

Why was Jesus crying?

REBUILD • RENEW • RESTORE

"As he drew near Jerusalem, he saw the city and wept over it..."

Luke 19:41

COME ONE, COME ALL

Grandparents/Special Persons Day

plan:

- ✓ MASS AT 8:15AM
- ✓ PUNCH AND COOKIES (GYM)
- ✓ TOUR STUDENT CLASSROOMS
- ✓ TOURS END AT 9:45

when:



We Hope You Join Us!



ADVANCEMENT NEWS



We are so excited about Grandparent/Special Persons Day and hope that many of you can join us. Mass will start at 8:15 and then visitors are able to join us for a refreshment. Students are then able to give visitors a tour of their classroom and show off all of the exciting things they are learning in their class. For those students who do not have a visitor they will return to their class after mass and enjoy a refreshment in the classroom. The tours will conclude at 9:45am. We are looking forward to seeing you at mass!

All of the students finished their thank you notes for Fun Run this week! They did such a great job and we could not have raised as much money as we did without all of the students and parents, so again, THANK YOU!



Wishing all of you a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING and hope that you are able to spend quality time with family and friends.



Thank you Fun Run Sponsors!!!

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2022

Pajama Drive

Each Advent season, the St. Mary students and parish community have gathered *NEW* pajamas to distribute to Spokane area children through Catholic Charities. Last year we collected nearly 700 pairs. We are pleased to announce that the families of St. John Vianney School will be joining us this year again. We are excited to continue our tradition and increase the numbers of kids helped. You may donate *NEW* pajamas from infant to big kid sizes. This is a fun way to give something needed and appreciated to those who would otherwise go without. When doing your Christmas shopping, pick up a pair or two. Please bring the *NEW* pajamas to the school now through Monday, December 5th and we will do the rest. It might be fun to let your son or daughter pick out a pair or two in their own size to donate. Our goal is **600 pairs** between our two schools. The PJs will be given to Catholic Charities Christmas Bureau benefiting children and their families throughout the Spokane Diocese.

Bring new PJs to school by December 5th





KIDS ages 5-12
love this...

...and Moms and Dads do, too!

"I was not involved in the day-to-day use of *Advent Adventure*. My kids did it on their own—the 10 year old was in charge! THANKS!"

—(A busy Mom who had a wonderful Advent)

"We used the *Advent Adventure* in my 5th grade classroom this year. The kids loved it! Some even continued the *Adventure* at home while on their holiday break! Wow!"

—(Melissa, Catholic schoolteacher)

"I love that my kids are learning the Faith...while I can be free to do laundry or dishes!"

—(Anonymous Mom)

"A great resource for parents who struggle to prepare for Christmas while also observing a meaningful Advent."

—(Catholic Faith & Family)

Your Best Advent EVER!

"This year's Advent has been "the best ever"—thanks to *Advent Adventure*. It introduced us to how the Old Testament lovingly foretold Christ's birth. I love it and my children love it!"

—(Christina)

Advent Adventure ...
it's fun, it's easy, and I'm
always nearby with
the **answer keys!**

Learn from the Holy Heroes "Adventure Guides" & the "Answer Kid," too!

We do all the work for you, sending you daily emails full of fun:

- Prepare your heart for Jesus through our **Sacrifice Manger activity!**
- Make family memories as you explore **Advent Traditions and Feast Days** together!
- Get more out of the Mass with "**Mass prep**" activities for each **Sunday** of Advent!
- Fall in love with the **Rosary**. Pray a "decade-a-day" and get "rosary certified" this Advent!



Fun, Faithful and FREE activities all through ADVENT...

**Register NOW at
www.AdventAdventure.com!**

Mass times:

Thursday December 8 (Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day of Obligation)

- 7 AM
- 8:15 AM (school Mass, open to all)
- 7 PM

Saturday December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- 4 PM
- 7 PM
- 10 PM

Sunday December 25 (Christmas)

- 12 Midnight (all-chant candlelight Mass)
- 10 AM

*** please note that this Christmas Mass schedule takes the place of the usual weekend Mass schedule**

Saturday/Sunday, Dec 31/Jan 1: all Mass times as normal for the usual weekend Mass schedule

Confessions:

- All confession times are as normal through the first three weeks of Advent (Nov 26-Dec 18)
- Confession times Monday-Saturday, Dec 19-24
 - o Mon Dec 19, 4 to 5 PM (Fr. Mike)
 - o Tues Dec 20, 4 to 5 PM (Fr. Mike)
 - o Wed Dec 21, 4:30 to 5:30 PM (Fr. Mike)
 - o Thurs Dec 22, 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM (Fr. Lewis)
 - o Fri Dec 23, 1 PM to 2 PM (Fr. Lewis)
 - o Sat Dec 24, noon to 1 PM (Fr. Lewis)

St. Mary Catholic School VOLUNTEERISM Policy & Protocols

Virtus volunteer training completion, background check and disclosure is required prior to volunteering at school. Yearly online training updates are due each year and background check must be renewed every 5 years.

IF YOU ARE A NEW VOLUNTEER, please complete these steps to sign-up in Virtus:

1. Go to www.virtusonline.org
2. Click on new registrant and fill-in your information with location where you will volunteer.
Our location is: Spokane, WA (Diocese)
3. Select **Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Session 3.0**
4. Required documents:
 - Acknowledge Code of Conduct, state name and date.
 - Answer Yes/No questions for Disclosure Statement Form
5. Fill-in background check information through Selection.com/Fastrax
6. Complete training module: Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Session 3.0
(approximately 30 minutes)
7. After you have completed your online training and passed the background check without any convictions, the Office of Child and Youth Protection will approve them in the VIRTUS database.



Band Concert

Spokane Diocese Christmas Concert

December 6th, 2022

7:00 PM

G-Prep Kubiak Theater

1224 E Euclid Ave, 99207

Please come join us for an evening of Christmas music, performed by the Band students from St. Mary's, Assumption, All-Saints, and St. John Vianney! Additional performance by the Gonzaga Prep Wind Ensemble and Percussion!

If you have questions or require accommodations for this event, please contact Mr. Sauve at asaue@gprep.com.





Cold Weather!



We go outside for recess every day unless it is raining/snowing heavily or below 20 degrees (factoring in windchill). Make sure to send your student to school with a separate “snow gear” bag containing the proper outerwear and boots for outdoor recess in the snow. Regular shoes must be worn indoor.

PK-4th: waterproof snow pants and boots are required to leave the blacktop at recess.
5th-8th: waterproof snow boots are required to leave the blacktop, snow pants highly recommended.

School track jackets and sweatshirts are no longer warm enough to wear outdoors alone.

Make sure to send your child with their (dry) winter jacket, hat and gloves/mittens every day.



St. Mary's Catholic School

**HOCKEY NIGHT
WITH THE
SPOKANE CHIEFS!**

Saturday, November 19th
VS. Calgary Hitmen

TICKET INFO

SPECIAL GROUP RATE FOR
St. Mary's Catholic School
Scan Here



OR

CALL/TEXT 509-340-8395

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: November 18



CHIEFS GO

GAME DETAILS, SEATING MAPS, PROMOTIONS, & MORE

SPOKANECHIEFS.COM | CALL/TEXT 509-535-PUCK

[Click here to buy your tickets for the Nov. 19th game!](#)

[Click here to buy your tickets for the Dec. 3rd game!](#)

Group nights will also be available on: Jan. 27th, and March 25th games!

PARENT'S CLUB ACTIVITIES 2022-2023



Activities and events planned for this school year. Volunteer opportunities!

Oct 29, 2022 [Halloween Extravaganza Trunk or Treat](#)



Nov 8-9, 2022 [Feed the Teachers during
Parent/Teacher Conf week](#)



Dec 16, 2022 [Christmas Movie Day for Students](#)



Dec 16, 2022 [Cookie Exchange for Teachers](#)



Feb 2, 2023 [Taco Bingo Night during
Catholic Schools Week](#)



Feb 10, 2023 [Father-Daughter Dance](#)



Mar 15-16, 2023 [Feed the Teachers during
Parent/Teacher Conf week](#)



Apr 8, 2023 [Easter Egg Hunt](#)



May 1-5, 2023 [Teacher Appreciation Week](#)



Jun 15, 2023 [Play Day](#)



It takes a village and we need your help to make these events a success! Details and specifics to come but make a plan today to get your volunteer time fulfilled. Opportunities range from bringing in food to set up/clean up to at-home planning work.



SIGN UP TODAY!!

Parent
C L U B



Picture Day is Coming To Your School!

St. Mary Catholic School

Retakes Day will be: Dec. 2nd



Easy Access at your Fingertips!

Picture day information, online ordering, and our customer advocate team are all at your fingertips. **Scan the QR code** or visit mydorian.com, search for your school, and click on the green **Order** button or yellow **Help** button associated with your picture day.



You can order online now and for up to four (4) days after picture day.

Here are some helpful tips to make picture day great!



Schedule haircuts 7-10 days prior to picture day!



Wear simple clothing. Solid shirts or small patterns, along with sleeves, photograph best. A simple collared shirt is a timeless classic.



Avoid logos and text on clothing. Graphics or wording may not photograph completely and can become partially cropped out of your picture.

Students may wear nice non uniform free dress that day, but remember to follow ALL the free dress day rules listed on the school Uniform Code.

SCRIP IS GOING DIGITAL!

We have a very limited amount of actual giftcards still available for purchase in the office and won't be ordering any more after they are sold out. Feel free to stop by the office to see what's still available!

\$scrip Gift Cards

St. Mary School participates in the digital escript program with RaiseRight (formerly ShopWithScrip). Buy a \$100 eGift card from more than **750** available stores. Pay with your bank account or credit card.

To get the App or to order online: go to www.raiseright.com. Use our School Enrollment Code **1CDC6E215624**.

- Link your bank account (like PayPal or Venmo) Cost \$0.15 per order
- Or Link your credit card. Cost 2.6%

This program supports digital eGift cards and you can also order physical gift cards to be mailed to you at their shipping rate.

Fred Meyer

Every purchase you make can benefit our school!

- Log in to your Fred Meyer Account (or App)
- My Account
- Search for MD949 (St. Mary's Catholic School)
- Enroll
- Every time you shop at Fred Meyers and use your **Rewards Card**, you are helping St. Mary School earn a donation and you still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates.

Yoke's Fresh

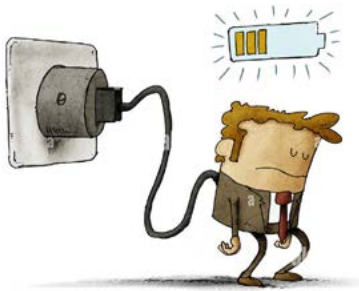
Scrip Community Cards are available in the school office. Register using the directions on the back of the card. Each time you shop at Yoke's, contributions are earned for St. Mary School.

St. Mary School no longer carries \$scrip gift cards. There are a very limited number of cards that are currently in inventory. Please contact sgreany@stmarysspokane.org for more information.



Plug Into the Power!

Sacramental Preparation at St. Mary Parish



"Sacraments are powers that come forth from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving. They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in his Body, the Church. They are the masterworks of God ..."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1116



Baptism

- Infants and young children (under age 7)—parents prepare with Deacon Dan Glatt (call the parish office to schedule)
- Children over age 7—prepared to receive all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) through weekly meetings. Choose meeting options on Wed afternoons (start 9/28) or Sunday afternoons (start 10/2).
- Adults—prepared to receive all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) through Christian Initiation, weekly meetings on Tuesdays (6:30-8:00pm), we meet with St. Joseph in Otis Orchards

Reconciliation (Penance)

- Children over the age of 7 can be prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (usually second grade, but can be 1st grade, and we welcome older children, too). Parents go through concurrent classes to support their role as primary religious educators of their children and to help with their own spiritual growth. 7 sessions on Sunday mornings, beginning Dec. 11.

Confirmation

- Children can prepare for this Sacrament the year after their preparation for Reconciliation. Our Diocese is a "restored order" diocese which means children receive Confirmation before their First Holy Communion. Parents meet in concurrent sessions on Sunday mornings, 3 sessions devoted to Confirmation, beginning October 2.
- Older children who missed Confirmation are prepared through a separate series of meetings, contact Marie Bricher to discuss your family's situation (High School meetings begin October 2, 7:00-8:00pm in the Parish Office Conference Rm)
- Adults seeking Confirmation (who are already baptized Catholic or who were baptized in a non-Catholic Church) go through our Christian Initiation program meeting on Tuesday evenings at St. Joseph.

Holy Eucharist

- Children over the age of 7 who have already been prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to prepare to receive their first Holy Eucharist (as well as Confirmation). We meet for 8 sessions on Sunday mornings, parents, too. (beginning Dec. 4, after 3 sessions of Confirmation Prep)



Want more information? Contact Marie Bricher at mbricher@dioceseofspokane.org or 509-928-3210, ext. 111

Want to register? Find registration forms and detailed schedules at www.stmaryspokane.org or pick up forms in the Parish Office or the Gathering Space at Church.





JOIN US TODAY!

R.I.S.E. Northwest

A healing space & services to foster resilience, strength, and endurance in children who have experienced parental death.

REGISTERING NOW FOR FALL!

www.risenorthwest.org/register

509-209-1112

Camp Cope

Every other Monday at 6:30 p.m. Starts 9/26.

Summit U District, 1003 E Trent Ave

Camp Cope is our 16-week program that meets every other week. The goal of Camp Cope is to make connections, build resiliency, and foster healthy coping skills. Trained facilitators lead structured peer groups and encourage group members to express the many feelings that are a part of the grieving process. All activities, selected by a team of Child Life Specialists, follow a theme with age-appropriate objectives, such as recreation, art, expression, and communication, in order to decrease isolation, increase self-confidence, and build resiliency.

Team RISE

Every other Monday at 6:30 p.m. Starts 10/6.

St. Thomas More, 515 W St. Thomas More Way

Team RISE is our weekly program that connects grieving children and teens with peers and mentors. We believe mentoring and peer support are the first steps in a lifelong grieving journey. Volunteer mentors engage in recreational and educational activities with the children, focusing on cultivating long-lasting relationships as well as fostering resilience and strength.

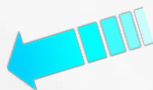


R.I.S.E. Northwest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that aims to support grieving children and teens.



www.sycamoreeducation.com

St. Mary's School Code: **2403**



FAQ's:

Where is the parent directory?

Front Desk - Family Directory - Chose Letter of the Last Name you are looking for
(If a family chose to not be included in directory during registration time they will not be visible to other parents)

Where is the a class directory?

Front Desk - Family Directory - Choose the first initial of the last name of the family you are looking for. --OR--

My Family - Students - Click Student Code - Grades - Click Class (ie: 1st Grade)

*Must allow pop-ups from Sycamore for this option to work, see note about System Help
- Welcome Aboard below for details* --OR--

Hover cursor over student picture - choose Grades - Click Class (ie: 1st Grade)

*Must allow pop-ups from Sycamore for this option to work, see note about System Help -
Welcome Aboard below for details*

How do I check my child's lunch account?

My Accounting - Cafeteria - Account

How do I make an online payment to my child's lunch or childcare (Educare) account?

On the Sycamore homepage - scroll down to almost bottom of page - right-hand side find: **Payments** - click on **Cafeteria** link or **Childcare** link and make a payment

How do I make an online payment for my child's tuition?

Misc. payment link on homepage works great for any online payment
To see all charges listed on your account click **My Accounting** then click **Summary**

How do I log my volunteer hours?

My School - Service Logs - New Log (blue button top right-hand side of screen)
Choose Your Opportunity and enter date, time, hours served, and please add detailed notes of the volunteering you did and click **Submit**

How do I find Volunteering Opportunities?

Keep an eye out in The Bell or contact Kathleen Keller-Olsen in the Advancement Office: **kolsen@stmarysspokane.org**

How do I find my child's Profile, Grades, Documents, Schedule, Attendance?

Hover your cursor arrow over your child's picture located on the top right side of the homepage and choose from the menu that appears.

Why am I seeing a blank page when trying to set up conferences?

Your computer's settings are not configured to accept pop-ups from Sycamore. Please click on **System Help - Welcome Aboard** and follow the instructions for the internet browser you use to configure your settings.

HELP! I need to make a payment online quickly and can't find the right spot on Sycamore!

Click on the Misc. payment link (bottom right side of Sycamore homepage-after logging in) to make a payment for anything using a debit/credit card just make sure to put in **detailed** notes about what the payment is for and mention the **child's full name**.

Having trouble logging in or forgot your username or password?

Contact Chelsea Weiler: **cweiler@stmarysspokane.org**
or (509) 924-4300 x200

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