

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

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

3/03 \$1,681.00 YTD \$35,704.33
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.

There is a signup sheet on the table in the assembly area for those who wish to sign up for "Friends of the Outreach".

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
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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

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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!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2024

Reading I 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Reading II Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel John 3:14-21

Mon:	Lenten Weekday Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54
Tues:	Lenten Weekday Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16
Wed:	Lenten Weekday Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30
Thurs:	Lenten Weekday Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47
Fri:	Lenten Weekday Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat:	Lenten Weekday Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-53

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, 3/10 Our Parish Int
Tuesday, 3/12 NO MASS
Wednesday, 3/13 NO MASS
Thursday, 3/14 NO MASS
Friday, 3/15 NO MASS
Saturday, 3/16
Sunday, 3/17 Our Parish Int
MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

As the First Reading describes it, the enemies of the Jews smash Jerusalem. The walls of the city are torn down. The Temple of God is burned up, and all its holy things are destroyed. And the people are taken captive to Babylon. It’s all lost, their country, their customs, their language, their cult, their Temple.

In the Psalm, there is a poignant picture of the people’s heartbreak over this destruction of their home. The enemies who had wrecked Jerusalem wanted the Jews to sing Hebrew songs for them. “How can we sing the Lord’s songs in a strange land,” the captive people say to themselves in their grief.

The Second Reading declares that God is rich in mercy and great in love. So why doesn’t God protect his people from the heartbreak that his people had when Jerusalem was destroyed?

The answer to the question lies in the Readings.

God doesn’t want to destroy people and God doesn’t allow suffering for the sake of hurting people either. Instead, God is looking for a remedy, as the First Reading implies. God is willing to use desperate measures, even the heartbreak of his people, to save them.

And not only that, but God is willing to use his own suffering too. As the Gospel Reading says, God gave his beloved Son to save the world. Christ was betrayed by his disciples, shamed in front of his family and friends, mocked by his community, condemned by the legal authorities, publicly flogged, and put to death by crucifixion. Any one of these things is enough for heartbreak, isn’t it? And so, in the incarnate Christ, God uses his own great suffering as the final remedy to bring people from death into life, when all other remedies have been tried and failed.

Heartbreak by us, by Christ, is for life not for death.

And here is what else we need to see. Jerusalem was rebuilt and the Temple was restored, as the First Reading explains. Christ’s death was followed by his resurrection. In each of these cases, heartbreak was turned into joy.

***** 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.

3/03 \$1,842.00 YTD \$51,470.75
Thank you for your donations.

There will be no daily Masses this week as Father will be in Boise for a funeral and the Chrism Mass.

For those who want to subscribe or renew their Idaho Catholic Register, envelopes are in the back of the church.

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.

There is a Special Diocesan Collection today for Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generous donations.

WOMEN'S GUILD: The meeting this morning has been postponed. Watch the bulletin for the next scheduled meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights will meet this morning after Mass. All men of the parish are invited to join.

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Holy Thursday: Mass at 6:00 pm
Good Friday: 5:00 pm Stations 5:45 Passion Intercessions, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
Easter Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday: 8:30 am

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