

St. Joseph Parish, Colbert

This Sunday, Nov 27

Tree of Sharing
 Christmas Card Sale
 8:30 am Mass
 9:30 am Carpenters' United in Sanctuary
 9:55 am Religious Ed Grades K-5
 11:00 am Mass
 5:00 pm Keep Christ in Christmas Event



Monday, Nov 28

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, Nov 29

8:00 am Daily Mass
 9:30 am Avalon Nursing Home Mass
 10:30 am Northpointe Nursing Home Mass
 7:00 pm Knights' Officers & Directors Meeting
 7:00 pm High School Apologetics

Wednesday, Nov 30

8:00 am Daily Mass
 10:00 am Quilt Charmers
 6:00 pm Mid-Week Mass
 6:30 pm RCIA / Symbolon
 7:00 pm Altius/Junior High Youth Group

Thursday, Dec 1

8:00 am Daily Mass
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, Dec 2

5:45 am First Friday Mass/BFF
 9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 9:30 am Share the Word
 6:30 pm Knights' Council Christmas Party



Saturday, Dec 3

Food Sunday
 Tree of Sharing
 Christmas Card Sale
 8:30 am Aerobics
 4:30 pm Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass
 6:30 pm Carpenters' United Wine & Cheese Social



Next Sunday, Dec 4

Food Sunday
 Christmas Card Sale
 Tree of Sharing
 8:30 am Mass
 9:30 am Youth Ministry Meeting
 9:30 am Carpenters' United Breakfast
 9:55 am Religious Ed Grades K-5
 11:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm High School Youth Group

Parish Reconciliation Service

On **Wednesday, December 14th** at 7:00 PM we will have a Parish Reconciliation Service in preparation for Christmas. Several priests of the diocese will be on hand to help Father Brian hear confessions.

November 26-27, 2016

Knights of Columbus



Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life to support your parish, give back to your community, and grow in your faith. Contact Grand Knight Mike Kerschen at 991-6633 for more information.

Tue, Nov 29 Officers & Directors Meeting at 7:00 PM
 Fri, Dec 2 Christmas Party at Kalispell Country Club
 Thur, Dec 15 First Degree Exemplification at 7:30 PM
 Thur, Dec 29 Officers & Directors Meeting at 7:00 PM

Keep Christ in Christmas Event

The Knights of Columbus and the Women's Guild will again be hosting the annual *Keep Christ in Christmas* event this Sunday, Nov 27th at 5:00 PM. The evening will begin with the lighting of the Christmas tree outside and the singing of Christmas carols. The Knights of Columbus will be making delicious soup for everyone. Each family is asked to bring **cookies** to share. Following dinner you will be able to make an Advent wreath to take home. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for each Advent wreath. This is a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent and to prepare for Christmas. Bring the whole family!!



Tree of Sharing

As you can see, the Tree of Sharing for Summit View is up in the lobby. This is an annual project of our Senior High Youth Group. Summit View is a Catholic Charities housing project. These low income families look forward to this service project all year. As a parish, we adopt the entire apartment building and provide Christmas gifts for everyone, as well as food baskets. Some tags are for items needed to host the party at Summit View. Please take a tag (or two) and help the teens of the parish put all these gifts together. Every tag represents one gift item. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this service project!! If you have questions, you may call Josh Haxton in the parish office at 466-4991 or Mary Bloom at 465-4540.



Catholic Charities Collection

Bishop Thomas Daly writes, "Catholic Charities is the Catholic way of proclaiming our fundamental belief that God has taken on our flesh and is recognizable and present in those who are the least in our midst... With Pope Francis we will say to the world that the poor are not invisible, nor forgotten. We must know them, accompany them, care for them, ease their way."

When you receive your Catholic Charities Christmas Collection mailing from the bishop's office, please prayerfully consider a generous gift to support the work of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Spokane. Thank you!

First Sunday of Advent

Women's Guild Circle Meetings

"Going in Circles"

Join the **Health and Fitness Circle** each Saturday morning at 8:30 AM for a fun and lively aerobic exercise session.

The **Book Circle** of the Women's Guild has chosen *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans for their next book. They will meet on Thursday, December 8th. There will be Mass at 6:00 PM for the Holy Day of Obligation, and the Book Circle will meet directly after Mass. Everyone is welcome!!

If you are interested in the Women's Guild, please contact either Sue Kerschen at 464-2984 or Denise Pilgeram at 238-6940.

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

The Craft and Hobby Circle of the Women's Guild will again be hosting a Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale December 10th and 11th. They are asking everyone to consider either baking some goodies or crafting something to be sold at the Bazaar. If you can help out please contact Kathy Kestell at 466-6110. Use your imagination and get those glue guns fired up!! A portion of the proceeds from the sale will be used to support the work of the Community Outreach Circle of the Women's Guild.



Save the Date

Women's Guild Christmas Party

The Fellowship and Hospitality Circles of the Women's Guild are busy planning yet another exciting Christmas Brunch for the women of the parish, as well as their family and friends. The brunch will be held on Sunday, December 11th following the 11:00 AM Mass. In addition to the delicious brunch, you will have the opportunity to shop at the Guild's Second Annual Christmas Bazaar and participate in an optional Cookie Exchange! More information, and some surprises, are coming soon! Tickets for this wonderful event go on sale next weekend, November 26th & 27th after all the Masses. Tickets are \$5 each and will also be available December 3rd and 4th. Mark your calendars NOW for this event. It is an afternoon with friends enjoying good food and some shopping. What could be better??



Country Crafts & Collectibles Sale

Purchase gifts, home décor, jewelry, accessories, Christmas ornaments, decorations, and baked goods. All items have been hand-made by the ladies of Country Church of the Open Bible. The sale will take place on Dec 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at Open Bible. Their church is located at 40015 N Collins Rd in Elk. Proceeds from the sale will go to local and international mission work.

Ministry Sign Up for Christmas Masses

There is a Ministry Sign Up sheet in the Sacristy for the Christmas Masses. If you are able to serve as Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher, or Altar Server at any of the Christmas liturgies, please sign up. Thank you!!

Youth Ministry

Alive Apologetics

Apologetics is the discipline of defending one's faith. This program is designed to develop, increase, and expand understanding and the living out of one's faith. We are working through the section on the Eucharist.

Altius—Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

For 6th–8th Graders: designed as a bridge from the RE K-5 program to the more diverse High School programs. Focusing on understanding the Mass and the sacraments, with a strong emphasis on hands-on projects. During November we are discussing the saints of the church.

High School Youth Group—Sundays at 7:00 PM.

For 9th–12th Graders: focuses on evangelization and proclaiming the salvation in Jesus Christ and our response in faith. We will continue our discussion on our relationship with Christ.

Summit View Christmas Party/Retreat

The Summit View Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, December 17th. This event will part of our High School Advent Retreat which runs from Friday evening, December 16th overnight and ending with the party at Summit View. Mark your calendars now for this event!



Blood Drive

On Sunday, December 11th the Inland Northwest Blood Center will again be in our area conducting a Blood Drive. Colbert Presbyterian, in conjunction with our own Knights of Columbus are sponsoring another Blood Drive at their church. The drive begins at 9:00 AM and will go until 11:45 AM. If you would like to donate blood and want to pre-register, make your appointment at www.inbcaves.org or by calling 800-423-0151. Being a blood donor is easy and a great way to contribute to our community. Remember, every pint of blood donated has the potential to save three lives!!

Gifts for New Hope Party

On Sunday, December 4th New Hope Resource Center will host their annual Christmas Party for their clients. This party gives clients the chance to celebrate together and to do a little Christmas "shopping" from a room full of gifts that have been donated. That's where you come in! There is a specific need for gifts for men, but they are looking for gifts for women and children as well. Gifts should be valued at about \$10. Gift wrap is also appreciated.



Thank you for your continued generosity to New Hope and their clients.

Parents' Night Out

The Religious Education program along with the Youth Group will again be hosting their annual Parents' Night Out on **Friday, December 9th**. This event gives parents the opportunity to get a little Christmas shopping done, or maybe just enjoy an evening without the kids!! Drop the kids at church anytime after 5:30 PM and they will have dinner, do some crafts, watch a movie, and enjoy having an evening off from their parents.

