

May 8 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter



St. Mary Catholic Parish



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PARISH CLERGY

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(afterhours)

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Mary Parish Community. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out form on website, stop by the Parish Office, or call (509) 928-3210.

CARE OF THE SICK

Communion is taken to the sick and elderly on a regular basis. Please call Karen Grewe (Homebound Ministry) at (509) 927-4941

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am
9:00 am
11:30 am

Weekday:

Mon - Tue 5:30 pm
Wed - Thur 7:00 am
Friday: 7 am & 5:30 pm
First Saturday 9:00 am

ADORATION

Friday 6:00 - 7:00pm
1st Friday 7:30am-12pm
1st Saturday 9:30am - 10:30am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm
Friday 6:00-7:00pm
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
First Fridays 7:30-8:30am

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The family should be registered and active in St. Mary Parish. For arrangements call the Parish office, 928-3210.

Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least six months prior to their desired wedding date.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or RCIC (for children over 7)

Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who is thinking about it? Please call Marie Bricher at 509-928-3210 ext. 111 or Nathan Loe at 208-771-3745 for more information.

For the convenience of those with hearing difficulties, Masses at St. Mary can be heard on personal FM-band radios or in the car in the parking lot. Tune to **89.9 FM**.

Prayer Requests

All those feeling lonely and isolated, those who are ill

David S., Doug C, Larry M., Irene Z., Susan Curalli., Ella Miller, Derek D., Mary L. Joe S., Caitlyn Levernier Graves, Ann P., Tracy & Greg P. , Ann G.

To have a name listed in the bulletin call Suzie in the office at 928-3210.

Names will be listed for 3 weeks, then removed unless requested again.

- ♦ If a family member is admitted to a local hospital, please call the parish office at 928-3210 if you would like a priest.
- ♦ To add someone to the prayer chain or to be part of the prayer chain ministry please join the *Prayer Chain* group in Flocknote or call the parish office. For those not "on-line" call Bobbie Bailey at 928-9584.

Griefshare opportunities:

- Griefshare Session starting May 10, 2022. Every Tuesday 1-3pm at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center.
- GriefShare is a 13 week scripture based support group for those grieving the death of a loved one.

For more information please call : Arlette Popiel 509-979-2255 or Rita McNeilly 509-944-1991

Griefshare.org

From your generosity the **St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul** conference members continue to assist our neighbors with delinquent rent and utility payments as well as supplying food, hygiene and paper products when requested. Our direct emergency assistance line is **(509) 362-7621**.

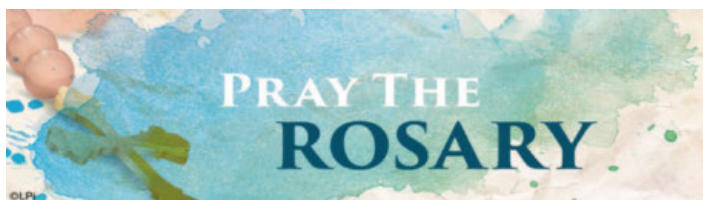
Monetary contributions can be dropped in the designated third Sunday basket or donated online at: www.stmaryspokane.org tap on "Give", then "Donation Designation" and scroll down to "St. Vincent de Paul".

All are welcome to explore volunteerism through our conference. We meet on the 2nd Monday/7:00 p.m. and 4th Sunday/10:30 a.m.

Contact mrobbins.home@gmail.com for meeting information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mondays from 10 am to 12 noon in the Adult Center. Crochet or knit shawls for those who are ill or in hospice. If you know someone who is ill and may be comforted by a shawl handmade with love and a prayer, shawls are available at the Parish Office.



Parish Collection Report

Weekly income Apr 25 : \$10,624.00
April total monthly income : \$57,267.97
Yearly Income (Jan - Dec) : \$270,056.22



PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

05/09	MONDAY	<i>Theresa Holm +</i>
05/10	TUESDAY	<i>Susan Curalli</i>
05/11	WEDNESDAY	<i>Ted Rivas Jr. +</i>
05/12	THURSDAY	<i>Joe Wetzler +</i>
05/13	FRIDAY	<i>Mary Ilgen +</i>
05/14	SATURDAY	<i>Fr William Provosty +</i>
05/15	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	<i>Bernice Bays</i>
	9am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11:30am	<i>Theresa Holm +</i>

To have a Mass offered by the priest please call the parish at (509) 928-3210 or email stmary@dioceseofspokane.org



Pastor's Column

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Indulgences

What is an indulgence? Indulgences (or “gaining an indulgence”) are an aspect of Catholic piety and devotion that involves prayer and is connected with Purgatory. To gain an indulgence is, as it were, to get out of Purgatory more quickly so as to enter into the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now, Purgatory is not an eternal “third option” of the afterlife. In the end and for eternity, there is only Heaven or hell. If Heaven is a glorious feast, then Purgatory is getting cleaned up and ready for that feast. Purgatory is not a question of *if* someone will get to Heaven (as if the Lord is still trying to make up His mind), but *when* someone will get to Heaven.

Why a soul would be sent to Purgatory and not immediately to Heaven has to do not only with sin but with one's attachment to sin or to anything of Earth. Dying in a state of unrepented mortal sin sends us to hell, but not venial sin. Therefore, a soul still somewhat stained with venial sin at the moment of death will require purgation (from which we get the name “Purgatory”), or purification, to be cleansed of absolutely any and all stain of sin before entering the presence of God. But even if a soul is freed even of all venial sin at the moment of death but still has some undue or inordinate attachment to something of Earth, that attachment also needs to be purified; for example, if I die and have no stain of any sin on my soul, but I feel like I could not enjoy being in Heaven if medium-rare steak were not on the menu, I would not be purified of that attachment, that inordinate desire for tasty steak (which, as great as it is, is not nearly as great as Heaven). Thus purified, I would be ready for Heaven.

Gaining indulgences is a way of making the “when” happen faster, as it were. (It is a tricky thing to speak of the passing of time as we know it when we are talking about dimensions of reality that are beyond time because they are eternal...but for the sake of argument, we will speak of the passage of time in these references to “when” and Purgatory happening “faster.”)

Now, to gain indulgences is an aspect of Catholic piety and devotion. The immediate fruits are graces gained for those for whom we are striving to gain the indulgence (that is, for oneself or for others), and also that the one gaining the indulgence is, by the practice of the act itself, growing in his or her practice of prayer and spiritual life. For example: if I want to gain an indulgence for a relative who died, that relative gains graces as a fruit of my prayers, and I myself will have grown in my own prayer life.

The process, as it were, of gaining an indulgence usually involves four specific things:

- Engaging in the specific prayer practice or devotional action (see below)
- Going to confession and attaining thereby to a total detachment from sin
- Receiving Holy Communion
- Praying for the pope (usually by praying the “Our Father” or the “Hail Mary”)

There are many specific prayer practices and devotional actions that are available for us to gain an indulgence. Some of the most common include:

- Pray for at least a half-hour of Adoration in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament
- Pray the Rosary with your family or with another group
- Pray the Rosary privately before the Blessed Sacrament
- Read Sacred Scripture for at least a half-hour
- Pray the Stations of the Cross in a parish church or on other holy grounds (such as a retreat house, a mission church or chapel, or a cemetery)
- Praying for the Poor Souls while visiting a cemetery

We are having olive wood carvings available to as purchase after all masses May 14/15. The proceeds are to support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land. It is the major source of income for them there. More than 75 families in Bethlehem Hand carved these items .

Hand Carved Olive Wood from Bethlehem

History of Holy Land Handicrafts

The handicrafts trade in the Holy Land has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Holy land people over many centuries and has become an industry of significance to the local economy. Beautiful handmade souvenirs made from the native olive tree provide Christian pilgrims with cherished memorials of their holy pilgrimage. Olivewood artisans use only the pruned and discarded pieces of young olive trees and sprouts from the old, unproductive trees. The artistry of Mother-of-Pearl is a tradition traced to the earth 17th century and has evolved along with the Olivewood trade.



The ancient crafts of Olivewood and Mother-of-Pearl started in Bethlehem hundreds of years ago when Franciscan monks trained the local population in carving Crosses, crucifixes, and reproductions of the Nativity scene of Jesus birth in Bethlehem and the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. The demand for souvenirs from the Holy Land can be traced to the early centuries of Christianity and the tradition of relic hunters. For centuries, early Christians believed in the spiritual powers of relics, the most sought after being The Holy Grail—the name of a legendary sacred vessel identified with the chalice of the Eucharist—and The True Cross, the actual cross on which Christ was crucified, believed to have been lost when carried into battle during one of the Crusades. Centuries later, Christians learned to satisfy their hunger for relics with other artifacts from the Holy Land, including ordinary stones which have been transported to every part of the earth by pilgrims. Historical documents and writing of Christian pilgrims over the centuries tell of the beauty of the Olivewood souvenirs.

The proceeds are to support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land since it is the major source of income for them there. We got our wares from more than 75 families in Bethlehem . They are very beautiful and unique items.(Nativities, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues).

The Christian population has dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the past two decades. And this is a way to support them stay there.





KNIGHTS CORNER



*Deacon
Andrew O'Leary
will be ordained to the
priesthood at Our Lady of
Lourdes
Cathedral,
May 21
10 AM*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLOWER BOWL SALE

Memorial Day 10 "Flower Bowls"
Pick up May 28-29
\$20

Drop by the Knights table in the gathering space. Funds raised are used in support of your Knights' charitable works.



Coming soon to St Mary Parish:

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We are currently organizing training for new teachers & helpers for Catechesis of the New Shepherd. Our 2022-23 classroom will serve children 3-6 years old. Days and times TBD.

Please call the office for more information if you are interested in training. The dates of training are as follows:

July 22-24
Oct 28-30

Aug 8-10 or 12-14
Nov 4-6

Sept 23-25
Dec 2-5

We also need assistance with making materials for our new classroom, or "Atrium". If you are a woodworker, sewer, or crafter, and would like to help, please contact the parish office : 509-928-3210 or stmary@dioceseofspokane.org

Respect Life : Join us in praying for the unborn and their mothers!

At Planned Parenthood on Thursdays from 11:00 - Noon. The address is 12104 E Main St., Spokane Valley. Contact Rose Hays at 509-990-5708 for questions.

Catholic Daughters meeting

May 14th at 9am at St. John Vianney Hall.
Come join St. John Vianney's faith devoted women.
Any questions call or email Diana Picone
541.5506728 or doberbarn@aol.com.

*Pray the Rosary each
Saturday morning at 7:30
In the Church*

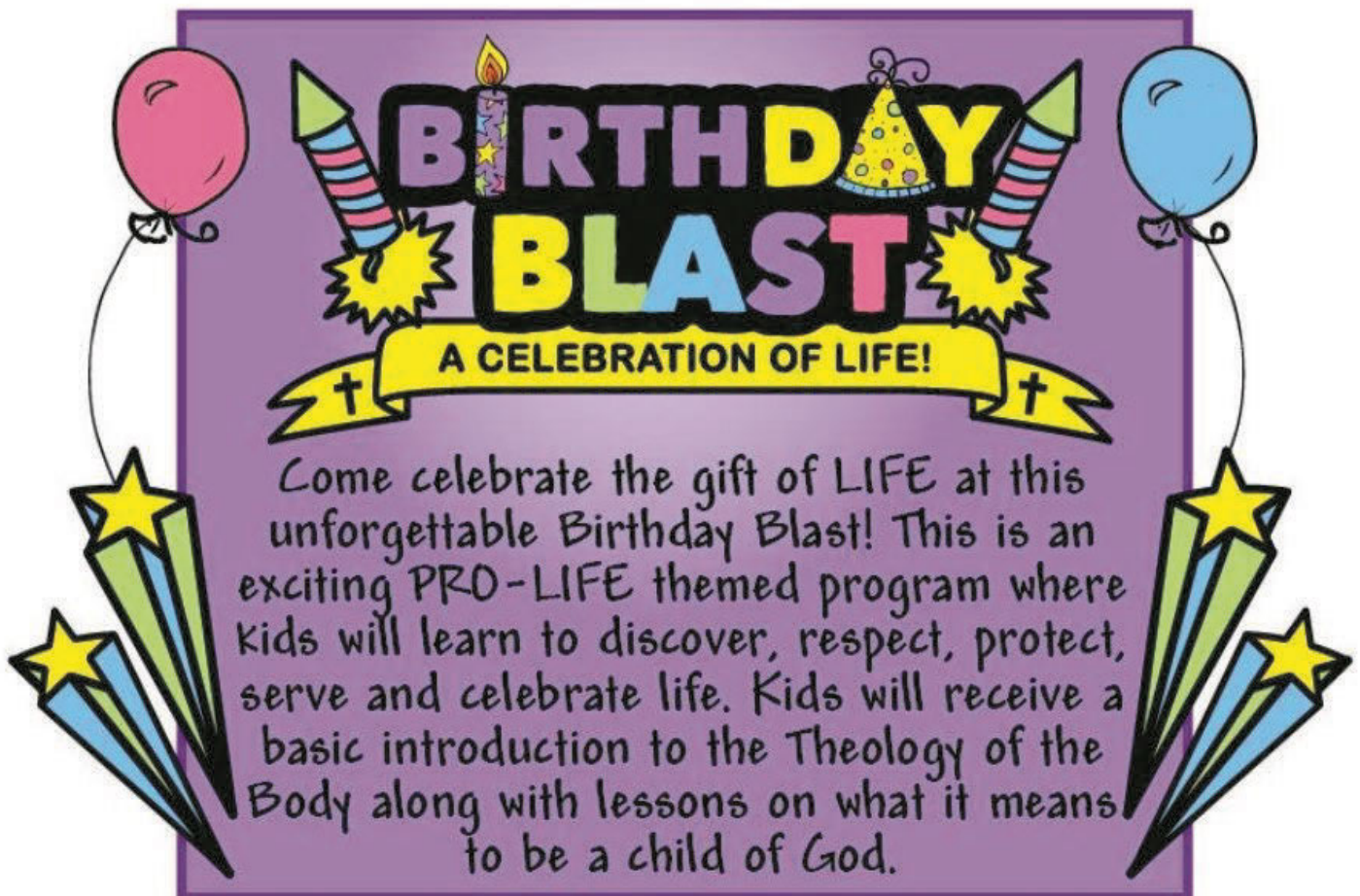
Catholic Summer Camp at St. Mary Catholic Church

Hold the dates and get ready for a great week of Catholic Summer Camp!

We will invite children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade to a great big Birthday Blast **June 27-July 1**. Each day of Birthday Blast: A Celebration of Life will include great Catholic content through songs, skits, crafts, games, snacks, Bible stories and more!

Our day will begin at **9am** and conclude at **1:30pm**. More details and registration forms will soon be available. Check our website and the bulletin!

If you want more information or if you would like to help with our Catholic Summer Camp (we need a small army of adults and youth), contact Marie Bricher: 509-928-3210 ext. 111 or mbricher@dioceseofspokane.org



May is the Month of Mary!

As part of our Year of Healing, please consider hosting the traveling Icon of our Lady of Czestochowa in your home for a week.

Prayer and meditation materials will be provided.

Please email Jayme Miner or call the office to sign up

jminer@stmarysspokane.org

509-928-3210

Friendship Lunch Bunch! (formerly Phoenix Club)

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

NOON in the Adult Center : **FRIDAY May 13th**

Bring a dish to share, or just bring yourself! All are welcome!

St Zelig's Village, A Mothers Group

Motherhood is an essential vocation to God's great plan! At St. Zelig's Village, we will gather together in fellowship, learn together, support each other, and pray together as we strive like St. Zelig Martin to raise up saints in this crazy world. This group is for all mothers: those who aspire to motherhood, those in the thick of it, and those veterans with adult children. We need you all!!

There will be childcare next door, goodies and hot tea.

Tuesdays, 9-11 am in the Martha/Mary Rooms.

Contact Jaymie Miner for details or just show up! jminer@stmarysspokane.org (509) 999-6631

ONLINE AUCTION!!!

To benefit [St. Francis of Assisi Parish](#), Spokane (the only remaining Franciscan parish in the Pacific Northwest). Auction will begin MAY 27 and end at NOON JUNE 5.

All auction items will be displayed only on the morning of June 5 at St Francis Assisi Hall, 1104 W. Heroy . There is no in-person bidding at the hall—it is all online.

The auction items include: gift certificates for dining, massage, car washes and live piano music; there is silver; there are quilts, stained glass and gift baskets. We are excited to have a large array of items; something for everyone!

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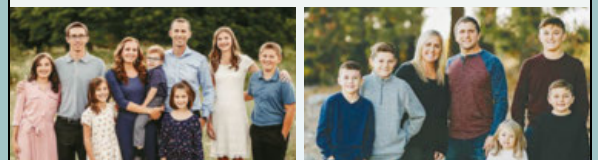
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