6) January 28. Best known for his writings, including *Summa Theologiae* (a summary of the most important teachings of the Catholic Church), this saint was born in what is now Italy in 1225. As a young man, he wanted to join the Dominicans, but was captured by his family as he was en route and held captive. In later university studies, he was so quiet that he was dubbed "the dumb ox." However, he went on to become highly educated, and a brilliant writer, with numerous important, philosophical works. He died in 1274.

7) February 1. This Irish saint is believed to have been born into slavery in 451. In youth, she worked on a dairy farm, showing great charity from a very young age. Wanting to always be chaste, she prayed that her beauty would be taken from her and it was done. Through the years, she founded monas-

teries, including one for women religious, plus a school of art. She is believed to have been a friend of St. Patrick. She died in 525.

8) February 3. A bishop and medical doctor, this saint is the patron of throat illnesses. He is known to have helped patients who had objects stuck in their throats also is known to have become a "physic of souls." Arrested for being a Christian said that a woman brought him two candles to provide light in his dark jail cell. In 316, a martyr. To this day, two candles are used in the blessing of throats in February in Catholic churches.

9) February 5. This saint, born in the area of Sicily, was an heroic example of chastity and purity, dedicating her life to Christ and the Church. After serving as a diplomat who wished to marry her was imprisoned and was tortured and burned, whipped and physically mutilated. Through it all, she remained steadfast in faith and trusting in God, and experienced at least one spiritual vision. She died in 251.

10) February 20. One of the three children to whom Blessed Mother appeared in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal, this saint lived from 1910 to 1920. She worked along with her brother and their cousin, Lucia, for a herd of sheep. After experiencing a vision of Hell, she became devoted to prayer and sacrifice. She died of an influenza pandemic and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2017.

Answers: (1) St. Basil the Great; (2) St. Joan Neumann; (3) St. John Neumann; (4) Margaret of Hungary; (5) St. Sebastian; (6) Thomas Aquinas; (7) St. Brigid of Ireland; (8) St. Agatha; (9) St. Jacinta Marto; (10) St. Jacinta Marto.

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# Four New Year's Resolutions Include Your Catholic Faith?

By Corbett Conklin

At this time of year, New Year's resolutions are a popular topic. Usually, these resolutions deal with exercise, diet and cutting back on certain bad habits. However, Faith is not often discussed in the resolutions we make!

This year, how about adding a resolution or two that considers eternity? It doesn't need to mean a complete transformation of our lives, or grueling hours of prayer on our knees. Just a simple addition that can help to strengthen our faith.

Maybe it's time to reflect on whether we've learned anything new about God and ourselves in this past year," suggested Father Richard Sedlacek, pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in Selah. If we haven't been going to Mass on the weekends, try going again. Or if we have been going on weekdays, include a day or two of daily prayer. He recommends. Also, try to get to church more often, at least several times a year, he says.

There are great opportunities to learn more about our Faith by listening to EWTN Catholic radio programs, Father Sedlacek pointed out. Quiet time before the Eucharist in church can also give us time for reflection. And don't forget that the Rosary, the powerful family Rosary, is a great prayer, he advised.

With hectic schedules, sometimes it's hard to figure out how there can be time for anything else in our daily routine! I know many families who say the Rosary together when they're riding in a car, especially for longer distances. Ditto people who pray while they are walking, or doing other exercises. Maybe you say the Saint Michael the Archangel prayer when you are about to tackle a difficult project or drive on an icy road. All it takes is a few minutes to check in with God and the saints.

There are hundreds of good Catholic books – with topics ranging from guidance for our lives to stories about the saints and in-depth treatises about Church history and doctrine. Other books are designed for youth and little children, offering teaching and inspiration. This kind of reading is a much better use of time than following the Kardashians online!

On its website, *Catholic Digest* offers still more ideas for "spiritual resolutions for the new year." Among their top 10 suggestions are to begin each day with the Morning Offering prayer, helping to set the tone for the entire day. You could also consider

meatless Fridays, they advise, quoting Canon law 1250 which says, "The penitential days and times of the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent."

Or, how about visiting church for weekly Stations of the Cross, done on an individual basis? Getting back to books, try a daily devotional prayer, from a book such as *A Heart Like Mary's* from Ave Maria Press, the website continues. Read periodically from

the Bible, either starting with page one or selecting a section such as the Gospels or the letters of St. Paul.

Finally, choose a saintly intercessor for the new year, *Catholic Digest* recommends. You can choose a saint whom you've heard about or, if you'd like a suggestion, try the "saint generator" site at SaintsNameGenerator.com for an idea, the site advises.

So, why not turn off that sitcom, put down the video game and those brownies (What happened to that diet plan??) and make a resolution that can have positive effects into eternity? It's a great way to begin the year!



# Nativity Scenes Remind Us of The Lord's Love and Tenderness

By Wooden

PAPAL VISIT (CNS) – Pope Francis made his customary visit to the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to pray before his trip to the island of Corsica. Pope Francis also met with dozens of people, including a living Nativity scene.



Pope Francis interacts with the people playing Mary, Jesus and Joseph in a living Nativity scene at Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major Dec. 14, 2024. (CNS photo/Pablo Esparza)

For the third year in a row, Pope Francis visited the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome on that promotes the living Nativity scenes, which are performed by the neighborhood around the Basilica into a small Bethlehem. The manger on the Basilica's steps. At a noon Mass Dec. 14, parishes,

prayer groups, confraternities and Italian folklore groups provided the actors and the tableau. Marching bands, musicians, singers and dancers performed for the crowd.

Later, after Pope Francis prayed before the Marian icon "Salus Populi Romani," as he does before and after every foreign trip, he met inside the Basilica

with the living Nativity participants. With the couple playing Mary and Joseph holding a baby and standing alongside him, Pope

Francis told participants, "Christmas always brings us joy. Christmas brings us the tenderness of a baby."

Gazing at a Nativity scene, he said, the newborn baby Jesus "gives us hope," and the image of Mary is a reminder that people can count on "the care of a mother, Our Lady, who accompanies us throughout our lives" and on the example of St. Joseph, who worked to support his family.

Pope Francis also told the crowd that if there was anyone present "who does not have peace in your heart, remember that God forgives everything and God forgives always. Do not be afraid to ask the Lord's pardon because he forgives everything, and He forgives always... He came for us, with so much tenderness," the Pope said.

# PREPARES: 10 years of Serving the Unborn, Mothers and Families

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...of my mamas do. Once we talk, we find so much in common! From family struggles, missing loved ones, to being uncertain about what we are doing the very best for our babies. I can only remember my own young-mother struggles, experiencing the very same challenges. We are on this journey of life together."

...the putting away the dishes and silverware, Lisa's parish had gifted her, Ashleigh felt a real contraction of labor. Panicked, she called Lisa. Ten minutes later, Lisa picked her up and they drove to the hospital. As the labor became more challenging, Ashleigh openly cried, "I can't do this! Don't leave me!" she said. Lisa squeezed Ashleigh's hand and

wiped at her tears. "I'm not going anywhere," she reassured. "And you CAN do this. You're going to do great!"

With Lisa's comforting presence, Ashleigh delivered a healthy 7 lb., 1oz. baby girl. She called her mother, who immediately came to see her daughter and new granddaughter, Mia. Ashleigh and her mother's slow healing process began that day.

Two years later, Ashleigh is working as a childcare assistant at a childcare center and is slowly saving for college. She hopes to become a teacher one day. Lisa meets with Ashleigh consistently and brings diapers. Most of their conversations now are around Mia's develop-

ment, Ashleigh's dreams and plans, and what she needs to do to move toward those goals. Lisa treasures her time spent with Ashleigh and Mia. "I believe we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus," she says. Being a PREPARES companion for Ashleigh and Mia allows me to answer the call."

If not for the volunteers, parishes, PREPARES teams, and donors, we could not bring this meaningful, life-changing support to the thousands of families we serve through PREPARES.

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By Father Riccardo



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