

Prayer Requests

All those feeling lonely and isolated, those who are ill

Donna Able, William Foster , Susan C., Ella M, Matt C, Alma B., Traci P., Jerry D. Sr.

To have a name listed in the bulletin call Suzie in the office at 928-3210. Names will be listed for 3 weeks, then removed unless requested again.

- ◆ If a member of your family is admitted to a local hospital, please call the parish office at 928-3210 if you would like a priest
- ◆ To add someone to the prayer chain or to be part of the prayer chain ministry please join the *Prayer Chain* group in Flocknote or call the parish office.
 - ◆ For those not "on-line" call Bobbie Bailey at 928-9584.

Calling ALL altar servers! Fr Lewis will be conducting altar server training **Saturday September 18, at 11 AM** in the church. This is for **everyone**, trained and new, who would like to be (or continue to be) an altar server.

Training begins at 11 AM in the church, followed by a **pizza lunch and kickball** on the school field. Please contact the parish office for more information.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

September 25 and 26 has been designated as "Commitment Sunday" throughout the Diocese of Spokane.

Stewardship begins with recognizing the gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure that the Lord has given to us and then planning on how to give back to Him a portion of what was given to us.

Over the next few weeks, the parish will be focusing on this topic and providing parishioners with some stewardship resources. These will provide parishioners with an opportunity to evaluate how they intentionally give back to God in the areas of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Your St. Mary **St. Vincent de Paul** conference members continue to assist our neighbors with food, hygiene products, utility & rental assistance. It is expected that rental assistance requests will increase. The emergency assistance message line is (509) 703-7867, a member will return your call.

Monetary contributions to our ongoing assistance can be dropped in the designated 3rd Sunday basket or donated online at :

www.stmaryspokane.org

tap on "Give", then "Donation Designation" and scroll down to "St Vincent de Paul"



Parish Collection Report

Weekly income Aug 23-29 : \$8,473.82
August total monthly income : \$ 59,840.63
Yearly Income (Jan - Aug) : \$ 495,284.44
Haiti Special collection : \$2,683.67



PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

9/13	MONDAY	Davida Pierce +
9/14	TUESDAY	Maureen Retzel-Farley & Preston Family
9/15	WEDNESDAY	Matt Cornwell
9/16	THURSDAY	Kay Arguinchona
9/17	FRIDAY	Mary Ilgen +
9/18	SATURDAY	Mary Ilgen +
9/19	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	Mary Nelson +
	9am	Pro Populo
	11:30am	Jamie Ann Elizabeth Evans +

To have a Mass offered by the priest for a deceased person or another intention, please call the parish office at (509) 928-3210 or email stmary@dioceseofspokane.org



Pastor's Column

St. Mary Catholic Parish

September 12, 2021 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship: A Theology of Discipleship

My friends in Christ, we all know that last year, 2020, was an interesting year (to say the least!), and so far, 2021 is proving to be just as peculiar in so many ways. No doubt, this is an extraordinarily difficult time, with tensions of all sorts pervading our lives and yet *more* tensions on the horizon as various situations in life and culture progress.

Yet despite all of that, our wonderful parish has managed to thrive. Sacrificial giving, sharing of time and talents, and an overall commitment to practicing and engaging in our Catholic Christian faith on the part of you, our faithful parishioners, have truly been awe-inspiring, truly heroic, truly the stuff of saints. I have no doubt that much of our success and growth in all of these areas of parish life have something to do with our growing understanding of the theology of stewardship, which as we know really is just one aspect of the overall theological of Christian discipleship.

From his first year with us as our chief shepherd of souls, one of the ways Bishop Thomas Daly has encouraged each of us to grow in our discipleship of Jesus Christ is to help us to be strengthened in our sense of stewardship. It was for this reason that he has asked the Diocese and every parish to make a deliberate pastoral and catechetical effort to emphasize our annual Stewardship Campaign as well as the Annual Catholic Appeal. And it is that time of year once again for us to reflect upon the Theology of Stewardship, mindful as always that stewardship is not something *in addition to* being a faithful and joyful disciple of Jesus Christ but rather in very fact is *part of* and *integral* to discipleship.

With regard to my own personal engagement with discipleship and stewardship: for my own faith, for my own commitment to Jesus Christ, for my own commitment to His Church, and for my own overall sense of being and purpose... I *need* to give. I need to keep moving forward, keep up with the ministry and mission that God has entrusted to me, and I refuse to let up or fail in my duty.

Not all of us feel like we want to give our Time to the parish and to the diocese. We do not feel like volunteering for a Church that sometimes lets us down. Or perhaps some of us do not want to try sharing our Talents. If the Church does not appreciate my Talents, then why should I bother? Or maybe I simply do not know what my Talents are, and even if I do know what my Talents are, then I do not know how the Church or our parish can use them.

Furthermore I would venture a guess that very few of us feel like giving our hard-earned money, our Treasure, to the Church. Is my money actually going to support the various ministries and outreach efforts of my parish? And in any event, life is just so darn *expensive!* Perhaps that is how many of us feel about the matter of tithing; anyway, it is often how I feel. Not to mention the loss of jobs, loss of income, loss of financial security because of the pandemic and the economic and social shutdown that has resulted because of it. And I blame nobody for feeling this way.

But again, all I can say is that I, personally, *must* keep giving of my Time, Talent, *and* Treasure, and that is because I believe whole-heartedly in the ministry and mission of our St. Mary parish and school, and I also believe whole-heartedly in the ministry and mission of the Diocese of Spokane and Bishop Thomas Daly.

Because in the end, though life gets tough and expensive and though even certain members and leaders of the Church seem to let me down at times, my faith in Jesus actually has never been as strong as it is right now. And I believe also in His Father, in His Holy Spirit, and in His Bride, the Mystical Body of Christ which is the Church. Thus, I myself *must* and *will* remain a faithful, joyful disciple of Jesus Christ, and therefore I *must* and *will* remain a faithful, joyful steward of His many gifts and blessings given to me. And it is my sincere and heartfelt hope and prayer that all of you will join me as faithful, joyful disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ.

God bless you all.

~ *Fr. Lewis*

TODAY!!!

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 12

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Serving from 8:30-11:00 am, Parish Hall

Menu

Pancakes - French Toast - Fruit
Scrambled Eggs - Ham, Sausage
Hashbrowns - Biscuits & Gravy
Juice, Milk, Coffee & Tea



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Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus!
Mark 8:31-38



"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."
Mark 8:34b

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BLOOD DRIVE



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sunday, September 12th
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
On the Bus

304 S. Adams Rd.

Sign up online using sponsor code: StMarysParish

*Please note that masks are required for ALL donors and staff regardless of vaccination status.



- Puzzle Clues**
1. A large group of people gathered in one place.
 2. To misplace or be unable to find something.
 3. To rescue from danger or harm.
 4. The spiritual part of a person which exists after death.
- Solution: The object upon which Jesus was crucified.

CAN YOU WALK THE WALK?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best

friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

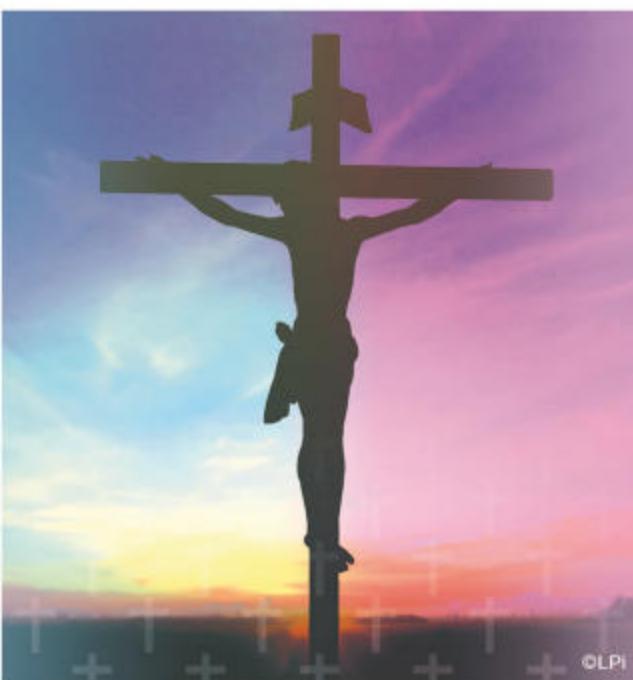
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I'VE NOTICED THAT WHEN I GO TO MASS AT DIFFERENT PARISHES, SOMETIMES PEOPLE SAY AND DO DIFFERENT THINGS. WHY IS THAT?

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the

liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.



Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



If you have a little brother who asks you to tie his shoes six times, it is easy to get angry and say, "NO. Tie it yourself." However, God wants you to help others with a smile. He wants you to tie shoes for others. He wants you to open doors for others. He wants you to sweep the floor for others. God wants you to treat others with kindness as a favor to him.

PRAYER

Show me how to treat others with kindness for you, Lord.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When my parents ask me to help, I will jump to it right away.

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