

# *St. Mary Catholic Parish*



*November 20, 2022*

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

## PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFO

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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

## 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

## 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

## 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 112  
Sharon Greany, Business Manager x 107  
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## ST. MARY SCHOOL

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Sharon Greany, Business Manager x 204

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., 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.

*Bishop Daly will bless  
the St Mary altar  
November 27  
at 9 am Mass*

## St. Zélie Moms' Group

Support for Catholic moms  
in a Catholic community

Kids are welcome!

Coffee, tea, & snacks to  
share

Grow in faith & fellowship

## LOCATION:

Mary/Martha Rooms in the  
St. Mary Parish Office

## WHEN:

Every Thursday Morning  
9:30-11:30 AM

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday Nov 20</b>	<b>Coffee and Donuts after 7:00 &amp; 9:30 Mass Sacramental Prep 10am-11:15am (kids &amp; parents) Youth Room</b>
<b>Monday Nov 21</b>	10 - 12:00 am Prayer Shawl ministry Adult Center
<b>Tuesday Nov 22</b>	9:00 am Exercise group : Adult Center 6:30 pm Bible Study : Mary Martha Rm 6:30 pm Choir Practice : Church 6:30 pm Knights 4th degree Adult Center
<b>Wednesday Nov 23</b>	
<b>Thursday Nov 24</b>	<b>10:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass</b>
<b>Friday Nov 25</b>	Church office closed
<b>Saturday Nov 26</b>	7:30 am Pray the Rosary in the Church 8 - 10 am Womens Faith Sharing MaryMartha Rm 8:00 am Mens prayer group Adult Center
<b>Sunday Nov 27</b>	<b>Bishop Daly to Bless Altar @ 9am Mass Advent Fair In gym after all Masses</b>

## Parish Collection Report: Year to date Income: \$674,363.00

Weekly income Nov 06 : \$16,936.92

Nov total income : \$16,936.92

October online : \$13,270.00

## PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

11/21	MONDAY	<i>Hazel Ford</i>
11/22	TUESDAY	<i>Susan Turnbull +</i>
11/23	WEDNESDAY	<i>Janet Sarat +</i>
11/24	THURSDAY	<i>Buzz Bailey +</i>
11/25	FRIDAY	<i>Mary Ilgen +</i>
11/26	SATURDAY	<i>Buzz Bailey +</i>
11/27	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	<i>Msgr James Ribble +</i>
	9am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11:30am	<i>Tony Merlitti +</i>





## *Pastor's Column*

*St. Mary Catholic Parish*

*November 20, 2022 - Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *Praying for and Promoting Vocations*

Two weeks ago was National Vocations Awareness Week, and it was another reminder for us that the entire Church, including the laity (not just priests and consecrated religious) are charged with the work of fostering and promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as marriage, the permanent diaconate, and consecrated single life. We need to pray that our young people, especially those here at St. Mary, will hear and answer God's call to them.

The role of the family is crucial for vocations promotion and fostering. The family can be a cradle for vocations, or it can be a grave. Some of the least flashy vocation stories start much like this: "I grew up in a normal Catholic family...." Such stories often go on to describe some rather non-dramatic entry into seminary at a somewhat young age. I am certain that we can all think of a few families here at St. Mary that are likely to produce these sorts of vocations. And I say: if only we had even *more* such families like that, in addition to all of the amazing families whom we already *do* have here at our parish! God be praised!

But the reality, however, is that families actually *can* (and, sadly, often *do*) put a damper on vocations. Consider priests in particular; surveys of newly-ordained priests find that many of them were initially discouraged from entering seminary by family members closest to them. Why in the world would that be? Because for some strange reason, there is a widespread misperception that priests are chronically lonely, distant from families, lead uninteresting lives. False! Lies, all of it!

Chronically lonely? My calendar just amongst our own St. Mary parishioners is booked two months in advance! Our youth group *alone* makes darn sure that I never have a chance even to *think* about being lonely, are you kidding me?

Distant from families? Ha! My grandmother, Cathy Ramsey, is a St. Augustine parishioner, but she has more friends here at St. Mary than /do! And my parents: they have come here for Mass on occasion, and soon after my arrival here at St. Mary, I recruited them to help with landscaping at the parish rectory. If anything, I see them *too* often! (I would never tell them that, of course!)

Lead uninteresting lives? I wish! First of all, our school. Enough said. And also, I already mentioned our parish youth. And there have been more days than I can count when I have had to administer not one, not two, not three, but *four* of the seven Sacraments in a single day. There have been days when I have had to anoint someone near death, only to turn it all around within the hour to officiate at a marriage. On one occasion, I had to do that for the same family – yes, in the same day! Uninteresting lives? Absolutely untrue.

"But I just want my son to be happy, and priests are not happy." Sheer absurdity! A scientific survey, data compiled over the course of a decade, concluded that not only are priests happy, but the priesthood in fact is the happiest profession with the highest recorded satisfaction rate of any professional job in the United States. You can read the study's results for yourself in a book written by Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, called (appropriately enough): *Why Priests Are Happy*.

And so, I hereby issue three challenges to *each* parishioner of St. Mary: one, pray one *Hail Mary* each day for a vocation for priesthood or religious *from our own parish*; two, pray for vocations before every Mass that you attend; three, attend a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and offer that Holy Hour for vocations – because Jesus is right there in the Eucharist, and He is the Master, and He tells us to "ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest." (Lk 10:2)

If *each* of us does this...if the entire *parish* does this...then I guarantee it: in very short order, we will have *plenty* of laborers for the Lord's harvest coming out of St. Mary parish. God bless you all.

~ Fr. Lewis



Each Advent season, the St. Mary students and parish community have gathered **NEW** pajamas to distribute to Spokane area children through Catholic Charities Christmas Bureau.

**Please bring *NEW* pajamas to the school or church now through Monday, December 5th. Our Goal is 600 pairs!**

## Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

**Advent Eve of Prayer (men and women)- Sr. Mary Eucharista , SMMC  
Thursday, December 1, 5 pm - 9:30 pm**

\*The evening includes Mass, Dinner, two Conferences, Adoration, and Reconciliation.  
\$45/person

**Advent Silent Day of Prayer - Bishop Thomas Daly  
Tuesday, December 6, 9 am - 3 pm**

\*The day includes Mass, Reconciliation, two Conferences, lunch, Adoration, and Rosary.  
\$45/person (or \$55 with use of a room for the day)

### CARE OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

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

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Mondays 10 - noon in 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 hand-made with love & prayer, shawls are available at the Parish Office.

Catholic Daughters of America, Court Madonna of the Valley next meeting is November 12th, 9am at St John Vianney Hall. Tickets & information on the Dec 10th Christmas Luncheon will be available. Please call Diana Picone for any questions 541-550-6728 or doberbam@aol.com.

## 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!

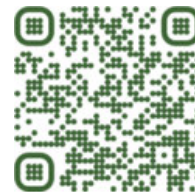
**SERRV sends us 20% of all sales which will be donated to the medical mission.**

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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](mailto: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. Mary St. Vincent de Paul

We continue to assist our neighbors with emergency food, rent, and utility payments, as well as deliveries of food, paper, & hygiene products. We appreciate your recent generosity in replenishing our pantry, particularly with cereal and peanut butter. 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](http://www.stmaryspokane.org) : tap on "Give", then "Donation Designation" and scroll down to "St. Vincent de Paul".

How can you win a \$200 gift card to  
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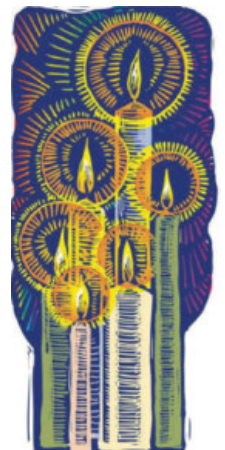
## Join us in praying for the unborn & their mothers!

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

## *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



Christmas Cards will  
be for sale in gathering  
space and at the  
pancake breakfast  
\$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.

Knight's will be selling red, white, or pink poinsettia's  
December 3 - 18!!  
All proceeds go to support your local council's charitable  
activities.



## PREPARES/Lambs Closet September Monthly Report Total Families Supported: 5

During the month of September, 14 bags of clothes, diapers, wipes as well as a bike, toys and needed accessories, were shared with families in our community. We are excited to have had the opportunity to provide items specifically needed to two of our families, including shoes and warm coats/winter gear, thanks to the generous financial support of the KOC and community members. 5 families supported in all, as we continue to receive wonderful donations of clothes, diapers and wipes from parish and community members. We are well stocked with diapers at this time and can especially benefit from donations of clothes sized 2T – 5T, as well as diaper wipes. Please share with your family and friends that Lambs Closet offers needed items for children up to age of 5yo. We are open Tuesdays, 10-11:45am each week and are available for appointments as needed. 509-928-3210, x110. Thank you so much for your continued support!

## 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

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



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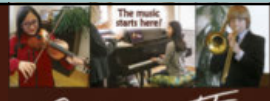
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