St. Mary Catholic Parish

WORSHIP AND SERVE GOD WITH US IN SACRAMENT AND PRAYER IN OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 3:30
Friday - 7:30—Noon
Closed Saturday & Sunday

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFO
www.stmaryspokane.org
stmary@dioceseofspokane.org
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PARISH CLERGY

Parish Office Number	509-928-3210
Rev. Jeffrey R. Lewis, Pastor	x 109
Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski, (Priest in Residence)	
Deacon Mike Miller	509-928-3210
Deacon Dan Glatt	509-928-3210
Emergency Anointing of the Sick (afterhours)	x 9

PARISH OFFICE 509-928-3210

Suzie Frei, Office Manager	x 150
Marie Bricher, DRE & Faith Formation	x 111
Sharon Greany, Business Manager	x 107
Mark VanDriel, Maintenance Manager	x 7
Emma Smith, Youth Director	x 112

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Craig Smentek, Grand Knight	509-991-4692
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Diana Thomas 509-828-9500

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Ben Walker, Principal	x 202
Chelsea Weiler, School Secretary	x 200
Lou Turner, Advancement Director	x 206
Sharon Greany, Business Manager	x 204

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 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

Doug C, Larry M., Irene Z., Susan Curalli., Matt C, Ella Miller, Ann G., Derek D., Mary L. Joe S., Caitlyn Levernier Graves

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 family member 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.

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses:

4 pm Children/Family Mass (incense)
7 pm
10 pm
Midnight Mass, 12:00 am Midnight - all chant, incense, subdued lighting for a quieter, more reflective environment

Christmas Morning Mass:

10 am

Additional Confession Times:

Monday Dec 20, 4:00-5:00pm (Fr Mike)
Tuesday Dec 21, Noon-1:00pm (Fr Lewis)
4:00—5:00pm (Fr Mike)
Wednesday Dec 22, 7:30-8:30am (Fr Lewis)
4:30-5:30pm (Fr Lewis)
Thursday Dec 23, Noon-1:00pm (Fr Lewis)
5:00-6:00pm (Fr Lewis)
Friday Dec 24, Noon-1:00 (Fr Lewis)
Saturday Dec 25 * No Confessions**
***** No 5pm Mass**

St. Mary Catholic School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for your support and prayers. We could not do the work we do without you.
We are truly blessed at St. Mary.

* **Scrip** If you need some last minute gifts we have a variety of gift cards on hand to purchase. Contact lturner@stmarysspokane.org for more information. *Some cards may be sold out.*

* **Christmas Card Contest Winners**
Congratulations to:
Cayla Hoke, Savannah Martin, and Hazel Anthony!
These three student's designs were chosen for this year's School Christmas Card.

* **2021-2022 St. Mary School Annual Appeal**

Our annual appeal fund helps keep tuition costs affordable for all who desire a Catholic education. If you would like to support this fund, please visit https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/5Fbg1R4oIh4eYB7FYQ2aIA

CHRISTMAS CHOIR VOLUNTEERS

Help us sing at the 10 PM Christmas Eve Mass
1/2 hour of Caroling before Mass
Rehearsals Tuesdays 7—8 PM
Please contact Diana Thomas
509-828-9500

Parish Collection Report

Weekly income Dec : $ 20,799.03
Dec total monthly income : $20,799.03
Yearly Income (Jan - Dec) : $ 673,848.77

PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

12/20	MONDAY	*George Kane +*
12/21	TUESDAY	*Michel Brown +*
12/22	WEDNESDAY	*Anthony Merlitti +*
12/23	THURSDAY	*Janet Seret +*
12/24	FRIDAY	
	4pm	*Pro Populo*
	7 pm	*Mary Ilgen +*
	10pm	*private intention*
	Midnight	*private intention*
12/25	SATURDAY	*Oscar & Martha Guerreo +*
12/26	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	*Harold Shafer +*
	9am	*Pro Populo*
	11:30am	*Thomas McInerney +*

To have a Mass offered by the priest please call the parish at (509) 928-3210 or email stmary@dioceseofspokane.org

Pastor's Column

St. Mary Catholic Parish

December 19, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Family Consecration to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

To help families live out the joy of Jesus Christ, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore (Supreme Chaplain to the Knights of Columbus) has composed a prayer through which families can come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In this prayer, we ask for the heavenly aid and intercession of the perfect Son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Saint Joseph who is a model for every father. Preparing for this consecration is not just a single event; it is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participation is consciously choosing to be a beacon of the Lord's love through His Church.

Here at Saint Mary, the Knights of Columbus will be providing holy cards with an image of the Holy Family and the Archbishop's consecration prayer. The formal consecration will take place at each Mass on Sunday, December 26 (the Feast of the Holy Family), and each parishioners (either by themselves or with their families) are invited and strongly encouraged to engage in serious and mindful preparation for at least one week prior to the parish consecration itself. Parishioners and their families should pray together each day through the entire week beginning Sunday, December 19. Ideally, this will lead you to continue the practice of daily prayer even after the consecration has taken place.

In addition to daily prayer, each parishioner (health permitting) is encouraged to fast from something in preparation for the consecration. It is strongly encouraged to fast from something that normally would be consumed or an activity that is regularly done. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts, moving us to be more focused on God.

And finally, as part of preparation, each parishioner and family member is encouraged to go to confession before the consecration. During the week leading up to Christmas, extra confessions have been added to the parish schedule; please see the parish bulletin for the extra confession times.

Why now for a particular emphasis on consecrating ourselves and our families to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph? The main reason: the family is under attack right now, worse than ever before (at least in living memory). Families are radically divided along just about every fault line imaginable: political, religious, social, etc. Marriage itself (and, by extension, family) is being redefined constantly, such that traditional biblical marriage increasingly is becoming a small minority in society. Just as there has long been a crisis in vocations to priesthood and religious life, there is a growing crisis in vocations to Holy Matrimony and family life.

The Knights of Columbus, long champions of the rights and preservation of family life, are endeavoring to rally against these and all attacks against the family. The consecration to the Holy Family, again, is instrumental in that endeavor.

For more information, please contact the Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight Craig Smentek.

God bless you all! Jesus, have mercy on us! Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

~ Fr. Lewis

Looking for an at home retreat for Advent?! Check out:

"Kerigma : A 30 Day Retreat with the Greatest Story Ever Told"

On the parish website under "About" and then "Pastor's Homilies"

New!! St Zelie's Village, A Mothers Group

Motherhood is an essential vocation to God's great plan! At St. Zelie's Village, we will gather together in fellowship, learn together, support each other, and pray together as we stive like St Zelie Martin to raise up saints in this crazy world. This group is for all mothers: those who aspire to motherhood, those in the thick of it, and those veterans with adult children. We need you all!! There will be childcare next door, goodies and hot tea. Starting Thursday, Jan 6th, 9-11 am in the Martha/Mary Rooms. Contact Jaymie Miner for further details or just show up! angeljay1@aol.com (509) 999-6631

St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul conference members send greetings for a Blessed Christmas season as we continue to assist our neighbors with food, hygiene products, utility & rental assistance. Our pantry is in particular need of hygiene items (hand soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes), paper products (toilet paper/paper towels), and cooking oil. The emergency assistance message line is (509) 703-7867, a member will return your call.

Monetary contributions can be dropped in the 3rd Sunday Basket or online at www.stmaryspokane.org : 1. tap on "Give", 2. then "Donation Designation", and 3. scroll down to "St Vincent de Paul"

We sincerely thank you for your generosity during 2021!!

Respect Life

Join us in praying at Planned Parenthood on Thursdays at 11:00 - Noon.
The address is 12104 E Main St., Spokane Valley.
Contact Rose Hays at 509-990-5708 for questions.

St Mary Knights of Columbus : 4196

Keep Christ in Christmas Cards : for sale in Gathering Space

Consecration to the Holy Family will be prayed after each Mass on Dec 26

The Catholic diocese of Spokane and St Mary are hiring substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 school year.

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of students within the St. Mary community? If interested, please contact the Diocese office of Education for more information:509-358-7330 or spotter@dioceseofspokane.org

Please join us for the Women at the Well's next meeting on January 5th at 10AM. We will also have an activity scheduled for this month. Stay tuned for further information. All are welcome!

Catholic Daughter's Luncheon : St John Vianney Hall on January 8th at 9 AM. Come join a wonderful group of faithful women. For more information and tickets call Diana Picone 541.550.6728 or doberbarn@aol.com.

Sacramental Prep for First Reconciliation

Parents of children in grades 1, 2 & above: We are beginning preparation for First Reconciliation soon. Please register your child as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the back of the church, in the parish office, or on the parish website. If you have any questions please contact Marie Bricher at mbricher@dioceseofspokane.org or 509-928-3210 ext 111.

Children are ready to begin Reconciliation Prep after age 7, when they can to read by themselves & are ready to grow in their Catholic faith. Children must first prepare to celebrate Reconciliation before they begin preparation for Confirmation & First Eucharist. Classes take place Sunday mornings, 10:00—11:15 am. The program includes 7 classes, a family retreat, & a special penance service.

New-ish Parishioner Meet and Greet!

Save the Date : January 9 Between the 9:00 & 11:30 Masses

Our parish has grown significantly over the past two years, and we would like the opportunity to welcome you into the parish and help you establish a supportive Catholic community. Especially if you have ventured into Spokane Valley from the west, we'd love you to join us for a light breakfast social.

Come meet "the family"!

Contribute to St. Mary Catholic Church from your IRA by December 31, 2021

Donating directly from a qualified retirement account to St. Mary Catholic Church can help us continue our mission to help others know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. It can also help you reduce your taxable income. Those 72 years of age are required to take an annual minimum distribution from their IRA. The IRA distribution creates taxable income. If you are in a position where that money is not needed, and you would rather use it for charitable purposes, you can designate a portion, or all of it, as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QDC). This allows you to fulfill the required IRA distribution without increasing taxable income. Call us at 509-928-3210 or email sgreany@stmarysspokane.org.

AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Shannon Miller from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church during **December**. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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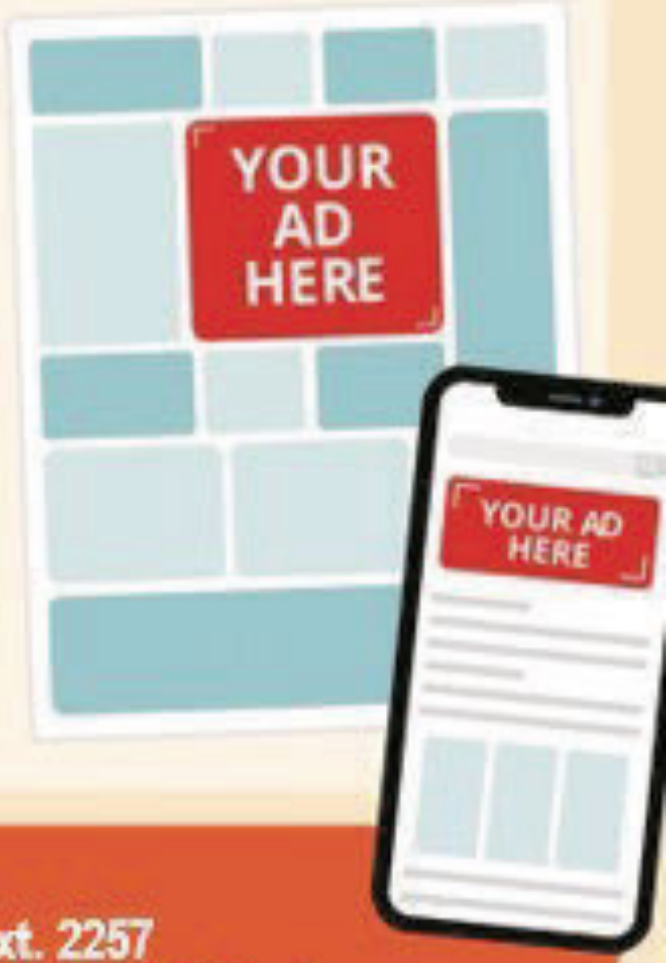

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SAVE THE DATE

Valentine's Day

FAMILY DANCE

St. Mary Catholic Church
304 S Adams Rd,
Spokane Valley, WA 99216

Admission: $5 per person or $25 per family

All ages welcome. Childcare provided by the Youth Group.

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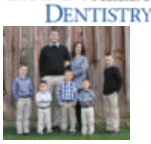
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