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PARISH CLERGY

Parish Office Number 928-3210

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Deacon Dan Glatt 928-3210

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“There is no one who
performs a mighty deed in
my name who can at the
same time speak ill of me.”

MARK 9:39

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday, Thursday 7:00am

Friday 7:00am & 5:30pm

First Saturday 9:00 am

Confessions

Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm

Friday 6:00-7:00pm

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

First Fridays 7:30-8:30am

Adoration

Friday 6:00 - 7:00pm

First Friday 7:30am - 12pm

First Saturday 9:30am - 10:30am

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Mary Parish Community. If you would like to register with the parish please fill out form on website, stop by the Parish Office or call (509) 928-3210.

CARE OF THE SICK

Communion is taken to the sick and elderly on a regular basis. Please call Karen Grewe (Homebound Ministry) at (509)927-4941

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The family should be registered and active in St. Mary Parish. For arrangements call the Parish office, 928-3210.

Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least six months prior to their desired wedding date.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or
RCIC (for children over 7)**

Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who is thinking about it? Please call Marie Bricher at 928-3210 ext. 111 for more information.

For the convenience of those with hearing difficulties, Masses at St. Mary can be heard on personal FM-band radios or in the car in the parking lot. Tune to **89.9 FM**.

Prayer Requests

**All those feeling lonely and isolated, those who are ill
Donna Able, Susan Curalli., Matt C, Ella Miller**

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.

September 26—Commitment Sunday

At all the Masses this weekend, we are joining with parishes throughout the diocese as we observe Commitment Sunday.

At the parish, we have spent the last couple of weeks taking stock of the Time, Talent, and Treasure that the Lord has given to us and then prayerfully considering how we are called to respond. Good stewardship, as we know, is part of the overall Christian way of life. May Commitment Sunday help all of us to be more deeply grateful to God and to respond with gratitude.

**Holy Hour of
Eucharistic Adoration
Last-Thursdays of the month
Thursday, Sept 30
8 –9 PM St Mary's Church**

Phyllis Lamb died on Sept 13 and her funeral was held at St Mary on Sept 18.

Eternal Rest grant unto Phyllis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

Cub Scouts

WELCOME BACK –1st meeting of school year

When: Sept 26th 4-5:30PM
Ages: Cub Scout levels K-5th grade

Where: St Mary's Adult Center (bldg. north of Church)
Please call or text Julie 953-1555 or Cindy 475-0775

Girl Scouts

WELCOME BACK –1st meeting of school year

When: October 3rd , 6:00-7:00 PM
Where: Mary/Martha Room (below St Mary of-fice)
Ages: Girl Scout levels 5-12th grade
Please call or text RSVP to Julie 953-1555 or Cindy 475-0775 so you can be notified of any changes.

PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

9/27	MONDAY	Matt Cornwell
9/28	TUESDAY	Tony Merlitti +
9/29	WEDNESDAY	Joey Kerst +
9/30	THURSDAY	Vocations to the priesthood
10/1	FRIDAY	Mary Ilgen +
10/2	SATURDAY	Annie McCabe +
10/3	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	Michel Brown +
	9am	Pro Populo
	11:30am	Hubert Garcia

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

Parish Collection Report

Weekly income Sep 13 : \$10,876.00
Sept total monthly income : \$ 24,277.25
Yearly Income (Jan - Aug) : \$ 504,851.19





Pastor's Column

St. Mary Catholic Parish

September 26, 2021 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Testimonials From Our Very Own Parishioners – Part 2

As we continue to gear up for this Fall's Stewardship Campaign and the Annual Catholic Appeal, we hear today directly from a parishioner, who will tell us what Stewardship means to him, how they live Stewardship in their involvement with the parish, and how Stewardship helps them to get closer to the Lord. Also included is an excerpt from the USCCBs document on Stewardship, "Stewardship, A Disciples Response."

The first testimonial this week is from one of the new members of the parish Pastoral Council, Keith Miner:

To me, stewardship becomes a question of how does our family give our time and talents to our home and community? For me, this question is answered by volunteering with the KoC by cooking or serving as much as possible. Recently, becoming a member of the parish council and ushering during mass has given me additional opportunities to serve the Lord.

Our family motto is "How can I help?" along with saying "yes" to helping others without expecting a return. When someone is suffering, we help them with a meal, prayers, yard work, or companionship.

As Catholic parents, we are given the task of leading our children to Christ. We pray that our acts of service pave that path for them.

Thank you,
Keith Miner

The above testimonial beautifully reveals how the Church's ideal of stewardship, outlined in the below excerpt, can be lived out in everyday life of family and community.

"All temporal and spiritual goods are created by and come from God. That is true of everything human beings have: spiritual gifts like faith, hope, and love; talents of body and brain; cherished relationships with family and friends; material goods; the achievements of human genius and skill; the world itself. One day God will require an accounting of the use each person has made of the particular portion of these goods entrusted to him or her. Each will be measured by the standard of his or her individual vocation. Each has received a different "sum"—a unique mix of talents, opportunities, challenges, weaknesses and strengths, potential modes of service and response—on which the Master expects a return. He will judge individuals according to what they have done with what they were given.

Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church. As "to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Cor 12:7), so stewardship in an ecclesial setting means cherishing and fostering the gifts of all, while using one's own gifts to serve the community of faith.

In the Eucharist, Catholics reaffirm their participation in the New Covenant; they give thanks to God for blessings received; and they strengthen their bonds of commitment to one another as members of the covenant community Jesus forms. That is why, as Vatican II says of the Eucharist, "if this celebration is to be sincere and thorough, it must lead to various works of charity and mutual help, as well as to missionary activity and to different forms of Christian witness" (Presbyterorum Ordinis, no. 6).

Stewardship is a uniquely solemn trust. If Christians understand it and strive to live it to the full, they grasp the fact that they are no less than "God's co-workers" (1 Cor 3:9), with their own particular share in his creative, redemptive, and sanctifying work. In this light, stewards are fully conscious of their accountability. They neither live nor die as their own masters; rather, "if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" (Rom 14:8).

Stewardship, then, is all-encompassing. It provides a place for the simplest individual gesture of kindness as well as stewardship communities working for systemic justice and peace. It is, ultimately, the pull and the power of the Gospel come alive in our times and circumstances.

The life of a Christian steward, lived in imitation of the life of Christ, is challenging, even difficult in many ways; but both here and hereafter it is charged with intense joy. God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS OCTOBER 6

We are excited to kick off another great year of Religious Education for grades 1-5! We will gather in the Church at 6pm on Wednesday, Oct 6 for our opening assembly. Then we'll move over to the school classrooms for grade-level instruction until 7:30pm. We will be wearing masks, using hand sanitizer and working hard to knock down those germs! Please register your child soon so we can make name tags and put name labels on books. Registration forms available online, at the parish office and in the church gathering space. For mor info please contact Marie Bricher at mbricher@dioceseofspokane.org or 509-928-3210, ext. 111.

RCIA

READY TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

Please join us on Tuesday nights, 6:30—8:00 PM at St Joseph Parish in Otis Orchards.
4521 N Arden Rd., Otis Orchard WA 99027

SEEKING HELP WITH CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Are you open to serving your parish in the education of our young people? We need Catechists to serve in the RE grades 1-5, Sacramental Prep, and other events. If you love the Lord & His Church, are a practicing Catholic in good standing & are willing to be trained (you don't have to know everything!), please contact Marie Bricher 509-928-3210 x 111 or mbricher@dioceseofspokane.org.

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul Mass Celebration Monday Sept 27 at 7PM

Bishop Daly will be presiding

There will be a short Recommitment Ceremony during Mass and Cookies and refreshments following. For questions please contact Bill Flerchinger 509-879-0927

St Mary Singles Ministry

Hello, I'm Fred Telles, a Knights of Columbus member here at St Mary. I have seen the need for a Catholic Singles social group for people 40 and up to have fun and fellowship.

We would like to meet the third Sunday of the month at 2pm for activities.

During cold or wet weather we would have indoor activities and in warm weather we might have picnics in the park, etc.

If you are interested please contact by text or email: 480-430-4767 or rfredtelles1@yahoo.com with the subject St Marys Singles.

GRIEF SHARE OPPORTUNITIES

GriefShare is a scripture based program to help deal with the death of a loved one.

For more information call Rita McNeilly 509-944-1991, or Arlette Popiel 509-979-2255

"Loss of a Spouse": Oct 4, 2021 at 6:30pm online session, & Oct 5 at 6:30 in-person at Hennessey's (1315 N Pines Rd.)

13 week GriefShare support group: 6:30PM : Monday online or Tuesday in-person starting Oct 11.

Many hands make light work! Looking for a few volunteers to help with washing & ironing the Altar linens. This can be done in your own home, & no meetings involved!! You will receive instructions & assigned one month for the year. Thank you for considering this behind-the-scenes ministry!
Contact Sharon White 509-979-8562 or Carol Ann Mountjoy 509-710-8367

Bible Study: Online "zoom" Thursday mornings at 9:00am.

We are studying "Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism" by Dr. Tim Gray. We would love to welcome new members to join us. If interested please Call Rita McNeilly 509-944-1991 or Janel Gibson 509-868-4163

BREAKING THE STEWARDSHIP MOLD

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD?

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe “in the resurrection of the body.” Does that mean Christ’s resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus’ resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it’s also a sign of what’s to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It’s an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus’ resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus

broke bread with his disciples? We don’t really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

“
WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME
IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS
AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.
”

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



It's Fall and We're Beginning Our Programs Soon!

<p style="text-align: center;">Religious Education Grades 1-5</p> <p>We begin Wednesday, October 6 Bring your child to the church before 6pm After our large-group assembly in the church, your child will move to grade-level instruction in the school classrooms Pick up at 7:30pm in the school</p> <p>New and Improved this Year: Saint of the Week—we'll hear about an exciting saint each week Virtue of the Week—we'll learn more about a virtue to practice A Little Latin—we'll get familiar with some commonly used Mass prayers said in Latin Our Theme for the Year: Mysteries of the Rosary—we'll learn about all 20 mysteries of the Rosary! 8 Religious Education Masses during RE time!</p> <p>Please come! <i>If you attended last year, you need to re-register—we're glad you're coming back! If you are new, please register and welcome to Religious Ed!</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation</p> <p>Beginning Sunday, January 9 Open to children age 7 and above We'll meet from 10:00am until 11:15am, children in the Mary/Martha Room and parents in the Youth Center (other children are welcome to join us) We'll have 7 sessions from January through May We'll have 1 family retreat on June 4 (9:00 to noon) Celebration of Reconciliation at Penance Service on June 7 at 6:30pm (or go to confession at regular parish times)</p> <p><i>Sacramental Preparation is separate from Religious Education (either in the parish or at a Catholic school.) All our parish's children who are ready to receive a Sacrament attend Sacramental Preparation together, whether attending our parish school or a public school (and Religious Ed on Wednesday nights).</i></p> <p>Please register by January 2, 2022</p> <p><i>Children need to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their preparation for Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist</p> <p>Beginning Sunday, October 17 We'll meet from 10:00am until 11:15am, children in the Mary/Martha Room and parents in the Youth Center (other children are welcome to join us) We'll have 11 sessions from October through May We'll have 1 family retreat on May 21 (1-4pm) Celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist with Bishop Daly will be on June 1 @ 5:30pm</p> <p><i>Children who enter our Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist program should have been prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation the previous year. Our parish has adopted a 1 ½ year schedule to assure that children have the best preparation we can offer.</i></p> <p>Please register by October 10, 2021.</p> <p><i>Children who need to be prepared for Confirmation only (those who moved from Dioceses that celebrate Confirmation in Middle or High School) can attend the first 3 sessions and family retreat only.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Family Faith Nights</p> <p>Coming soon to your parish—a chance to gather together for Mass, Dinner and Fun Faith Formation!</p> <p>First Family Faith Night: Saturday, November 6 for "Saints Alive!" 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall (Potluck at 6pm, Activities begin at 6:30)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parent Fellowship Meetings</p> <p>Beginning Wednesday, October 20</p> <p>Join other parents in the Adult Center from 6:30-7:30 each month for yummy treats, visiting and a short presentation that will give you practical ideas for your Catholic home!</p>	

**For more information about all these programs or to register,
please go to our parish website and download forms: www.stmaryspokane.org;
Forms also available in the Parish Office and in the Gathering Space of the Church.**

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



If a girl is doing good things and helps you to do good things for God, she is a good friend. If a boy reminds you of how much God loves you, he is a good friend. If a child really is being helpful, don't push him or her away because he or she is not part of your family or church. God is very happy when you accept others even when they are not like you.

PRAYER

Lord, help me understand that everyone is part of your family.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

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