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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am—4:30 pm **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00—5:00 pm or by appointment

WORSHIP

Saturday - 5:30 pm Sunday - 8:00 am & 10:30 am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 am Wednesday—6:00 pm



O Come Let us Adore Him

St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards

MASS INTENTIONS Saturday, December 23 5:30pm Cipriana Martinez Sunday, December 24 8:00am People of the Congo 10:30am People of the Parish Tuesday, December 26 8:30am †Marilyn Wilz Wednesday, December 27 6:00pm †Marilyn Wılz Thursday, December 28 8:30am †Wilma Eakins Friday, December 29 8:30am †Heidi Bliesner Saturday, December 30 5:30pm Richard Baird Sunday, December 31 8:00am †The Schultheis Family 10:30am People of the Parish





Christmas Mass Schedule: Dec 24—4pm "Family Mass" 8pm "Midnight Mass" Dec 25—10am Christmas Day



The Parish Staff would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

	WEEK AHEAD –December 25	<u>-31</u>
Tuesday	After Mass Social	9am
	Night Walk Sandwich Making	9am
	Eucharistic Adoration	12:30-2:30pm
Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration	6-8am
-	Mom's Group	9:30am
	Eucharistic Adoration	8pm-10pm
Friday	Boy Scout Lock-in (thru Saturda	y morning)

The Catholic Charities Collection raises essential funds that allow us to answer Christ's call to help the poor & vulnerable. Together with you, we Respond to Crisis, Stabilize Lives, and Advocate in Hope by serving over 70,000 individuals in Eastern Washington each year. Make a secure donation online at www.CatholicCharitiesSpokane.org or mail to PO Box 2253, Spokane, WA 99210.

Your gift saves lives. Have a blessed Advent season!

2018 Contribution envelopes and calendars are in the gathering area. If you don't see a set with your name on them and would like some please let the office know.

Scriptures for December 31

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40

Scriptures for January 1

Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, Luke 2:16-21

December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say" - that the promise finds fulfillment.

We are the

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION.

Hands of Christ If the angel of the Lord came to us, what greeting would we be given? Have our faith and works made us a perfect recep-

tacle for the Lord? Let us use Mary as our model for the stewardship and growth of care for the Lord & His creation.

WEEKLY COLLECTION 12/17/2017

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Envelopes	Plate		TOTAL						
\$ 5,076.00	\$ 5,753.50								
Total for December	\$ 13,175.66								
Needed Monthly	\$ 31,200.00								
Building Maintenance Fund Total for December \$ 216.00									
OPOF Campaign	2013	2016	Total						
Pledges	\$727,785	\$465,193	\$1,192,978						
Collected	\$692,320	\$283,883.30	\$976,203.30						



Loving God, We pray especially for those who have answered your call as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers. Keep them faithful in following your Son and dedicated in serving their brothers and sisters. Amen

Check the parish website under Ministries for information regarding vocations.

Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers

New schedules are either sent to you via email or are in the box by the office. If you want a printed copy or don't see yours in the box please let Cindy know. PLEASE—if you can not serve at your scheduled time, find a replacement!

LITURGY SCHEDULE for December 30th—31st

Mass	GREETER	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
5:30pm	B Bailey	D Bailey	H Shogren, T Boik, M Kimber		R Bailey, M Boik
8:00am	M Fautch & B Garner	T Klutz	F Falco, S Manfred, O Manfred P Soderquist, Deacon Chalo	J Rosa	H Osborne O Osborne
10:30am	D Wear & G McCauley	P Bisson	K Dondero, P Finn, R Lee, K Lee S Sattler, K Mattern, Deacon Chalo	J Ciesielski B Pearson	R Allen A Lewis

****IF YOU CAN NOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.* THANK YOU***

FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education for 4 year olds—7th Grade Building a Community of Faith for Our Children

Weekly RE is meeting Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am at Otis Elementary. You can register anytime! No classes Dec 24 & 31. Classes resume Jan 7, 21 & 28, Feb 4, 11 & 25. Contact Teresa for more info: religioused@stjoeparish.org or 926-7133.

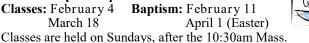


Youth Ministry Supporting the Faith and Spirituality of Teens 8th-12th Grades

Dear Teens and their Families, We will not meet again until Sun, Jan 7th. Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! God bless, Meta, Gene, and the Youth Ministry Team

St. Joseph's Baptism Schedule—2017-2018 Classes: February 4 **Baptism:** February 11

March 18



Please call the parish office to register or if you have any questions, 926-7133

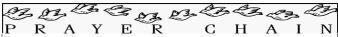


Please join us in prayer and a brief reflection on the Gospel.

Hour of Faith is a great way to supplement Sunday Mass. Reflecting on the weekly Gospel can help you hear God's word more personally. Joining our prayers together is powerful. Please come for all or part, as time permits. Sundays at 9:20am following the RE Calendar (back again on January 7th).

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST (ADORATION)

This wonderful devotion is available every week at St Joseph. Drop by Tuesday 12:30 pm-2:30 pm, Wednesday 6am - 8am, and 6:30pm - 10pm. All are welcome! The Eucharist is displayed on the day chapel altar for all.



Have you ever experienced the power of prayer? We at St. Joseph have a wonderful prayer chain to help those who need a little (or a lot) of extra support in times of need. You can ask for prayer support by either emailing or calling Diana Andriolo at 926-5490, stjoeprayers@gmail.com.

If you would like to receive Flocknote messages from the parish please call the parish office so that your email address can be added. If you have already added your email address and you are still not receiving the messages be sure to check your "junk mail".

The Charity and Justice Committee has a Donation Barrel set up in the lobby for Catholic Charities. Each month, the requested donation items will be updated to reflect the most pressing need. At the end of each month, the barrel will be emptied and delivered to Catholic Charities. Donations for December will go to CAPA. Requested items: diapers (especially for older ages), baby wipes and toddler clothes up to age 5, especially for boys.

DECEMBER/JANUARY PARISH HAPPENINGS

THANK YOU to everyone who so generously brought in gifts for the Otis Elementary children and for filling the Advent boxes for Catholic Charities. Your generosity is amazing!

Night Walk Ministry will be serving meals to House of Charity (HOC) residents inside the facility. At times the meals will consist of sandwiches and other times we will prepare hot food. We are in need of sandwich makers and people to bring in cookies on Tues., Dec 26 at 9am (after morning Mass) in the parish hall. We also welcome volunteers to assist in serving the food from 4:30 - 5:30pm. If interested please contact Deacon Chalo at 263-9553 or by email: gmartinez@dioceseofspokane.org.

"BEYOND WORDS"

The benefit concert for the Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank will be Feb 9, 2018! Want to be part of this fun filled event? Singers and band members are welcome to sign up so that they can

receive emails about the upcoming rehearsals which will begin Jan 4. 7:15 - 9:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights weekly in January and February. Please contact Sally Stuber gra3gra@gmail.com to be placed on the roster.

Monday Night Faith Study

The Monday Night Study Group will start again January 8th at 6:30pm in the parish Cry Room. We will be studying Bishop Robert Barron's series "Pivotal Players". Bishop Barron is on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people throughout history. There will be time for discussion after each segment. Those who choose to buy the study guide please call Cindy in the parish office or Susan Moss. The guides need to be ordered by December 27th. For questions call Sue Moss at 509-710-1575 or sooymoss@gmail.com.

BEFORE EACH SUNDAY - ENRICH YOUR EXPERI-ENCE OF THE MASS! Starting again January 3rd. Come together with others to read, study, and pray with the Sunday Scriptures. Parishioner Rick McLean leads this spiritual practice every Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:30pm here at St. Joseph's in the Cry Room off the foyer. Call the parish office for more information.

The Series: "Popes and the Papacy"; Thurs mornings, 9-10:30am in the Parish Hall. This study includes DVD's, discussion, and prayer. Anyone interested is welcome to join. For more info please contact Dave Bailey at 951-1492 or 9511492@gmail.com.

GO DEEPER WITH CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY: "JESUS REVEALED"

This study is versatile—you can join the group at the church on Thursdays, 6:30pm, or you can do it at home by yourself, with your family or a group of friends because there is video streaming available. This group will start again on January 4th. Questions contact Kathy 509-990-3466 or kathy.dondero@gmail.com

ON GOING PARISH HAPPENINGS

Rosary: Parishioner Gary Wycoff will be leading a Rosary every Saturday at 10am in the Eucharist Chapel. Special prayers will be said for all of the violence in the world. Everyone is welcome!



St. Gabriel's Group (Mom's Group) meets Wed, 9:30-11:30am with child care provided. Check out the parish website for a calendar and to see what the group represents. Any questions call or text Jaymie Miner, (509)999-6631 or angeljayl@aol.com.

Our parishioners Dean & Rosalie Lueck are in need of a caregiver/housekeeper for a minimum of 30 hours per week. This could possibly be a live in couple as caregiver apartment is available. Please call Dean at 924-8993 for more information.

Do you enjoy your coffee and donut after 10:30 Mass?

If yes, <u>please consider volunteering one month out</u> of the year to set up and clean up. There is very little work involved, just a couple hours of your time for 3 or 4 weekends. You could even team up with someone else. Donuts and instruction provided. Please call the parish at 926-7133 office for any questions or to volunteer.

MINISTRY MINIONS

Want to help out at the church, but are unsure of your schedule? Can't commit to a meeting schedule? Join Ministry Minions. We'll take your name and number and call you if we have an event that could use your help. Contact the Parish office if you are interested.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Have you wondered what to do with all those sample/hotel sized shampoos, lotions, soaps, etc.? We are collecting these items for the *Transitional Programs for Women*. These programs help any needy women and children in the Spokane area. Please drop these items off in the basket found in the foyer!

Catholic Singles Mingle

All ages of single adults are welcome to check out Catholic Singles Mingle! Every week we have events, such as game nights, art-walks, eating out, outdoor events, seminars, hikes, dancing, etc.! No dues. Call Cathy at (509) 226-1380, or see our website at www.meetup.com/Catholic-Singles-Mingle.

FAVORITE BUSINESS?

Do you have a favorite hair dresser or barber? What about a dentist or doctor?

Your parish family wants to know about these great businesses too. Please let your favorite business owners know that advertising on the church bulletin is affordable, reliable and helps to provide the bulletin at no charge to the church! Whether it be your favorite local business or your own business, our church bulletin is a great place to advertise! For more info, call Catholic Printery: 1-800-867-0660 With your help, we can keep our bulletin free of charge.

IN THE COMMUNITY

On Public Television KSPS: "The Sultan and the Saint" The story of Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt during the Crusades. Premieres Tuesday Dec 26, 7pm

Thank you to the wonderful parishioners who donated their time, treasure, and talents to **the Family Promise Ministry**! Next hosting begins February 25, 2018. (Future hosting dates: June 3, Sept 9, Dec 16, 2018). Kelly Pefley, 509-921-9181, volunteer coordinator

Family Promise of Spokane needs your help! For Homeless Families

St. Joseph is a support Church for Family Promise with Kelly Pefley as our representative. They are in need of dinner and overnight hosts. Is this something you would be able to help them with? They need two people for each shift. Dinner hosts are there from 5:15 to 8:15 pm and do not provide any part of the meal. They simply show up and eat dinner and enjoy the families. The overnight hosts are there from 8:15 pm till 7 am. They have the easiest job. The families are usually in their rooms by the time the hosts arrive, so there's time for maybe a little reading then bed. You would help when St Mary Parish is the host—once every 2 months.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, call Kelly Pefley at 921-9181

Stay Active & Independent for Life

A free fitness training and falls-prevention program to improve quality of life for seniors 50+ is being offered in Otis Orchards Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-10am at 4308 N Harvard Road. This fun class is being taught by Merlene Olmsted, an experienced certified American Senior Fitness Instructor, and will include a combination of different exercises. For information call Merlene at 509-215-0450.

Hospice of Spokane

Support groups are offered at no charge to those in our community who are grieving the death of a loved one. All groups are facilitated by a master's-level counselor or professional chaplain. Groups take place at Hospice of Spokane, 121 S Arthur St.

Introduction to Bereavement: one-time only informational class for those individuals feeling the need of emotional support through the grief process. 1st Thursday of each month, 1:30-3pm.

Loss of a Spouse/Partner Support Group: First year after loss, Tuesdays or Wednesdays 1-2:15pm

Connections Child/Parent Support Group: Runs 6 weeks for children ages 6-15. Adult group runs concurrently for parents, guardians, or other adults of grieving children. Wednesdays 6-7pm. Fall Session starts October 12. Call (509) 456-0438 before attending

Survivors of a Loved One's Suicide: For friends and family who are grieving the death of a loved one to suicide. Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm.

Groups are subject to change; please contact Hospice of Spokane for current information at (509) 456-0438. Interested in becoming a Hospice volunteer? Contact Hospice for more information.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

"Who is My Neighbor? The Face of Poverty in Spokane County" A four part series – plus an Urban Plunge – at St. Aloysius Parish, 330 E. Boone Ave. in Spokane. Continues Wednesdays: Feb. 7, and Mar. 7 from 7:00 - 8:45 pm. RSVP for each session: Rita at rwaldref@dioceseofspokane.org or 313-7003.

"We are called to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude."

Pope Francis

The <u>Walk for Life</u> is at Riverfront park on Saturday, **January 20** at **11:00am.** Bishop Daly will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral at 9:30 am prior to the walk. For more information go to <u>walkforlifenorthwest.org.</u>

Natural Family Planning. Based on the physical signs of when pregnancy can occur. Classes go for three months. Tuition \$90.00 for the series and includes the man's attendance. Every 1st Thursday evening 7:30 pm the year round at Sacred Heart Medical Center. Some flexible dates available. Contact the Women's Health Center at 474-2400 or Natural Family Plann@providence.org

Retrouvaille of the Inland Northwest

A Lifeline for Marriage—Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the February 2-4, 2018 Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site.

<u>Prepares Lambs Closet</u> at St. Mary Church, is a collaboration of the Spokane Valley parishes of St. Mary, St. Joseph, and St. John Vianney as part of the Catholic Charities Prepares program. *They are looking for volunteers to work in the Lambs Closet on Tuesday mornings from 9:45 to 11:45am.* For more information please call St Joseph parishioner Dianne Murray at 315-4688.

Mass of Remembrance

Every month, Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services offers a Memorial Mass to remember those individuals interred in the three Catholic Cemeteries (Holy Cross, Queen of Peace, St. Joseph), especially those who have died the preceding month. These Masses, all held at Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel (4200 N. Wall), are celebrated the **first Sat. of the month at 9:00 am**.

WELCOME VISITORS!

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

Put Your Faith in Action!

Your voice can help the Catholic Church more effectively advocate on key issues in Olympia, such as abortion, the death penalty, fighting poverty, and improving safety for all schools. Serving as the common voice of the Catholic Bishops of Washington State, the Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) advocates for public policies that promote life and justice. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to join the WSCC Catholic Advocacy Network.

Sign up today to receive important alerts and easy access for communicating with your state legislators.

Just go to the WSCC website – www.theWSCC.org -- and click on Join Our Advocacy Network.

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

6910 S Ben Burr Rd, Spokane, (509) 448-1224 For more information or to register in advance: www.ihrc.net Days of Prayer: 9am-3pm, begins with the Rosary, and includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, two conferences, lunch and concludes with Adoration. \$38/\$48 with a room. Please register in advance.

Weekend Retreats

24 hour Cancer Retreat "To See Another Sunrise: How to Survive and Thrive When Cancer Hits". Jan 12-13, 2018 Jim Morrison, Stage 4 Cancer Survivor. \$107/person

"Dusting off the Catechism: Everything you wanted to know but didn't want to ask". Jan19—21, 2018 Fr Michael Maher, SJ. \$196/person, \$302/couple, \$110 commuter.

Weekly Serenity of the Heart AA Meeting, Every Friday at 12 noon. The group is always open for more members. Call Barb at (509) 688-5640, if you would like to come, or simply come to the meeting. All are welcome!

<u>Private Directed Retreats</u> are always available: Ignatian, or Scriptural Spiritual Direction retreats; 3, 5, 8, or 30-Day. We can tailor a retreat to your spiritual, and emotional needs. For more information or to register in advance. Please call: (509) 448-1224 or visit <u>www.ihrc.net</u>. Cost per day is dependent on the length of the retreat with meals.

http://dioceseofspokane.org/ Catholic Diocese of Spokane is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/pages/ Catholic-Diocese-of-Spokane/116335971744555 and "like" them to follow the happenings around the Diocese.

Great news for the Greater Spokane area! <u>Sacred Heart Radio</u> is now available on <u>FM 106.1</u>. Our new station will carry the same feed as AM 970, which will continue to operate as usual. The FM station provides greater fidelity and clarity 24 hours a day. Thank you to all the generous donors in the Sacred Heart Radio family who have made this possible. Be sure to download our FREE app from your app store so you can take Sacred Heart Radio with you!

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services of Spokane (Holy Cross, Queen of Peace and St. Joseph Cemeteries) offers both funeral and cemetery services. Families can take care of all their needs in a single visit, with CFCS coordinating the arrangements with parish, pastor and family. For information call 467-5496.