

This Sunday, December 13

8:30 am Mass / CLW / Preschool
 9:40 am Religious Ed Grades 1- 6
 9:45 am Uganda Speaker
 11:00 am Mass / CLW / Preschool
Olive Wood Sale after Masses
 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group



Monday, December 14

7:30 am Mass
 6:30 pm Religious Ed. Meeting
 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 am Men's Reflection Group
 9:15 am Avalon Nursing Home and
 Northpointe Assisted Living Ministries
 7:00 pm Bridges

Wednesday, December 16

7:30 am Mass
 7:00 pm SJMJFII
 7:00 pm RCIA / RCIC
 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group



Thursday, December 17

5:30 pm Share the Food Dinner
 7:00 pm 10 Great Dates Facilitators' Training

Friday, December 18

9:30 am Mass
 10:00 am Women's Faith Sharing

Saturday, December 19

4:30 pm Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass

Next Sunday, December 20

8:30 am Mass / CLW / Preschool
 9:40 am Religious Education Grades 1-6
 11:00 am Mass / CLW / Preschool
 1:15 pm Senior High
 Summit View Christmas Party



Next Weekend's Liturgy

Scripture Readings

December 19th-20th Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a (12C)
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45



Finance Council Report

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INCOME

\$ 9,123.00 Envelopes
 \$ 621.00 Plate
 \$ 0.00 Other
 \$ 9,744.00 Total

Thank you!

The Finance Council's Year-to-date stewardship income budget is \$144,096.78. We have achieved to-date \$137,017.28 - a shortfall of \$7,079.50. We have 716 families registered in the parish.

Knights of Columbus

Officers Meeting - December 17th - 7:00 pm
 Business Meeting - January 7th - 7:00 pm
 4th Degree - January 7th (After Business Meeting)
 Officers Meeting - January 28th - 7:00 pm



Thank you to all who donated blood at the recent Blood Drive. St. Joseph parishioners gave a total of 11 pints of blood to the Inland Northwest Blood Bank.

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

Please support the 2009 Catholic Charities Christmas Collection. Donations may be placed in the collection at Masses, mailed to Catholic Charities at P.O. Box 2253, Spokane, WA 99210-2253, or made on line at www.catholiccharitiesspokane.org.

Thank you for contributing to *Providing Help, Creating Hope* for people in need.

2010 Parish Directory

We're preparing the new 2010 Directory so please let us know if you have changed your address or phone number, had a baby, or if you have adult children that don't wish to be listed anymore.

Also, we frequently get calls from parishioners looking for referrals to parishioner businesses or services. If you have a business or service that you would like listed in the back of the directory, please pick up and fill out one of the forms available in the lobby with your business or service information and return it to the office - **this will be free of charge**. We hope to have all of our parishioner businesses and services listed in the upcoming directory.

Looking Ahead

Jan 12th "Ten Great Dates" Begins
 Feb 13th - 17th Parish Mission
 Feb 23rd Little Rock Bible Study Begins

Adult Education

10 GREAT DATES
 TO ENERGIZE YOUR MARRIAGE

Take advantage of this **free** opportunity to put the sizzle back in your marriage and reclaim some spark and connection!

All couples can benefit from this program...newlyweds, empty-nesters, and especially parents!

In just five weeks, couples will discover how to experience marital growth, to develop their own marital coping system, to balance busy lifestyles, to develop spiritual intimacy and even how to use anger and conflict in a creative way to actually build their marriage partnership!

Registration deadline is Sunday, December 20th. Signup is available in the lobby. **Babysitting is available!**

Dates begin: Tuesday, January 12th 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Dates finish: Tuesday, February 9th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Take advantage of this opportunity to discover just how much fun your relationship can be!

Rejoice and Sing!

The Mead High School Choral Music Department will present its holiday performance, "Rejoice and Sing" on Thursday, December 17th at Mead High School, beginning at 7:00 p.m. **The event is free to the public!**

The performance features the award-winning Mead Concert Choir and the Mead Panther Girls Chorus, accompanied by student musicians, and assisting professional musicians from the region.

The choirs will be singing a range of literature, from various historical and cultural perspectives.

Tree of Sharing

Thank you to all who are participating in the Tree of Sharing project for the residents of Summit View Apartments. Once again the people of St. Joseph have opened their hearts and very generously supported this endeavor. When you purchase the requested gift, please wrap it, attach the paper ornaments and place it back under the tree in the lobby. It is very important that we know for whom each gift is intended. Please return all gifts by the 11:00 am Mass, Sunday, Dec. 13th. With everyone's help this will truly be a St. Joseph Tree of Love. Call Angela Johnstone at 467-0281 for more information.



Teens "Stay Tuned...!"



Both Jr. High and Sr. High are invited to sing during the Christmas Eve Mass which is at 8 pm, Thursday, December 24th. We will gather at 7:15 to warm up and will start singing at 7:30, as people arrive for Mass. Please let Lauren know so she can put you on the list! There will be a practice at some point...so stay tuned...!
Jr. High

Wed, Dec. 16th – Christmas Party (please bring a treat to share), Also please bring a \$5 wrapped gift for our "white elephant" gift exchange! A white-elephant gift is a gag gift, wrapped nicely. We choose and steal gifts from each other until everyone has one! Fun!!! Party!!! Yeah!!!
No Youth Group on December 23rd or 30th. See you on January 6th!!! Have fun and be safe in the mean time!!! Make good choices!!!

Sr. High
 Please sign up for the Summit View Service Project!!! Permission slips due by Dec 16th!!!

Sun, Dec. 13th – Christmas Party!!! Please bring a yummy treat to share and a \$5 wrapped gift for our "white elephant" gift exchange!!! Can't wait...but alas we have to...it's Advent after all!!!

Sun, Dec. 20th – Summit View Service Project...1:15 to 3:15pm...sign up sheets and permission slips at the meeting on the 13th and in the office!!! **Parents: We need drivers to transport kids, supplies, etc. to Summit View after the 11:00 Mass. Don't forget a snack to share with residents!**

No Youth Group on December 27th or January 3rd. Next meeting will be on Sunday January 10th!!!! Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday!!! Remember the three C's.....keep it Clean, Cool and in Christ!!!

It's Almost Time to Decorate the Church!

It's nearly time to Deck the Halls! Please take some time on Sunday, Dec 20th after the 11:00 am Mass to help prepare the Church for the upcoming Christmas holiday. Remember, many hands make light work! **We could especially use some strong muscles to handle the heavier decorations.** Sign up in the lobby! Thank you!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
 4:00 pm 8:00 pm Midnight
 Christmas Day
 10:00 am

