

# St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Saturday, November 28**  
 5:30pm †Thomas Heafey  
**Sunday, November 29**  
 8:00am People of the Parish  
 10:30am Jim & Jean Roeber  
**Tuesday, December 1**  
 8:30am No Mass  
**Wednesday, December 2**  
 8:30am No Mass  
**Thursday, December 3**  
 8:30am †Rex Arnold  
**Friday, December 4**  
 8:30am  
**Saturday, December 5**  
 5:30pm People of the Parish  
**Sunday, December 6**  
 8:00am †Alicia Weber  
 10:30 am †Pat Ross



## Scriptures for December 6

Baruch 5:1-9  
 Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
 Luke 3:1-6

## November 29—First Sunday of Advent

“Be on Guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.



## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

The world asks: “What does a person own?” God asks, “How does a person use what he or she has been given?”

## WEEK AHEAD November 30-December 6

Monday	Scouts	7pm
	Women’s Scripture Study (at Lynn’s)	6:30pm
Tuesday	Quilters	10am
	Eucharistic Adoration	12:30-2:30pm
	RCIA	7pm
Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration	6-8am
	Mom’s Group	9:30am
	1st Reconciliation Session	7pm
	Eucharistic Adoration	7-10pm
Thursday	Faith Study Group	9am
	Stewardship Committee Meeting	6pm
	Bible Time Line Study	6:30pm
	Choir practice	7pm
Saturday	1st Reconciliation	2-4pm
Sunday	RE—PreK-7th	9:15am
	Hour of Faith	9:20am
	Children’s Liturgy of the Word	10:30 Mass
	Youth Night	6pm

## WEEKLY COLLECTION 11/15/2015

Envelopes	Plate	TOTAL
\$ 4,513.00	\$ 1,121.87	\$ 5,634.87
Total for November date:		\$ 32,364.04
Needed Monthly		\$ 31,200.00
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Building Fund Total for November		\$ 628.50
Our Parish Our Future Campaign		\$ 557,568.00

*Radiant Creator, awaken me to your presence.  
 Jesus, Light of all Lights, kindle love in my heart.  
 Spirit of Illumination, guide my path today.*

## Tree of Sharing



The Tree of Sharing is up in the gathering area. The Apple ornaments have all been selected. Other ornaments are for Mission Community Outreach Center “Joy of Children” event and The House of Charity.

**Please have any unwrapped gifts brought back with tag attached by next Sunday, December 6th.** Thank you!

Make your own household **ADVENT WREATH:** **this Sunday, Nov. 29th** 12:00-1:00 pm in the foyer.

All materials provided and donations will be accepted (\$5.00 is suggested). Everyone is welcome! Thank you to **Bill and Sue Clutter** for supplying the lovely greens and to all those who are helping others to make such lovely Advent Wreaths!



Advent resources for individuals, families, and children are available in the foyer.

**BLOOD DRIVE** The blood mobile will be here in 2 weeks, **Sunday, December 13th** from 9am to 12:30 pm. See the poster or flyer on the table in the gathering area for how to make an appointment. As always, walk-ins are always welcome. There will also be a pancake breakfast that Sunday so you can have something to eat before or after your donation.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR December 5th & 6th

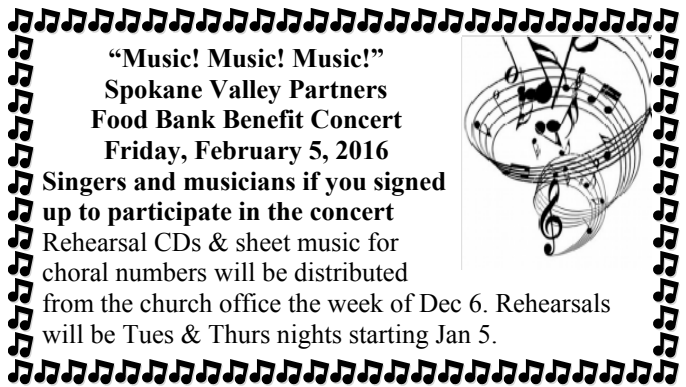
Mass	GREETER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
<b>5:30pm</b>		D Wanner	D Lansford, J Nuxoll, T Klutz		B Osborne H Osborne
<b>8:00am</b>	B Franken & M Fautch	K Pefley	B Bendele, T Bendele, M Duncan P Irwin, J Irwin	J Rosa	I Santiago D Pefley
<b>10:30am</b>	T Amaya & D Wear	K & C Nagle	J Rich, R Rich, C Holley, S Elliott N Knaff, T Knaff, B Haney	T Haney B Pearson	M Amaya J Gehlen

\*\*\***IF YOU CAN NOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. THANK YOU**\*\*\*



**FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION**

The next session is **Wed, Dec 2nd from 7:00-8:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. **Students and parents need to attend together.** *First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec 5th at 2:00 pm for the 24 students who have been preparing over the last few weeks.* Please call Teresa in the Parish Office for more information, 926-7133.



**"Music! Music! Music!"  
Spokane Valley Partners  
Food Bank Benefit Concert**

**Friday, February 5, 2016**  
Singers and musicians if you signed up to participate in the concert  
Rehearsal CDs & sheet music for choral numbers will be distributed from the church office the week of Dec 6. Rehearsals will be Tues & Thurs nights starting Jan 5.



**Religious Education for  
4 year olds—7th Grade  
Supporting parents in passing  
on the Catholic Faith!**

**RE classes meet Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15am at Otis Elementary.**

Register anytime at Otis on Sundays or call the parish office. Classes continue Dec 6 & 13. **Dec 20th is the ADVENT FAMILY PROGRAM in the Church.** Contact Teresa for more information: [religioused@stjoeparish.org](mailto:religioused@stjoeparish.org) or 926-7133.

**St. Joe's WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Monday night Women's Scripture study has started a new series, "Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart: Series Two of Walking Toward Eternity". All are welcome to join or visit the group. Call or email Mary 509-475-6320, [mehduncan@gmail.com](mailto:mehduncan@gmail.com) for more information.

The group meets weekly on Mondays, 6:30-8 pm.

**Adult Faith Study Opportunities**

**"Epic: A Journey Through Church History"** is on Thursday mornings 9-10:30 am in the Conference room.  
**"The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation"** is on Thursday evenings 6:30 – 8:00 pm. in the Parish Hall.

Pastoral Council is seeking a volunteer to take notes at their meetings once a month so that the council members can all participate in the current discussion.

**St. Gabriel's Group**

**Mom and Child Advent Party, Dec. 16th at St. Joe's.**

St. Gabriel's Group, the mothers group in the valley will celebrate the Advent Season. There will be potluck style goodies for moms and kids, as well as crafts to get us in the mood for Christmas. We will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the parish hall at St. Joe's. If you've wanted to come see what the group is like, this is a great opportunity to get to know us. This will be our last meeting for the year. We will begin a new session in January. Contact Jessica Morgan at 509.638.8225 for more information or to let her know if you plan to attend.



**Youth Ministry  
Supporting the Faith and Spirituality  
of Teens 8th-12th Grades**

**Youth Nights** on Sundays, Nov 29, & Dec 6, 6:00-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Dec 13th we will be Retirement Center Caroling!  
Beautiful Families,

Thank you so much to the teens and your families for all the volunteer time you put in to make the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner a Success. Especially a BIG THANK YOU to our adult kitchen crew for the many hours you put in: Gina, Laura, Aurora, Doug & Gene. Also God bless you Seniors for the donations to our Youth Ministry Fund.

**We will be meeting this Sunday.** We will be wrapping up our series on Altaration.

God Bless, Meta, Gene and the Ministry Team.

More info: (509)928-6182 or [metaboik@hotmail.com](mailto:metaboik@hotmail.com).

**Youth Fundraiser**

Our St. Joe's Youth will be selling **\$10 Pizza Pipeline gift cards**, with \$5 of the proceeds going to help defray the cost of activities, retreats, conferences and other Catholic youth events. **These cards would be a great way for your household to enjoy your pizza cravings or to give as gifts!** Look for the table in the foyer or the hall **after all the Masses next weekend, Dec 5th & 6th.**



Thanks for your support.



*Please join us in prayer and a brief reflection on the Gospel.*  
Catholic praise, followed by

petitions, and reading/reflection on the Gospel. Hour of Faith is a great way to supplement Sunday Mass. Reflecting on the Weekly Gospel can help you hear God's word more personally. Joining our prayers to yours is powerful. Please come for all or part, as time permits.

Sundays, 9:20-10:10am, Dec 6 & 13

**Catholic Youth Social Networking and Websites**

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/St-Joseph-Youth-Group/164992203530879>

Check out the St Joseph Youth Group Facebook Page and "like" it for all the latest events and opportunities!

**St. Joseph's Baptism Schedule**

**Class:** Jan 10 & 17, 2016      **Baptism:** Jan 24  
Mar 13 & 20                      Mar 27 (Easter)



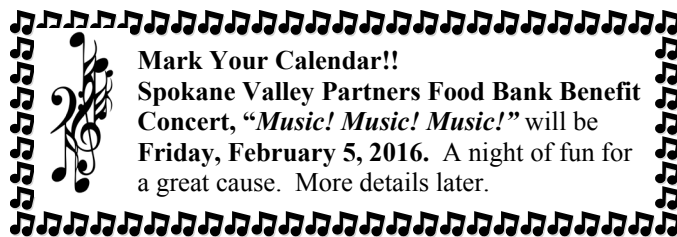
Please call the parish office to register or if you have any questions, 926-7133

*We remember those of our parish who  
passed away since last November.*

*Please pray for their families:*

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| Robert Atwood     | Maxine Michel   |
| Don Bracken       | Jay Nuxoll      |
| Helen Eller       | Al Schlosser    |
| Elizabeth Emerson | Robert Sullivan |
| Tom Heafey        | Gary Telford    |
| Dorene Hoden      | Darroll Waller  |
| Robert Keller     | Dennis Warren   |
| Richard Lloyd     | Aloysia Weber   |
| Therese Macy      |                 |

Our parishioners who own Nectar of Life Coffee will be selling their coffee every **first Sunday of the month at Coffee and Donuts**. Nectar of Life Coffee is the only certified 100% organic, Fair Trade, Catholic Relief Services, and Koshler coffee roaster in the region. We serve this coffee at the parish. And a percentage of each bag sold will be donated back to our parish.



**Mark Your Calendar!!**  
**Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank Benefit Concert, "Music! Music! Music!"** will be **Friday, February 5, 2016**. A night of fun for a great cause. More details later.

*"We don't need a savior unless we're deeply convinced there is something to be saved from."*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### St. Mary's Catholic School 2015-16 "Faith, Knowledge, Community Fund" Drive

We will be kicking off our annual Faith, Knowledge, Community Fund drive this week. We are hoping for 100% participation within the school community. To help kick this "Drive" off, we are offering several incentives to those families who donate. Here's how it works:

#### **RAFFLE from now until 1/15/16...**

Any family who donates \$100+ on or before Friday, 1/15/16, will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card.

Any family who donates \$200+ on or before Friday, 1/15/16 AND whose company will match their pledge, will be entered into a raffle to win a \$50 gift card.

Both raffles will end on Fri, 1/15/16 with the drawings taking place on Tue, 1/19/16. Winners will be notified the same day.

#### **ONGOING (for school families only) incentive until 6/30/16**

Donate \$50.00/family, get 1 free dress pass per child

Donate \$100.00/family, get 3 free dress passes per child

Donate \$200.00/family, get 5 free dress passes per child

Get those checkbooks out and write your check today. The

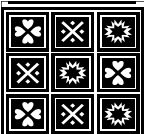
**BONUS** is, it's a tax deduction! Thank you in advance for your support of St Mary's Catholic School.

#### **DID YOU KNOW???**

Hey everyone...did you know we have a **Facebook** page at St. Mary's. We have lots of information and pictures on our page. **LIKE US** on Facebook *no later than Dec 11th* and your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 gift card. Here's our **OFFICIAL** page name, (type exactly as written): "St Marys Catholic School, Spokane Valley"

#### **THANK YOU DONORS:**

We would like to **THANK** all our donors who sponsored our students in this years' **FUN RUN**. To date, we have raised **\$37,275.00!!!** This is the highest we have ever raised for this program. We are truly blessed.



#### **BEAUTIFUL QUILTS AVAILABLE**

The Chancery Quilting Ladies have beautiful cotton quilts available in sizes crib—queen..

Prices are reasonable ranging from \$20-\$40.

Now is an excellent time to get a gift for someone for a birthday, a baby shower or even for a graduate. All profits go to Catholic Charities.

Call (509) 487-4423 or (509) 328-5688 for more information. Located in the St. Anne Children & Family Center basement, 25 W 5th Ave, Spokane—open on Fridays.

### REVITALIZING OUR CATHOLIC FUTURE

The Catholic Newman Center of EWU invites you to a breakfast in support of The Catholic Newman Center and FOCUS Ministries. **Wed, Dec 2, at 8:00am**

Featuring Keynote Speakers: Curtis Martin; Founder and CEO of FOCUS Ministries and Bishop Thomas Daly.

Hosted at: St. Peter Catholic Church, 3520 E 18th Ave, Spokane, WA 99223. Please RSVP to: Melissa 509-235-6229 or [msine@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:msine@dioceseofspokane.org)

### Gonzaga Prep is accepting 8<sup>th</sup> grade applications for the 2015-2016 school year!

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade applicants must attend the Placement Exam either Friday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> from 5- 8:30pm or Saturday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am- 2:30pm. **Application deadline is Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**.

For more information regarding the admission process and the Placement Exam, call the admissions office at 483-8512 or contact Corrina O'Brien Kelsey, Admission Director at [ckelsey@gprep.com](mailto:ckelsey@gprep.com).

**Car Raffle:** St John Vianney School is raffling a 2016 Hyundai Veloster Rally—matte blue finish, fully loaded! It's a beautiful car! Tickets are \$100 and we are limiting the sales to 750 tickets. Proceeds benefit St John Vianney School. For registered tickets contact the St John Vianney school office at 926-7987 or online at [www.st.johnvianney.com/carraffle](http://www.st.johnvianney.com/carraffle). **The drawing is Dec 15.**



**Christmas Bureau: Dec 10-19 (excluding Sunday) 10am-2:30pm.** Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, 404 N Havana, Spokane. Provides books & toys for children and grocery store vouchers for individuals and families. For more info contact Judy Lee at 358-4254 or [jlee@ccspokane.org](mailto:jlee@ccspokane.org). To volunteer contact Kassi Kain at 358-4270 or [kkain@ccspokane.org](mailto:kkain@ccspokane.org).

**Catholic Charities Foundation Harmony for the Holidays Fri, Dec 18th 7:30pm.** St Aloysius, 330 E Boone Ave, Spokane. A celebration of sacred music and holiday classics for the entire family. For more information contact Dennis Hake at 358-4255 or [dhake@ccspokane.org](mailto:dhake@ccspokane.org).

**Catholic Charities is looking for a volunteer photographer** for our special events and program activities. If you have good photography skills, a great camera and want to put them to use for the greater good, please contact Kassi at Catholic Charities Spokane at 358-4270 or [kkain@ccspokane.org](mailto:kkain@ccspokane.org).

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### **Providing Help, Restoring Hope, Saving Lives**

This Christmas season, your support brings HOPE and DIGNITY to our brothers and sisters in need. In 2014, 113,417 meals were served, 3,899 seniors assisted, 700 families provided household goods, 433 families avoided homelessness, 3,369 counseling hours provided... and so much more. Over 70,000 individuals served each year.

A gift to the **Catholic Charities Christmas Collection** matters. Donation brochures are available in the foyer. Gifts may be placed in the collection at Masses, mailed to PO Box 2253, Spokane, WA 99210-2253 or made online at [www.CatholicCharitiesSpokane.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesSpokane.org).



### **Is ADVENT on your list this Christmas?**

**Best Advent Ever**—Unwrap the gift of **God's Mercy** this Advent. Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through Best Advent Ever *Rediscover Mercy*. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with a short video, words of encouragement, or spiritual coaching that will help you rediscover God's great mercy and show that mercy to others. This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life. To learn more or sign up, visit [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com)

**The miracle of Christmas is mercy.** I love this idea. In clear, simple terms, it sums up why we observe Advent and celebrate Christmas. I'm inviting you to encounter mercy every day this Advent season. **Advent Moments of Mercy** is a daily series delivered to you by e-mail. In it, Jim Campbell, M.A., D. Min, shares a beautiful, prayerful, Scripture-based experience that leads us to God's ultimate gift of love, his Son Jesus. **Advent Moments of Mercy** is free from Loyola Press. **Sign up now** and be ready to connect with the Pope's message of mercy, and live it daily throughout Advent. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

*"O come O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel."*

**Taizé Sunday Evening Prayer Service** held at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center on the **last Sunday of each month** from **7-8 pm**. The next dates are Dec 20 & Jan 31. The music of Taizé is uniquely beautiful and strikes a note which touches the core of one's being. For questions or more information call Andi at 448-9736.

**All are invited!** **Healing of Families**  
*Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament*  
**Tuesdays 7:00 pm**, St Thomas More (in the chapel), 505 W St Thomas More Way, Spokane.  
Prayers for you and your family, Eucharistic songs, Rosary, Scripture readings, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**Spokane Valley Partners Clothing Bank**, located at 10814 E Broadway, Spokane, is **in desperate need of volunteers for shifts on Monday or Tuesday, 9:45am-12 noon or 12:15pm-3pm**. They have not been able to stay open for all of their hours due to a lack of help. If you are interested please call 927-1153.

### **Immaculate Heart Retreat Center**

6910 S Ben Burr Rd, Spokane

For more information or to register in advance:

(509) 448-1224 or visit [www.ihrc.net](http://www.ihrc.net)

**Day of Prayer:** 9am-3pm. **Please register in advance.**

Cost of \$37 includes lunch (\$47 with the use of a private room for the day). The Day of Prayer begins with a Rosary, includes two conferences, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Mass and ends with Adoration.

**Dec 2: Mary, Model of Profound Trust**, Silent Advent Day of Prayer, The Most Rev, Thomas A. Daly

**Coffee & Contemplation:** come & enjoy spirited discussion & prayer time, 9-11am. Cost of \$10 includes a roll & beverage. All are Welcome

**Dec 16, How Saint Nicholas Became Santa Claus**, Deacon Tom Heavey (for kids at home, parents & grandparents)

**Weekend Advent Retreat: Dec 4-6, Christ, the Life of the Soul**, Fr Curtis Seidel. Please register in advance \$192/person, \$294/couple, \$107 commuter with meals.

**Participate in a Virtual Retreat every day.**

Find Deacon John Ruschinsky's Daily Reflections on-line at [www.ihrc.net](http://www.ihrc.net) or sign up to receive them daily by e-mail.

**Even Diamonds Start as Coal**—Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org) for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the **Feb 12-14, 2016** Spokane weekend at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org).

*"In prayer, we open our souls, expecting God to act even when the content of that expectation remains unclear."*

### **Monastery of St Gertrude Spirit Center**

465 Keuterville Rd, Cottonwood, ID 83522

[www.spirit-center.org](http://www.spirit-center.org), 208-962-2000

**Upcoming Retreats:**

**Dec 1-17**, "Silence the Christmas Noise: An Advent Retreat"  
**Jan 8-10**, "Wise Women: Honoring the Feminine Journey"

### **Mass of Remembrance**

Every month, Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services offers a Memorial Mass to remember those individuals interred in the three Catholic Cemeteries (Holy Cross, Queen of Peace, St. Joseph), especially those who have died the preceding month. These Masses, all held at Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel (4200 N. Wall), are celebrated the first Sat. of the month at 9:00 am.