

St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12
5:30pm †Ed Inge
Sunday, December 13
8:00am †Jessica Sund
10:30am People of the Parish
Tuesday, December 15
8:30am
Wednesday, December 16
8:30am
Thursday, December 17
8:30am
Friday, December 18
8:30am †Howard Campbell II
Saturday, December 19
5:30pm
Sunday, December 20
8:00am People of the Parish
10:30 am †Bill Clark



Scriptures for December 20

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

December 13—Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."



STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Ever said to someone, "I'll pray for you" and forget to pray for them for whatever reason? Next time you say that, stop and pray for them at that moment. Then that person will know its not false piety and your prayer may be the turning point of their struggle.

WEEKLY COLLECTION 12/06/2015

Envelopes	Plate	TOTAL
\$ 11,430.00	\$ 1,195.33	\$ 12,625.33
Total for December date:		\$ 12,625.33
Needed Monthly		\$ 31,200.00

Building Fund Total for December		\$ 211.00
Our Parish Our Future Campaign		\$ 558,696.00

WEEK AHEAD December 14-20		
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
	Advent Penance Service	7pm
	Eucharistic Adoration	7-10pm
Thursday	Faith Study Group	9am
	Bible Time Line Study	6:30pm
	Choir practice	7pm
	Knights Meeting	7pm
Friday	Scripture & Scrapbook	6pm
Sunday	RE Advent Program	9:15am
	Children's Liturgy of the Word	10:30 Mass
	Catholic Singles Mingle Social Potluck	5pm

Attention all bulletin contributors: I will need to send the bulletin to the printer by Tues, Dec. 15th, 4 p.m. for the following weekends: Dec.19/20, Dec 26/27 and Jan. 2/3. I will print the insert myself so if you have anything that you would like on the first page please let me know ASAP

BLOOD DRIVE The blood mobile will be here this **Sun, Dec 13th** from 9am to 12:30 pm. As always, walk-ins are always welcome.

The **Knights** are serving another delicious **pancake breakfast** so you can have something to eat before or after your donation. Funds this month will help the Seminarians.



Tree of Sharing The gifts were distributed to **Otis Elementary, Mission Community Outreach Center and the House of Charity.** Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness which will truly brighten the Christmas of those in need!



Everyone is invited! ADVENT FAMILY PROGRAM next Sun, Dec 20, 9:15-10:00 am. **Please meet in the Church at 9:15 am for this program.** This is in place of the RE classes. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Each RE family is asked to **bring 2 dozen Christmas cookies!**

☺ **Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers & Greeters** ☺ Please let Cindy know availability info for the **January-February schedule** Please email, call or drop a note in the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR December 19th & 20th

Mass	GREETER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
5:30pm	M Delbuono	D Bailey	H Shogren, J Nuxoll, L Mathisen		B Osborne R Bailey
8:00am	B Garner & S Hutchinson	J Hauser	P Irwin, J Irwin, R Wood G Carlsen, J Lloyd		J Rosa T Boik E Boik
10:30am	R & B Perry	G Petersen	B Conley, N Deering, R Lee, K Lee S Stuber, T Stuber, L Sessions		L Shollenberger B Pearson E Charbonneau J Petersen

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





**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.
December 20th meet in the Church. NO CLASSES Dec 27 and Jan 3. They will resume Jan 10th. Contact Teresa for more information: religioused@stjoeparish.org or 926-7133.



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

Youth Nights will resume on Sunday, Jan 3, 6:00-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Wonderful families, Last week, we made cards for soldiers and seniors, while prepping for our Christmas caroling at the Guardian Angel Retirement Home this Sunday, Dec. 13th. We will meet at the church at 1:30pm and be picked up at 4pm. No Sunday evening Youth Night on Dec 13 or 20. Another upcoming project: Union Gospel Mission, Dec 30. We would love to have your help!
God bless you all this amazing Advent season,
Meta, Gene, and the Youth Ministry Team
More info: (509)928-6182 or metaboik@hotmail.com.

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!



Please join us in prayer and a brief reflection on the Gospel.

This Sunday, December 13, 9:20-10:10am, Mike and Linda Casey will present **Intercessory Prayer and The Communion of Saints, Easy to Understand Ideas to Implement in Your Life.**

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.

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

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST (ADORATION)
We are in need of people to schedule an hour of time each week for Adoration. For more information please contact Sharon Elliott at email goneclicken@yahoo.com or 924-0336. This wonderful devotion is available every week at St Joseph. Drop by **Tuesday 12:30 pm-2:30 pm,**

Wednesday 6am - 8am, and 7pm - 10pm.

All are welcome! The Eucharist is displayed on the day chapel altar for all.

Hours for **Reconciliation** have been extended on **Saturdays - now 4:00 to 5:00pm.** (instead of 4:30-5pm)



Calling all kids! Do you sing? Do you play guitar? Do you play piano, trumpet, tuba or timbrel? Would you like to share your God-given talents with the parish **prior to 3:30pm Christmas Eve Mass?** We are looking for those youngsters who would like to participate in the pre-Mass caroling. If you are interested, please call Roberta Hartley, 226-3163. Let your voices ring!

**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.



Nativity Display

Jim & Jean Roeber invite fellow parishioners to visit their annual Nativity display at their home next weekend. The display includes over 160 Nativity sets, graphics, & ornaments from over 50 countries and cultures around the world. Visiting hours are from 1:30-5:30pm Sat, Dec. 19 & Sun, Dec. 20. The Roeber home is at 1316 W. Cliffwood Ct., Spokane WA 99218 (3 blocks SW of the Gonzaga Univ. Bozarth Mansion Retreat Center, about 3/4 mi. west of Mead High School). Call 466-4342 if you get lost.

God Who is in Charge, give me the faith of Mary, knowing that, with your grace, nothing is impossible.

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY, Mondays, 6:30-8 pm
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 for more information.

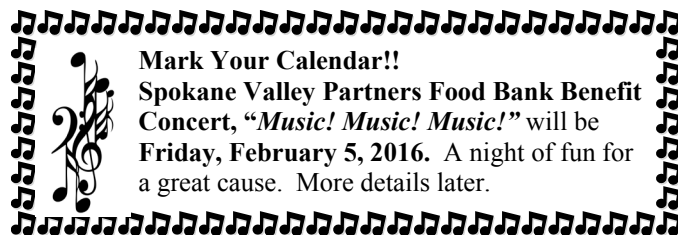
Adult Faith Study Opportunities

"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.

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 Kosher 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.



The Pottery Bug in Otis Orchards, owned by parishioners Jan & Eric Korsten, has decorated a mini Christmas tree that has been entered into The KiDD's Dental Giving Tree Photo Contest. The Pottery Bug has selected **St. Mary's Catholic School** as our charity of choice. For every vote our tree gets, KiDD's Dental in Liberty Lake will donate \$1, up to \$250! If you would like to vote for The Pottery Bug's tree for St. Mary's Catholic School, please go to www.facebook.com/KiDDSDental. Go to the photo album or the post for the **2015 Giving Tree Photo Contest**. Then, find The Pottery Bug tree and click LIKE. Please ask your friends and family to vote as well. Votes can be made until Dec 21st. Thanks for the votes and have a blessed Christmas season!



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 RECYCLE!! St Joseph Parish recycles our paper, cardboard, aluminum, steel cans, and plastic. If you have a meeting or event at the parish, please use the marked garbage can in the kitchen or the dumpster outside the north door of the parish hall. Please do not put other garbage and kitchen waste in these receptacles.

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. 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.

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.

On Sunday evenings during Advent, Solemn Evening Prayer will be held at the **Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes**. This liturgy begins with a hymn, follows with the chanting of Psalms, and culminates in the proclamation of the Cantic of Mary (the Magnificat). Prayer begins at 4:45 pm; it features members of the Cathedral music program, and it promises to be 20 minutes of time well spent!

*Seek the consoling embrace of Christ
in the sore spots of your life.*

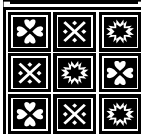
Single adults are welcome to join **Catholic Singles Mingle** on **Sun., Dec. 20 at 5:00 pm** at St. Joseph Otis Orchards parish hall for **Potluck/Christmas Party/Gift Exchange**. Bring a dish to share along with a wrapped present (\$5 to \$10). **RSVP required** at (509) 226-1380 or www.meetup.com/Catholic-Singles-Mingle.



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. **The drawing is Dec 15.**



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.



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.

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.



Unwrap THE GIFT OF ADVENT

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

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

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.

Monastery of St Gertrude Spirit Center

465 Keuterville Rd, Cottonwood, ID 83522
www.spirit-center.org, 208-962-2000

Upcoming Retreats:

Jan 8-10, "Wise Women: Honoring the Feminine Journey"

Jan 22-29, "Come to the Quiet"

Feb 22-26, "Embracing the Artistic Call, Initial Retreat"

Weekend Forgiveness Retreat—Living with Forgiving

Jan 22, 6pm to Jan 24, 1pm Charlie Finck

- ' Recognize what you might be doing instead of forgiving... and why.
- ' Discover your role in God's work of healing in your life.
- ' Learn to practice daily the sacrifice of forgiving through a simple but powerful prayer.

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, 6910 S Ben Burr Rd

Cost \$192/person, \$294/couple, \$107/Commuters

Register at www.ihrc.net or (509) 448-1224

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(509) 448-1224 or visit 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.

Jan 27, Incarnation and Evangelization: Christ's Mysteries in Our Lives, Mark Shea

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, parents & grandparents includes hot cocoa. Children 7 & under are free!

Weekend Retreat: Please register in advance \$192/person, \$294/couple, \$107 commuter with meals.

Participate in a Virtual Retreat every day.

Find Deacon John Ruscheinsky's Daily Reflections on-line at www.ihrc.net or sign up to receive them daily by e-mail.

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.

Rediscover Your Marriage—Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit 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://dioceseofspokane.org/> Catholic Diocese of Spokane is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/pages/Catholic-Diocese-of-Spokane/116335971744555 and "like" them to follow the happenings around the Diocese.