

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

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

9/24 \$697.05 YTD \$17,656.99
Your donations are appreciated.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AT ST. BLANCHE

Sunday at 11:30 am
Wednesday at 4:00 PM there will be Adoration and Benediction
Wednesday Mass is at 5:00 pm

Our Idaho Catholic Appeal goal is \$10,003. So far 21 families have pledged \$8,020.00

The next **St. Blanche Station Council** meeting is on Wednesday, October 11 at 2:30 pm.

The Inland Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat will be from October 20, 3:00 pm to October 22, 12:00 noon at Camp Lutherhaven, 3258 W Lutherhaven Road, Coeur d'Alene. For more information see web site INWCatholicmensretreat@gmail.com

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**

**DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN IS THURSDAY AT 5 PM
CALL THE RECTORY AT 448-2127
OR EMAIL TO 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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St. Blanche Station at Priest Lake
27832 Highway 57

P.O. Box 412
Nordman, ID 83848

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Adoration	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Mass	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass	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!

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 2023

Reading I Ezekiel 18:25-28
Reading II Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Mon:	The Holy Guardian Angels Zechariah 8:1-8 Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Tues:	Weekday Zechariah 8:20-23 Luke 9:51-56
Wed:	St. Francis of Assisi Nehemiah 2:1-8 Luke 9:57-62
Thurs:	St. Faustina Kowalska Ephesians 3:14-19 Matthew 11:25-30
Fri:	St. Bruno Philippians 3:8-14 Luke 9:57-62
Sat:	Our Lady of the Rosary Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 Luke 10:17-24

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, 10/1 Our Parish Family
Tuesday, 10/3
Wednesday, 10/4
Thursday, 10/5
Friday, 10/6
Saturday, 10/7
Sunday, 10/8 Our Parish Family
 MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The parable in the Gospel Reading, Jesus says, is about entering the kingdom of heaven. In the parable, a father says to one of his sons, “go to work in my vineyard, Son!”; and that son says, “NO!” Then the father says to his other son, “go to work in my vineyard, Son!” And that son says, “YES!”

Which of these sons is the good son? Which one enters the kingdom of heaven?

You might sensibly enough think that it is the son who says “yes” to his father.

After all, what could be worse than saying “NO!” to God the father? Who would think that rebellious NO-sayers could be pleasing to God? Who would suppose that they could enter the kingdom of heaven?

And so it seems clear that the YES-sayers are the ones who will enter the kingdom of heaven and those wretched NO-sayers will wind up in the other place.

But this is not what Jesus says. He says that the NO-saying son is the one who did the will of his father. He is the one who entered the kingdom of heaven, and not the YES-saying son.

Why would Jesus say this?

Well, the son who says “YES” to his father doesn’t actually do what his father wants him to do. It is the NO-saying son who actually goes to work in his father’s vineyard.

And so here is the thing for us to notice. What the NO-saying son says is contrary to God’s will. But what he does is in accordance with it.

It is just the other way around with the YES-saying son. The words of the YES-saying son are obedient to God’s will, but his life is lived in opposition to it.

The words of the YES-saying son are empty. His life, not his words, tell the real truth about his relationship to his father. The truth is that the YES-saying son rejects God’s will, however much acceptance there is in his words.

And so the Psalm gives us the right prayer to go with this parable: “Lord, teach us your ways!” Our ways need to be God’s ways. It is good if our words say YES to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say YES to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless.

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

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

ST. CATHERINE: Mary Schetter, Billie Serbell (sister of Berta Bagley), Mary Smith, Doug Wagner, George Moore, Steven Buhl, Rush Balison, Elsie Westmoreland (Mother of Barbara Bateman), Martha Baldenegro (mother of Roxanne Gawel), Nanci Henning, Gary Domke (friend of Diane Madoski), Kathy Robinson, Rachelle Buhl (mother of Jacob Buhl), Sister Leslie.

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.

9/24 \$1,204.00 YTD \$178,254.25

Thank you for your donations.

The Pope's Intention for October is for the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The next meeting for the Knights is scheduled for October 8. Please mark your calendars.

WOMEN'S GUILD: Next scheduled Guild meeting is October 8. All ladies are welcome...no commitment required!

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting will be Thursday, October 19, 4:00 pm.

**PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS AFTER MASS
FOR COFFEE, SWEETS, AND FELLOWSHIP!**