

St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26
5:30pm †Jacob & Frances Schultheis
Sunday, December 27
8:00am †Ed Inge
10:30am †Tom Microry
Tuesday, December 29
8:30am †Alicia Weber
Wednesday, December 30
8:30am Richard Baird
Thursday, December 31
8:30am †Joseph Taberner
Friday, January 1
10:00am
Saturday, January 2
5:30pm †Tracy Janney
Sunday, January 3
8:00am †Mary Mazulo
10:30 am People of the Parish



The Holy Family

Scriptures for January 1

Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

For January 3

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

December 25—Christmas
Rejoice! The Word became flesh and dwells among us! Oh, come, let us adore him!

December 27—Holy Family
The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?


January 1—New Year's Day
The Gospel today says that, having found the infant Jesus, the shepherds returned to their work, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. We, too, have seen and celebrated the mystery of the Word made flesh. Will we follow their example when we return to work?

The Parish staff would like to wish all of you

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Happy New Year



 Friday, January 1, is Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Mass will be at 10 am

WEEK AHEAD December 28-January 3

Tuesday	Quilters	10am
	Eucharistic Adoration	12:30-2:30pm
Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration	6-8am
	Eucharistic Adoration	7-10pm
Friday	January 1st Parish office will be closed	
Sunday	Knights Exec Meeting	9:15am
	Children's Liturgy of the Word	10:30 Mass
	Youth Night	6pm

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

The **Benefit Concert for the Spokane Valley Partners' Food Bank** returns for its 10th year on **Fri, Feb 5 at 7 pm**. The theme this year is "**Music, Music, Music!**" It features selections from the Phantom of the Opera and The Sound of Music as well as songs from a wide variety of musical styles. "Sunshine" Shelly Monahan will be our Mistress of ceremonies for what will be an outstanding evening. So don't be left standing out in the cold! Reserve your tickets! Save the date!



We are the Hands of Christ

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

*Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks with
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.*

Teresa of Avila

Next week's 2nd collection is for Spokane Valley Partners

Providing Help, Restoring Hope, Saving Lives
This Christmas season, your support brings HOPE and DIGNITY to our brothers and sisters in need. 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.



LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR January 2nd & 3rd

Mass	GREETER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
5:30pm		D Bailey	K Boik, S Manfred, M Kimber		L Manfred O Manfred
8:00am	C Graham	K Pefley	B Bendele, T Bendele, M Duncan J Strom, L Strom	J Rosa D Carlsen	M Lunneborg M Lunneborg
10:30am	L & I Wear	P Bisson	S Elliott, C Holley, A Kelly L Woodroof, J Rich, R Rich, ?	J Ciesielski B Pearson	G Kelly R Allen

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





Religious Education for 4 year olds—7th Grade

December 20th meet in the Church. NO CLASSES Dec 27 and Jan 3. Classes 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

No Youth Night on Dec 27 We will be going to the Union Gospel Mission Wed, Dec 30 to serve dinner. Please meet at the church at 4:30pm. Our next Youth Night will be Sunday, Jan 3rd at 6pm. Praying you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!
God bless, Meta, Gene, and the Youth Ministry Team.
More info: (509)928-6182 or metaboik@hotmail.com.



Please join us in prayer and a brief 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. We will resume on January 10th.

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

"THE GOSPEL OF LUKE"

Two sessions will be **presented by Mr. John Fencik** who many of you might know as the Director of Catholic Cemeteries of Spokane. John also has a Master of Divinity and a Master in Biblical Studies!! John will speak **on Wednesdays, January 20 (part 1) and February 3 (part2), 7-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** During this year many of the Gospel readings will come from the Gospel of Luke, and John will look at the author of Luke, to whom he wrote and why, the themes of the Gospel and the impact The Gospel of Luke has on our lives today. Please call or email the parish office for more information, 926-7133, info@stjoeparish.org.

We have a new group of **Care Note booklets** in the gathering area including a group for teens, a set related to cancer, and different titles for caregivers. Please stop by and check the newest titles.

WELCOME VISITORS!

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

First Annual Walk for Life Northwest

You are invited to Riverfront Park in Spokane **Sat, Jan 16 at 11:00 am.** Join people of the entire northwest region as we gather to give witness to the goodness and dignity of human life. Prior to the walk, Bishops Daly and Cary will celebrate Mass at 9:00 am at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes in Spokane. Please, no graphic images at the family event. All are welcome!! For more details about the walk visit www.walkforlifenorthwest.org.

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

4 Stages of Marriage— (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. **Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening.** If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery please contact Retrouvaille. 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.

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"

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.



Have you ever experienced the power of prayer?
We at St. Joseph have a wonderful prayer chain to help those who need a little (or a lot) of extra support in times of need. You can ask for prayer support by either emailing or calling Diana Andriolo at 926-5490, dianasaintjoespray-ers@hotmail.com or by calling or emailing the parish office at 926-7133, info@stjoeparish.org.