President’s Message

HoHoHo!
This month we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. While we are all so busy preparing for the Christmas holiday, I pray we do not lose the meaning of what Christmas is really about. During this holiday season, please take time out for yourself, family, friends, loved ones and those who are in need. This is a magical time of year. The little things and words make a huge difference in each other’s life.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Many Blessings,
Debi Murata

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS --- Mark Your Calendars!

Jan 19
Board Meeting 6:30pm Church Hall
General Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall
Speaker Chuck Guaralia from the Fremont Fire Department, speaking on PEP, emergency preparedness

Feb 16
Board Meeting 6:30pm Church Hall
General Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall
Speaker Sherri Plaza from S.A.V.E (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments)

You are invited to check out our WOSJ web page which shows the current board:

Coming Events

Emergency Preparedness with Chuck Guaralia  Jan.19th
Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments  Feb. 16th
Holiday Shop Night Nov. 17th 6 to 9 pm Church Hall

Thank you to all who supported our WOSJ shop night. We had a fun night of shopping that included 31 vendors! Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!
Laura Dauzat

Christmas Tea Dec. 6th
The WOSJ’s annual Christmas Tea was held hosted again this year on December 6th at the beautiful home of Barbara Aylward. Tea, delicious treats and most importantly, friendship were shared by all who attended. Though attendance was light, a generous $500.00 in donations was collected for St. Joseph's St. Vincent de Paul! Many thanks to all those who contributed.

Happy Birthday to those born in December!

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Advent: Waiting in Joyful Hope

Sometimes it seems as though we spend our lives waiting. Daydreaming about an upcoming vacation, worrying over a medical test, preparing for the birth of grandchild—our days are filled with anticipation and anxiety over what the future holds.

As Catholic Christians, we too spend our lives waiting. But we are waiting for something much bigger than a trip, bigger even than retirement or a wedding: We are waiting for the return of Jesus in glory. Advent heightens this sense of waiting, because it marks not only our anticipation of Jesus’ final coming, but also our remembrance of his arrival into our world more than 2,000 years ago.

Overwhelmed by the demands of the season, we can wait for Jesus in a state of anxiety, or cynicism, or harried indifference toward the miracle that is upon us. Or we can take our cue from the prayer we hear every Sunday and “wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.” Welcoming Jesus into our homes and our hearts, full of hope and joy, prepares us to properly celebrate Jesus’ birth and anticipate his return.

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