



SACRED HEART PARISH

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2015

Thanksgiving Mass

Our parish will be celebrating the feast of Thanksgiving with a special Mass on **Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, at 7:00 pm.**

Please bring the bread and wine you plan to serve at your family table to Mass so that it can be blessed.



Now Playing: Father Kevin's Liturgy Workshop Videos!

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and parishioners are invited to watch the newly produced videos of Father Kevin's Liturgy

Workshop on our Sacred Heart **YouTube** channel.

Father Kevin offers a wide-ranging introduction into the bits and pieces of the Mass and how they come together in one great prayer of the Church. He follows by presenting an explanation of the minor changes in our manner of celebrating Mass here at Sacred Heart along with a walk-through of the changes. *All EM's and Lectors who missed the workshop itself are asked to take the time to view the videos as soon as possible.*

You can access the videos from the *Home* page of our website, shparishspokane.org.

Mass Intentions This Week

- SAT, Nov 21- 5:00 p.m.** People of the Parish
- SUN, Nov 22- 10:00 a.m.** +Joseph E Keogh by Darryl Stephens
- WEEKDAY MASSES—7:30 A.M.**
- TUES, Nov 24** +Barbara Holsinger by Pete & Nancy Kleweno
- WEDS, Nov 25** **7:00 P.M. THANKSGIVING EVE MASS**
- THUR, Nov 26** No Mass
- FRI, Nov 27** No Mass

Is there illness or special needs in your family? Our community prayer chain looks forward to praying for you. Send your request to Judy Felgenhauer, jfelgen@comcast.net.

Attention All Parish Volunteers:

As many of you know, the diocese has been working hard to get volunteers trained in sexual abuse awareness and prevention and to convert our records to the new **VirtusOnline** system. If you have previously been trained in sexual abuse awareness and prevention and your initial training was over a year ago, you should have recently received an email from **VirtusOnline** asking you to update your training by reading a passage and answering some questions online. If you DID NOT receive this email, we need to either update your account (we may not have your email on file) or you may need to attend an in-person training. If we need to update your account or if you are not sure if you need additional training, please contact Paul Macias at pmacias@dioceseofspokane.org or (509)251-5818 and we will get you all caught up.



Adult Faith Sharing Group

We meet every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the downstairs classroom at the north end of the Parish Center.



Our Parish Sacrificial Offerings This Week:

Envelope & Plate Offering: \$ 5,348.00

Outreach: \$ 165.00

Children: \$ 23.03



In order to meet our 2015-16 budget, an average weekly collection of \$5,713.00 is needed. Thank you so much!

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

NEW TO SACRED HEART PARISH? WELCOME! We look forward to getting to know you!

Please return this form to the parish office or e-mail the information to: shparish@qwestoffice.net.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

TRANSITION TIME

Lynn Leonard has retired as Coordinator of Lectors. During Lynn's time on the Liturgy Committee, she showed remarkable initiative and was always willing to take on new tasks. In addition to her work with lectors, she coordinated the incense ministry and the Good Friday Gospel presentation by the high school students.



Ron Eberley is replacing Lynn on the Liturgy Committee. Ron has an MA in Pastoral Ministry and worked professionally in ministry in Seattle for several years. Ron and his wife, Jan, coordinated RCIA for several years here at Sacred Heart. Thank you, Lynn! Welcome, Ron!

Advent Fast for Peace

Our parish contemplative prayer group invites you to join them in fasting on each Friday of Advent for peace in our world during this time of heightened concern over terrorism and the on-going wars in the Middle East. You may choose the kind of fast that best suits your health, age, and spiritual situation. For more information, contact Jan Eberley.



NATIVITY FAIR at ST. CHARLES PARISH NOVEMBER 27-29



See Father Tom Connolly's more than 1,000 Nativity scenes: old and new, large and miniature, traditional sets, tapestries & more, all artfully displayed in the St. Charles Parish Hall, 4515 North Alberta Street.

Friday, 1 p.m.—6 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Gonzaga Prep is accepting 8th grade applications for the 2015-16 school year!

All 8th grade applicants must attend the Placement Exam either Friday, Dec 4th from 5:00 – 8:30pm or Saturday, Dec 5th from 9:00 – 12:30pm. Application deadline is Dec 5th. For more information regarding the admission process and the Placement Exam, call the admissions office at 483-8512 or contact Corrina O'Brien Kelsey, Admission Director at ckelsey@gprep.com.



Southside Catholic Youth Ministry

Join us for upcoming events!

All events will take place in the Youth Room at St. Augustine's Parish building unless otherwise noted.

November 22—Laser Quest with Saint Peter's
NO REGULAR YOUTH GROUP

November 29—Thanksgiving NO YOUTH GROUP

December 6—Junior High Night 7:00-8:15 PM

December 13—Senior High Night 7:00-8:15 PM

December 19-- Christmas Bureau, 9:00-12:00 or 12:00-3:00 (or both!)
RSVP to Paul by December 12

December 20 —Christmas Break NO YOUTH GROUP

For more information, please contact **Paul Macias** at pmacias@dioceseofspokane.org or 509-251-5818

A Word from Father...



Dear Friends,

Be prepared: **Black Friday** is coming!

Everyone knows that "Black Friday" has nothing to do with some kind of apocalyptic end-time prophecy, nor even to any earth-shaking event in our present times. The "Black Friday" we are being called to prepare for is nothing less than the biggest shopping day of the year, the day when many retailers finally sell enough stuff to get out of the red and into "the black" financially. Of course, it is also the day of the biggest sales with the best prices of the year, or so we are assured by retailers everywhere.

I like shopping and I have a lot of respect for salespeople (my dad was a salesman for much of his life) so I don't want to complain too loudly about the commercialization of Thanksgiving or even worse, Christmas. But what I do think merits some reflection is whether the *meaning* of these feasts might be in danger of loss with all the hubbub surrounding Black Friday and later on, big Christmas sales. My concern arises from the creeping incursion of the sales into the very heart of the feast; what used to be "Black Friday", meaning stores opened their doors very early on Friday morning, and sometimes even right at midnight for bargain hungry shoppers, now they are even opening their doors when we are supposed to be still gathered around the family table with a massive turkey and all the trimmings bonding us together in gratitude. At what point is Thanksgiving *gratitude* replaced by holiday *greed*? I don't know, but I think it is worth keeping guard at least over our own hearts so that we don't slip over that grim line.

I am happy that some stores are helping us in this regard. REI, for example, will be closed not only on Thanksgiving, but also on Friday, telling its customers to just go outdoors for the day. That helps, but of course, the real responsibility for guarding the spiritual quality of our feasts is up to each of us. Keeping the "thanks" in Thanksgiving, and much more, the "Christ" in Christmas, is our responsibility. One friend of mine makes a point of saying a prayer each time she buys a gift for the intended recipient of the gift. I know of families who do not allow their children anywhere near a mall throughout Thanksgiving Day and through the next morning. Thanksgiving is for family, they tell their kids, period.

We've got a week to prepare for **Black Friday**, which for most of us means, we have a week to brace ourselves against the temptation to put *bargains* ahead of *thanks*.

May each of you have a warm, lovely, and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving! May all of us remember to remember the good God who gave us all!

Fr. Kevin