

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Catholic Parish—Spokane

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

MARCH 15th, 2020



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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

“Is the Lord in our midst or not?

“Now there’s a question. Once they passed safely into the desert—with its challenges of hunger and thirst—the Hebrew slaves began

questioning whether the Divine Power that parted the sea for them was really just all in their minds. Perhaps it was collective hysteria. But—ahem—how WAS it that they were now safely on the other side?

Isn’t that exactly how the life of faith goes? We position ourselves to receive every gift God pours out on us. We can name the thousands of ways God is gracious to us. But drought and fire, illness and heart-breaking death, war and starving refugees remain. Is the nearness of God just wishful thinking?

The reason the Church gives us that refrain from Psalm 95 so often—“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”—is because every single day we can make a decision for or against the nearness of God.

We were sustained through the night and woke up feeling wonderful. Yes, God is near. The morning news is filled with images of terror and injustice all over the world. No, God is clearly not in our midst at all.

In our particular moment in history there are more and more people transitioning to a place of a hardened heart. The world is too full of sadness for them to find a way to accept that there is a loving God “with us.”

The daily decision to not harden our hearts is exactly what is required of a believer. We don’t believe because the kingdom is fulfilled. We choose to wait in joyful hope—and work for justice every day—until it is.

Wouldn't this beautiful quilt be a great addition to your home decor?

Get your raffle ticket soon or at the



SPRING CARD PARTY

AND LUNCHEON

St. Francis Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Noon - 3:00 P.M.

\$10.00 per person

Please reserve your table by March 20th

With Gina at 509-328-4818 or

Renee at 509-995-3898

Bridge and Pinochle cards are available or bring your own board games or just come for a delicious pork loin lunch!



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is quickly approaching.

The first three Saturdays and Sundays of Lent we 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.

FREE FLOURESCENT BULBS



We are in the process of replacing all our fluorescent bulbs with new L.E.D. through an Avista Rebate program.

We have a lot of good fluorescent bulbs available for the taking! They will be in the social hall and come in boxes of 10, please feel free to take what you need.

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



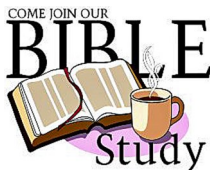
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We are looking for a few
volunteers to help
update our parish records. This will entail
helping fellow parishioners go over and
update their records so we have the most
accurate info possible. If you are willing
and able, please give Anitra a call in the
office at 325-1321. We will begin after
Easter.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join fellow
parishioners and Fr Mike on
Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the parish
office for an ongoing weekly bible study



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.



PRAY



FAST



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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

3rd Sunday of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

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“NEELIN’ NEIGHBORS”



Mary and Patrick Rooney

During the time that Pat and Mary attended our church, they were two of the most faithful members, in their prayer and their support of the church. Pat passed away about three

years ago. Mary has had to deal with a number of health issues, including failing vision. Even though her outside experiences have been somewhat limited, her spirit remains strong. The family, especially daughter, Cheri, has made sure that Mary's life experiences are as full as possible. Mary will, on occasion, go to work with Cheri to get out of the house. Those who know Mary see a person who is loving, kind, and generous. She sees Christ's presence in everyone. Being judgmental is not in her nature. Earlier in life, Mary did volunteer work visiting people in a hospital. She prayed with and comforted those who were in need of healing. With the help of her family she still tends to her pets, the Arabian horses which live right on the property.



Please pray for two of our Religious Education kids, Betty and Takoda, as they prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.

Tammie Fabien
St. Francis of Assisi-DRE

LENTEN POSITIVE ACTS OF KINDNESS

Prayers:

► Say a prayer when you see someone who is:
Handicapped -Elderly - Blind - Using a walker
In a wheelchair Homeless - Sick
Mourning the loss of a loved one - Unemployed
A soldier – Person less fortunate than you
Missing a family member who is a deployed soldier
Caring for an elderly family member

Supermarket/Store:

► Let someone else get the closer parking space
► Let someone go ahead of you on line
► Give someone the coupons you're not using
► Help someone who is not as tall as you – to reach something on a high shelf
► Help the person behind you to pack their groceries
► Help someone to carry their packages
► When you check out, compliment the cashier on something. It'll brighten their day, and it may start a chain reaction of kind acts.
► Try counting your blessings by counting the people less fortunate than you. You may find a lot more than you think.
► If you shop or eat out today, let the manager know how helpful an employee was. Chances are, they don't hear it as often as they should.
► Return the shopping cart to the rack – especially in bad weather.

Commuting:

► Give up your seat to someone who could use it more than you
► Give your seat to someone standing-even if they're not pregnant or elderly. You'll brighten their day.
► Help someone get their bag onto or down from the overhead rack
If someone looks lost at the train/subway/bus, ask if they need help
► If others are being grumpy or disrespectful to the conductor or bus driver...smile, and be nice.
► Say 'thank you' to the driver or conductor as you leave. Chances are, they don't hear it often.

Eating out:

► Be nice to the waiter/waitress
► Let the manager know if you enjoy the food
► Let the manager know if an employee makes your experience more enjoyable

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the soul of James Baxter.
His funeral will be Saturday, March 21st at 10am
in the church.

HOUSEKEEPING INFO

The Fire Marshall and our 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.



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 parish office

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Our annual envelope budget is:	\$93,200.00
Year to date budget:	\$65,390.35
Actual year to date collection:	\$73,912.00
Year to date:	\$8,521.56

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

Women's and Men's Holy Week Retreats

"The Death of the Messiah in the Gospels"

Fr. Leslie Hoppe, OFM, Ph.D.

Women's Retreat April 6-8

4:30 pm check in 1:00 pm depart

Men's Retreat April 9-11, 2020

4:30 pm check in 1:00 pm depart

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

\$240 (includes meals and lodging)

\$155 commuters (meals only).



*Please remember
IN PRAYER*

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,
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
McPeck, Fr Skok, Jan Martin, Bill Kendall,
Manny Baumbauer and Lindsey Fry



Pat Siebert
Kris Bond

James & Carol McGurk—46 years
Don & Mary DeLuca—57 years

