

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday	December	22	8:15 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	December	23		No Communion Service
Wednesday	December	24	5:00 pm 10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday	December	25	10:30 am	Christmas Day Mass
Friday	December	26		No Communion Service/Mass
Saturday	December	27	5:00 pm	Mass
Sunday	December	28	8:30 pm 10:30 pm	Mass Mass

Parish Stewardship - FY 2014

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 Total Collection Budget - \$832,192

	Actual	Budget	Variance
November	\$69,220	\$70,958	(\$1,738)
YTD	\$287,077	\$295,373	(\$8,296)

** Amounts include total collections from ALL Masses **

Comparison: November 2013 collections were \$73,672



THE PARISH OFFICES WILL CLOSE FOR THE HOLIDAY DECEMBER 24 at Noon, WILL NOT RE-OPEN UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 AT 9:00 a.m.

Messages will still be checked, but we want our hard-working staff to have some quality time to celebrate Christmas with their families and friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK in your prayers: Welles Wiley, Bud Lowe, Barbara Sauntry, Adam Heim, Henry Streuli, Rose Buckingham, Jim Plorde, Pat Fitzgerald, Jamie Gibson, Capt. Earl Vanderwalker, Jane Johnston, Lorraine Samuelson, Brenda Kalberer, Gale Arena, Dom Finocchio, Collette & David Swan, Larry Donohue, Cecilia Izzo, Arlene Driscoll, June Butler, Helena Schoonen, and the children at Seattle Children's Hospital.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

8:45 am - 10:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
 1:30 - 2:30 pm - Advent Faith Sharing
 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Advent Faith Sharing
 7:00 pm - Catholic Inquiry Class for Adults
 7:00 pm - Welcome Committee Mtg.

Tuesday

3:30 pm - Catholic Inquiry Class for Children

Wednesday

5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Mass
 10:00 pm - Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday

10:30 am - Christmas Mass

Saturday/Sunday

Baptisms

FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE

Stewardship Renewal Update

\$638,209 (76% of budget)
 305 families (42% of parish)

THANK YOU to everyone who has returned a pledge card. We need YOU to help us reach our goal of \$832,000. Please take time this week to prayerfully consider what you can give back to God and to this parish we call home. Your pledge helps us to budget for the upcoming year, to offer faith formation programming, care for our facilities, pay our staff, and reach out to the needy.

Please return your pledge card today!



Spending Time with the Lord

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bridget's continues each Monday from 8:45 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Prayer materials are available to enrich your time with the Blessed Sacrament. Come by for a Holy Hour or a few minutes of prayer. Please contact Judy Curran 206-999-5399.



A very Merry Christmas and blessed 2015 wishes from all of us at Assumption-St. Bridget School!

We are so very blessed at the school to benefit from the support of our two wonderful parish families! The first half of our academic year has been very successful as our students continue to grow, learn and discover both in and out of the classroom. We are continuing to prepare for the addition of our PreKindergarten program for the 2015-2016 academic year, and welcome all of you to come to our PreK open house on Sunday, February 22nd in St. Benedict's Hall of Assumption Parish immediately following the 10:30 mass. All are invited to come see the space, learn of the program, and meet our new teacher, Ms. Alina Misra. ASB will host another PreK open house during the school day on Thursday, February 26th from 9:30-10:30. We continue to accept applications in ALL grade levels PreK-8, for those interested in a dynamic, rigorous, and rewarding Catholic education. ASB continues to benefit from the support of our sister parishes, and for that we are extremely grateful! Please keep all of our students and families in your prayers, as we work to teach and live out the lessons of our teacher and savior, Christ Jesus.

Christina Vierra McGill

Principal, Assumption-St. Bridget Catholic School



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30 a.m.
(Children's Choir Will Be Singing)



St. Bridget's Book of Prayer is in the alcove near the chapel. We encourage you to list your prayer intentions in the book. They will be remembered at all our Masses.



GIVING TREE - MANY THANKS

To all those parish families who helped make this year's Giving Tree so successful, THANK YOU. The people at St. Francis House, the street kids served at the Orion Center, and the families at the Sacred Heart Shelter were very appreciative.



KNIGHTS NOTES

St. Bridget Knights of Columbus Council want to thank you. Our Pancake Breakfast exceeded our expectations! Thanks to all the parishioners who generously supported our efforts for the school in Father Okumu's village. **THANK YOU!**

~Save the Date~

Cabrini Ministry

HAVE A HEART ANNUAL - AUCTION DINNER

"Reflections"

Saturday, January 31st, 2015 - 6:30pm
Holy Family Parish - Kirkland

Namitembo Family Reunion Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 - 6:30 pm

Please join us for the first Namitembo Family Reunion for everyone who has ever been to Namitembo, would like to go, or is supportive of our sister parish in Malawi. (This is NOT a fundraiser.) It is a time to gather, hear stories, and enjoy each other's company.

Bring an item you have brought back from Namitembo, a story of an experience, or an idea to share with your table group.

Please RSVP

Mary Jo Gasparich 206- 522-7644 or
Sherry Atterbury 206-528-1230

OFFERTORY GIFT PRESENTERS

The Liturgy Planning Committee members invite parishioners to take up the Offertory Gifts during the Masses. If you wish to take up the Gifts for a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) or special remembrance/in memory of...please contact Sr. Patti Wasson (206)300-7256 (plwssn@msn.com)

Sponsored by the

The Knights of Columbus of St. Bridget
EPIPHANY CLOTHING DRIVE

To benefit **YouthCare**

Help keep our youth warm and dry!

Each night in Seattle, 700-1000 young people have no safe place to sleep. St Bridget's Knights of Columbus is hosting a Clothing Drive to help these youth with much needed clothing.

WE NEED:

Warm winter coats, blankets and sleeping bags, new socks and underwear, hats, gloves and scarves, and hand warmers.

Please drop off Donations at St. Bridget's in the Parish Hall or Vestibule: Saturday, January 3rd 4:30-5:00 pm and 6:00-6:30 pm after Mass and/or Sunday, January 4th 9:30-10:30 am and 11:30-1:00 pm after Mass. Contacts - Bertrand de Boutray at bdebout@msn.com or (206)769 0886; Tony Lovrovich at lov.ortho@gmail.com or (206) 605-8881.



Our BABY CORNER/WEST SIDE BABY for needy infants (located in the alcove between the church and the parish hall) appreciates your donations. Our most needed items are: **diapers, pull-ups, portable cribs, strollers, highchairs, baby blankets, hygiene items, wipes, clothing - infant up to size 12, car seats (less than 6 years old) and infant board books.** Make sure all clothing and equipment is clean and in good working order. Please do not donate items that have been recalled, banned, or do not meet current safety standards. Questions? Call the Baby Corner at 206-726-1435.



Sponsor A Student in Namitembo

Christmas is a great time to think of others, especially those in need. \$350.00 will put a student thru one year of bricklaying, carpentry/joinery, tailoring or computers.

Can you help with part or all of a gift?

Checks can be made to Namitembo Student Fund.

Thank you for your generosity!

Contact Anne Gehrig or Deacon Denny Duffell for questions.

St. Bridget Social Justice Committee presents ongoing dialogue for justice...

The message of Jesus emphasizes that we must be our brother's keeper and help those who are less fortunate. This essential message that - all of us should participate in helping others - resonates with our younger parishioners. Phoebe Ewing, Holy Names Academy Class of 2017, speaks of how this matters in her life:

"Last year, I went on a service trip to New Orleans. The organization I went with is called Shirts Across America (SAA). We were rebuilding houses from Hurricane Katrina, and sadly the city has not yet recovered completely. I didn't go to fulfill service hours or to get away from normal life. I didn't even go because friends were going or because people would think highly of me if I did. I went because I felt it was something I had to do.

Ultimately, I think we are all called to service, because if we can just impact one person's life in a positive way, we can make this place we call our world a little better. It is God's plan for us to step into another's life so that, in turn, someone will step into our life when we need them most. What goes around comes around. Service is not something we do to feel good, but it is for God's plan, which is for all of us."

We invite you to take some time this weekend thinking about how you can give your own heart a chance to be changed and transformed through action. One way might be to serve as host for the winter shelter in February. We are still in need of a few people to fill this important role. Please see the bulletin board in the hall for information.



YOUTH NEWS



- **Youth Rock (HS) – YROCK** is a Eucharist-centered youth group for high school teens. Meetings will be on every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 6-8 pm in the Social Hall. **All Sr. high youth are encouraged to participate in the second Sunday meal program, please contact Sheila Cooper for more information: Sheila Cooper info@signupgenius.com.** The next service night will be on 1/25/15. Happy New Year!
- **JRock (JrHigh)** – We are back and if you haven't been to our latest events it's not too late to be a part of the fun. We encourage everyone in Jr. High to come by and live their faith out loud. All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are welcome! Join us in the Parish Hall and experience a friendly and energizing group. See you next year on 1/08/15! Merry Christmas!
- **Movie Night 2/21/15 -7pm-9:30 pm** - You never know what we are going to show, just be there for the fun. Open to all Jr. and Sr. High Students. Have a movie you want to suggest? Send us your idea.
- **Youth Mass – On Jan. 4th.** If you haven't tried this Mass yet please come and enjoy the good music and uplifting atmosphere. This Mass is for everyone! Join us every first Sunday of the month at 6 pm and stay for food and fellowship. We are always looking for choir members as well, come an hour early and pray twice.
- **Adult Volunteers Needed!** Please consider spending time with our youth and walking with them on their faith journey. Just Say Yes!!!! Contact Kelly Orozco if you have any questions about the youth program. Call 206-523-8730 or youthassistant@stbridgetchurch.org

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus," because he will save his people from their sins." Matt 1:21

