

St. Joseph Parish, Colbert

This Sunday, Dec 4

Food Sunday
Tree of Sharing
Christmas Card Sale
 8:30 am Mass
 9:30 am Carpenters' United Breakfast
 9:55 am Religious Ed Grades K-5
 10:00 am Youth Ministry Meeting
 11:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm High School Youth Group



Monday, Dec 5

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
 7:00 pm High School Apologetics

Tuesday, Dec 6

8:00 am Daily Mass
 9:15 am Nursing Home Ministry



Wednesday, Dec 7

8:00 am Daily Mass
 10:00 am Quilt Charmers
 6:00 pm Mid-Week Mass
 6:30 pm RCIA / Symbolon
 7:00 pm Middle School Advent Retreat

Thursday, 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Mass for Holy Day of Obligation
 6:00 pm Mass for Holy Day of Obligation
 6:45 pm Book Circle

Friday, Dec 9

5:30 am Bacon, Faith & Fellowship
 9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Share the Word
 5:30 pm Parents' Night Out

Saturday, 10

Knights Informational after Mass
Tree of Sharing

8:30 am Aerobics
 10:00 am Craft & Hobby Retreat
 4:30 pm Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass
 6:30 pm Women's Guild Bazaar and Bake Sale



Next Sunday, Dec 11

Knights Informational after each Mass
Tree of Sharing
 8:30 am Mass
 9:00 am Blood Drive at Colbert Presbyterian
 9:30 am Carpenters' United in Sanctuary
 9:30 am Women's Guild Bazaar and Bake Sale
 9:55 am Religious Ed Grades K-5
 11:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Women's Guild Christmas Party / Bazaar
 7:00 pm Summit View Gift & Food Basket Assembly



December 3-4, 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.

Thur, Dec 15 First Degree Exemplification at 7:30 PM
 Thur, Dec 29 Officers & Directors Meeting at 7:00 PM

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.

Tree of Sharing

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. **Remember all items need to be returned to church no later than Sunday, Dec 11th.** 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.



Blood Drive

On Sunday, December 11th the Inland Northwest Blood Center will again be in our area. 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.inbcasaves.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!!

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!

Second Sunday of Advent

Women's Guild



The Women's Guild welcomes and includes ALL parish women, in its membership, and all women are invited to join in our social events, fundraising activities, outreach projects and Circle groups. Attending Women's Guild socials is a great way to meet other parish women and learn about all the Guild's activities.

- **Health and Fitness Circle** Sat mornings at 8:30 AM
Join us for aerobics!
- **Book Circle** Thursday, December 8th following 6 PM Mass
The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evans
- **Movie Circle** Tuesday, December 13th at 4:00 PM.
Check the website for more information.

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! Tickets are \$5 each and are available December 3rd and 4th. If you would like to participate in the OPTIONAL cookie exchange, bring 3 dozen of your favorite type of homemade Christmas cookies or bars. You will get 3 dozen cookies of a variety to take home with you. Mark your calendars NOW for this event. It is an afternoon with friends enjoying good food and some shopping.



Thank You!

Thank you to all the ladies who attended the retreat last weekend and so generously donated over a dozen rolls of wrapping paper and the money to buy tape. These items will be used to wrap gifts for clients at the annual New Hope Christmas party this weekend.

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. You can register your children for this event by visiting the Faith Formation page on the parish website.



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. Upcoming Meetings: **Mon, Dec 5th and Mon, Dec 12th at 7:00 PM.**

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. Mark your calendars now for the Christmas Party scheduled for **Wed, Dec 14th at 7:00 PM.**

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. Join us on **Sunday, Dec 11th at 7:00 PM** for the Summit View Gift and Food Basket Assembly party. It is a fun event and a wonderful thing to see the generosity of our parish family!

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 beginning at 7:00 PM and going overnight, ending with the party at Summit View. Delivering the gifts and food baskets and hosting the party at Summit View are highlights of the year. Don't miss it!



Middle School Advent Retreat

The Yes that Changed the World

All Middle School teens are invited to this year's Advent Retreat. This evening retreat will challenge us to open our hearts to God and to say "yes" to His plan for our lives. Using the example of Mary's "yes," the retreat will help us understand the mystery of human participation in the redemption of the world, and that we play a part in that redemption! This is a fantastic opportunity to enter more fully into the mystery of Advent and Christmas. See you there!



Wednesday, December 7th beginning with Mass at 6:00 PM
 Retreat concludes at 9:00 PM

Youth: Help Needed

We need a few volunteers to help with the Parents' Night Out on Friday, Dec 9th beginning at 5:30 PM. The younger kids of the parish will be here to have dinner, do some crafts, play games, and maybe watch a movie. Let Josh know if you can help out!

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!!