

St. Joseph Parish, Colbert

This Sunday, June 12

Bridges Collection
 8:30 am Mass (Kathleen Green)
 9:30 am Blood Drive
 11:00 am Mass (Bridget Brockmeyer)
 4:00 pm Court of Honor

Monday, June 13

1:00 pm Women's Guild Board of Directors Meeting
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 14

8:00 am Daily Mass (Bill Akers)
 9:30 am Nursing Home Ministry

Wednesday, June 15

8:00 am Daily Mass (Diana Tutt & Family)
 10:00 am Quilt Charmers

Thursday, June 16

8:00 am Daily Mass (†Leo Miller)
 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, June 17

9:00 am Daily Mass (Kathryn Behter)
 9:30 am Share the Word

Saturday, June 18

Bridges Collection
 8:30 am Aerobics
 4:30 pm Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass (Diana Tutt & Family)

Next Sunday, June 19

Bridges Collection
 8:30 am Mass
 9:30 am Father's Day Breakfast
 11:00 am Mass

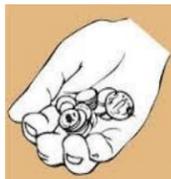
Blood Drive

This Sunday, June 12th the Inland Northwest Blood Center will be on site for a blood drive. They will start collection at 9:30 AM and go until noon. If you would like to give blood on that day, please contact INBC at inbc.saves.org to make your appointment. Of course, walk-in clients are always welcome.



Guatemala Change Cups

The Social Justice Ministry will be collecting the change cups that you were so gracious to take home and fill with your spare change. The monies raised will be used to fund the various programs that we support in Guatemala. These programs include the Religious Education program, the Youth Group, health clinics and scholarships. Thank you for your ongoing support!



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.

Sat, July 9
 Thur, July 14

Gregory Morrow Fundraiser Pig Roast at 6:00 PM
 Officer Installation at Wandermere at 6:30 M

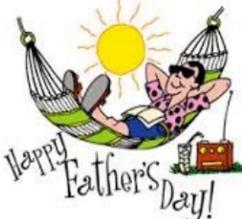
Guatemala Book Sale

The Social Justice Committee is collecting books for their semi-annual Book Sale that will be held the last weekend of June. The sale will run 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 24th-26th. In addition to the book sale, the Committee will be accepting donations of toiletries for the Catholic Charities *Bridges* program. This program assists people who are recovering from substance abuse with employment and housing. There will also be Guatemalan textiles available for purchase. There will also be bottles of *Deer Out* available for purchase (another fundraiser). Truly one stop shopping!!



Father's Day Brunch

The Fellowship and Hospitality Circles of the Women's Guild extend an invitation to all the fathers of our parish and their families to a special Father's Day breakfast next Sunday, June 19th. The breakfast will be served following the 8:30 AM Mass. On the menu we have spiral ham, scrambled eggs and sausage, red potatoes, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, orange Julius, coffee, and tea. See you there!!



Military Recognition Board

Each summer the office staff tries to get the physical plant spruced up in some way. One of the projects on the list this summer is to re-do the Military Recognition Board that is in the lobby of the church. If you have anyone in your family who is currently serving in the military, please bring us a picture and a brief description of where they are and what they are doing. This is a wonderful way for all of us to remember their service, and to pray for their safety.



Bridges Collection

The members of the Community Outreach Circle of the Women's Guild will once again be collecting items for Bridges, a program of Catholic Charities that assist clients who experience chronic homelessness in stabilizing their lives. The Community Outreach Circle will be collecting toiletries over the next two weekends, June 11th-12th and June 18th-19th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Women's Guild Circle Meetings "Going in Circles"

The members of the **Community Outreach Circle** will meet on Monday, June 20th at 7:00 PM. If you are a member of this Circle please plan to attend.

If you are interested in the Women's Guild, please contact either Sue Kerschen at 464-2984 or Denise Pilgeram at 238-6940.

Biking with the Bishop

Mark your calendars now for this great event! On Sunday, August 28th youth in our diocese have been invited by Bishop Thomas Daly to go for a 5-mile bike ride on the Centennial Trail. If you are in Grades 6-12, you are invited!! Following the ride Bishop Daly will host a BBQ at Mission Park. Registration is required before August 19th. Contact Kristi at ksicilia@dioceseofspokane.org to register or for more information.

Youth Group Corner

My friends in Christ,

Greetings and blessings in Christ our Lord! I wanted to take some time and let you, my parish family, know a little about the events that transpired this past month of May. Some of you may already know that in 2012 I was diagnosed with end-stage kidney failure. For the past year I have been on dialysis. I am able to do my treatments at home, at night while I sleep. This allows me to work full-time and, for the most part, lead a normal life. Unfortunately, from time to time, my medical condition causes complications. This past May has been one of those times.

Over the course of the month of May, I was hospitalized a number of times, mostly for an upper GI bleed which was treated by a number of blood transfusions and other medications. During one of my hospitalizations they discovered a possibly cancerous tissue in my lower esophagus called Barrett's esophagus. They sent off a sample for testing and it came back positive for cancer. Besides having cancer, which in itself is serious, having cancer disqualifies me from receiving a kidney transplant, something I have been working towards for more than a year now.

That being said, thanks be to God they found it when they did! The type of cancer I have is typically not found until it has metastasized, by which time it is too late to treat effectively, and the survival rate is very low, around thirty percent. However, because they found it early, my young age, and relative good health, I have options for treatment. The current best option is a procedure where they go in and remove the lower, cancerous, part of my esophagus and then stretch my stomach up and attach it to the upper part of my esophagus. This will mean a permanent change in my eating habits, similar to those who get gastric bypass surgery: many small meals throughout the day, but this will hopefully render me cancer free and thus eligible again for a kidney transplant. When this operation will happen is still not planned, there are some other things that need to be taken care of first.

I don't want any of you to worry, I am not in any pain, and am quite optimistic about the treatment, thanks be to God. I am grateful to God for keeping me positive during all of this. Truly, if we look for him, he is always present in the midst of our suffering. He never, ever, leaves us alone in our trails. I have missed being around you, though, especially the youth of the parish. It is unfortunate that my hospitalization occurred during the end of the school year, which meant that I was unable to attend any of the end of the year activities we had planned. Now that I am back in the office and feeling more myself, I am excited to get started on our plans for the summer. We may have to push back some of the planned activities since I have to play catch up a bit, but we'll get our summer programs rolling, I promise.

Thank you to Deacon Joe for helping with the youth programs while I was out of commission. Thank you to those of you who visited me in the hospital, especially Natalie Schroeder and Father Brian; it is always wonderful to have people stop by with their well-wishes and encouragement. Finally, thank you all for your prayers and please keep them coming. I will continue to pray for you all.

In Christ,

*Josh H
 Director of Youth Ministry, St. Joseph Parish, Colbert.*

Ever Thought About Becoming a Priest or a Sister? VOCARE 2016

Vocare is Latin for "to call" and is an opportunity for girls from 9th-12th grade to meet Women Religious from various communities in order to "experience their life and pray together." Participants are invited to spend three nights at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, and from there to various ministry sites. The retreat takes place Monday, June 20th through Thursday, June 23rd. Cost is \$50 per person. Pamphlets are available on the Youth Ministry bulletin board in the lobby.



Quo Vadis Days 2016

At the Diocese of Spokane's 9th Annual Quo Vadis Days young men Grades 9-12 will have the chance to ask questions about where their life is headed and if God may possibly be calling them to a vocation to the priesthood. The retreat takes place at Pinelaw Camp in Deer Park beginning Monday, June 20th and ending on Thursday, June 23rd.

