

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

February 18-19, 2023

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 19

Youth Ministry 11:15 AM

Youth Group 6:00 PM

Monday, February 20

President's Day Holiday—Office Closed

Tuesday, February 21

No Daily Mass

Adult Faith Formation: What we Believe

10:00 AM or 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday—Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Saturday, February 25

Men's Fellowship 7:00 AM

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Sunday, February 26

Youth Ministry 11:15 AM

RCIA Dinner 2:00 PM

Youth Group 6:00 PM

Tuesday, February 28

Adult Faith Formation: What we Believe

10:00 AM or 6:30 PM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18—St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, February 19—Mary Green (bday)

Tuesday, February 21—No Daily Mass

Wednesday, February 22—Michael Saccomanno (bday)

Saturday, February 25—St. Joseph Parishioners

Budget/week

Actual/week

Envelopes	\$ 3,270.00	\$ 4,690.00
Plate	577.00	813.20
Parish Pay	1,827.00	1,444.23
Total	\$ 5,674.00	\$ 6,947.43



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Next Weekend's Liturgy

First Reading *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

Responsorial Psalm *51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17*

Second Reading *Romans 5:12-19*

Gospel Reading *Matthew 4:1-11*

Daily & Weekend Mass Schedule

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Every Wednesday

Reconciliation 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Adoration 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Benediction 3:00 PM

*"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.
Preach the gospel to all people."*

St. Joseph Parish, Colbert

First Reading Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18

Responsorial Psalm 103: 1–4, 8, 10, 12–13

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16–23

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:38–48

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

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The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



Women's Guild Luncheon



SAVE-THE-DATES
SATURDAY, MARCH 4 -
SUNDAY, MARCH 12
2023

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THEME:
RE-ENGAGING
THE SACRAMENTS

St. Aloysius Parish –
Spokane

SATURDAYS - 12:15PM & 5PM
SUNDAYS - 8:30AM, 11AM, 7PM
WEEKDAYS - 12:15PM & 7PM

Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor

Joe Schroeder, Deacon

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Parish Office Information

Hours: Monday -Thursday

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Parish Council Members

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February 18-19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Did you know In the past few years, our parish has hosted five separate **Adult Faith Formation** opportunities, both morning and evening sessions **with more to come in 2023!**

“Prepare the Way of the Lord” - 12 participants

“The Creed” - 25 participants

“The Power of Prayer” 32 participants

“Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible” - 30 participants

“What We Believe” - 35 participants

For more on upcoming Adult formation opportunities, please contact Ric and Cindy Gaunt 509-981-3588



Women's Guild Luncheon

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Lost

In the parish office, there is a crate full of glasses, sunglasses, toys, umbrellas, a blanket, kids' books, etc. If you have lost something at church, please check it out. We will donate the left over contents at the end of March. Thanks!

It's Rice Bowl time!

Rice Bowls are being distributed beginning this week and will be collected on March 25-26. Please pick up a Rice Bowl packet after Mass if you have not yet received one.



World Wide Marriage Encounter

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center - **March 10-12**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married couples who desire a richer, fuller life together. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong. For information or to register, call Ken and Cheryl 509-922-9813.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Remember the baby bottle you picked up a few weeks ago? Keep filling it with coins or cash, and then bring it back to church over the next two weekends. Thank you!

Catholic Youth Conference

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QUESTIONS? EMAIL BRIAN AT
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Stations of the Cross/Lenten Soup Suppers

at 6:00 PM



**Soup
Supper**

Wednesday, March 1
Wednesday, March 8
Wednesday, March 15
Wednesday, March 22
Wednesday, March 29
Wednesday, April 5



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Planning for Your Spiritual & Corporal Needs

Saturday, March 18 • 9:00am – 12:00pm

St. Aloysius Catholic Church

(330 E. Boone Ave., Spokane, WA 99202)

NO CHARGE

Join us first for Mass at 8:30am (optional)
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