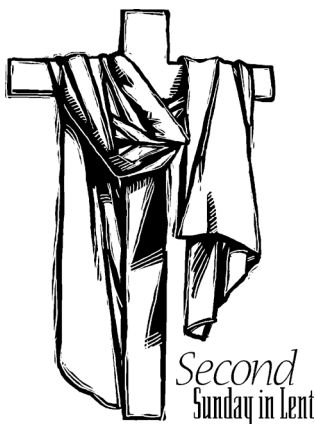


St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20
5:30pm †David Martinez
Sunday, February 21
8:00am People of the Parish
10:30am †Tom Scherer
Tuesday, February 23
8:30am
Wednesday, February 24
8:30am Terry Lundrigan
Thursday, February 25
8:30am †Paul Weitzel
Friday, February 26
8:30am †Paul Weitzel
Saturday, February 27
5:30pm People of the Parish
Sunday, February 28
8:00am †Ed Inge
10:30 am †Pedro Calambe



Second Sunday in Lent

Scriptures for February 28

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

February 21—Second Sunday of Lent

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a “booth” for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

*We are the
Hands of Christ*

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else.”
Charles Dickens

WEEK AHEAD February 22-28

Monday	Women’s Scripture Study	6:30pm
	Scouts	7pm
Tuesday	After Mass Social Group	9am
	Quilters	10am
	Eucharistic Adoration	12:30-2:30pm
	Charity & Justice Committee	6:30pm
	RCIA	7pm
Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration	6-8am
	Mom’s Group	9:30am
	Eucharistic Adoration	7-10pm
Thursday	Bible Timeline Session	6:30pm
	Conf/1st Eucharist Parent Meeting	7pm
Friday	Soup & Stations	6pm/7pm
	Scripture & Scrapbook	6pm
Sunday	RE-PreK-7th	9:15am
	Hour of Faith	9:20am
	Youth Night	6pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION 2/14/2016

Envelopes	Plate	TOTAL
\$ 6,096.00	\$ 820.75	\$ 6,916.75
Total for February date:		\$ 13,642.17
Needed Monthly		\$ 31,200.00

Building Fund Total for February		\$ 361.00
Our Parish Our Future Campaign		\$ 590,718.00

This weekend is the Spokane Valley Partners Food & Clothing Collection. Along with the usual non-perishable food they are always in need of **diapers** in all sizes and personal care items for men & women! Please put your donations in the barrels by the doors.

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

Hungering to Give Back

This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family—and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

The **Benefit Concert for the Spokane Valley Partners' Food Bank** was another **GREAT** and very enjoyable **SUCCESS!** Around **\$10,000** was raised for the Food Bank! **THANK YOU**



☺ Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers & Greeters ☺

Please let Cindy know availability info for the **March-April schedule including Holy Week and Easter**. Please email, call or drop a note in the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Our next Blood Drive is just around the corner Sunday, March 13, 8:45am-12:15pm.

You can make an appointment now at inbcaves.org



LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR February 27th & 28th

Mass	GREETER	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
5:30pm		T Boik	K Boik, S Manfred, T Klutz		L Manfred J Berg
8:00am	D Lashbrook & C Graham	K Pefley	B Bendele, T Bendele, M Duncan J Strom, L Strom	J Rosa D Carlsen	I Santiago D Pefley
10:30am	L & I Wear	J Roeber	K Dondero, S Elliott, M Lamb, A Kelly B Haney, D Hardy, D Hardy	T Haney B Pearson	G Kelly J Peterson

*****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 this **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.

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.

Beloved teens and their families,

We will be meeting this week to hear some beautiful stories about the rosary and then we will be making rosaries. Please come and bring a friend! I pray this Lent that you are making choices which bring you closer in your relationship with Jesus Christ. God bless, 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



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, mehdun-can@gmail.com for more info.



Soup & Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent—Soup begins at 6pm, Stations begin at 7pm.

Please sign up in the gathering area

to bring a meatless soup, bread or macaroni and cheese. Also let Fr. Mike know or call the parish office if you would like to read for the Stations of the Cross. Donations go to **Operation Rice Bowl**.



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!



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.



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.**

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

The Annual Catholic Appeal 2016 is being conducted in all 82 parishes and missions in the Diocese of Spokane. Every household in the parish has received mailing from our Bishop and our pastor, asking for participation in this year's Appeal. May each of us respond to the Bishop's appeal to contribute generously. The success of this year's Appeal is critical to the carrying out of the mission of the Church and should be a part of everyone's annual Christian Stewardship Plan. Please remember that the ACA supports 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. The goal for our parish is \$81,888. As you know 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, continues Feb 24th 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

Making Catholic retirement Choices - Open House
Providence Emilie Court Assisted Living,
 34 E. 8th Ave. Spokane, (509)474-2550
 and **Rockwood Lane,**
 221 E. Rockwood Blvd., Spokane, (509)838-3200
Sunday, Feb. 28th from 11am to 2pm. Refreshments served

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.


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.

St Francis of Assisi Women's Club Luncheon/Card Party
 Pinochle, bridge or bring a board game. **Wed, March 16, noon to 3pm,** St. Francis of Assisi, 4420 N. Jefferson (chairlift available). If you wish, you may just come for lunch. \$8 per person, for reservations please call Mary Ann 466-4260 by March 12th for lunch and/or card party. **JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON!**

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.



“When you come to a fork in the road, take it.”
 “It ain’t the heat; it’s the humility.” Yogi Berra



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 ‘Litururgical 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)
Go to Confession. Even the most seasoned traveler can take wrong turns. When we get lost on the journey to Easter (sin), the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is there to help us get back on track. A good rule of thumb is to confess your sins to a priest once a month to keep the clutter of sin from getting out of hand. Of course, if you are conscious of serious or mortal sin, go immediately.
Buddy up. Find a good friend with whom to share your Lent journey. The right travel companion can make a huge difference. He or she can help us maintain perspective when the going gets tough, can challenge us to grow, and make the whole trip more enjoyable.

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.

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

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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.

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)

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.

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 Feb 28 & Mar 20.** For questions or more information call Andi at 448-9736.

Beginning Experience Weekend

Have you become widowed, separated or divorced and wondering how you cope now that you are alone? You do not have to suffer alone. The Beginning Experience programs founded by a Catholic nun and her divorced friend serve those of all faiths. Beginning Experience transforms lives. It's not a singles club. It makes a real difference. Participants become more effective parents, they develop healthier family relationships, and they begin to deal with the pain of their loss, their anger, and so much more. Independent research has shown that the impact of the Beginning Experience weekend is profound and long lasting. When you are ready, Beginning Experience wants to help. We offer a weekend twice year. Our spring weekend is **May 20-22 at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center** in Spokane. Please call Marlene (509) 534-1797 to register and/or visit www.beginningexperienceofspokane.us.

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

Eve of Prayer: 5p.m. **Please register in advance.** Cost of \$38 includes lunch (\$48 with the use of a private room for the day). The Eve of Prayer begins with Mass and includes dinner. **March 1: *Suffering and Self-Sacrifice in Marriage: What the Wedding Feast at Cana and Christ on the Cross can teach us about Holy Matrimony.*** Fr Jeff Lewis

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

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 24, March 2, 9, 16, 5:30-8:30 pm.** Cost \$25/person per event. Workbook available at Abba's Catholic Bookstore \$24.95



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.

God, give me a faith that does not waver.

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.