

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph : December 26, 2021



St. Mary Catholic Parish

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SACRAMENT AND PRAYER IN OUR FAMILY
OF FAITH

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Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 3:30
Friday - 7:30—Noon
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PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFO

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PARISH CLERGY

Parish Office Number	509-928-3210
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Deacon Mike Miller	509-928-3210
Deacon Dan Glatt	509-928-3210
Emergency Anointing of the Sick (afterhours)	x 9

PARISH OFFICE

Suzie Frei, Office Manager	509-928-3210 x 150
Marie Bricher, DRE & Faith Formation	x 111
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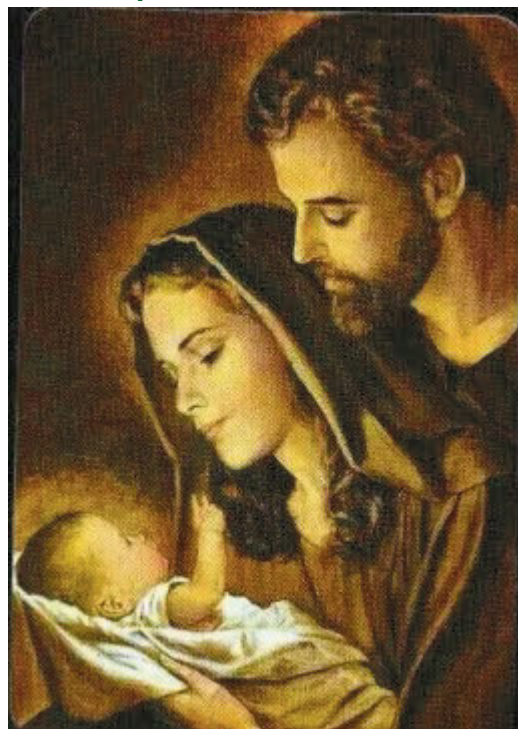
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Ben Walker, Principal	509-924-4300 x 202
Chelsea Weiler, School Secretary	x 200
Lou Turner, Advancement Director	x 206
Sharon Greany, Business Manager	x 204



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.

Guatemala Mission News

Thank you for your tremendous support of the quilt raffle ticket sales and SERRV chocolates in December. We had a profit of \$1006 with \$713 from ticket sales and \$293 for the medical clinics. All will benefit the people in the Guatemala mission! In addition, we have made \$398.43 commission from SERRV catalog/online sales, which will be sent to the medical clinics. Thank you for your generosity!

Please continue to pray for the people of the mission. Dr. Jose Miguel reported recently that a dentist is now taking patients in the Novillero clinic two or three times a week, and there is now a laboratory at both Novillero and Nahuala clinics.

Dr. Miguel and the people send their prayers and gratitude!

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!!

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.

Women at the Well

Next meeting is January 5th at 10AM. We will also have an activity this month. Stay tuned for further information. All are welcome!

Parish Collection Report

Weekly income Dec : \$ 25681.82
Dec. total monthly income : \$46,480.85
Yearly Income (Jan - Dec) : \$ 715,607.44
Nov. Online collection : \$10,007.00



PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

12/27	MONDAY	<i>Dorothy Frome</i> +
12/28	TUESDAY	<i>Phyllis Lamb</i> +
12/29	WEDNESDAY	<i>Mary Ilgen</i> +
12/30	THURSDAY	<i>Robert Mullen</i> +
12/31	FRIDAY	<i>Deacon Gerry Grewe</i> +
01/01	SATURDAY	<i>Michel Brown</i> +
01/02	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	<i>Annie McCabe</i> +
	9am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11:30am	<i>Helen Vanairsdale</i> +

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 26, 2021 - Feast of the Holy Family



December 25th, 2021

Dear parishioners and Christmas guests of Saint Mary:

My joyous Christmas greeting to you all! I write this letter with just days remaining until our glorious celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas. Hopefully, our Advent season has been as prayerful as it has been busy, and hopefully we made time to remove ourselves from the busy-ness of holiday preparation so that we might center ourselves on the reason for the season: the blessed birth of the Christ Child.

Our Savior and Redeemer was born a small, helpless, poverty-stricken child two thousand and twenty-one years ago. May we be like the wise Magi from the East, who traversed afar for the singular purpose of beholding the Christ Child in worship, giving Him the very best of themselves when they gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. May we be like the shepherds in the field, blessed as they were to encounter the heavenly host of angels praising God with those holy words, "Glory to God in the highest!" May we be like Mary and Joseph, who were holding quiet vigil in the holy Presence, watching and waiting, hoping and full of love for the Christ Who was their Child, the Christ Who is our King.

Again, a most joyous Christmas greeting to you all! Our parish family in faith here at Saint Mary truly is honored and blessed to have you join us for your Christmas celebration this year. We have many guests who are joining us, and we have many new folks in our area who have chosen to make their home here with us.

We are a large suburban parish here at Saint Mary, yet (for me anyway) there definitely seems to be a small-town feel about us. And certain, we are alive in our faith and active in our ministries to those in need as any parish ought to be. Our zeal for celebrating our faith, both in our worship here and in the world out there, brings us together in our common vocation that belongs to all of us: the universal call to holiness that belongs to all the baptized.

If you are new here, or if you are returning here and joining us again after time away, or even if you are only visiting for a short while, we hope that you will find a home with us and may even be inspired to join us in any way.

And for all of us, parishioners and guests alike, I dearly hope that our wonderful home here at Saint Mary is a most welcoming encounter with Christ and His Church. And I have a special gift for you: a rather amusing (and, I think, delicious) Christmas cookie recipe, the somewhat archaic language of which is inspired by the Roman Missal (the book of prayers used by the priest at the altar). Enjoy!

My friends in Christ, may Christmas Day (and *every* day) be a blessing to you, and may the Light of Christ shine upon you all the days of your lives.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Jeffrey R. Lewis, Pastor



CHRISTMAS COOKIES (REVISED TRANSLATION)



Serves: For you and for many.

Cream these ingredients, that by their comingling you may begin to make the dough: 1 chalice butter; 2/3 chalice sugar

In a similar way, when the butter is consubstantial with the sugar, beat in: 1 egg

Gather these dry ingredients to yourself and combine them, so that you may add them to the dough which you have already begun to make: 2 1/2 chalices sifted all-purpose flour; 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix the precious dough with your venerable hands.

Into the refrigerator graciously place the dough so that it may be chilled, for the duration of 3 or 4 hours, before the rolling and cutting of the cookies.

When, in the fullness of time, you are ready to bake these spotless cookies, these delicious cookies, these Christmas cookies, preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Roll out the dough and, taking up a cookie cutter or stencil of your choosing, fashion the cookies into pleasing forms.

Sprinkle colorful adornments over cookies like the dewfall.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the cookies have just begun to manifest the brownness that is vouchsafed to them by the oven's heat.



May these cookies be found acceptable in your sight, and be borne to a place of refreshment at the table, there to be served with milk or hot chocolate, or with your spirits.

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC PARISH



PREPARES/Lambs Closet Monthly Report

New Families supported: 3 / Total Families: 6

17 bags + a crib mattress and a booster chair distributed this month as well as 1 Welcome Meal/ Basket

Thank you greatly for the generous support of our parish communities which allows us to support local and neighboring families.

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

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!

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 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

We would like the opportunity to welcome all new parishioners 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"!



St Mary Knights of Columbus : 4196

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

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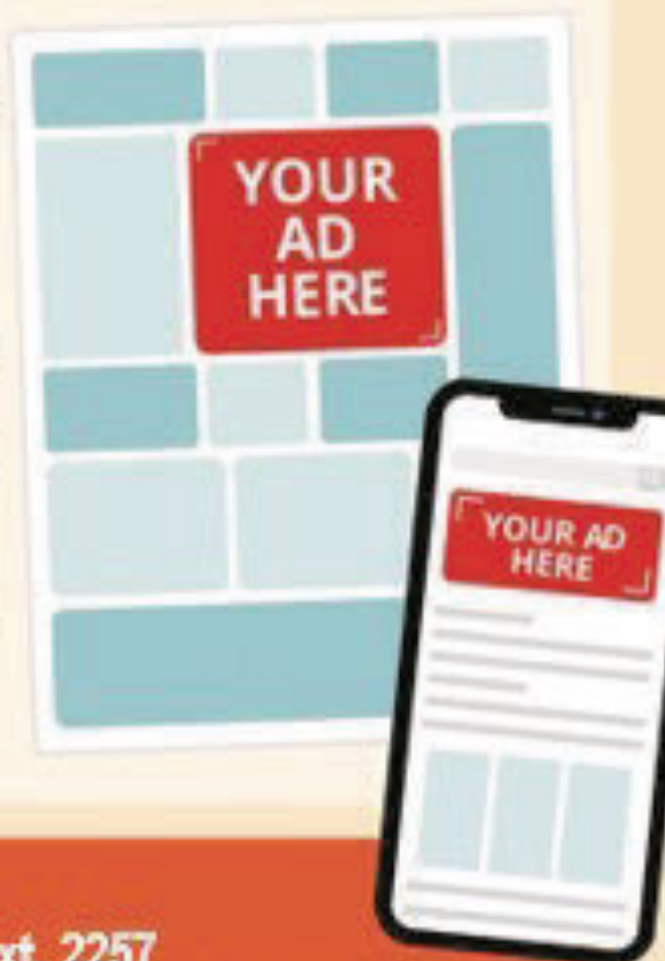
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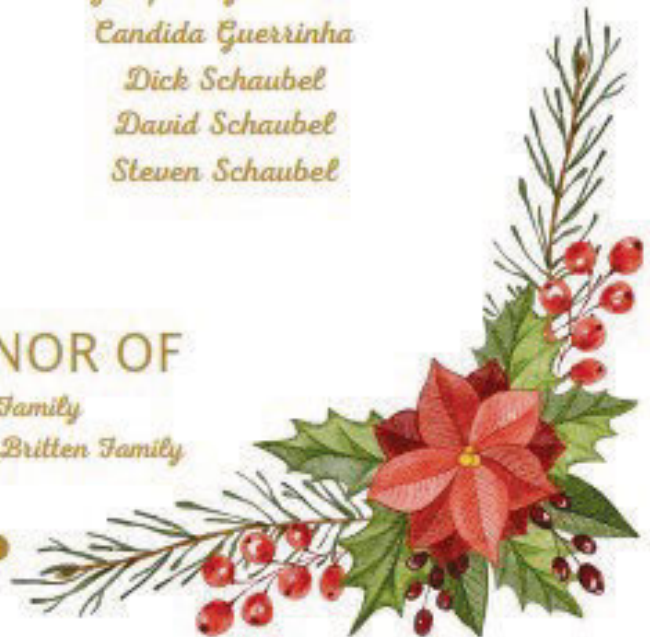
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