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OF FAITH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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(afterhours)

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January 2, 2022 : The Epiphany of the Lord

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 509-928-3210 ext. 111 or Nathan Loe at 208-771-3745 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.

Homebound Ministry Appreciation Lunch

Tuesday, January 18th at 12:30pm in the Adult Center

Thank you to all of the volunteers in our Homebound Ministry! You are a vital part of our outreach.

We want to celebrate your commitment to our parishioners at home and discuss ways to improve our ministry. Come and enjoy a hot meal

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 19 : \$ 12,041.93
Dec. total monthly income : \$58,522.78
Yearly Income (Jan - Dec) : \$ 727,649.37



PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

01/03	MONDAY	Albert Ponce +
01/04	TUESDAY	Donna Abel +
01/05	WEDNESDAY	Deacon Gerry Grewe+
01/06	THURSDAY	Mary Ilgen +
01/07	FRIDAY	Sharon White
01/08	SATURDAY	Ralph Langsett +
01/09	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	Thomas Stukel +
	9am	Pro Populo
	11:30am	Mary Ellen Klepinger +

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

January 02, 2022 - The Epiphany of Our Lord

Journey Through the Bible, Part 5

After a brief Christmas hiatus, our Sunday bulletin Pastor Column series on the Bible now continues. We concluded before Christmas with the end of the Old Testament: the Books of the Prophets. Today, we venture into the New Testament, and we start with the four Gospel accounts of Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. (And for our purposes here, we included the Acts of the Apostles, by Saint Luke, for reasons explained below.)

The collection of writings that constitutes the New Testament begins, again, with the four Gospel narratives, and after that, there is the Acts of the Apostles. These five records are followed by twenty-one letters (also known as “epistles”) that are attributed to Saints Paul, Peter, James, John, and Jude. And then at the end of Sacred Scripture, there is the Book of Revelation. Pretty much all Christians in the world are in agreement that these twenty-seven books constitute what is known as the “canon” (from a Latin word meaning “standard” or “rule”). The canon of the New Testament designates the list of inspired writings that are regarded as authoritative for Christian faith and life.

Regarding the prominent features that are common to the four Gospel accounts. Although there are four distinct writings called “gospels,” it is important for Christians to understand that in reality, there is only one Gospel: the Good News of Jesus Christ. The English word “gospel” is a derivation of the ancient Greek term *euangelion*, which means “good news.” It is a term used when communicating a joyful proclamation; for example, when the Roman armies would win a battle, a runner would run to every nearby town and city to proclaim the “good news” of Rome’s victory.

This noun *euangelion* was used in the plural by the Greek translators of the Old Testament to render the Hebrew term for “good news.” But the corresponding verb *euangelizomai* (“to proclaim good news”) was especially significant in preparing for the New Testament idea of “gospel,” since this term is used by the Prophet Isaiah in the latter parts of his writings for announcing the great victory of God that was to establish the Lord’s universal kingship and inaugurate the new age (see for example Isaiah 40:9; 52:7; 61:1).

Saint Paul used the word *euangelion* to designate the message that he and the other apostles proclaimed: the “Gospel of God” (for example, see Romans 1:1 and 15:16; 2 Corinthians 11:7; and 1 Thessalonians 2:2, 8, 9). He frequently referred to it simply as “the Gospel” (Romans 1:16; 10:16; 11:28; etc.); or, because of its content and origin, he sometimes referred to this Good News as “the Gospel of Christ” (Romans 15:19; 1 Corinthians 9:12; 1 Thessalonians 3:2; etc.). And because of its personal meaning for him and his own particular manner of telling the story about Jesus Christ and of explaining the significance of his cross and resurrection, Saint Paul sometimes also refers to this message as “*my* gospel” (Romans 2:16; Galatians 1:11; 2:2) or even “*our* gospel” (2 Corinthians 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:14).

It was Saint Mark who probably first applied the term “gospel” to a book telling the story of Jesus (Mark 1:1). This form of presenting Jesus’ life, works, teachings, passion, and resurrection was developed further by the other three Evangelists. The first three of the canonical Gospels (those of Saints Matthew, Mark, and Luke) are so similar at many points when, viewed together, that they are referred to as the “synoptic” gospels (from a Greek term for “same view” or “similar view”). The fourth gospel (Saint John), often differs significantly from the synoptics in outline and approach; Saint John never actually uses the word “gospel” or its corresponding verb; nevertheless, its message concerns the same Jesus, and the reader is urged to believe in Him as the Messiah, “that through this belief you may have life in His Name.” (John 20:31) Beginning in the 2nd Century, each of these four writings were known as a “gospel,” as a title of a book, along with the added phrase of the name of its author (as in: “The Gospel according to Saint Matthew”). The arrangement of the New Testament canon that was adopted, with the four gospel accounts grouped together at the beginning and then followed by Acts, provides a massive focus upon Jesus and allows Acts to serve as a framework for the letters of the New Testament that follow. This order, however, conceals the fact that Saint Luke intended his two volumes (his gospel and the Acts of the Apostles) to go together. This canonical arrangement also obscures the reality that Saint Paul’s letters were written before any of the Gospel narratives, although the sayings and deeds of Jesus underscore all the New Testament writings.

~ Fr. Lewis

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

Motherhood is an essential vocation to God's great plan! At St. Zelig's Village, we will gather together in fellowship, learn together, support each other, and pray together as we strive like St Zelig 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!

jminer@stmarysspokane.org (509) 999-6631

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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

St. Patrick's Seminary Discernment Retreat

FEBRUARY 25 - 27, 2022

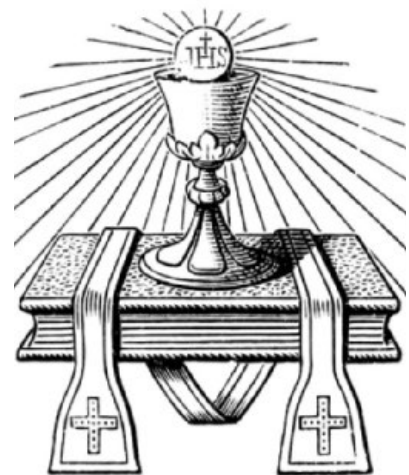
Must be a single man 21 years or older.

All meals and lodging provided.

To register contact :

Rev. Kyle Ratuiste (509) 313-7100

kratuiste@dioceseofspokane.org



The Spokane Valley Catholic parishes have joined forces to form a Catholic Young Adults ministry

Young adults, married or single, ages 21 to 39, are invited to check us out and join us twice a month, 2nd and 4th Sundays, from 4 PM to about 6 PM at St. Paschal for fellowship, formation, and of course food. Please call Fr. Kevin Oiland, pastor of St. Paschal & St. John Vi-anney, (509-496-3608)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Mondays from 10 am to 12 noon in the Adult Center.

Crochet or knit shawls for those who are ill or in hospice. If you know someone who is ill and may be comforted by a shawl handmade with love and a prayer, shawls are available at the Parish Office.

Thoughts on Stewardship (from parishioner Taylor Lloyd):

Hey St. Mary, I'm Taylor Lloyd! To me, stewardship means sharing the word of God with others. At St. Mary, there are quite a few ways to share and grow in the faith. I can demonstrate stewardship by volunteering at Vacation Bible School. When I volunteer at VBS, I am given the opportunity to teach young kids about God and His wonderful creations. Being able to share what I know with others and learn even more about the Lord is an amazing way to demonstrate stewardship in the church.

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 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.

St Mary Upper Room : Prayer, Fellowship, and Faith Formation



Saturday, January 8

8:30 - Noon

St Mary Church Gathering Space



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

New-ish Parishioner Meet and Greet!

Are you new to the parish? Let us welcome you with a light breakfast social hour!

If you have moved into our parish from a distance over the past one to two years, and are eager to develop Catholic community, join us for our New-ish Parishioner Meet and Greet!

Sunday, January 9th in the gym between the 9:30 and 11:00 AM masses. Come meet "the family"!



St Mary Knights of Columbus : 4196

**Pancake breakfast to be held on
January 16th. Save the Date!!**

"Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." St. Jerome

Who wrote the Bible and when?

Biblepalooza

Where did the Bible come from?



"To read Sacred Scripture is to turn to Christ for advice."

St. Francis of Assisi

How should we use the Bible?



Why do we trust the Bible?

January 29, 2022
6:00-8:00pm



Family Faith Night

Our entire parish community is invited to come to the Parish Hall for our Family Faith Night.

Our topic? The Bible!

- *Interactive presentation and games for all ages*
- *Win prizes, make crafts*
- *Learn more about the Bible*
- *Laugh, pray and have fun with your parish family*

*Potluck Dinner at 6:00pm
Bring Breakfast for Dinner!
We'll have drinks and place settings for you.*

How can I understand the Bible?

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