

St. Mary Catholic Parish



Nov 06 2022

Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time

*We are disciples of Jesus,
proclaiming His Gospel for the
salvation of souls and the
glory of God.*



PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFO

www.stmaryspokane.org
stmary@dioceseofspokane.org
Parish Office Phone : 509-928-3210
Emergency Anointing of the Sick x 9

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 3:30
Friday 7:30 - Noon
Saturday & Sunday Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:	5:00 pm	Weekday:	
Sunday:	7:30 am	Mon-Tue	5:30 pm
	9:00 am	Wed-Thur	7:00 am
	11:30 am	Friday	7:00am & 5:30pm
		First Saturday	9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

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

ADORATION

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

Adoration Chapel open daily 7:00 am - 10 pm

CLERGY

Rev. Jeffrey R. Lewis, Pastor x 109
Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski,
(Priest in Residence)
Deacon Dan Glatt

STAFF

Suzie Frei, Office Manager x 150
Marie Bricher, DRE & Faith Formation x 111
JJ Nazzaro, Youth Minister x 150
Sharon Greany, Business Manager x 107
Mark VanDriel, Maintenance Manager x 7

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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John White, Faithful Navigator 509-994-1023

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Diana Thomas 509-828-9500

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

Jaymie Miner 509-999-6631

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bill Flerchinger, President 509-362-7621

ST. MARY SCHOOL

509-924-4300

Brian Hull, Principal x 202
Chelsea Weiler, School Secretary x 200
Sharon Greany, Business Manager x 204

CARE OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

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

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**.

Upcoming Events

Prayer Requests

*All those feeling lonely and isolated,
those who are ill*

David S., Doug C, Larry M., Susan Curali., Ella Miller, Derek D., Mary L. Joe S., Caitlyn Levernier Graves, Traci P, Patty W. , David Rapp

To have a name listed in the bulletin call the office at 509-928-3210.
For those not "on-line" call Bobbie Bailey at 509-928-9584.

**How can you win
a \$200 gift card to
Churchill's Steakhouse in
Downtown Spokane?!?**

Turn in your ACA pledge envelope to be automatically entered in the drawing!

If you are unable to offer a monetary pledge, you can still enter!

Just turn in your envelope with a prayer pledge!

**Join us
in praying
for the unborn
and
their mothers!**

At Planned Parenthood on
Thursdays
from 11:00 - Noon
12104 E Main St.

Sunday Nov 06	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast After Masses
Monday Nov 07	10 - 12:00 am Prayer Shawl ministry Adult Center 7:00 - 8:15 Prayer Meeting with Tom Curran in the Church
Tuesday Nov 08	9:00 am Exercise group : Adult Center 10:30-3pm Pinochle Group : Adult Center 6:30 pm Bible Study : Mary Martha Room 6:30 pm Choir Practice : Church
Wednesday Nov 09	4:00-5:00 pm OCIC Office Conference Rm 5:30-8:00 pm Religious Ed : Church
Thursday Nov 10	9:00-10:00 am Exercise Adult Center 9:30-11:30 am St Zelig Moms Group : Mary/ Martha Room 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group
Friday Nov 11	9:00 -10:30 am Bible Study : Adult Center Noon - 2:00 PM Lunch Bunch Potluck **All are welcome, bring a dish to share!!! Church Office Closed for Veterans Day
Saturday Nov 12	7:30 am Pray the Rosary in the Church 8:00 - 10:00 am Womens Faith Sharing 8:00 am Mens prayer group
Sunday Nov 13	Coffee and Donuts after 7:00 & 9:30 Mass

Parish Collection Report: Year to date Income: \$655,245.01

Weekly income Oct 24 : \$10,648.86

Oct total income : \$36,249.66

PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

11/07	MONDAY	Joann Jones +
11/08	TUESDAY	Rick Henson +
11/09	WEDNESDAY	Frank & JoAnn Percy +
11/10	THURSDAY	Vocations to the Priesthood
11/11	FRIDAY	Mary Igen +
11/12	SATURDAY	Dolores Lund +
11/13	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	Paul Maxwell +
	9am	Pro Populo
	11:30am	Oscar & Martha Guerrero +





Pastor's Column

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Pointless Suffering

Last week, we reflected on the sad theme of suffering. This week, a few more things to consider with regarding to suffering.

Question: "Why would a good God allow innocent people to suffer and die with no clear purpose? Why is there pointless suffering?"

Answer: God can bring good from evil and can more than compensate for our sufferings and loss.

The faculties that allow suffering (such as the pain receptors in our nervous systems) do indeed have a purpose, and that is to help us avoid danger. But sometimes they are triggered in situations where they do not help, resulting in apparently pointless suffering.

Fortunately, God can bring good out of every tragedy; faith tells us that this is the case (see Rom 8:28; CCC 324). However, there is more that can be said.

For a person with an atheistic perspective, death is the ultimate end. If someone has suffered unjustly in this life, that is it. The person is just out of luck. Nothing can ever make up for the suffering that he or she experienced.

But from a Christian perspective, death is not the end but rather a transition. "Life is changed, not ended," as the Preface I for the Mass of the Dead reminds us. And so, we will exist forever. That means that no matter what we have suffered in this life or how short our life was, God can make it up to us. And in fact, God does even more. Saint Paul says, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Rom 8:18)

Elsewhere, Saint Paul teaches us, "So we do not lose heart.... For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

This is part of what makes it possible to live with the mystery of evil and suffering. It is true that I might experience evil and suffering in this life. From an earthly perspective, I may suffer, but I can endure that if I know that death is not the end and God will more than compensate for what I have suffered innocently. I do not have to know all the reason why this or that evil or suffering occurs, as long as I know that God will make everything right in the end.

Further reflections on the general phenomenon of suffering are being offered through our parish's new weekly video series that we send out on Flocknote: "No More Wasted Suffering: Becoming a Disciple of the Suffering Servant." There is a story of Archbishop Fulton Sheen in New York City passing by a hospital, and at seeing the hospital, he sighed and said, "So much wasted suffering."

He was referring to the common reality that most of us do not know how to make good and noble use of our suffering – offering it in reparation for sin, or perhaps as a prayer gesture in intercession for someone in need. If we can learn the value of suffering and also learn how to tap into that, we then can boldly declare, "No more wasted suffering!" And we can use our own suffering in such a way as to help us becoming stronger, more faithful, more joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.

~ Fr. Lewis

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center Gala

November 11

Hope, Faith, & Healing

Barrister Winery in downtown Spokane.

Keynote Speaker: Father John Murphy SJ,
Spiritual Director at Bishop White Seminary

Hors d' oeuvres, dinner, dessert, and wine!

This event is Immaculate Heart's major annual fund-raiser, and we need your assistance to help make it a success.

ST MARY IS SPONSORING A TABLE. CALL THE OFFICE IF INTERSTED

509-928-3210

GriefShare Opportunities for those that have lost loved ones

All Sessions held at Hennessey Valley Funeral home at 1315 N Pines (GriefShare.org / Or call Rita 509-944-1991)
Surviving the Holidays (1 Session) Online: Monday Nov 14 6:30-8:30 pm / in-person: Nov 15 10:00am, 1:30pm, 6:30pm

St Mary School is seeking a part-time Educare assistant. This position requires a love for young children ages 3-14. The assistant is responsible for maintaining a safe and fun environment. Hours are Monday-Friday 2:30-5:30

Guatemala News

Our SERRV and EARN link is open and available once again! This is an easy and compassionate way to help both the medical clinic and impoverished artists from around the world. All you do is visit the website (or use the QR Code) and browse product, and shop!

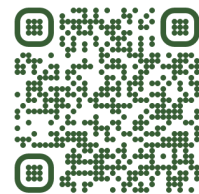
SERRV sends us 20% of all sales which will be donated to the medical mission.

<https://www.serrv.org/?a=StMaryGuatemala>

Last year we made a total of \$475 from this program.
Thank you to all who ordered products!

Your participation will be greatly appreciated by Dr. Jose Miguel and people of the mission, and also by over 8,000 artisans and farmers from 24 countries who create these beautiful items. Plus, your friends and relatives will receive beautiful handmade gifts!

Thank you to each of you who have been donating by using the yellow stewardship envelopes. Donations from St Mary Church are essential to keeping the medical program operating. Please continue to pray for the people in our mission, as they pray for us!



In the Community

MyChoice Fatherhood Program: MyChoice Fatherhood Program is designed to engage, equip and empower dads to step into their role as leaders and fathers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, trainer, or mentor, please visit the volunteer page, fill out the application, and sign up for our volunteer orientation. For questions please contact the Fatherhood Director Mark Morton at mark@lifeservices.org or by calling 509-327-0701

St Anthony Church in Spokane : Saturday Nov 19 (2:30 - 4:00 pm) Heart to Heart in Prayer.

St Anthony is inviting you to an afternoon conversation about prayer, & how to concretely make it a part of your everyday life. The afternoon will be led by Teresa Chabot, a lay Catholic Spiritual Director from the Diocese of Helena with a certification in Spiritual Direction from Divine Mercy University. Teresa has over 20 years experience assisting lay people to build their spiritual lives & daily prayer. There will be confessions available at 3:30 & Mass begins at 4:30. Light refreshments available.

ST ZELIE MOMS' GROUP

Why We're Here

St. Zelie Moms' Group is designed to nurture the identities of women (daughters, sisters, wives, and mothers) under the gaze of Jesus Christ and in the love of the Holy Spirit, this Catholic social environment is for women to share the joys and struggles of motherhood, form new friendships, and receive encouragement from their Church family.

Calling all Moms

Moms of all ages and stages are welcome to join us for coffee/tea, snacks, faith, and fellowship. Come to some meetings or come to all - we're excited to have you! Kids are always welcome.

Contact Hailey Eames at 509-995-3728 or haileyeames14@gmail.com for more information.

St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul

members continue to assist our neighbors with emergency food, rent, and utility payments. **Our pantry is in need of non-perishables.** Our direct emergency assistance line is (509) 362-7621 To help in this service, 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".

St Mary Quilters

Are you interested in quilting? Do you enjoy helping others in need, and laughing, chatting, and sewing together? Please join St Mary Quilters!! We meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays, September - May, from 12:30-4:00 in the Mary Martha room at the St Mary office bldg. And we could use more willing hands!! Call the office or Linda Johnson at 509-220-1377

Love to sing choral music?

The choir invites you to join in our rehearsals
for the *10 PM Christmas Eve mass.*

Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings from
7 - 8pm in church beginning November 15.





KNIGHTS CORNER



Turkey Bingo!!!

November 13
2:00 - 5:00 pm

Bingo Cards \$5/ea



Concessions:

Hot Dogs

Popcorn

Baked Goods

Drinks

For those binging baked goods, please drop off at gym by noon on Nov 13.

Christmas Cards will
be for sale in gathering
space, at the pancake
breakfast, and at
Turkey Bingo.
\$15/box

Please continue bringing food and hygiene
supplies for the Knights food bank.

These supplies are distributed all over
Spokane to homeless veterans and any in
need.

Pancake Breakfast November 6

Pancakes - French Toast - Fruit

Scrambled Eggs - Ham - Sausage

Hashbrowns - Biscuits & Gravy

Juice - Milk

Coffee - Tea



*** Take out options available ***

Suggested Donation—\$7/person (Children under 10 Free)

Cash, Credit/Debt Cards accepted

November: Month of the Holy Souls

Who are the “Holy Souls”?

Those who have died and are now in purgatory, being prepared to enter heaven.

What is Purgatory?

Purgatory is a state of cleansing and purification that happens to those who love God but are not yet perfectly ready for heaven. The souls in Purgatory will enter heaven when they are ready—when they have been cleansed and healed of the attractions to sin that still cling to them.

Why do the Holy Souls need our prayers?

The Holy Souls need our prayers because they can't pray for themselves—this is part of purgatory. To be ready for heaven a soul must be perfectly in love with God and perfectly united to His family, the Church. On earth, the Holy Souls put themselves first rather than God and others. In purgatory, they are purified of self-love by their need to rely on the prayers of other people.

What if we pray for someone, but they are already in heaven?

Those in heaven don't need our prayers—they are praying for us in powerful ways! We don't have to worry, though, about “wasted” prayers for the Holy Souls. God is Lord of all time—past, present and future. In ways that we cannot understand or control, God can take our present prayers and apply them when they were needed in the past. Our prayers are always received by God and He uses them to bring about the greatest good. The love contained in our prayers will always bear fruit.

How long do people spend in Purgatory?

We cannot understand the passage of time in eternity—it is not like our days and months and years. People are in Purgatory until they are ready to enter heaven: this may be experienced as a moment or as a lengthy period.