

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

1104 W Heroy Ave Spokane WA 99205 509-325-1321 Office hours Tues-Fri 9-12

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23rd, 2020



"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
-Mt 5:44

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Fr. Michael Blackburn, OFM

Deacon: Dan Ritchie

Deacon: Dave Dudinsky

Parish Staff

Office Manager: Anitra Turney

Youth Ministry: Tammie Fabien

Maintenance: John Wells

Choir Directors

Sun.: Betty Ross

Sat: Mary Lou Bentley

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm (8am @ Poor Clares)

Sunday: 10am (8am @ Poor Clares)

M, W, F: 8am @ Poor Clares only

Tues & Thurs: 8am @ St Francis only

Holy Days: 8am and 7pm @ St Francis

Parish Committees & Organizations

Pastoral Council: Frank Taylor

Finance Council: Mark Krigbaum

Women's Club: Dot Verry & Kris Bond

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thurs. 8:30-4pm

Sacraments:

Anointing of the Sick:

Masses with anointing 2 or 3 times a year

Baptism:

Parental preparation is required

Marriage:

contact the parish at least 6 months in advance

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 or by appointment

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Going the Extra Mile

So often in life, people are concerned about the minimum requirements. What is the minimum I must do to get a certain grade? What is the minimum I need to do to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? What exactly do I have to do to make my boss happy?

This concern does not stop with everyday life but continues into our relationship with God. What exactly is required of me for salvation? How much time, talent, and treasure are enough? Jesus does not call us to this way of life, but instead to a life of unbounding generosity and surrender.

Jesus said, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." The minimum requirement is one mile; however, we are not to be disciples of minimum requirements and checking off boxes. We are to go the extra mile because that is how we bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. That is how we change lives and share the grace and love we have received in abundance. Nothing ever changes by doing the minimum. There is no real glory given to God by responding to His call with the minimum.

Imagine a world where all of us good stewards give without ceasing and go far beyond the minimum requirements. Our world would be a very different place. So, what is stopping us?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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HOUSEKEEPING INFO

The Fire Marshall and our insurance company conduct yearly inspections for our assembly permit and liability insurance. Both have indicated that the stairwell on the Jefferson side of the

school building is to be kept clear of all items. Please do not let items collect between the stairs and the wall. Thank you.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

I hope you all have been enjoying the new bulletin layout! With the new company we have to change our bulletin announcement due dates. Please submit all bulletin items by **Tuesday at 9am** for the upcoming bulletin. As always you can submit them via email to amtorney@dioceseofspokane.org or deliver them to the office.



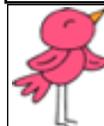
It is time for the Spring Card Party and Luncheon for Ladies and Gentlemen!

*Come and enjoy
a delicious pork loin lunch
then an afternoon of playing bridge or pinochle
or a favorite game of your own.*

*Wednesday, March 25, 2020
Noon - 3:00 p.m.
\$10.00 per person*

*Raffle tickets will be available for purchase
at the party.*

*Call and make reservations by
Friday, March 20th with
Gina at 509-328-4818 or Renee at 509-995-3898
See you there!*



IS IT TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING YET?

The Women's Club has begun to collect specialty items such as knick knacks and decorative pieces, tableware, glasses, pictures and frames, nice linens, and jewelry for the Bazaar's Boutique in November, 2020. We are not accepting electronics, furniture, or clothing. Donations can be left at the bottom of the stairs on the Jefferson Street

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 26th
Distribution of Ashes 8am & 7pm



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



Please join us Every Friday during Lent for Soup Supper at 6pm in the Parish Hall

followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7pm in the church



ST THOMAS MORE CARD PARTY & LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 10th
11:30-3pm \$8 per person
For info or to register by March 4th, please contact Pat Martin at 466-7358



ENCOUNTER LENT CRS RICE BOWL



Join our faith community and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice

Bowl. Pick up your Rice Bowl in the back of the church beginning on Ash Wednesday. Follow along with the calendar that comes with the Rice Bowl. Use your Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey. Prepare simple, meatless meals to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. **25% of your donations will stay in Easter Washington to fund grants for hunger and nutrition around the diocese.**



Sign up deadline is Tuesday, February 25th

We will start the dinners the last **SUNDAY** in March
The dates will be

**March 29th
April 26th
May 31st
June 28th**

Drop your sign up sheet in the collection basket or mail it into the office
1104 W Heroy Ave Spokane WA 99205
Or call Anitra in the office for more info 325-1321

SCHEDULES WILL BE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FEBRUARY 29th & MARCH 1st



____ Yes, (I) (We) want to be involved

____ (I) (We) would like to be on the substitute list

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____

Phone # _____ Alt phone _____

“NEELIN’ NEIGHBORS”



Ruth Snyder

Ruth has been a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for 40 years, moving here from the Tri Cities. After only four months of living here, she was invited and taken to a Women's

Club meeting by Grace Valentine. Thus began an active and varied ministry at St. Francis.

Over the years Ruth has been the Chairperson of the Parish Council, Women's Club President and President of the Immaculate Heart Guild.

Currently, Ruth is an active member of the Saturday night choir, Liturgy meetings, Adoration, Prayer Chain, Service League (funerals) and counter of collections. She also works with the Neighborhood Council and volunteers with the Cop Shop at Shadle Center.

Ruth's most rewarding ministry is serving the Holy Mass. Ruth takes great pride that her three grandchildren were altar servers and presently she has two great-grandsons who are altar servers.

WORLD MISSIONS COLLECTION

Each year Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the work and service of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Mission is at the heart of our Catholic faith, and our annual World Mission Collection joins our diocese and all Catholics of the world together as one community of faith to give generously to aid the Church worldwide. Please use the envelopes that you received in the mail to make your contribution to the World Missions Collection or send your support to the Diocese of Spokane.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 23rd, 2020

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center
Ash Wednesday Silent Day of Prayer

**'The Lenten 40 Days and 40 Nights:
Preparing to Celebrate the Passover of
the Lord'**

Msgr. John Steiner
February 26, 2020

\$40 (\$50 with use of a private room for
the day.)

Please register in advance: (509) 448-1224
or visit www.ihrc.net

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center
Silent Day of Prayer

Overcoming Cancer
'Supernatural Oncology'
The Specialty of St. Peregrine Laziosi

Fr. Darrin Connall
March 10, 2020

\$40 (\$50 with use of a private room for the
day.)

Please register in advance:
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visit www.ihrc.net

Regular Meetings and Activities:

Coffee & Donuts

Every Sunday after mass

Women's Club (w/c)

2nd Tues of month 6pm

St Thérèse Guild

2nd Weds 6pm Youth room

St. Elizabeth's Guild

1st Monday after W/C 1:00pm

Immaculate Heart Guild

2nd Wed 1pm Conf. room

Our Lady Queen.

2nd Wed. of month, 7:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

1st Sunday 11:30

Peace & Justice

2nd Tues 9:30am in conf rm

Bible Study

Wednesdays 7pm conf room

St Faustina's Guild

3rd Tues 2pm

Pastoral Council

1st Tuesday of month, 7pm

Secular Franciscan Order

2nd Sat of month 9am

Knights of Columbus

3rd Sunday after Mass

Contemplative Prayer

Tues 10am & Thurs 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study

Tues 1pm conference rm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 8:45-4pm in the side chapel



Frank Rose, Steve
Rij, Don & Mary
DeLuca,
Florence
Himelspach, Kathy
Bromley, Dana
Duvanich, Janice
Duvanich, Anita

Smith, Rita Loft, David Francis, Ramona
Jones, Marilyn Connolly-Overbey, Kathy
White, James Baxter, Ellen Turnbull, Michael
Brick, Kathryn Brown, Tom Chadler, Melissa
Bromley, Mike Arcondizzy, Steve Wren,
MaryAnn Forcier, Gary Turnbull, Brian
Chandler, Marlene Weller, Charlie Johnson,
Colleen Pounder, Nancy Sims, Stanley
Mundell, Jean Rottmayer, Joyce Johnson,
Tom Bienemann, Helen Arzen, Kelly
Carrubba, Linda McPeek, Fr Skok, Jan
Martin, Bill Kendall, Manny Baumbauer and
Lindsey Fry



Bev Lollis

