

St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards



MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 3
 5:30pm †Rick Wenner
Sunday, September 4
 8:00am People of the Parish
 10:30am †Matt Rich
Tuesday, September 6
 8:30am NO MASS
Wednesday, September 7
 8:30am NO MASS
Thursday, September 8
 8:30am NO MASS
Friday, September 9
 8:30am †Cinde Casey
Saturday, September 10
 5:30pm People of the Parish
Sunday, September 11
 8:00am †Mary Mazulo
 10:30am †Matt Rich

*Teach us to number
 our days aright, that we
 may gain a heart
 of wisdom.*



Scriptures for September 4

Wisdom 9:13-18b
 Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
 Philemon 9-10, 12-17
 Luke 14:25-33

*We are the
 Hands of Christ*

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10

The Stewardship committee invites the parish to the **ANNUAL PICNIC** on **Sunday 9/18** after the 10:30 Mass. There will be food, games, pony rides, Kona ice, and lots of family fun! See the flyer for your designated dish to bring. We hope to see you there!

WEEKLY COLLECTION 8/28/2016

Envelopes	Plate	TOTAL
\$ 5,558.92	\$ 823.45	\$ 6,382.37
Total for August to date:		\$ 27,327.12
Needed Monthly		\$ 31,200.00

Building Fund Total for August		\$ 886.00
Our Parish Our Future Campaign		\$ 644,945.00

WEEK AHEAD September 5-11

Monday	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday	Quilters	10am
	Eucharistic Adoration	12:30-2:30pm
Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration	6-8am
	St Gabriel's Group (Mom's Group)	9:30am
	Eucharistic Adoration	7-10pm
Thursday	Our Parish...Our Future Reception	7pm
	Vocation Committee	7pm
Saturday	Rosary Prayer Group	10am
	Our Parish...Our Future Reception	6:30pm
Sunday	Knights Breakfast & Newcomer Welcome	
	Blood Drive	8:30-12
	RE Begins PreK-7th	9:15am
	Youth Night (8th-12th)	6pm

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Parish Mission will be **Tuesday, Oct 25** and **Wednesday, Oct 26**. Please note change in dates!



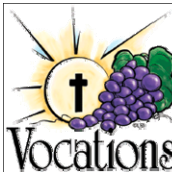
Next Sunday, **Sept 11th** is our quarterly **Blood Drive**. The appointment schedule is now available online at inbcaves.org or on the table in the gathering area.

This same Sunday is the **Knights Breakfast** so come back to the dining hall, have something to eat and donate to save others.



Would you like to be an **altar server (child or adult)**?

We are planning an altar server training Sunday Oct 9, 9:15 am. If you are interested please contact the parish office.



Vocations – A response to a call

"Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision... Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love." —Pope Francis, Address to Seminarians and Novices, July 6, 2013

Eucharist - Heart of Vocations

"Eucharistic adoration is an essential way of being with the Lord...There we can speak with him about everything. We can offer him our petitions, our concerns, our troubles, our joys, our gratitude, our disappointments, our needs and our aspirations. There we can also constantly ask him: "Lord send laborers into your harvest! Help me to be a good worker in your vineyard!" --Pope Benedict XVI, Sept 11, 06

Check the parish web site under Ministries for information regarding vocations.

LITURGY SCHEDULE for September 10th & 11th

Mass	GREETER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
5:30pm	M Andriolo & C Hoagburg	D Wanner	H Shogren, C Hoagburg Deacon Chalo		J Berg B Osborne
8:00am	C Graham & S Hutchinson	S Stuber	B Bendele, T Bendele, M Cassel M Duncan, Deacon Chalo	J Rosa	J Gresch N Gresch
10:30am	V Pozo & Armani & Andre	P & O Wehr	D Hardy, D Hardy, J Rich, R Rich K Dondero, L Woodroof, Deacon Chalo	L Shollenberger B Pearson	G Wehr L Wehr

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



FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education for 4 year olds—7th Grade Supporting parents in passing on the Catholic Faith!

Weekly RE classes begin next Sunday, Sept. 11, 9:15-10:15 am at Otis Elementary. This first Sunday, **all parents and students** will come together for prayer, meet teachers, and **register**. These are suggested fees, and installment payments can be made: \$50 for one, \$85 for two, \$120 for three, \$150 for 4+. Contact Teresa for more information: religioused@stjoeparish.org or 926-7133.



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

Amazing teens and families,
Our youth ministry year will begin on **Sunday, Sept 11th, 6-8 pm** with a family dinner (Taco Salad!) and introductions. Hope to see you all there!
God bless, Meta, metaboik@hotmail.com
Suggested fee for the year is \$30 per student.

A Middle School Catholic Rally for 6th – 8th Grade students will be on **Sat, Sept 24**, at St. Mary Parish in the Spokane Valley from 10am – 5pm. This will be a fun, interactive, and engaging day for middle schoolers to share and reflect on their Catholic identity! The cost is \$30 per student which includes lunch. Look for registration forms in the foyer soon. Call Teresa in St. Joe's parish office for more information



Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic?
The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) offers a process that allows seekers to examine the Catholic faith more closely. **The sessions at St. Joseph will resume Tues, October 4th.** During these sessions participants ask questions, explore Catholic teachings, and discover what it means to be a Catholic Christian. If you or someone you know might be interested, please call the parish office or email religioused@stjoeparish.org.

St. Joseph's Baptism Schedule

Classes: November 6 & 13 **Baptism:** Nov 20
Jan 29 & Feb 5, 2017 Feb 12, 2017

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



St. Gabriel's Group (Mom's Group) meets Wed, 9:30-11:30am, and are studying the series "Momnipotent". Check out the parish website for a calendar and to see what the group represents. Any questions call or text Jaymie Miner, (509) 999-6631 or angeljay1@aol.com.



The group is looking for help with childcare! Please call Jaymie or the parish office, 926-7133 if you are able to help.

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.

Attention parents!

We are blessed to have a parish with so many families. The children bring us no small amount of joy and laughter. Sometimes in their unbounded joy they don't see the more frail elderly, who are also a great blessing, putting them at risk for a fall. So please help your children be aware of others and don't allow them to run anywhere inside the building, especially in the hall. During good weather they can play outside. In time we may be able to set aside a part of the parish hall as a play area during coffee and doughnuts. Until then we need to please share the space. Thank you!!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PARISH HAPPENINGS

Coming September 14th and the following 7 Wednesdays! "Doors of Mercy" is a Catholic Scripture Study (CSS) Program that will be offered at St. Joseph's 6:30-8:00 pm in the parish hall. During the last few months of Pope Francis' *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, take time to experience in a deeper way how to receive God's mercy and how to understand God's mercy in all of salvation history. To register call the parish or for more information email kathy.dondero@gmail.com

Opening God's Word with the Sunday Scriptures

Reflection and prayer will be guided by parishioner Rick McLean **weekly on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 14th, 5:30 – 6:30 pm, in the parish hall.** Everyone is welcome, men, women, and older teens. Attend when you are able; but this one hour a week might become a priority when you discover the **rich graces from this spiritual practice.**
Please call the Parish Office for more information.

The **Women's Monday night Faith Group** will meet weekly starting **September 19th at 6:30 pm.** More details coming soon! Please contact Sue Moss for information at sooymoss@gmail.com.

"Jesus and His Jewish Influences"

The weekly **Thursday Morning Faith Study Group** will begin again Sept 15th from 9-10:30am. They will start with the 24 lectures from the Great Courses "Jesus and His Jewish Influences" with two lectures per week. That will run the sessions thru Dec. 8th with a break on Thanksgiving. For information please call or email Dave Bailey at 951-1492 or 9511492@gmail.com.

Going to WSU in the Fall?

The students and pastor of St Thomas More Newman Center at WSU look forward to welcoming you to your new Catholic family in Pullman. You will find among us a vibrant Catholic community of students, plenty of social activities, and many opportunities to deepen your faith. Sunday Masses are at 10:00am & 7:00pm. For more information, please visit our website at www.catholiccougs.org.



The next sessions for the new PHOTO DIRECTORY are scheduled for Oct 18-22 & **sign-ups will be available soon.** We look forward to seeing ALL your smiling faces in the new directory!

ON GOING PARISH HAPPENINGS

Night Walk. A group of volunteers serves sandwiches, cookies, coffee and water, and distribute clothing to our homeless brothers and sisters in Spokane the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. **We will be making sandwiches again for this ministry in the parish hall, Monday, September 12 at 10am.** All are welcome to come and help. For additional information regarding this ministry **please contact Deacon Chalo** at 509-263-9553, or by email at deacon@stjoeparish.org.

Stewardship Committee is looking for new members to join this wonderful ministry team. This group is involved in many activities at the parish as well as organizing the Volunteer Thank you Reception, the Parish Picnic and the Fall Mission. Contact Carolyn Holley, 509-922-4466.

NEEDED: VISIONARIES, PLANNERS AND DOERS!!!
St. Joseph Charity & Justice Committee needs you!
The goals of this parish committee are to learn about, educate others, & plan outreach and events for the whole parish related to the **Social Teaching of the Church**. This committee has organized *Offering of Letters, Understanding Islam sessions, Christmas Tree of Sharing, Fair Trade Festivals, Diaper Drives, our Community Garden, Partnering with Otis Elementary and more.* We usually meet monthly, have fun, pray and do lots!! Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 15 at 6:30pm** in the parish hall. Interested? Call or email Jim Baumker for more information: (858)775-6180, jabaum@comcast.net

Community Garden

If you wish to help our local food banks, you can donate your produce to River of Life on Wed 10:30-noon and Thurs 11am-2 pm or to the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Mon 1-3 pm. The River of Life is located on Euclid, between Arden and Lynden Roads. The Seventh Day Adventist food bank is behind the church, located on Harvard, south of Wellesley. Happy gardening!

Keep clipping those **Box Tops** for St. Thomas Aquinas Home School Network (to which many of our parish families belong). You can turn in trimmed Box Tops anytime to the parish office. Also check out the Box Tops website: www.boxtops4education.com/coupons for awesome coupons on participating products.

Faithful Citizenship: Catholics Care, Catholics Vote

As the general election approaches, it's a good time to revisit our Church's teaching on political engagement: **"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"**. This teaching document from the U.S. Bishops offers perspective and guidance as we exercise our civic right and responsibility to vote. With the general election season approaching, Catholics of all political leanings are asked to form their consciences carefully and to view issues and candidates through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. Both the full document and the one-page summary are available from the Parish Social Ministry office. Learn more at: www.faithfulcitizenship.org/

Safe Environment Program (Protecting Our Children)

"When any person, in his or her official supervisory capacity with a nonprofit or for-profit organization, has reasonable cause to believe that a minor has suffered abuse or neglect caused by a person over whom he or she regularly exercises supervisory authority, he or she shall report such incident, or cause a report to be made, to the proper law enforcement agency, provided that the person alleged to have caused the abuse or neglect is employed by, contracted by, or volunteers with the organization and coaches, trains, educates, or counsels a minor(s) or regularly has unsupervised access to a minor(s) as part of the employment, contract, or voluntary service." In other words, volunteers who supervise other volunteers who work with minors are **required to report any suspected abuse by others whom they supervise.**

Sited from RCW (1) (b).

Reporting Suspected Abuse:

To report any suspected abuse, please contact:

Victims Assistance Coordinator

(509) 353-0442 Office Phone, (509) 998-8340 Cell Phone

Child Protective Services

Spokane Co. (509)363-3333, (800)557-9671, (800)562-5624
Department of Social and Health Services, (866) 363-4276

Law Enforcement

Spokane County: (509) 456-2233

Rosary: Parishioner Gary Wycoff will be leading a Rosary every Saturday at 10am outside the West end of church building. Special prayers will be said for all of the violence in the world. Everyone is welcome!



IN THE COMMUNITY

Spokane Valley Partners is in need of food rescue drivers to pick up food from a valley store one day a week for their food bank. A truck or SUV is best for picking up food. If interested please call Cora at (509) 927-1153 Ext 19.

Save the Date: Calling all Catholic Men – the **19th Inland Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat** will be held on the weekend of **October 21-23** at Camp n-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene. This retreat will feature Dr. Tom Curran as our Retreat Master. Registration forms and the retreat flyer are available in the gathering area. If you have any questions, please call Mike Anderson at 208-664-1498 or Dave Bailey at 509-891-1484.

Prayer to Care for Our Common Home

*Father of all,
Creator and ruler of the universe,
You entrusted your world to us as a gift.
Help us to care for it and all people,
that we may live in right relationship—
with You,
with ourselves,
with one another,
and with creation.*

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home.

Amen

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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 7-week program begins Sept 6th and is offered Tues evenings 7 – 9pm at St. Aloysius Catholic Church Parish Center.** Cost is \$35.00. To register for this program, contact Marlene (509) 534-1797 and/or visit www.beginningexperienceofspokane.us.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

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 fall weekend is **Oct 28 - 30 at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center** in Spokane. Please call Marlene (509) 534-1797 to register.

The anguish of divorce is devastating...but there is hope and a new day will come. The **CATHOLIC’S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE** is a 12-week program designed to help Catholic men and women navigate the spiritual and emotional challenges of a divorce or separation with understanding, faith and forgiveness. The **weekly sessions are Thursdays at Assumption Parish from 6:30-8:30 PM.** The topics cover relevant topics such as: shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, divorce and your children, the annulment process and much more. For more information, see my website: www.catholicdivorced.org or contact Donna Petrocelli at: (509) 468-8429 or divorceministry.donna@gmail.com.



Today’s Gospel reading may sound a bit harsh at first, but it is meant to wake us up to the fact that God must be first place in our lives if we are to be a disciple of Christ. Find out how to live out God’s design for your marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, October 21-23, 2016 or March 24-26, 2017 at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center.** For more information contact David and Jull Harvey at (509) 475-1347 or go to www.InlandEmpireWWME.org.

Married Singles Lifestyle - The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. **Retrouvaille** teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the **Sept 9-11, 2016** Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site listed above.

Closing Ritual for St. Joseph Family Center

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia gratefully acknowledge and appreciate all the support provided by the Spokane community. We cordially invite you to our closing celebration **Saturday, September 17 at 11 A.M.** at SJFC Campus, Serenity Garden, 1016 N Superior St, Spokane. We will begin with the Liturgy at 11 A.M. followed by a reception. We encourage you to attend, walk the grounds, tour the buildings, and share with others your memories of SJFC. Please RSVP to info@sjfconline.org or by calling (509) 483-6495.

“Holy-In-One” Golf Tournament—Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, **Mon, Sept. 19.** Shotgun start 1:15pm, Downriver Golf course. \$100/player 18 holes of Golf. Raising funds for the Sisters housing needs. Register at www.sistersofmarymc.org or calling 509-448-9890 Click: “Give online”.

Catholic Charities—Caring for Kids

20th Anniversary Lunch & Program
Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Spokane
11:30am Check-in & Social, 12:00 Lunch & Program
Guest Speaker, Mary LoVerde. To learn more or register online go to www.CatholicCharitiesSpokane.org

St Mary’s Parish Women at the Well Annual Fall Luncheon

Tues, Sept 27th, 12 noon in St Mary’s Parish School Gym 304 S Adams. Contact Sharon White at 509-979-8562 for table reservations, \$7/ticket. Come enjoy an afternoon of wonderful salads & music from “Grandpas’ Sound” and a chance to win one of our wonderful raffled baskets.

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

6910 S Ben Burr Rd, Spokane, (509) 448-1224
For more information or to register in advance: www.ihrc.net
Silent Day of Prayer: 9am-3pm, \$38/ \$48 with a room
Sept 28: “*The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Experiencing Mercy from God and from ourselves*” Msgr. John Steiner

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes is seeking a flexible, **part-time office assistant** to work 19 hours per week. Duties are mostly light clerical tasks including answering telephone & doors, working with the parish database, maintaining Mass intentions, recording sacraments, and filling in for the Office Manager. Please email your letter of inquiry & resume to: cherry@dioceseofspokane.org.