To the families of our wonderful community at St. Ann’s Parish, my kids and I would like to mark the one year anniversary of St. Ann’s Preschool. Columbus invite you to join us for caroling, the blessing and distribution of gifts, and a special Mass on December 14th.

Each gift is then put in a separate envelope. The St. Ann’s and St. James Knights of Columbus next Thursday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter room. Each gift is then put in a separate envelope for pickup at both entrances of the Church.

On Saturday, December 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in St. Joachim room. Reception to follow in the Parish Centre.

One Body in Christ Prayer Meeting: Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

Hispanic Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. The celebration of the Mass will be followed by a special reception in the Parish Centre.

Pancake Breakfast will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus next Sunday, December 10th after the 8 & 10 am Masses.

Review of the Basics of the Catholic Faith / Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family member and would like to learn more about joining the faith and sharing in the full sacramental life of the Church or are you a faithful Catholic already and want a review of the basics of what it means to be Catholic? We will use the SYMBOLON – THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED - a series to be used as the basis of small group discussions. To sign up contact adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca for Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Choir: Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord at the 10am Masses through Advent and the Christmas Season. Joanne and the choir will be practicing on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm, just before the 7:00pm Mass. You are personally invited and encouraged to join us in song. There’s a place for you in the choir...and also a pew.

Endow Women’s Group Childcare Help Needed: We are looking for someone who can join their childcare team for their next study. If there are any women who enjoy working with young children, who might be able to volunteer their time for 2-4 hours a month (9:30-11:30 am every second Wednesday), from February to the end of May, please contact Eileen (778-808-5748). Thank you.

Hope for Women Pregnancy Services in Abbotsford, BC’s fastest growing Crisis Pregnancy Centre, is in need of Volunteer Peer Counsellors! We will be offering training in the new year. All necessary certification and training are provided for volunteers who qualify and can commit for a period of 1 year for 4 hours every 2 weeks. For a volunteer package please email laurie@hopeforwomen.ca or call 604-853-0303.

Mass Intentions for Dec. 4th to Dec 10th, 2017

Monday
8:00am Irene Kubas, int.
Tuesday
7:00pm Patrice Saint, rip.
Wednesday
8:00am Ken Dale, rip.
Thursday
8:00am Irene Walls, int.
Friday
8:00am Maurice Beller, rip.
Saturday
9:00am Lisa Stout, int.
5:00pm Muriel Doran, rip.
Sunday
8:00am Intentions for the Parish
10:00am Mikszan Family int.
Noon Dusan & Olga Jamarik, rip.

Junior Youth (Gr. 5-7)
Dec 9 – Wake Up! Jesus is Coming! – 6:8 pm
Jesus uses aparable of a man leaving his servants in charge as he goes to a far away country and then returns unexpectedly. He uses thisparable to deliver a wake-up call to his disciples. Likewise we must remain on guard because our Master may return at any time.

LifeTeen (Gr. 8-12)
Dec 16 – LifeTeen Christmas Party – 6:45 pm
Join us as we celebrate the coming of Jesus in the season of Christmas! There will be games, food, and lots of fun! We will be playing Catholic Double Dare which combines trivia questions with fun (and potentially mean challenges in the style of popular 90’s game shows, like “Uh Oh” or “Double Dare.” It is going to be an exciting game and we know you will have an amazing time! Bring comfortable clothes to change into after the 5pm Mass.

Wanted: Youth Choir Members
Our youth choir which plays at the 5pm Saturday Youth Mass is looking for members, especially singers! If you or anyone you know would like to join, please contact Kirsten at youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca. We meet for practice at 4pm on Saturday and have started weekday practices for Christmas and New Years, contact Kirsten for more information.

Sweeney Family Singers present: “What Sweeter Music”
Monday, December 18th, 7:30 pm at St. James Church. Admission by Donation. Proceeds to benefit “Food for the Hungry” (Riccanada)