

St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards



MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, February 13
 5:30pm †Ed Inge
Sunday, February 14
 8:00am †Alicia Weber
 10:30am People of the Parish
Tuesday, February 16
 8:30am
Wednesday, February 17
 8:30am †Mary Shepard
Thursday, February 18
 8:30am
Friday, February 19
 8:30am
Saturday, February 20
 5:30pm
Sunday, February 21
 8:00am People of the Parish
 10:30 am †Tom Scherer



First
 Sunday
 in Lent

Scriptures for February 21

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
 Philippians 3:17—4:1
 Luke 9:28b-36

February 14—First Sunday of Lent

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the Promised Land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

*We are the
 Hands of Christ*

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting." Elizabeth Bibesco

WEEKLY COLLECTION 2/7/2016

| Envelopes | Plate | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| \$ 5,136.00 | \$1,589.42 | \$ 6,725.42 |
| Total for February date: | | \$ 6,725.42 |
| Needed Monthly | | \$ 31,200.00 |
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| Building Fund Total for February | | \$ 221.00 |
| Our Parish Our Future Campaign | | \$ 590,718.00 |

WEEK AHEAD February 15-21

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| Monday | Parish Office Closed | |
| | Women's Scripture Study | 6:30pm |
| | Scouts | 7pm |
| Tuesday | After Mass Social Group | 9am |
| | Quilters | 10am |
| | Eucharistic Adoration | 12:30-2:30pm |
| | RCIA | 7pm |
| Wednesday | Eucharistic Adoration | 6-8am |
| | Mom's Group | 9:30am |
| | Fr Mike's Holy Land presentation | 7pm |
| | Eucharistic Adoration | 7-10pm |
| Thursday | Faith Study Group | 9am |
| | Bible Timeline Session | 6:30pm |
| Friday | Soup & Stations | 6pm |
| Sunday | RE-PreK-7th | 9:15am |
| | Hour of Faith | 9:20am |
| | Children's Liturgy of the Word | 10:30am |
| | Youth Night | 6pm |

At long last **Fr Mike** has put together a **presentation on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land** last Spring. This will take place on **Wednesday, Feb 17, 7-8:30 pm** here at St Joseph. In addition to some pictures, there will be reflection on some Scripture passages, and time for questions.

The **Benefit Concert for the Spokane Valley Partners' Food Bank** was another **GREAT** and very enjoyable **SUCCESS!** Over **\$9,500** was raised for the Food Bank! **THANK YOU**



Year End Donor Substantiation Statement

If you would like a copy of your year end tax statement please call (926-7133), email (info@stjoeparish.org), or stop by the parish office.

Donations collected for the Souper Bowl of caring totaled \$700! Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL Hungering for the Journey

Join our parish community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your household's rice bowl from the tables in the church, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR February 20th & 22nd

| Mass | GREETER | LECTOR | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | USHERS | SERVERS |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 5:30pm | | M Andriolo | P Puhek, S Sattler, D Lansford | | A Sattler J Sattler |
| 8:00am | C Graham & M Fautch | J Hauser | P Irwin, J Irwin, M Duncan M Lunneborg, P Soderquist | J Rosa D Carlsen | M Lunneborg M Lunneborg |
| 10:30am | C Pederson & V Pozo | J Roeber | T Stuber, S Stuber, D Hardy, D Hardy B Conley, J Cannon, S Cannon | J Ciesielski B Pearson | K Reid R Allen |

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



CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST



will be celebrated here at St. Joseph on **Sat., May 14 at the 5:30pm Mass.**

The **required Parent Meeting** is **Thurs. Feb 25, 7-8:30pm** in the Parish hall. The preparation schedule has



been sent to all 2nd grade Sunday School families and those who have already expressed interest. Others who would like their student to celebrate these sacraments this year, please contact the parish office so that we might send you a schedule. Call Teresa in the parish office for more information.



Religious Education for 4 year olds—7th Grade

On Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am at

Otis Orchards Elementary. Please feel free to register anytime at Otis on Sunday mornings or by calling the parish office.

No class this Sunday Feb 14

Classes on Feb 21 & 28, March 6, 13, 20

A new Adult Faith study is happening on Sundays during the same time as the RE classes for students, 9:15-10:15am. We meet in the computer room at Otis (turn left down the hallway after you enter Otis.) The study is **"The Mystery of God" with six DVD sessions presented by Bishop Robert Barron.** A Sample of the sessions: *"Atheism and What We Mean by God"*, *"The Paths to God"*, *"Providence and the Problem of Evil"*. Attend the sessions when you are able. All are welcome!



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

Sundays, Feb 21 & 28, Mar 13 & 20 at 6pm.

Blessed teens and their families, We will not be meeting this week for President's Day weekend, but will **meet again on Feb 21** for an evening of learning about the rosary and then making them. On **Fri, Feb. 19**, we will be attending the **Rock and Worship Roadshow.** \$10 will get you into this Christian concert, with artists such as the Newsboys, Jeremy Camp, and Mandisa, my favorite singer! We will be **meeting at the church at 5:00 for pizza** (minus meat) and then will head to the concert. **Please bring \$5** a family to cover dinner. If you haven't already done so, please call or text 202-2454 to let me know if you'd like a ride. May God bless your week and happy feast of St. Valentine! Meta, Gene, and the 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. Sundays Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, 20, Apr 17 & 24.

St. Joseph's Baptism Schedule

Class: Mar 13 & 20 **Baptism:** Mar 27 (Easter)
Please call the parish office to register or if you have any questions, 926-7133



2015 St Joseph's Parish campout is scheduled for **July 14-17.** What a great vacation idea at only \$92.38 for three days. Payment plans are available. Registration forms are available on the table outside the Parish office. Questions, call the parish office 926-7133.



For those of you planning your summer vacation time **VBS this year will be June 27-30.**

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY, meets **Mondays, 6:30-8 pm in the parish cry room.** The new 11 week study is on the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome to join or visit the group. Call or email Mary 509-475-6320, mehduncan@gmail.com for more info.



St. Gabriel's Group (Mom's Group)

The group will be reading and discussing "The Dolorous Passion." This is the vision for the movie "The Passion" by Mel Gibson. We'd love for you to join our Lenten journey! Meetings are Wed, 9:30-11:30am. Check out the parish website for a calendar and to see what the group represents. Any questions call or text Jessica Morgan, 638-8225. Childcare is provided.



Becoming Catholic

ANDREA AND BILL CLARK, CHRISTINA DELP, SANDI AND JIM HAWVERMALE, ANNIE AND REBECCA RIMPLER are drawing

closer to joining the Catholic faith at this year's Easter Vigil on March 26th. Please continue to pray for them. And get acquainted if you have the opportunity!

Prepares (part of Catholic Charities) is in need of new and gently used boy's clothing, small toys, socks & new underwear for 18 months to 5 years old. **The 5 year old items are especially in short supply.** You can drop your donations off at the office for the next two weeks. **Prepares thanks you.**

Annual Catholic Appeal 2016

In all the 82 parishes and missions in the Diocese of Spokane this is ACA Commitment Sunday. By now every registered household in the parish has received mailings from our Bishop and our pastor, asking for our participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal 2016. May each of us respond to these requests to contribute generously. Please remember that the ACA funds several important ministries and administrative needs of our Diocese. As part of our Catholic family, St Joseph Parish exercises its shared responsibility for assuring the continuation of the mission entrusted to us by Christ. The participation of every household in our parish is critically important. **Please prayerfully read the information you have received and respond generously.**

A couple of years ago a separate (tax exempt) legal entity, Diocesan Ministries Fund, was set up in order to honor the ACA donor's intention, that is, only to meet the ministerial and administrative needs of the Diocese. A special governing board (as well as Washington State law) will assure that the intention of donors is followed. Please make checks payable to: "Annual Catholic Appeal 2016."

Fr Pat Kerst and Diana Sanderson will be leading an adult faith formation series for three weeks, beginning Feb 17th at St Mary Parish in the Spokane Valley. The sessions are Wed. mornings at 10 am, and are repeated on Thur. evening at 7pm. The series will be based on chapters from the book, **Rediscover Jesus, by Matthew Kelly.** There will be more in-depth reflections on the disciplines of Lent: Chapter 27 on Fasting/Sacrifice, Chapter 28 on Prayer, and Chapter 25 on Almsgiving. You don't need a book to participate, but we will have books available at the sessions. Each session will last about one hour.

‘Laudato Si’: Responses to Ecological Crisis: Science, Technology, & Moral Transformation. Thurs, Feb 25 7pm As part of a Gonzaga series focused on Pope Francis’ second encyclical, “*Laudato Si*”, this faculty panel discussion will explore issues of moral responsibility regarding the ecological crisis, and the pope’s assertions that we cannot assume technology and scientific advancement will rescue us from the crisis. The free & public event is in the Jepson Center’s Wolff Auditorium. For more info visit <http://bit.ly/1PHQmZE> or contact Jim Simon at simonj@gonzaga.edu or 509-313-5571



St. John Vianney Spaghetti Dinner
This Sun, Feb 14, 11:00am - 5:30pm. St John Vianney Parish Hall, 503 N Walnut Rd, Spokane Valley, WA Tickets are \$10 adults, \$6 over age 60 & ages 6-12, under age 6 free. For more info call 926-5553.

October 2-13, 2016 Bishop Daly will be leading a diocesan pilgrimage to the shrines of France and include Paris, Orleans, Chartres, Mont St Michel, and Lyons. The highlight of the trip will be a 2-day visit to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Lady of Lourdes is the patroness of the Diocese of Spokane and so this pilgrimage will have special significance for our parishioners. For more information and registration instructions go to dioceseofspokane.org/events/lourdes. Pilgrims will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and the trip is expected to fill up very fast.

Catholic Charities Volunteer Information Session: Make volunteering part of your spring and summer activities! Please join us for a Volunteer Information Session and learn about the many volunteer opportunities available and how to help others in need. The session will be held Wednesday, **Feb 17 from 12:15-1:00pm** at the Catholic Charities Family Services Center, 12 E 5th Avenue. Please RSVP to Kassi Kain at 358-4270 if you are interested in attending.

Van Driver needed for House of Charity: Van driver needed to drive Catholic Charities van to multiple locations in Spokane to pick up food donations for the House of Charity. Drivers will be responsible for some heavy lifting (up to 50 lbs.). The driving usually begins at 7am and may take a few hours. We are looking for a one day a week commitment. Contact Tammy Walker at 624-7821.

Family Promise of Spokane presents
Little Women, The Broadway Musical
Wed, Mar 9. Doors open at 6:30 pm at the **Spokane Civic Theatre** with an auction, raffle, food and drink. Tickets are \$35/adult, \$25/children under 16. RSVP 509-747-5487 or buy tickets online at www.familypromiseofspokane.org.



Year of Mercy Live Mercy Day by Day
 Visit LiveMercy.org to sign up for daily inspiration. **Lent is Not All About Us**
 Pope Francis writes in ***Misericordiae Vultus***—the papal bull that announced this Jubilee Year of Mercy—that he desires that Christian people everywhere more deeply reflect on **the corporal and spiritual works of mercy**. The pope views this year as an opportunity to “*reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty*”. He challenges us to “*enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God’s mercy*”.

Lent invites us to turn our minds and hearts back towards our God of mercy. Begin your daily encounter with mercy with **Lenten Moments of Mercy**. Our daily, Scripture-based series is delivered to you by e-mail. In this series, James Campbell, M.A., D. Min, shares beautiful reflections and the inspiring words of Pope Francis, and provides suggestions for Lenten actions and prayers. *Lenten Moments for Mercy* is free from Loyola Press. **Sign up** and connect with the Pope’s message of mercy, and live it daily throughout Lent. LoyolaPress.org, go to ‘Liturgical Year’, then ‘Lent’, then ‘Living Lent Daily’.

Best Lent Ever is a free email program that will lead toward a life-changing Lent. Receive daily emails with a short video to discover simple ways to bring Jesus into our everyday lives, leading to a more personal relationship with Jesus. Sign up today at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent.

Ways to Navigate a Holier Lent (*Growing in Faith*)

Refill at Mass weekly. Any driver knows that driving long distances with a low tank of fuel is a bad idea. Fuel may run out at the bleakest part of the journey or just before the home stretch. The same goes for living the faith. Mass is the “filling station” where we refill our spiritual tank every week.

Make a nightly examination of conscience to ensure you stay on track. Reviewing the choices we made that day will alert us to where our weaknesses (and strengths) are and catch sinful habits before they start.

Lenten Fish Fry—each Friday during Lent
 Hosted by St Mary’s Parish Knights of Columbus. Food will be served in the Parish Hall from 5:30-6:45pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. St Mary’s Catholic School 7th graders will be the recipients of your donations to help raise funds for their 2017 trip to Nature Bridge.



The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes is seeking to hire a **Coordinator of Religious Education** to serve a growing population of children and teens. This is a 10 month part-time position. Applicants must be practicing Catholics with a passion for handing on the Catholic Faith to the next generation. Application information can be found by logging on to www.SpokaneCathedral.com and scrolling down the homepage. The **deadline for applications is Feb 15, 2016.**

St Paschal Parish will be celebrating its **centennial** July 16-17. All are welcome. For information call Cindy Koker 509-869-2799

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Rediscover Your Marriage—There is less than a week left to sign up for **Retrouvaille**. 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 19-21** Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site www.Retrouvaille.org.

Gonzaga University Faith and Reason Institute’s Spring Lecture Series. Feb 15-17 Titled, “The Church and Her Scriptures,” the lecture series, which is free and open to the public, features lectures starting at 7pm Mon & Wed in the Jepson Center’s Wolff Auditorium and Tues in the Barbieri Courtroom at the Gonzaga Law School. The theme of the series is the role of Holy Scripture in the life and development of the Catholic Church. The lectures will focus on the work of Rev Patrick Hartin, priest for the Diocese of Spokane and New Testament scholar at GU. For more info, visit www.gufaireason.org/ or contact Robert McDonald at rmcdonald@zagmail.gonzaga.edu or (814)547-3456.

Gonzaga Religious Studies Spring Flannery Lecture “Science, Theology, & Pope Francis’s Ecological Vision” With guest speaker Dr. John Haught from Georgetown University. **March 2, 6:30pm** in Gonzaga University’s Cataldo Hall Globe Room. FREE and open to the public. If you have questions email Gonzaga.edu/religious-studies or call (509) 313-6782.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.” Let your marriage be filled with joy. Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Spokane at the **Immaculate Heart Retreat Center** is **March 4-6, 2016**. For more information contact Tom & Kathy Dauer at (509) 455-8415 or go to Applications@InlandEmpireWWME.org.

CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

Deepening Personal Prayer in a Hectic World

In Gonzaga University’s Student Chapel (3rd floor, College Hall) – **Sat, March 12, 8a.m. - 5p.m.** Nationally known speaker, Fr Richard Hauser SJ will lead the day. He will address the practicalities of developing and exercising male spirituality placed under the light and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Vigil Mass will conclude the day. Registration fee by March 6 is \$30 or \$35 at the door. Lunch and program supplies are included. To register, mail check, name and contact information to: Catholic Men’s Conference, Catholic Diocese of Spokane, PO Box 1453, Spokane, WA 99210. For more information: Matt Ries (509-998-2193)

Chrism Mass

The faithful of the Diocese of Spokane are invited to the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated at **5:30 pm on Tues, March 15 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes**. Bishop Daly will be joined by the priests of the diocese for this annual blessing of Holy Oils. The name of this Mass comes from the Sacred Chrism which is one of the oils to be blessed and then distributed throughout the diocese for celebrations of Baptism and Confirmation. The other oils to be blessed are the Oil of the Sick And the Oil of Catechumens. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

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

Cost of \$38 includes lunch (\$48 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.

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

Feb 17, “*God and Virtue or Self and Vice: Our Capacity to Reflect the Image of God*”

Mar 16, “*Spiritual Practices for the Sick and Tired*”

Holy Week Retreats: “*Living Holy Week in Jesus*”, Bishop Carlos Sevilla, SJ. Cost: \$211 or \$125 commuters

Women’s—**March 21-23**

Men’s—**March 24-26**

Lenten Dinner/Study Program: from Bishop Robert Barron Series “*The Mystery of God: Who God is and Why He Matters*” facilitated by Deacon Ruscheinsky. **Feb 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 5:30-8:30 pm.** Cost \$25/person per event. Workbook available at Abba’s Catholic Bookstore \$24.95

Beginning Experience Coping With Life Alone

Have you become widowed, separated or divorced and wondering how you cope now that you are alone? You do not have to suffer alone. Although life may never be the same again, it can be good again. *Beginning Experience* can help. Start with our “Coping with Life Alone” program. You’ll meet people who have gone through the same things you are going through. They know how you feel because they have felt it and lived through it. They will share with you their journey through the pain and how they’ve moved forward with their lives. More important, they will listen. Our programs serve those of all faiths. We’ll help you deal with the natural grief process and offer an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of your loss into an experience of positive growth.

Our next session of this 7 week program will be offered Tues, Feb 9 - Mar 26, 7 – 9pm at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in the Parish Center. Cost is \$30. To register for this program, contact Marlene (509) 534-1797 and/or visit www.beginningexperienceofspokane.us.