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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 CALL THE RECTORY AT 448-2127 OR EMAIL TO steatherineparish445@gmail.com

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.



St. Blanche Station at Priest Lake 27832 Highway 57

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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:

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.

<u>New to the Parish?</u> 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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 3, 2024

Exodus 20:1-17 Reading 1 Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

Gospel

Philippians 3:8-14 John 15:9-17

Lenten Weekday

Mon: St. Casimir

Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35

Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19

Thurs: Sts Perpetua and Felicity

Romans 8:31b-39 Matthew 10:34-39

Fri: St. John of God

1 John 3:14-18 Matthew 25:31-40

St. Frances of Rome

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Matthew 22:34-40

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 3/3 Our Parish Int

Tuesday, 3/5

Wednesday, 3/6

Thursday, 3/7

Friday, 3/8

Saturday, 3/9

Sunday, 3/10 Our Parish Int

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

THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

In the First Reading, God gives Moses and the Israelites the ten commandments. These are God's basic instruction manual for life. In Christ's Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5 through 7), that basic instruction manual is supplied with more details. The ten commandments forbid murder. The Sermon on the Mount commands you actually to love your enemy, turn the other cheek to him, and so on.

The rules of God's instruction manual for us are helpful; but, as we all have learned, it is hard to know in what circumstances they apply. Suppose you take the commandment about turning the other cheek to apply to someone who is beating his wife. If you apply it to mean that you should not try to stop him, you will simply be cooperating with his evil.

The trick is to see that the commandment about turning the other cheek has to be applied in the context of the broader rule: love your enemy. If you enable your enemy to become more evil, how have you loved him?

Elsewhere in the Gospel (John 2:15), Christ uses a whip to chase the moneychangers out of the Temple. In doing this he helps us understand how to apply the rules. In cases where turning the other cheek would make your enemy worse instead of better, loving your enemy requires helping him to stop his evil in some other way. And that is why the same Christ who gave the Sermon on the Mount drives out the moneychangers. If he had turned the other cheek to them, he would have been an enabler of their evil. Instead, it is good for them, as well as for others, that they stop the evil they were doing. And so Christ uses force to get them to stop.

Here is the thing to notice, then. God's instruction manual for life is not limited just to the sets of rules in the ten commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. There is a medieval saying: every act of Christ is a teaching for us (Omnis Christi actio nostra est instructio).* Christ's life and actions, as they are set out in the Gospels, are our best help for seeing how to live our lives well. Our best instruction manual is Christ himself.

**** 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), Kathy Wagner.

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.

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> Thank you for your donations. •

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.

Today is Food Bank Sunday. Thank you for your generous donations to our local Food Bank.

There will be a Special Diocesan Collection next Sunday for Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous.

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. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: The Knights will be hosting their Easter Breakfast on Sunday, March 17. Set aside that day to join them after Mass for good food and community fellowship.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES: March 18 - St. Catherine's at 5:00 pm

March 19 - St. Joseph in Sandpoint TBA March 20 - St. Anne in Bonners Ferry TBA

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!