

***** ST. BLANCHE *****

Mailing address: P.O. Box 412, Nordman, ID 83848

Collection: 3/20 \$741.00 YTD \$38,339.83

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AT ST. BLANCHE

Sunday at 11:30 am

Wednesday at 5:00 pm (Stations of the Cross at 4:30 during Lent)

The Idaho Catholic Appeal (ICA) goal this year is \$9,728.00

The next **St. Blanche Council** meeting is Wednesday, April 13 at 2:30 pm.

Please fill out and turn in your St. Blanche registration forms as soon as possible. So far we have received about 50% of the parish.

There will be **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** classes each Friday at 5:00

Children's Religious Education is at 9:30 am each Sunday.

Women of Grace meeting is at 10:00 am each Monday.

There is a **bookshelf library** in the assembly area. Anyone can take and read any book there, just bring it back when you are finished.

Please stop by after Mass for coffee, refreshments and fellowship.

**DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN IS THURSDAY AT 5 PM
CALL THE RECTORY AT 448-2127
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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday thru Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday during Winter 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

(Adoration at 8:00 before Mass)



St. Blanche at Priest Lake

27832 Highway 57

P.O. Box 412

Nordman, ID 83848

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.

(Adoration at 4:00)

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Father Reginald Nwauzor, Pastor

Rectory/Office: (208) 448-2127

Baptisms: Call the Office

Marriages: Four months prior notification is required

Funerals: Notice should be made to the Parish Priest before arrangements are made with the Funeral Director.

Anointing of the sick, Communion for the sick and hospital visits: Please call the Office to notify the priest of the need so a visit can be arranged.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday 1/2 hour before Mass and anytime by appointment.

New to the Parish? Welcome to St. Catherine's or St. Blanche!! We are happy to have you as a member of our faith community. Please fill out a registration form which can be found in the vestibule of the church and return it to the office or place it in the weekly collection. Once again—WELCOME!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27, 2022

Reading I	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12	
Reading II	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	
Mon:	Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54	Thurs: Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47
Tues:	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16	Fri: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 John 7:1-2,10, 25-30
Wed:	Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30	Sat: St. Francis of Paola Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-53

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE SICK, FOR THOSE HOMEBOUND, FOR THOSE OTHERWISE IN NEED IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

ST. CATHERINE: Mary Schetter, Diana Fox (friend of Tom Facsko), Sandy & Janie Dolacki (cousins of Tom Facsko).
ST. BLANCHE: Justin Carver, Jackson Valdez (great grandson of Dick Hamm) Juanita Everson, Rita Ringo.
Please submit names to the rectory of those who need to be added to this list.. Names are periodically timed out. If they need to be put back on the list, please email or contact the rectory.

TRADING PARCHED GRAIN FOR MANNA

In the First Reading, the Israelites are finally at the promised land. The Exodus is over and the Israelites eat parched grain from the produce of the land.
The Exodus was a tough time for the Israelites. But, almost from the start, there was one peril in the desert from which the Israelites did not suffer: lack of food.
That is because God himself fed them.
A funny kind of food appeared on the ground, and the Israelites gathered it in. When that food first showed up on the ground, the Israelites said, “WHAT is THAT?”—“MAH NA” in their language. (And ‘manna’ is what it came to be called by them, and by us.)
The Israelites learned fast what the answer to their question was. That stuff on the ground, the manna, was like Tolkien’s lembas or Elven bread. It was unbelievably nourishing. You could go a very long time on just a little of it. And it was delicious. It was light; it had something of the taste of coriander about it; and there was a suspicion of honey in it, too. It was magically good, and it came from the hand of God, who hand-fed his people in the wilderness.
Who would ever want to give up manna?
But when the Exodus ended, the manna did too. One night the Israelites ate the parched grain of the promised land, and the next day there was no more manna.
I don’t know what parched grain is, but it doesn’t sound worth having by comparison with manna, does it? It doesn’t sound delicious. It doesn’t come from the hand of God; you have to get it for yourself. And you have to work to grow it. It doesn’t just magically appear on the ground in the morning.
Who would ever want to trade manna for parched grain?
But the parched grain was the beginning of life in the promised land, where the Israelites found a home. The consoling sweetness of manna came out of the harshness of the conditions of the Exodus. Out of the sorrow of trading manna for parched grain there came the consolation of home.
And here is the lesson for us. The Lord’s goodness never fails. It changes in character, but it is always there for us.

***** ST. CATHERINE *****

There is a special collection today for **Catholic Relief Services**. Please be generous.
Father Reginald will be in Boise for the Chrism Mass on March 31. He will be gone from Wednesday, March 30 through Friday, April 1.
WOMEN’S GUILD: The next meeting for the Guild has been set for April 10.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Guild will again be sponsoring our Heritage Dinner on May 14 at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Set aside time to come join us for good food and lots of visiting and conversation.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The next meeting is scheduled for April 10
The Knights will host Easter breakfast on April 3rd and a Mother’s Day breakfast on May 1, both after Mass.
The annual **Idaho Catholic Appeal** is underway. Please remember to give generously. Our goal this year is \$8,054. Anything over that amount is returned to St. Catherine.
Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and it is dedicated to the local Food Bank. Please bring your donations for this purpose next Sunday.
ST. CATHERINE SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: Tickets will be sold from March 1 to May 14 with the drawing to be held at the Heritage Dinner on May 14. First prize is a Yeti (Roadie 24); Second prize is a Landshark Garden Stool; Third prize is a Makita Power Drill. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 and 25 for \$20. We would love some volunteers to help sell tickets with us. If interested please see Janine Jones, Rush Balison, Pete Robinson or Leonard Parenteau after Mass or call Janine at (208) 659 3057 and leave a message. Thank you.

LENT AND EASTER

During Lent Christians are asked to fast and pray in preparation for Easter, April 17. Season’s penitential practices are:

- All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This applies to those who are 14 years and older.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence and fast. One full meal and two lesser meals and no eating between meals. Fasting applies to all between the ages of 18 and 59.

Fridays during Lent at St. Catherine will begin with Rosary at 5:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:20 pm. A meal of Soup or Fish will follow and will include a donation to the Food Bank of a can of soup.

AROUND THE DIOCESE WITH BISHOP CHRISTENSEN

Confirmation dates and location with Bishop Peter Christensen in the Northern Deanery are Sunday, April 24 at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph’s Church in Sandpoint and Monday, April 25 at 7 :00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Coeur d’Alene.

St. Catherine
3/20 \$830.00 YTD \$36,331.61

Thank you for your donations