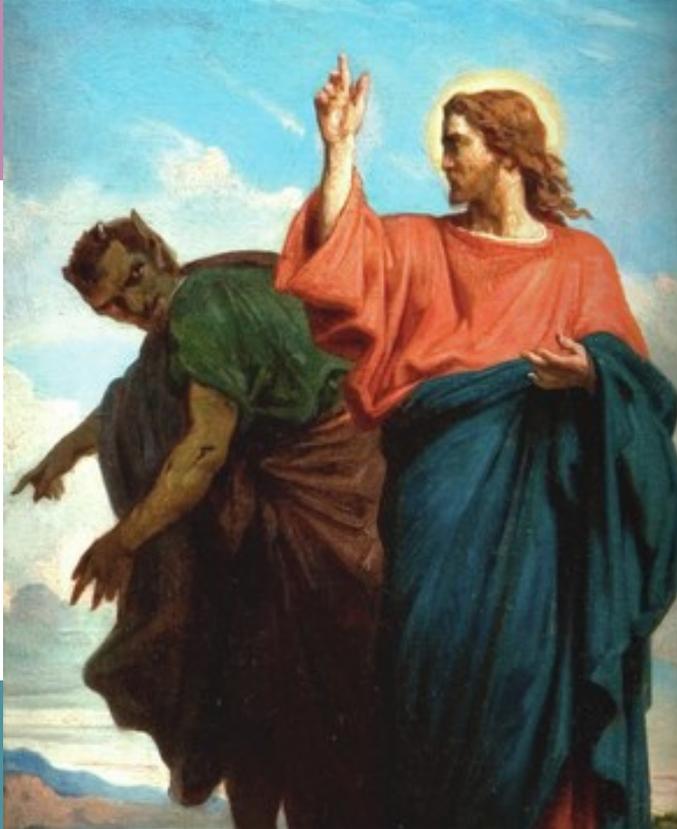


ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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MARCH 1st, 2020



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
- Mt 4:8-9

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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



A WORD FROM FR MIKE

What is it about a lie that is so much more comfortable than the truth? I think any lie that corroborates our own secret desires—which eventually will kill us, by the way—will always find a welcome home with us. The Enemy starts with a lie by suggesting to Eve that God has forbidden her all the trees in the garden. “Oh no”, she says, “ just the one in the middle”. “Are you serious?” (says the Prince of Liars), “I can’t believe that. I am outraged for you. Why SHOULD’N’T you have it all?”

And you know what? There is some part of us that thinks that we should. Just give me a reason, any reason, why I should get to consume far more than my share of the world’s resources and I’ll breathe a huge sigh of relief. No opposing viewpoints will find such an attentive ear.

Or suggest, as the serpent did, that I should be suspicious of others, that I’m being purposely left out of things, or that my experience is more exquisitely painful than all the rest of humanity, and I’ll lovingly nurture that lie for the rest of my life. That Original Lie that we are being secretly excluded by a conniving God—insert parent or teacher, or coworkers, or friends—is our Original Wound. And we willfully break that wound open, over and over again.

A million years later the Tempter tried the same lies on Jesus. But the new Adam rejected Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises. And at the end of these forty days we will gather at the Easter Font, renew our baptismal promises, and reject the Liar once again.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

We will meet Tuesday, March 3rd @ 7pm
In the conference room. All are welcome to attend.

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.

The days are zipping by and soon it will be time to enjoy a yummy pork loin luncheon at the

Spring Card Party and Luncheon

right here at

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 25
from Noon until 3:00 P.M.
It costs \$10:00 per person.



Come and play either bridge or pinochle (cards available) or bring your own board games.

Reserve your table by Friday, March 20 with Gina at 509-328-4818 or Renee at 509-995-3898

Don’t forget there will be a special men’s table available.

Raffle tickets for prizes may be purchased at the card party.

A Women’s Club Fundraiser

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is quickly approaching. The first three Saturdays and Sundays of Lent St Francis of Assisi Parish will be collecting donations to purchase Easter lilies for the church. Donations may be dropped in the



basket in the back of the church marked

“Easter Flowers”.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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



Would you like to do something special in lent? How about saying a

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

on Thursdays at 11:30 am in the ADORATION CHAPEL. Several have been praying it for months.

We would love to have you.

Join us at the



"Cause of Our Joy: Catholic Home School Mom Retreat"

on Aug 14 at 4pm through Aug 15 2020 at 4pm, at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane.

Recharge your batteries before the new school year! Join other home school moms from across the Northwest for two days of Mass, including one Mass in the Extraordinary Form (The Traditional Latin Mass) confession, adoration, fellowship and engaging talks featuring our keynote speakers:

Leila Miller and Fr David B. Gaines. Sign up at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Search for Cause of our Joy, in Spokane

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.**



ST FAUSTINA'S GUILD

We are always looking for new members. If you don't like attending meetings, then this is the Guild for you. We are retired ladies that support the Women's Club activities, like the Card Party and Bazaar. We all work in the Boutique and the Bake Booth. We especially enjoy lunch out twice a year, especially when we have lunch at the Davenport and attend the Christmas Tree Elegance. If this sounds interesting to you, contact Bev at 326-3091 We'd love to have you.

St Aloysius Altar Society DESSERT & CARD PARTY

Tuesday, April 21st

Dessert at 12:30

Cards to follow

Cost \$5 per person

330 E Boone Ave

To reserve a table please call Lucy at 509-489-0676 by Friday April 17th



“NEELIN’ NEIGHBORS”



Gene and Marilee Hudon

Gene and Marilee have been married for 29 years. Before coming to St. Francis

in 1996, they had attended “St. Als” where they were wed. Both their children, Kendrick and Debi, were baptized in St. Francis Church, which was neat considering Marilee, had been baptized here also. Marilee has been a facilitator for the Lupus Foundation’s PNW chapter and wrote a Christian Urban Fantasy book to highlight and educate others about chronic illness. Gene served in the Army National Guard (1980-2011). In the past, he had worked for Kaiser Aluminum at the Mead Plant. When asked what has kept them at St. Francis, both Gene and Marilee affirm the good family atmosphere, incredible generosity, and compassion shown to the family during some “tough times”. Some will remember the Kaiser strike and “lockout” that took place during the extended contentious negotiations from 1998-2000. The family felt so supported by our parish members in the food and other things needed to get by. That appreciation was felt again when Gene served two tours in the Middle East. Marilee and the kids were able to keep their lives in perspective through the loving support of the parish community. We should be proud of our parish community who do embrace the Gospel message by helping each other when the journey gets rough.



IS IT TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING YET?

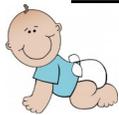
The Women’s Club has begun to collect specialty items such as knick knacks and decorative pieces, tableware, glasses, pictures and frames, nice linens, and jewelry for the Bazaar’s Boutique in November, 2020. We are not accepting electronics, furniture, or clothing. Donations can be left at the bottom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

LENTEN POSITIVE ACTS OF KINDNESS

General:

- ▶ Hug your children and tell them you love them
- ▶ If you see someone in a military uniform, shake their hand & thank them for serving our country
- ▶ Smile at someone who looks sad
- ▶ If someone looks confused, ask if they need help
- ▶ Call a friend you haven’t seen in a while
- ▶ Call someone who is alone
- ▶ Call someone who could use a kind word
- ▶ Help an elderly person cross the street
- ▶ Visit a nursing home or senior center: to help out - to let residents tell you their stories to visit someone who doesn’t get any visitors to sing/dance/perform magic for them
- ▶ Visit someone who is sick - Visit someone in the hospital
- ▶ Put your phone away when you’re speaking with someone
- ▶ Send a card to a friend you lost touch with
- ▶ Send a card to someone who is hurting in some way
- ▶ Ask someone how things are in their life... and listen. Really listen.
- ▶ Ask a neighbor if you can get anything for them while you’re grocery shopping
- ▶ Check on an elderly neighbor during a storm
- ▶ If you see a parent having trouble coordinating their children, ask if you can do something to help
- ▶ Be nice to the person pumping the gas for you
- ▶ At Mass, during sign of peace, look for someone who’s alone. Go out of your way to offer them the sign of peace.
- ▶ Volunteer at Lunch Break
- ▶ Volunteer at a soup kitchen
- ▶ Donate some clothes/household items to an organization that will get them to less fortunate families
- ▶ Hold the elevator door for one more person

St. Theresa Guild would like to thank everyone that donated to our recent diaper drive.



- 15 knitted hats
- 15 burping rags
- 10 receiving blankets
- 3 boxes and 5 packages of diapers

were donated to Catholic Charities CAPA (Childbirth and Parenting Assistance) Program. Right to Life support in action.

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

HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

LENTEN POSITIVE ACTS OF KINDNESS

Driving:

- ◆ Let someone merge in front of you
- ◆ Let someone else take the closer parking space
- ◆ Don't drive right behind a car that's going slower than the speed limit
- ◆ Don't cut someone off, when you can get behind them instead
- ◆ If you're behind a car driven by a student driver, be patient.
- ◆ If you notice you're not parked between the lines move your car, so that you are between the lines, and someone can still park in the space next to yours.
- ◆ Don't drink and drive - Don't text and drive
- ◆ Don't look at your phone while you're driving



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

Rita Loft, David Francis, Ramona Jones,
Marylin Connolly-Overbey, Kathy White,
James Baxter, Ellen Turnbull, Michael Brick,
Kathryn Brown, Tom Chadler, Melissa
Bromley, Mike Arcondizy, 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



Roland Bombino
Edward Manaois
Takoda Rogers

Greg & Lisa Nelson—26 years

