

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

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

11/19 \$353.00 YTD \$23,254.18

Second Collection \$13.00

Your donations are appreciated.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AT ST. BLANCHE

Sunday at 11:30 am

Wednesday at 12:00 noon there will be Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday Mass is at 1:00 pm

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

There is a little book at the entrance called “Advent for Busy Catholics.” Please take one per family as we have just a limited number. For those who would like to share their thoughts on their reflections, there will be a weekly get together each Thursday during Advent beginning at 4:00 pm here at St. Blanche.

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
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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

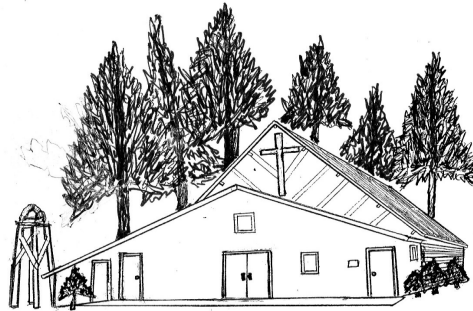
Wednesday thru Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday Adoration 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday Mass 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.



St. Blanche Station at Priest Lake

27832 Highway 57

P.O. Box 412

Nordman, ID 83848

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Adoration 12:00 noon

Wednesday Mass 1:00 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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023

Reading I Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Mon:	St. John Damascene 2 Timothy 1:13-14; 2:1-3 Matthew 25:14-30
Tues:	Weekday Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24
Wed:	St. Nicholas Isaiah 6:1-8 Luke 10:1-9
Thurs:	St. Ambrose Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri:	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38
Sat:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 11:25-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12/3

Tuesday, 12/5

Wednesday, 12/6

Thursday, 12/7

Friday, 12/08

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, 12/09

Sunday, 12/10

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES CAN BE
FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

WANDERING OFF

In this Reading from Isaiah 63, the prophet is longing for the love of God. But what he finds instead is what he cannot bear: God angry, God gone.

The experience that the prophet gives voice to is familiar to all of us. God is angry and has hidden his face; he is somewhere above the heavens, and we cannot find him there.

How can this be? How can this be? Doesn't God love us? Where is he? Why isn't he here?

The prophet answers these questions, and in the saddest way. The reason lies in our sinfulness, the prophet says. God is not gone from us because he has forsaken us. Our sins—our weaknesses, our willfulness, our pride, our failure to love, our failure even to accept the love of others—all these things have made us wither. Desiccated and unclean, we have been blown away from God by the winds of life.

But how are we supposed to be holy—clean and good—for the Lord, except by the Lord's own doing? We reject as Pelagian the thought that any one of us can make himself holy by his own efforts. Only God's grace can make a person lovely in holiness.

And so the prophet cries out to God, "why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways?" (First Reading)

There is an answer in the Responsorial Psalm. The Psalmist says, "Lord, make us turn to you!" This is a cry from a person who wanders from the Lord. He wanders because he wants to—that is the sad truth. But when he can't find God in his wandering, he cries to God, "make me turn to you!" Then he wants fervently not to want the very wandering he is so prone to want.

It may be then that God lets us do what we want to do, including wandering from him, so that finally we at least want to want him. Maybe we will find God when we cry with the Psalmist, "Lord, make me turn to you!"

***** 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, Martha Baldenegro (mother of Roxanne Gawel), Nanci Henning, Gary Domke (friend of Diane Madoski), Rachelle Buhl (mother of Jacob Buhl), Sister Leslie, Gary Bell, Fransiska Clement, Elaine Schmitz.

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.

11/19 \$1,407.00 YTD \$27,339.75
Second Collection \$54.00
Thank you for your donations.

The Pope's intention for December is for persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

WOMEN'S GUILD: The next meeting for the Guild will be when we decorate the Parish Hall for Christmas on Saturday, December 9 at 9:00 am, followed by a luncheon.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The next meeting for the Knights will be December 10. **The Knights will be serving breakfast after Mass this morning. Free of charge! On the menu is eggs, link sausage, French toast and a fruit tray. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast!!**

With the Knights spearheading the support of the Food Bank, since July there has been 421 pounds of food donated along with \$974 in cash. Many THANKS for all the generosity.

We are looking for someone with some knowledge and know-how to work on our website from the goodness of their heart. It shouldn't be too time-consuming for someone who knows what they are doing. Diane has been muddling through it but our parish community deserves so much better! You will be building treasures in heaven!!

We are in need of more Greeters. We appreciate any help to keep our Parish active. Please see Father Reginald or Diane if you can help with this ministry.

There are items for sale including Christmas Cards in the basement of the church. Please come down and see what is available while the selection is good.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS AFTER MASS FOR
COFFEE, SWEETS, AND FELLOWSHIP!**