

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

2/11 \$.00 YTD \$00
Your donations are appreciated.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AT ST. BLANCHE
SUNDAY AT 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY MASS AT 1:00 PM
ADORATION BEGINS AT 12:00 NOON

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 5:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY A LENTEN SOUP MEAL.

The next **St. Blanche Council** meeting on Wednesday, March 13 at 2:00 pm.

Please bring your ribbons and cones from last year's swags to St. Blanche for recycling.

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
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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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2024

Reading I Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Reading II Romans 8:31b-34
Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Mon:	Lenten Weekday Daniel 9:4b-10 Luke 6:36-38
Tues:	St. Gregory of Narek Wisdom 7:7-10, 15-16 Matthew 7:21-29
Wed:	Lenten Weekday Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28
Thurs:	Lenten Weekday Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31
Fri:	Lenten Weekday Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat:	Lenten Weekday Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, 2/25
Tuesday, 2/27
Wednesday, 2/28
Thursday, 2/29
Friday, 3/1
Saturday, 3/2
Sunday, 3/3 Our Parish Int
MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

SACRIFICE

In the First Reading, Abraham offers his beloved son as a sacrifice to God. The Gospel Reading identifies Jesus as God’s beloved Son. The two readings together remind us that God offers his beloved Son as our sacrifice to God. Christ, our Passover lamb, is sacrificed for us. (1 Cor. 5:7).

And so the First Reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect on sacrifice. What is a sacrifice? And why would God want one, from Abraham or from us through Christ?

The first thing to see is that a sacrifice is a peculiar kind of gift.

In the case of ordinary gifts, which aren’t sacrifices, the person who gets the gift is the one who benefits from the gift-giving. That person has the thing given; and if that thing was good enough to give, it is a good thing to get too. So the gift-receiver is the primary beneficiary of ordinary gift-giving.

But a sacrifice is a different kind of gift. When one person gives something as a sacrifice, however great his gift is, in the giving of it he himself receives something of very great value. In sacrifice the gift-giver is the primary beneficiary of gift-giving.

To see this point, consider Maximilian Kolbe, who sacrificed his life for Franciszek Gajowniczek at Auschwitz.

The Nazis had randomly selected 10 prisoners to die, and Franciszek Gajowniczek was one of them. When he was picked, he cried out, “Oh, my poor wife! My poor children! I will never see them again!” But Maximilian Kolbe stepped forward and offered to take Franciszek’s place. Kolbe knew that the selected prisoners would be slowly starved to death in a dark and airless bunker. But Kolbe offered his life for that of his fellow prisoner anyway. Witnesses reported afterwards that Kolbe prayed and sang hymns until the end when his voice failed.

In his sacrifice, Kolbe became a person in whom the beauty of love shone so brightly that his story now illumines all who hear about it. He gave his life to give life to Franciszek, but he himself received far more than he gave. Who would not want to be as lovely a soul as Kolbe was?

And so God, who lacks for nothing, is glad to have the gift of our sacrifices, not because he gets something great from them, but because we do.

***** 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, 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, Mack Harrison, Pete Robinson.

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.

2/18 \$1,221.00 YTD \$49,071.75
Special Collection \$57.00
Thank you for your donations.

The Pope’s Intention for March is for new Martyrs. Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

During Lent each Friday the Rosary will be recited at 5:00 pm with Stations of the Cross at 5:20 followed by a Lenten Soup Supper.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and is designated as Food Bank Sunday. Please remember the Knights’ drive for Lent for 1 can per day.

WOMEN'S GUILD: The next Guild meeting is scheduled for March 10.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The next meeting for the Knights will be March 10.

EASTER FLOWER FUND: Please consider donating to the Easter Flower fund for St. Catherine’s Altar. If you would like to donate please look for the Altar Flower Donation envelopes in the back of church. If you would like to have the donation dedicated to someone specific, please add their name and there will be a memorial list published in our Easter bulletin. Checks may be made out to Floral Traditions. Thank you for your generosity and for being a part of our Easter celebration.

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