

# St. Joseph Parish, Colbert

## This Sunday, Dec 20- Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass  
 9:45 am Carpenters' United in Sanctuary & RE K-5  
 11:00 am Mass

## Monday, Dec 21

7:00 pm Scouts

## Tuesday, Dec 22

8:00 am Daily Mass  
 9:15 am Nursing Home Ministry  
 4:00 pm Men's Reflection

## Wednesday, Dec 23

8:00 am Daily Mass  
 10:00 am Quilt Charmers  
 10:00 am *Christ My Life Retreat*

## Thursday, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

*Parish office closed for holiday*

8:00 am Daily Mass  
 3:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
 5:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
 10:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

## Friday, Dec 25 - Christmas Day

*Parish office closed for holiday*

10:00 am Christmas Mass

## Saturday, Dec 26

8:30 am Aerobics  
 4:30 pm Reconciliation  
 5:30 pm Mass

## Next Sunday, Dec 27

8:30 am Mass  
 9:45 am Carpenters' United in Sanctuary  
 11:00 am Mass



## 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.*

Tue, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Thur, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Thur, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

Officers' & Directors' Mtg at 7:00 PM  
 Council Dinner Meeting at 6:30 PM  
 Fourth Degree Meeting at 7:00 PM

## New Tabernacle and Crucifix

It is with great joy that our new tabernacle and crucifix are in place and have been blessed and commissioned by Bishop Daly for use in our sanctuary. Since the sanctuary is now where the Most Blessed Sacrament resides, there are some things to keep in mind: The General Instructions of the Roman Missal states:

"A genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore it is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament, as well as for the Holy Cross from the solemn adoration during the liturgical celebration on Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. During Mass, three genuflections are made by the Priest Celebrant: namely, after the elevation of the host, after the elevation of the chalice, and before Communion. If, however, the tabernacle with the Most Blessed Sacrament is situated in the sanctuary, the Priest, the Deacon, and the other ministers genuflect when they approach the altar and when they depart from it, but not during the celebration of Mass itself. Otherwise, all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament genuflect, unless they are moving in procession. Ministers carrying the processional cross or candles bow their heads instead of genuflecting. A bow signifies reverence and honor. A bow of the head is made when the three Divine Persons are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated. A bow of the body, that is to say, a profound bow, is made to the altar; during the prayers *Munda cor meum* (cleanse my heart); and *in spiritu humilitatis* (with humble spirit); in the Creed at the words *et incarnatus est* (and by the Holy Spirit...and became man); in the Roman Canon at the *supplices te rogamus* (in humble prayer we ask you, almighty God). The same kind of bow is made by the Deacon when he asks for a blessing before the proclamation of the Gospel. In addition, the Priest bows slightly as he pronounces the words of the Lord at the Consecration."

*Bottom line: please genuflect when entering the sanctuary and when leaving. Be aware that if you are unable to genuflect, substitution with a reverent bow is completely acceptable.*

## Womens' Guild

Last weekend's Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale was a wonderful success. The Women's Guild raised \$1445 in support of the work of the Community Outreach Circle. That money will go a long way to help serve the under-privileged in our area. Thank you to everyone who crafted, baked, and purchased things at the sale.

Thanks, also to those who worked on the Christmas Luncheon. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by many!

## Women's Guild Circle Meetings "Going in Circles"

Join the **Book Circle** next month when they discuss *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. They will meet on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM. Everyone is welcome!

*If you are interested in the Women's Guild or any of the different Circles, please contact Patt Perlman at 464-1497.*

## No Mid-Week Masses

Please be aware that there will be no Mid-Week Masses on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> or Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Mid-Week Masses will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.



## Disciples of Jesus and Mary

We live in a world, which is becoming more like a global village; yet there are many who feel lonely and alienated. There is a growing hunger in the hearts of many who desire to be holy but do not know how to. The formation program for "Disciples of Jesus and Mary" is open to all. "The road to holiness is hard and very few find it"; these are the words of Jesus. We are convinced that you are among the few who desire to be holy.

The formation has three parts, Prayer, Discernment and Discipleship. You journey through these stages at your own pace and once formed you are then ready to serve your local Church where you are.

There will be much more information about this program in the coming weeks, so watch the bulletin and parish website.

Interested?? Please talk with Fr Brian!



## Disciples of Jesus and Mary



## New Hope Resource Center Thanks You

New Hope Resource Center wants to thank you for your generosity. You received a letter from the Social Justice Committee early in November asking for donations to be forwarded to New Hope to help with all the great social outreach work they do. To date we have collected \$7,700, which has been given to New Hope. Some of those funds will be given to families in the Riverside School District who need help during the Christmas break from school. Many of the children there rely on the meals they get at school, and with school being out of session they are left without. These funds will help with that need. Other funds will be used by New Hope to assist others in our area with specific needs during this time of year.

As always, thank you for your amazing generosity. May God bless you and your families during this holy time of year.

*"A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal."*

- Steve Maraboli

## Youth Ministry Corner

The Youth Ministry program here at St Joseph Parish welcomes any Middle School or High School student to join us for our group meetings. The Youth Group (High School) meets on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Altius (Middle School) meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.



ALTIVS

There will be no Youth Group or Altius meetings during Christmas Break. Enjoy your time off with family and friends and we will meet up again in 2016!!

*May the Lord bless you all and bring His most abundant blessings into your life during this holy season.*



## Christmas Retreat: Christ My Life

Wednesday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 AM to Noon

As we go into the Christmas season, let's take a moment to pause and reflect on what Christmas really means for us. The coming of the Son of God into the world should be reflected in our lives, we are called to be Christ for the world. **Middle and high school students, their families, and anyone else who is interested are invited** to join the Youth Ministry team for a morning of prayer and reflection on the meaning of Christmas in our lives.

This retreat offers a chance to learn, pray, discuss, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of the coming of Christ at Christmas. Please join us! Lunch will be served after the retreat.

*Everyone is welcome!!*



## Prayer for Vocations

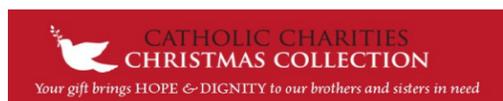
*O God, Father of all Mercies,  
 Provider of a bountiful harvest,  
 send Your Graces upon those  
 You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;  
 preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.*

*Open the hearts of Your children  
 that they may discern Your Holy Will;  
 inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves  
 to serving others in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life  
 guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.  
 Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
 all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers  
 and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## Catholic Charities Christmas 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, as our Holy Father is doing."



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!