

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

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

4/02 \$939.00 YTD \$33,842.54  
ICA Pledged \$2,350.00  
Your donations are appreciated.

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AT ST. BLANCHE**  
Sunday at 11:30 am  
Wednesday at 12:00 noon (Adoration and Benediction)  
Wednesday at 1:00 pm Mass

**Our IdahoCatholic Appeal** goal is \$10,003. So far 4 families have pledged \$2,350.00

The next **St. Blanche Council** meeting is on Wednesday, April 12 at 2:00 pm.

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 and sweets.**

**HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER**

**DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN IS THURSDAY AT 5 PM  
CALL THE RECTORY AT 448-2127  
OR EMAIL TO [stcatherineparish445@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherineparish445@gmail.com)**

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#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday thru Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday Adoration	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Mass	12:30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:30 a.m.
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**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!



**St. Blanche at Priest Lake**  
**27832 Highway 57**

**P.O. Box 412**  
**Nordman, ID 83848**

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Adoration	12:00 p.m.
Wednesday Mass	1:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass	11:30 a.m.

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

Reading I Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43  
Reading II Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel John 20:1-9

Mon:	Seasonal Weekday Acts 2:14, 22-33 Matthew 28:8-15	<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> Sunday, April 9 Our Parish Family
Tues:	Seasonal Weekday Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18	Tuesday, April 11
Wed:	Seasonal Weekday Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35	Wednesday, April 12
Thurs:	Seasonal Weekday Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48	Thursday, April 13
Fri:	Seasonal Weekday Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14	Friday, April 14
Sat:	Seasonal Weekday Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15	Saturday, Apr 15
		Sunday, Apr 16 Our Parish Family  MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

## EASTER JOY

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Above all days, Easter is a day of joy.

But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, “When we come to St. Mary of the Angels [our house], soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: ‘Who are you?’ And we say: ‘We are two of your brothers.’ And ... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!”\*

Whatever we may think of St. Francis’s explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis’s kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, SJ, at Easter there is only “the cross and passion past; dark night is done, bright morning come at last!”\*\*

When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear the Lord say, “Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth” (Song of Songs 2:10-12). In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. That will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## \*\*\*\*\* ST. CATHERINE \*\*\*\*\*

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

ST. CATHERINE: Mary Schetter, Dave Bring (friend of Tom Facsko), Sandy & Janie Dolacki (cousins of Tom Facsko), Billie Serbell (sister of Berta Bagley), Mary Smith, Doug Wagner, Nanci Henning, George Moore, Ron Griffith.

ST. BLANCHE: Justin Carver, Jackson Valdez (great grandson of Dick Hamm), Gracia Anderson, Bob Cummings (son-in-law of Dick Hamm)

*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.*

4/02 \$1,784.00 YTD \$42,892.03

ICA Pledged \$5,600.00

Thank you for your donations.

# HAPPY EASTER

**Father Reggie will be on vacation from April 20 to June 1. He will be visiting his family in Nigeria. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe and enjoyable trip. During his absence there will be no weekday Masses.**

**WOMEN’S GUILD:** Our May meeting will be held before we set up for the Heritage Dinner on Saturday, April 29.

The Annual Italian themed dinner with the added bonus of honoring our patron saint, St. Catherine of Siena, will be held on April 29 at 5:00 pm at St. Catherine. This will be a potluck. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church so that we might enjoy a variety of foods from the great cooks in our parish. Please add your name to the item you wish to contribute and then join us the evening of the 29th.

The Guild will be involved with the May 6 city-wide garage sale with the Parish parking lot offered for sites from which to sell vendors’ wares. Please collect any “in good condition” items you have to donate to this event. In connection with this event, the Guild will be sponsoring a bake sale along with selling chili dogs and drinks. All ladies of the Parish are requested to donate their baked goods for the sale.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The Knights have scheduled their annual Mother’s Day Breakfast for May 7th after Mass. All are welcome to come down and have breakfast served by the Knights. They have also scheduled their regular May meeting when they are preparing breakfast that morning.

Remember the Divine Mercy Novena.

**WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US FOR  
COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS AFTER MASS.**