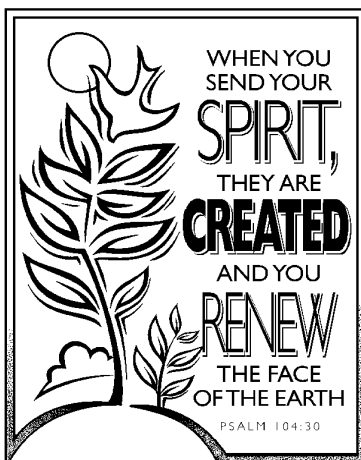


St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 23
7:30pm †Ed Inge
Sunday, April 24
8:00am †Charles Fersch
10:30am People of the Parish
Tuesday, April 26
8:30am †Jan Blondeau
Wednesday, April 27
8:30am †Dolores Lashbrook
Thursday, April 28
8:30am †Jessica Sund
Friday, April 29
8:30am Julia Potter
Saturday, April 30
5:30pm †Jay Nuxoll
Sunday, May 1
8:00am People of the Parish
10:30am †Mary Mazulo



Scriptures for May 1

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

April 24—Fifth Sunday Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

*We are the
Hands of Christ*

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

As Americans, we look for the "next best" gadget, toy, or item we can get our hands on. Gathering more and more possessions that make us victims to greed; constantly wondering if we have enough. Our wealth is not in what we have but in the experience we get from sharing. *Jesus told a crowd "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."* Luke 12:15

WEEK AHEAD April 25-May 1

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
Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration	6-8am
	Mom's Group	9:30am
	Pastoral Council	7pm
	Eucharistic Adoration	7-10pm
Thursday	Adult Faith Study Group	9am
Sunday	Baptism	8am Mass
	Fair Trade Event	9am-1pm
	Children's Liturgy of the Word	10:30 Mass

☺ Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers ☺

New schedules are either sent to you via email or are in the box by the office. If you want a printed copy or don't see yours in the box please let Cindy know. PLEASE—if you can not serve at your scheduled time, find a replacement!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

Thank you! Our current total for this year's Rice Bowl collection is \$4,893.30.

We would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to our **Stewardship Committee** members for the wonderful "**Volunteer Thank You Reception**" that they organized and hosted last Sunday.

The members of this committee are: Joel Elgee, Suzie Frei, Carolyn Holley, Michelle Kimber, Steve & Mary Pat Lawler, Ron & Kathy Lee, Ella Petersen and Sally Stuber.

WEEKLY COLLECTION 4/17/2016

Envelopes	Plate	TOTAL
\$ 6,150.00	\$ 643.20	\$ 6,793.20
Total for April date:		\$ 21,193.57
Needed Monthly		\$ 31,200.00

Building Fund Total for April		\$ 460.00
Our Parish Our Future Campaign		\$ 612,515.00

Annual Catholic Appeal 2016

Current \$ total \$82,205—goal \$81,888= **100%!!!!**
Current # of households 238—goal 238 = **100%!!!!**



"The family must educate the children for life in such a way that each one may fully perform his or her role according to the vocation received from God. Indeed, the family that is open to transcendent values, that serves its brothers and sisters with joy, that fulfills its duties with generous fidelity, and is aware of its daily sharing in the mystery of the glorious Cross of Christ, becomes the primary and most excellent seedbed of vocations to a life of consecration to the kingdom of God."
— Familiaris Consortio; Apostolic Exhortation by Pope John Paul II

LITURGY SCHEDULE for April 30th—May 1st

Mass	GREETER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
5:30pm	B Bailey	D Bailey	P Puhek, M Kimber, H Shogren		J Hoagburg D Kimber
8:00am	M Fautch	J Hauser	B Bendele, T Bendele, M Duncan P Irwin, J Irwin	J Rosa D Carlsen	I Santiago M Boik
10:30am	T Amaya & M Frey	T Knaff	N Knaff, A Kelly, M Lamb, I Lamb J Cannon, S Cannon, N Deering	M Edwards B Pearson	G Kelly M Amaya

*****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 next preparation session for students and parents is this Sunday, April 24th, 1:00—3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Call Teresa in the parish office for more information.



Religious Education for 4 year olds—7th Grade

Mary Crowning

Everyone is invited as we honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth This Sunday, April 24th, 9:15 am in



the Church. Bring flowers to surround the Mary statue. Students who want to be a part of this celebration please call the office, 926-7133



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

Wonderful teens and their families,

We will be meeting this Sunday, April 24 at 5:00 pm to view the movie, *Racing Extinction*, in response to Pope Francis's call to take better care of our planet. I highly recommend this movie & hope to see all of you there! We will provide dinner and childcare for your siblings.

To honor our Blessed Mother Mary, we will have a May Crowning this Sunday at 9:15am and would love to have you participate. Please meet in the foyer.

We will not be meeting again until May 15th due to Mother's Day and Bloomsday. We pray that you will have a week filled with Christ's blessings during this wonderful Easter season! God bless, Meta, Gene, and the Ministry Team. (509)928-6182 or metaboik@hotmail.com.

The **Stuebenville Catholic Youth Conference at Gonzaga University** will be **Friday – Sunday, July 29-31**. Contact the Parish Office for registration forms and more information for all these upcoming events.

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY, meets **Mondays, 6:30-8pm in the parish cry room**. Our topic is the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome to join or visit the group. Call or email Mary 509-475-6320, mehduncan@gmail.com

Morning Faith Study Group, Thursdays 9am

Studying 2 DVDs - "Sabbath" by Lauren F. Winner and "The Faith and Practice of the Earliest Christians" by Tony Jones. The format will be part DVD and part the book by Lauren Winner called "Sabbath", intertwining the two DVD's and her book (\$10) for the classes.

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

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.



St. Joseph's Baptism Schedule

Classes: June 5 & 12 **Baptism:** June 19
August 14 & 21 August 28

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



"CARE FOR CREATION: OUR CALL TO CONVERSION" This Sunday, April 24th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm St. Joseph Parish Hall.

As Catholics, do we have a call to respond to the challenges of climate change and particularly its harshest effects on the poor of the world? Learn more about Pope Francis' recent encyclical "*Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home*" and view the powerful DVD "*Racing to Extinction*." Local recycling efforts will be highlighted. **A light dinner will be served. Childcare provided.** Sponsored by St. Joseph Youth Ministry and the Charity and Justice Committee.

Help Mothers and Children SURVIVE AND THRIVE!

St Joseph Parish is one of thousands of churches who are conducting an "**Offering of Letters**" to our members of Congress about legislation that addresses **hunger**. We are working with the organization '*Bread for the World*' in this effort. This year, our letters to Congress will urge robust funding for **nutrition and health for mothers, newborns, and young children**. Look for the letter signing tables in the foyer at all the Masses next **weekend, April 23/24**. Also look for bulletin inserts in April with more information about this letter signing campaign.

(Sponsored by the St Joseph Charity and Justice Committee)

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, May 1, 9am—1pm

We will have small **Fair Trade event** here in the parish hall. See the flyer on the table by the office for more information.

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



2015 St Josephs' Parish campout is scheduled for **July 14-17**. This is held at Farragut State Park in Idaho at the Whitetail campground with access to lots of hiking and biking trails, swimming and boating. Bathrooms, showers and water spigots are also part of this campground. What a great vacation idea at only \$92.38 for three days. Payment plans are available. Get your registration in soon! Forms are available in the pocket of the poster in the foyer. Questions, call the parish office 926-7133.



The **St Gabriel's Moms group** is **compiling a recipe and tradition cookbook** and we need **YOUR** help. We're looking for scrumptious recipes, family traditions, and accompanying photos surrounding Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Feast Days. We plan to sell the finished cookbook as a fundraiser for the Year of Mercy & the "Bite to Go" program at Otis Orchards Elementary. Please send submissions to Sevrina Ryan at Sevrina.Ryan@gmail.com as soon as possible! If the recipe comes from a source other than you, please cite as appropriate. **Families**—Looking for ways to get your children involved in the Jubilee Year of Mercy? We'd like their help. The mother's group is holding a **cover competition for this liturgical cookbook**. "Foods of Our Faith: Liturgical Recipes and Traditions" is set to be completed and available by mid October. The cover contest is open to all children grades K-8. 1st prize is a \$20 Amazon Gift Card; 5 runner ups will be chosen for the section covers and \$10 Amazon Cards. **Submissions should be sent to Sevrina Ryan by May 1st to qualify for the contest.**

Thank you **St Joseph Parish** for your support of Family Promise of **Spokane's Souper Bowl of Caring 2016!** Along with 14 other churches and schools in the area we raised **\$7,624** to help homeless families in our area find a home again. **Nationally the Souper Bowl of Caring had 6,776 participants raising \$10,288,889 in cash & food** for their local nonprofits. WOW!

Outreach Eucharistic Ministry—We Need You!

An essential parish ministry involves taking the Eucharist to those unable to attend Sunday Mass. **Currently Sacred Heart Hospital is also in need of volunteers** to take Eucharist to patients. If you are interested in serving your fellow Catholics through the Eucharist, please leave your name in the parish office, or call Sharon Elliott 924-0336. Training will be provided.

St Joseph Partnering with Otis Orchards Elementary

We have a wonderful opportunity to help our community in a very meaningful way by partnering with the children at Otis Orchards Elementary School. Our parish, through the Charity and Justice Committee, has been working with Otis Orchards to provide weekend meals through the Bite-2-Go Program since March 2015. This year, we expanded our volunteer efforts to include a Reading Program. Children not reading at grade level have a severe disadvantage and their odds of graduating are significantly lowered. We are looking for about six more volunteers that will work with at risk children on a 1-on-1 basis for approximately 15 minute sessions. Each session involves helping kids to correctly read out loud their weekly assignment. Sessions will be at Otis Orchards and specific times and days will be determined later.

If you are interested in volunteering or getting more information regarding our support for Otis Orchards Elementary, please contact Mary Cameron, mhcameron79@hotmail.com or Jim Baumker, jabaum@comcast.net.

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.



In anticipation of St Joseph Parish 125th anniversary next summer, we are having a registration drive. If you have not already registered, please do so.



Community Garden

Spring has "sprung" and it's time to start on our vegetable gardens. This year, we ask everyone who has a garden to contribute a portion to our local food banks. Just bring your produce to Church and we will deliver. Also, the Church's Community Garden, which is on the southwest corner next to the tool shed, is looking for volunteers to tend some of the raised bed gardens, whose output will all be donated. Contact Mark Schuller (509-869-7661, markman@me.com) or any member of the Charity and Justice Committee for more information.



Traveling this summer?

Find a place for Mass by going to Masstimes.org

St Joseph volunteer lawn crew needs you!

The guys are looking for someone to join the team to help with weed whacking. Please contact the parish office.

<http://stjoeparish.org/> Bookmark St Joseph's to be up to date on everything at the parish!

<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.

Join **St Mary's** community for a **pancake breakfast** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus **Sunday, May 1, 8:30 – 11 am** in the Parish Hall, 304 S Adams Rd. Suggested donation of \$5 will help the Guatemala Seminary.



Can you give the gift of time? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Without the hard work and good hearts of our volunteers, there would be no **Spokane Valley Partners**. To volunteer, all you need is a positive attitude, a warm smile, a willingness to assist those in need and a quick phone call to **Cora** at **509.927.1153**, ext. 19.

The following days and times are most-needed, but we're flexible and can accommodate anyone who is able to help.

Clothing Bank: Mon, 12:30 - 3 pm;

Front Desk: Tues, Noon - 4 pm or Friday, 8am - Noon
10814 East Broadway Avenue, Spokane Valley, WA 99206,
devdir@svpart.org

Parish Office Manager Opening: Our Lady of Fatima

Parish is currently accepting applications for an Office Manager. Three to five years of office experience is required as well as a working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Publisher, Outlook, Excel). Experience with PDS preferred. To apply, please send a resume and two letters of recommendation to: 1517 E. 33rd Ave, Spokane, WA 99203 or email cbonin@dioceseofspokane.org. No phone calls, please. Position is open until filled.

Year Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe December 7-14, 2016

Anyone interested in joining this pilgrimage should sign up as soon as possible because the space is limited to 25 and it is first come-first serve and for financial reasons, the pilgrimage would have to be canceled if most of the reserved spaces are not essentially filled by September 1st.

Talk to Deacon Chalo for details and reservation forms.

For Change in Ourselves and Society.

Faithful and loving God and Father, we come to you as people in need of conversion. We long for a more simple way of living on the earth. Our hearts, so filled with the many activities of the day, now stop to beg for your light and wisdom. We want to be your instruments of peace in our world. We desire to make changes in ourselves and to advocate for changes in those systems that may cause violence in our society. We ask this through Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen
From *The People's Prayer Book*

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Poor Clare Tea, Sunday, April 24, Noon - 2 p.m.

The Hemmingson Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Gonzaga University. Come celebrate with the Sisters one hundred and two years of serving Spokane. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Radio – KTTO, 970 AM in Spokane – **will be off the air for nearly two weeks** – beginning Monday, April 25, through Friday, May 6 – for much-needed but long-overdue equipment maintenance, a situation that station management called “inconvenient, but unavoidable.”

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

Catholic Daughters Annual Spring Tea & Fashion Show

Sat, June 4, 11am—2pm St. Thomas More Parish Center Come and enjoy a delicious tea, fashion show and silent auction, presented by the Catholic Daughters Court #196. Tickets are \$20. For tickets, please call Kathy Imholt 466-3392

Taizé Sunday Evening Prayer Service held at Immaculate

Heart Retreat Center on the **last Sun of each month from 7-8 pm**. The next dates are **April 24, May 29**.

For questions or more information call Andi at 448-9736.

Collection for the Catholic Church in the United State

The **weekend of May 7-8** the **Collection for the Catholic Church in the United States** will be taken up in all parishes of the Diocese – including our own St Joseph Parish. This collection is one of four annual collections authorized by the Catholic Diocese of Spokane. It supports major ministries in our homeland, the USA - Black & Native American Missions; Catholic Campaign for Human Development; Catholic Home Missions; Retirement Fund for Religious; and Catholic University of America. Registered parishioners will receive a special solicitation letter from Bishop Thomas A Daly, along with an information flyer and personalized collection envelope. This year marks a change in how to address your checks, **please make checks payable to Catholic Diocese of Spokane and please place your envelope in the offertory collection or mail it directly to the Diocese.**

“When I see that the burden is beyond my strength. I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him: ‘You can do all things.’ and then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him.”

St. Faustina

Visit LiveMercy.org to sign up for daily inspiration.

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.

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

Breakfast with the Bishop - *“Being Intentionally Catholic – a Basic Decision of Life”*, Bishop Emeritus William Skylstad
May 17: “From Pews to Shoes—Walking the Talk”

Barbeques with Bishop Skylstad. Summer Barbeque with beer & wine and talk over dessert & Coffee. Starts with Mass at 5pm, ends at 8pm. Cost is \$25, register in advance.

June 7: *“The Power of Mercy in a Troubled World”*

July 12: *“The Crises of Leadership in our World: How are we genuine ‘Salt & Light’”*

Aug. 23: *“The Church—A Prophetic Leader of Relationships in a Global World”*

Silent Days of Prayer: 9am—3pm, cost is \$38 with an additional \$10 for a room

May 18, *“Mary: Receiver and Proclaimer of Mercy!”*

Fr Victor Blazovich

June 15, Jubilee Year of Mercy. *“A Pilgrimage of Mercy”*

Fr. Daniel Barnett

Mother’s Day Champagne Brunch, May 8, 9am-2pm

All you can eat buffet, carving station, omelet bar, decadent desserts and a special gift for mom. Adults \$30, Children \$10 (age 6-12). All proceeds support IHRC’s Ministry.

Upcoming Retreats:

May20-22: For Men & Women “Attaining Interior Freedom and Peace in the School of the Holy Spirit” Fr. Jacques Philippe. Cost \$196/person, \$302/couple, \$110/commuter

June3-5: Serenity 12 Step Retreat “Practical, Simple, and Basic: the Genius of the 12 Steps” Fr Thomas Weston, SJ
Cost: \$192/person, \$294/couple, \$110/commuter

June 27-July 1: Weeklong for Men & Women Contemplation in Action. Fr Jeffrey Core. A Week of spiritual refreshment alongside time set aside to work on the Retreat Center. Meals & lodging included free, able-bodied persons needed!

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 serve those of all faiths, transforming lives and making 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. The impact of the weekend is profound and long lasting. When you are ready, Beginning Experience wants to help. We offer a weekend twice a 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.

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