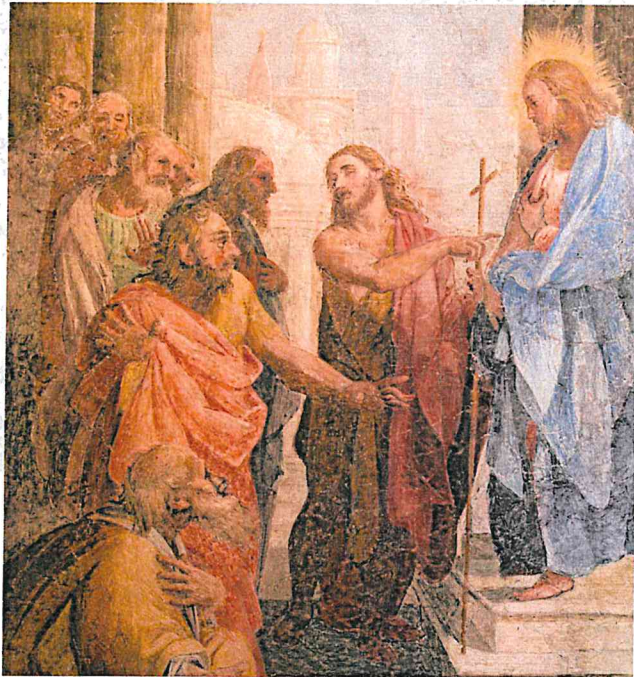


Dec 9/10, 2023

Welcome to our parish!

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

919 E. Indiana Ave. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
P. 208.664.9259 | W. stthomascda.org



The Second Sunday of Advent

“John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins...

And this is what he proclaimed:

“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen
the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1:4,7-8



Bastiani, Lazzaro. *St. Lucy and Kneeling Donor*, ca.1485

Dec 13th: St. Lucy

Sacraments

Saturday:

1st Saturday Mass for Our Lady 8am

Confession 3-4:30pm

Mass 5pm

Sunday:

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

Tuesday:

Holy Rosary 7:15am

Daily Mass 8am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

Adoration 6-7pm

Wednesday:

Holy Rosary 7:15am

Daily Mass 8am

Thursday:

Holy Rosary 7:15am

Daily Mass 8am

Confession and Adoration 6-7pm

2nd Thurs Fire & Light: Praise & Worship 6-7pm

Friday:

Holy Rosary 7:15am

Daily Mass 8am

Adoration following Mass until 12pm

Confession 9-10am

*For all other Sacraments please call the parish office
to make an appointment

Saints Reflection

"God always answers: maybe today, tomorrow, but he always answers, in one way or another.

Father listens and wishes to give us the Holy Spirit, which inspires every prayer and transforms everything. In prayer there is always a question of patience. Now we are in the time of Advent, a time that is typically of expectation; of expectation of Christmas. We are in waiting.."

Pope Francis

Mass Intentions

12/8 8 AM People of Parish
12/8 6PM Pastor's Intention
12/9 5 PM † Thomas Cressin
12/10 8 AM People of the Parish
10 AM † Angela Brand
12/11 8 AM No Mass
12/12 8 AM † Tom Jefferson
12/13 8 AM † Eric Lindstrom
12/14 8 AM Leo Gabel
12/15 6 PM † Steve Thompson
12/16 5 PM † Stephen Syzmanski
12/17 8 AM † Maryann Knifeong
10 AM People of the Parish

Thank you to our Sacristy Sponsors:

Flowers: The Andrus Family
Incense: The Garcia Family
Pascal Candle: Anonymous
Rosaries: Knights of Columbus
Altar Candles:

All Parish
Penance Service
Thurs, Dec 21st 6pm



Don't forget your Sunday obligation!

4th Sunday of Advent:

SAT DEC 23RD 5PM,

SUN DEC 24TH 8AM & 10AM

Christmas Vigil Mass

Sun Dec. 24th @6pm

Come at 5:30pm for the
"Festival of Carols"
The Christmas Story
told through music.

Midnight Mass 12am

Christmas Day Mass: 10am

Post-Christmas:

Feast of St. Steven

Tues, Dec 26th: Holy Mass 8am

No Adoration

**Feast of St. John
the Apostle & Evangelist**

Wed, Dec 27th: Holy Mass 8am

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Thurs, Dec 28th: Holy Mass 8am

No Adoration, No Confession

**The Fifth Day within
Octave of Christmas**

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No Adoration, No Confession

**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

Mon, Jan 1st: Holy Mass 8am

Happy Birthday Fr. Mariusz!

**No Daily Mass, No Adoration,
No Confession**

Tues, Jan 2nd- Fri Jan 5th

Cabrini Homeschool Co-op Presents

The True, Good + Beautiful

SACRED ART SHOW AND AUCTION
Featuring the works of local Catholic families and their children



DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

5 PM TO 8 PM

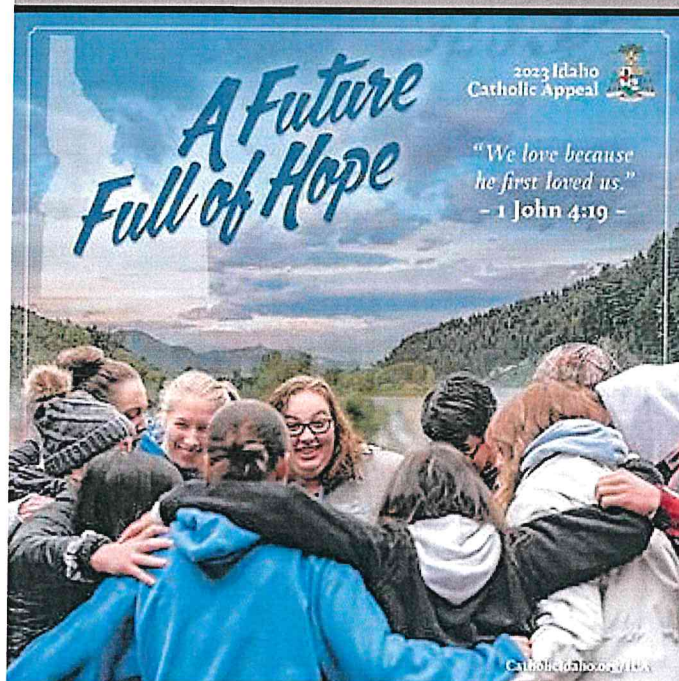
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For more info, visit
cabrinicoop.com/fundraisers

DINNER
BEER & WINE
LIVE MUSIC
COMMUNITY
SACRED ART!
PURCHASE TICKETS HERE!



This event will feature beautiful pieces of sacred art, created by Cabrini Co-op families and children, as well as dinner, drinks, live music, and multiple live auction items. Join us for a magical evening of truth, beauty, and goodness as we seek to uplift the community and local homeschool families. Visit cabrinicoop.ejoinme.org/register or contact Cameron at 208-409-5532 to register.



2023 Idaho Catholic Appeal

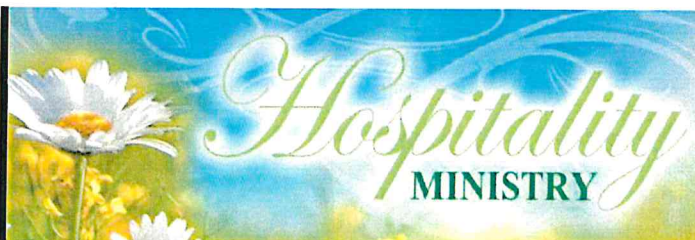
A Future Full of Hope

"We love because he first loved us."
- 1 John 4:19 -

HEAVENLY FATHER, giver of all good gifts, your strength is our hope. Fill our hearts with gratitude for all your blessings and guide us to be a blessing to others. May our faithful stewardship of your gifts to us bear witness to your everlasting love for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

Donate to the ICA



Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. – Hebrews 13:2

The mission of the Hospitality Committee Ministry is christian service through hospitality.

We set up for social functions in both the Mission House and Parish Center (i.e. decorating, preparing/serving food & beverages and clean-up chores).

Coffee & Donuts Receptions after Mass
Saturday Evening Socials
First Communion and Confirmation Retreats.

We are looking to grow!
The only qualifications required to serve are a warm heart and a friendly smile!
If you would like to volunteer, please contact Debbie Schmanski at dschmanski@gmail.com.



Called to Serve

Hello St. Thomas Parishioners!

The Liturgical Team is looking for greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors to come serve our Lord and Parish Family.

If you are interested or have questions about this ministry, please email Deacon Andy Finney at deacon@stthomascda.org

May God's Peace Be With You



registerseattle@helpourmarriage.org

Retrouvaille is a
Three-Phase Program:
Weekend Experience
Post Weekend Sessions
Monthly Support

This program is for couples who want help with their marriage struggles. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.

503-225-9191 or 800-470-2230
www.helpourmarriage.com

The Traveling Chalice Program
BY THE SERRA CLUB
OF NORTH IDAHO



Please sign up to pray for religious vocations for one week. The sign up sheet is to the far right side of the altar by the green votive candle
Any questions? Contact Dianna Decker 208-819-0939



**In person: February 16-18, 2024
Beaverton, Oregon.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.

The emphasis is on communication between husband and wife, who, spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other.

It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage.

WWME® Info: 503-704-0826



Engaged Couples!

Spokane Engaged Encounter
Weekend Retreat

March 1-3
and
May 17-19

Engaged Encounter weekends help couples prepare for marriage in a retreat setting by providing one-on-one time to learn about each other and marriage based on 5 major themes:

- The Family we Grew up in
- Sacramental Marriage
- Communication
- Intimacy
- Values

The ability to communicate effectively and openly is the most important tool for a great marriage. The retreat focuses on building communication skills within the other four themes. Learn more and register at:
<http://weekend.eespokane.org/registration/>

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE
CHURCH FOR

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

23
DECEMBER

9 AM- 1PM



Children's Ornament Workshop

Drop by to make a variety of Christmas ornaments with your kids, enjoy a hot beverage, and spread holiday cheer!

Free will offerings for drinks & ornament materials requested.

12:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday, December 16th

St Thomas Parish Center - 406 N 10th St. CdA

RSVP/Questions? Text Melissa Garcia @ 530-903-7915

Fostering Faith. Expanding Minds.
Building Community.



Now accepting
applications for the
2023-24 school year!

Visit www.hfcs-cda.org
to schedule a tour and to apply!

*"Be still, and know
that I am God"*

Psalms 46:10

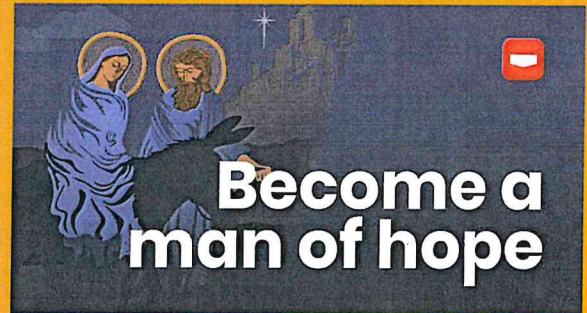


Join us for quiet
Adoration:
Tuesdays 6pm

Keep
★ Christ ★
in Christmas!



CHRISTMAS CARDS
\$10.00 PER BOX



Men of the parish: What do you think of

- A few cold-showers,
- No snacking,
- No mobile phone use
- No cream in your coffee

From January 1 to March 31?

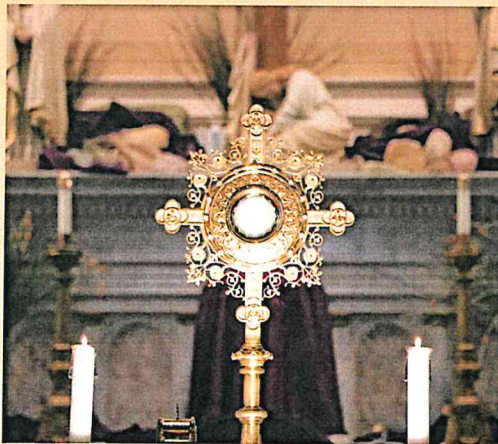
Sounds great doesn't it?

Exodus 90 is aligned to three pillars of asceticism, prayer and fraternity, to grow in their closeness to God and become the men

God wants them to be

Contact: Joe Gervais 206-476-4725 or

jgerva@yahoo.com



THURSDAY, DEC 14TH AT 6PM

Adoration, Exposition, & Confession

Fire and Light

PRAISE AND WORSHIP



St. Thomas More Society of Idaho
invites

Catholic lawyers, lobbyists, jurists, and elected public officials

to

Mass and a Breakfast Social

December 15, 2023 at 8 AM

at

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

919 E Indiana Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

News & Upcoming Events: Dec 9/10

- DEC 12: Divine Mercy Prayer Group. MH Library 9am
- DEC 12: St. Thomas Community Kitchen Dinner PC 4:30-5:30pm.
- DEC 13: Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study (PM). MH Dining 6-8pm
- DEC 14: Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study (AM). PC LL 9-11am
- DEC 14: Sacramental Prep MH Dining 6-7:30pm
- DEC 14: Catholic Bible Study for Children grades 3-5. Mission House 6pm
- DEC 14: Adoration and Confession with Fire and Light Praise and Worship 6pm
- DEC 14: Ecumenical Soup Kitchen @ 1st Presbyterian
- DEC 14: Knights of Columbus Rosary 6:30, Meeting 7:00pm PC Library
- DEC 15: St. Thomas Moore Society. Mission House Dining 9am
- DEC 16: Children's Ornament Workshop. Parish Center. 12-5pm
- DEC 17: KofC Rosary for Life. connector 9:15am
- DEC 17: Healing Prayer Team after 10am mass
- DEC 17: OCIA (Formerly RCIA) Meeting. MH Library 11:30am
- DEC 17: NICYA Meeting @ Lyfe Public House 1pm
- DEC 17: St. Thomas Community Kitchen Dinner PC 4:30-5:30pm. Please bring donations to Narthex
- DEC 18: Ladies Aux Meeting 12:00pm. MH Dining
- DEC 20: Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study (PM). 6-8pm
- DEC 21: Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study (AM). PC Lower Level 9-11am

Dec 21st: All Parish Penance Service 6pm

- Parish Office Closed Dec 22 - Reopens Jan 2nd

Don't forget to observe the regular weekend Holy Mass schedule Dec 23rd/24th in addition to Christmas Mass Dec 24th/25th!

- **Christmas Vigil Mass Sun Dec. 24th, 6pm.** Come at 5:30pm for the "Festival of Carols" The Christmas Story told through word and music
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Prayers for the Sick

Let us pray for 3 months

Eric Witerell, Sally Perkins, Annamarie (Wing) Breen,
Dianne Lutovsky, Monica Martinez, Barb Smalley,
Daryl Jacobson, Arne Noreide, Tommy Girard,
Deborah Bishop, Shekina & Rafeal Cardona, Jane Rupiper,
Jeff Woltemath, Mariah Lowman

Prayers for the Deceased

Let us pray for 3 months

Sharon Louise Sherrard Roys, Mark J Lewis, Tony
Sanderson, Donna Lopez, Linda Sue Funke, Doug
Wood, Lance Bridges, Patrick Hurrell, Angelo Arpaia

Mass Hymns

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| 1.# 278 | Readings |
| 2.# 706 | #862 |
| 3.# | Silent Meditation |
| 4. # 296 | |

December Contributions

Dec 3: \$9,819.50
Total: \$9,819.50

Building fund:
\$445.00

Monthly Budget:
\$60,000.



Please note that amounts may
change as online
contributions are posted.

Thank you for your generosity
of time, talent and treasure!

Find up-to-date calendar events and announcements at stthomascda.org/calendar

90 days to freedom.

A 90 day spiritual challenge just for Men

Joe will be in the connector after Mass today!

Joe • jgerva@yahoo.com • 206-476-4725



Prayer

How is your relationship with God? Are you consistent and honest in your time with Him? We must have a consistent and honest relationship with God if we desire peace in our lives. This is the first pillar of Exodus.



Fraternity

You might have buddies with whom you can drink beer and watch sports. But, do you have true brothers? Men who genuinely know you and with whom you can be honest and vulnerable? This is the third, and vital, pillar of the Exodus life.



Asceticism

We can't say "yes" to God until we have said "no" to the world and its comforts. With Exodus, you'll return to the Church's ancient – and largely forgotten – tradition of asceticism (a fancy word for "acts of self-denial").

Our culture today has no shortage of 'modern Pharaohs' that hold us back from true unity with God. If we're ruled by these Pharaohs, how can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus 90 gives you the tools to take control of your life

It's a way out.



Exodus

First Steps

- Download the E90 app
"St Thomas CDA-'24"
- Attend the Information Night on Wednesday December 27 at 7:15 pm (following adoration) in the Parish Center
- Vote on our preferred time for weekly fraternity meeting at info night.

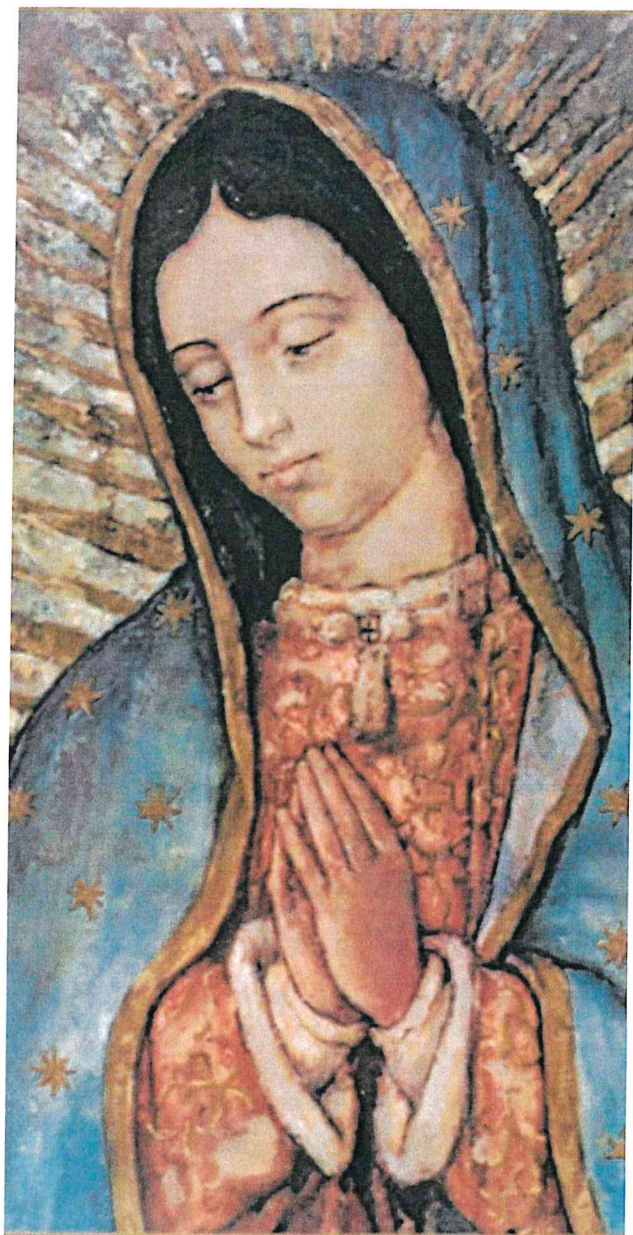
We start Jan. 1, 2024:

MenOfExodus.com



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12, 2023



*Let's celebrate
Our Lady of Guadalupe!*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th

Starts at 7:00am

Offering

Flowers

Songs

Rosary

Video Documentary of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

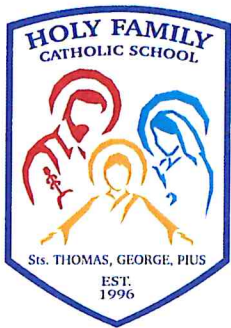
Video on appearance to
Juan Diego

Mass with Fr. Len

Coffee & Sweet Bread

625 E Haycraft Avenue – Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815





2023 | SUCCESS Annual Campaign

Standing Up for Continuing Catholic Education Serving Students



Will you help us meet our goal of raising \$100,000 before Dec. 31st?



Did you know?

- This school year, 50% of Holy Family Catholic School students will receive partial tuition assistance totaling more than \$250,000.
- Although Holy Family is a tri-parish school in the Diocese of Boise, we receive no direct subsidies from the diocese or the local parishes.
- Our SUCCESS Annual Campaign is the primary way we fund our tuition assistance program.
- **To date, through the generosity of our supporters we have raised nearly \$110,000 since launching our campaign in September. We need your help to reach our goal of raising an additional \$100,000 before December 31st! (See reverse for tax information.)**
- Your gift to SUCCESS helps bridge the gap so that we can provide an affordable, high-quality, faith-based education for ALL of our students.

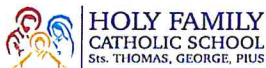


Please consider making an end-of-year gift to SUCCESS today!

The mission of our Roman Catholic school is to promote excellence in education spiritually, academically, and physically for the whole person, thereby nourishing the gifts uniquely given to each by God.

3005 W Kathleen Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815 208-765-4327 success@hfcs-cda.org www.hfcs-cda.org

YES! I believe in Holy Family Catholic School students and support their SUCCESS.



3005 W. Kathleen Ave.
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
(208)765-4327

Total Intention or Gift: \$ _____

I/We would like to pledge:

- ☐ \$25 ☐ \$250
☐ \$50 ☐ \$500
☐ \$100 ☐ \$1,000
☐ Other \$ _____

Frequency:

- ☐ One Time
☐ Monthly

Payment Options:

- ☐ Check Enclosed
(please make check payable to HFCS)
☐ Credit Card
(see reverse)
☐ Direct Debit - ACH
(monthly only, see reverse)
☐ Bill Me

Or make your gift online at:
www.hfcs-cda.org/donate



SCAN ME

Full Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

☐ I/We would like to remain anonymous.

Did you know that your **charitable donation to Holy Family Catholic School** is eligible for an **Idaho State Tax Credit** (which directly reduces your state tax liability) in addition to qualifying for **both federal and state deductions**? This means your gift to **SUCCESS** will cost you much less than you might think—and go much farther in supporting Holy Family! For example:

A \$1,000 donation to Holy Family Catholic School can have a net cost of ONLY \$175!!!

Donation to HFCS	Federal Deduction ¹	Idaho Deduction ¹	Idaho Tax Credit ²	Net Cost of Donation*
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Single Tax Return

\$100	\$25	\$8	\$50	\$17
\$500	\$125	\$38	\$250	\$87

Joint Tax Return

\$100	\$25	\$8	\$50	\$17
\$1,000	\$250	\$75	\$500	\$175



For a single taxpayer, a 50% credit is allowed for donations up to \$500; for joint tax returns, the 50% credit may be applied to donations of up to \$1,000. Corporations are eligible for a tax credit up to 10% of the corporation's total income or \$5,000, whichever is less.

¹These tax rates apply for taxpayers in the 25% federal tax bracket and 7.5 % Idaho state bracket.

²The Idaho Tax Credit to Educational Entities does NOT require itemization. Instructions can be found on Idaho Form 40 Line 25.

*Please consult your tax professional to confirm if these savings are applicable in your case.

Thank you to all who have previously donated to Holy Family and to those considering a gift now! Your gifts, big and small, make all the difference in the viability of Holy Family Catholic School and the future **SUCCESS** of our students—the Catholic leaders of tomorrow.

If you have any questions, please send them to John Loutsis, HFCS business manager, at jloutsis@hfcs-cda.org.

- ☐ **Credit card:** ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX
- ☐ One time only.
- ☐ Each month for 12 months.
- ☐ Each month as a sustaining donor.*

Name on card _____

Credit Card# _____ Exp. Date ____/____

Signature X _____

- ☐ **Direct Debit - ACH** (enclose voided check):
- ☐ Each month for 12 months.
- ☐ Each month as a sustaining donor.*

Signature X _____

*Sustaining gifts repeat every month and continue from year to year. Please contact HFCS if your banking or credit card info changes.

What is your affiliation to HFCS?
(check all that apply)

- ☐ Current Parent
- ☐ Alumni (Year) _____
- ☐ Alumni Parent
- ☐ Faculty/Staff
- ☐ Grandparent
- ☐ Parishioner at _____
- ☐ Other _____

☐ Please send me information on making a gift to Holy Family Catholic School in my will or estate plan.

Donor Club Levels:

Major Benefactor (\$2,000+) Platinum Club (\$1,000-\$1,999) Gold Club (\$500-\$999) Silver Club (\$200-\$499) Bronze Club (under \$200)

Our 2020 SUCCESS Donor Club listing can be found by visiting www.hfcs-cda.org and clicking on the SUCCESS tab.

Ladies Auxiliary

All ladies are welcome!
Our purpose is to provide
funeral luncheons to our
parish families.

3rd Monday 1pm
Mission House Dining Room

Healing Ministry Team

Is available to pray with you!

**1st and 3rd Sundays
after 10am Mass**

Individual appointments
available at other times.
Please contact: Debbie Zember
760-427-0964

Community Kitchen

Dinner Every Tuesday 4:30pm
Serving members of the parish
and community in need of a
nourishing meal

Please bring donations to the
Narthex for pick up on Tuesday.
Monetary donations can be given
to the Parish office.

Contact: Norm 208-964-3026

Kathy 208-664-2885



Serra Club of North Idaho

Join us once a Month for our
Tri- Parish gathering
12pm Rosary, 12:30 Meeting

Divine Mercy Cenacle



2nd & 4th Tuesdays
9am MH Library
Joanne Wing
(208) 664-2711



Knights of Columbus

Meeting: 2nd Thursday
Rosary 6:30pm, Meeting in PC 7pm
Pro Life Rosary: 3rd Sunday
9:15am in the Connector

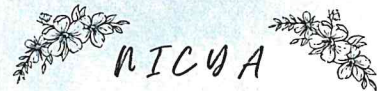


Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

Touching The Divine

Wed 6-8pm & Thurs 9-11am
(MH) (PC)

Starting Sept 13th & 14th
Runs through February 2024
Contact Bessie: 619-857-2803



NORTH IDAHO CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

MEETINGS ON SUNDAYS AT 1PM
LYFE PUBLIC HOUSE
FOR MEETING SCHEDULE AND
UPDATES: @NICYA_JMJ
FLOCKNOTE:
TEXT 84576 TO STTHOMASCDA

Holy Family Catholic School: Please join us for Mass every Wednesday at 10 am in the school gym.

- **SUCCESS Annual Campaign:** This school year, half of our families have received partial tuition assistance totaling \$250,000. Your donations to SUCCESS help us bridge the gap! Please make your gift by visiting www.hfcs-cda.org/donate.

Parish Office: 208.664.9259 | Website: stthomasda.org

Church/Mission House: 919 E. Indiana Ave. | Parish Center 406 N. 10th St
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm, Fri 9-12pm *Closed for lunch 12pm- 12:30pm
Church Calendar (liturgical and facility) <https://stthomasda.org/facilityusecalendar>
Parish News, Events & Sacramental Reminders: Youtube, Facebook @stthomasda

Fr. Mariusz Majewski, Pastor x.9
Deacon Andy Finney, Deacon
Carla Loucks, Faith Formation x.4
Brian Bogdanowitz, Sacred Music x.5
Lisa Stewart, Parish Secretary x.2
Ann Marie Shehan, Office Assistant
Jeff Clay, Maintenance Director
Kathy Krapfl, Bookkeeper x.7
Tina Johnson, Cemetery x.3
Rodney & Bessie Geilenfeldt, OCIA x.6
Prayer Chain

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deacon@stthomasda.org
faithformation@stthomasda.org
bbogdanowitz@gmail.com
secretary@stthomasda.org
officeassistant@stthomasda.org
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cemetery@stthomasda.org
rcia@stthomasda.org
stthomasdaprayerchain@gmail.com

The bulletin
deadline for
Current Events
is the
Wednesday
prior, by 9am.
Inserts must be
submitted 2
weeks in
advance. Thank
you St. Thomas
family!