

St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards



MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, February 27
 5:30pm People of the Parish
Sunday, February 28
 8:00am †Ed Inge
 10:30am †Pedro Calambe
Tuesday, March 1
 8:30am †Paul Weitzel
Wednesday, March 2
 8:30am †Jan Blondeau
Thursday, March 3
 8:30am †Jan Blondeau
Friday, March 4
 8:30am †Mary Shepard
Saturday, March 5
 5:30pm †Alicia Weber
Sunday, March 6
 8:00am †Alicia Weber
 10:30am People of the Parish



THIRD
Sunday
in Lent

Scriptures for March 6

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
 Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

February 28—Third Sunday of Lent

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

*We are the
 Hands of Christ*

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

"Let us not go faster than God. It is our emptiness and our thirst that he needs, not our plentitude." Jacques Maritain

WEEK AHEAD February 29-March 6

Monday	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
	John Fencik on "Holy Week"	7pm
	Eucharistic Adoration	7-10pm
Thursday	Stewardship Committee Meeting	6pm
	Bible Timeline Session	6:30pm
	Choir Practice	7pm
Friday	Soup & Stations	6pm/7pm
	CYC Begins	
Sunday	Knight Executive Meeting	9:15am
	RE-PreK-7th	9:15am
	Hour of Faith	9:20am
	Children's Liturgy of the Word	10:30 Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION 2/21/2016

Envelopes	Plate	TOTAL
\$ 4,634.00	\$ 971.12	\$ 5,605.12
Total for February date:		\$ 19,247.29
Needed Monthly		\$ 31,200.00

Building Fund Total for February		\$ 506.00
Our Parish Our Future Campaign		\$ 596,810.00

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

You may be wondering why there has been no ringing of the bells during Mass lately. During Lent the Church directs us to simplify the liturgical environment (flowers, decorations, bells). This is to remind us that we are to simplify our lives during Lent so as to make us more receptive to God's graces. By emptying out we make more room for God.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

Hungering for a Healthy Start

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit crsricebowl.org for more. *We have a friendly competition going with St. Al's who overtook us the last 2 years as the largest contributing parish in the diocese. So pick up a Rice Bowl by the church doors and start filling it up!*

The final tally is in!! The total raised from the Spokane Valley Benefit concert was **\$13,650!!!** Thank you!

☺ Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers ☺

I have sent the next Ministry Schedules via email to those that I have. Everyone else (plus those that have requested a printed copy) are in the gathering area. PLEASE—if you can not serve at your scheduled time, find a replacement!

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 March 5th & 6th

Mass	GREETER	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
5:30pm	M Andriolo & C Hoagburg	D Bailey	D Andriolo, M Kimber, P Puhek		J Hoagburg D Kimber
8:00am	B & L Ashcraft	M Lunneborg	J Sine, J Lloyd, R Wood S Manfred, G Carlsen	J Rosa D Carlsen	J Gresch N Gresch
10:30am	R & B Perry	T Knaff	N Knaff, C Holley, C Baird, A Kelly J Kienbaum, P Kienbaum, L Woodroof	M Edwards B Pearson	J Finn L Wehr



*** **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 Sunday, March 13th, 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

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 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 teachers lounge at 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 28, Mar 13 & 20 at 6pm.

Exciting teens and families, We had a good discussion about planning for our future, but the most important plan of all is planning for our death. Since we never know when it is our time to die, we should live life everyday as if it were our last day and consider whether we treat our friends and family with love and compassion. We had a change of plan, so we will be meeting this week to make rosaries and to talk about the significance of this powerful prayer. One more week to CYC, so please finish paying and getting the paperwork turned in for that. I am really excited about going and I will send more details about that next week. I hope and pray that you all have a wonderful week.

God bless, Meta, Gene, & the Ministry Team
More info: (509)928-6182 or metaboik@hotmail.com.



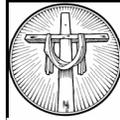
Please join us in prayer and a brief reflection on the Gospel.

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 28, Mar 6, 13, 20, Apr 17 & 24.

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

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.



Adult faith study with John Fencik

on the history and significance of **"Holy Week"**. Holy Week and especially the Sacred Triduum are the most important liturgical days of the Catholic year. These days are rich in Scripture and Tradition as we celebrate our redemption in the Lord Jesus Christ. This two-part program will look at the history and the development of the rituals and liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please join us for the opportunity to see the ancient foundations of Holy Week. **Weds March 2 & 9, 7—8:30 pm** in the Parish Hall.



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

Andria & Bill Clark, Christina Delp, Sandi & Jim Hawvermale, Annie & 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. 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, 6:30-8pm 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.



2015 St Josephs' 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.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2016

At the present time the Annual Catholic Appeal 2016 is being conducted in all 82 parishes and missions in the Diocese of Spokane. The goal for our parish is \$81,888. The most recent report indicates that **27 of our 717 registered parish households have responded.** A most appreciative "Thank you!" to those who have contributed to this year's Appeal. Obviously we have a ways yet to go to achieve our parish goal. May each of the remaining households respond as generously to Bishop Daly's appeal for participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal 2016. The success of this year's Appeal is critical to carrying out the mission of the Church. Please remember that the ACA supports several important ministries and administrative needs of our Diocese. As part of our Catholic family, St Joseph Parish joins in its shared responsibility for assuring the continuation of the mission entrusted to us by Christ. Please make checks payable to: "Annual Catholic Appeal 2016."

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.

Fr Pat Kerst and Diana Sanderson will be leading an adult faith formation series for three weeks, continuing March 2nd & 3rd 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.

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.

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)

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.



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)
Read good books. A good way to challenge yourself to grow spiritually is to read something you haven’t read before. Pick a saint you’ve never heard of and read his or her biography or something he or she wrote. Select a book of daily meditations. You may feel as if you are viewing the world through a different window.
Read The Good Book. Far from being a dry narrative, the Bible is the longest love-letter ever written, the longest epic ever told. It’s filled with colorful characters and unexpected turns and twist-endings. Pick a book and read a chapter every day.
Pray the Official Prayer of the Church. The Liturgy of the Hours is prayed by the Church several times throughout the day. Priests and religious are required to pray at least some of the hours each day. Laity are encouraged to pray along. You can buy the hours in book-form, or download it as an app for a smart phone or mobile device.

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

To avoid sin, one must understand what God expects. Refresh yourself on the 10 Commandments in Genesis 20.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Demographic Study

Bishop Daly is endorsing a qualitative and demographic study to be conducted in the Diocese of Spokane for our Catholic Schools. This will help us to establish a clear vision on how to strengthen the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Spokane. With your help we can gather valuable information. To take this short 8 question anonymous survey please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpokaneDiocese> today. Thank you for your assistance with this important diocesan study.

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.

St. Joseph Family Center—The Franciscan Place

1016 N. Superior St., Spokane, WA 99202

For info or to register call 483-6495 or www.sjfconline.org

Grief Support Group. If you have experienced loss and you wish to move beyond the pain within a safe environment, this program offers you the probability of a richer and more rewarding life. The dates for the eight week program are **April 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25, and 28.** Please RSVP by March 30th.

Cancer Survivor Retreats for Women, Apr 15-17, 2016.

Open to any women who are currently, or who have ever been diagnosed with any form of cancer. Facilitated by Sr. Patricia Novak, OSF

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.

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

George Washington Carver

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. **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.

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.

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.

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.