



## St. Mary Catholic Parish

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### 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  
304 S ADAMS ROAD, SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99216

### PARISH CLERGY

Parish Office Number	509-928-3210
Rev. Jeffrey R. Lewis, Pastor	x 109
Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski, (Priest in Residence)	
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
Sharon Greany, Business Manager	x 107
Mark VanDriel, Maintenance Manager	x 7
Emma Smith, Youth Director	x 112

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Craig Smentek, Grand Knight	509-991-4692
John White, Faithful Navigator	509-994-1023

### CHOIR DIRECTOR

Diana Thomas	509-828-9500
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### HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

Jaymie Miner	509-999-6631
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### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bill Flerchinger, President	509-703-7867
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### ST. MARY SCHOOL

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

### Prayer Requests

All those feeling lonely and isolated, those who are ill

David S., 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.

## Griefshare opportunities:

- \* Loss of Spouse : Monday Jan 31 or Tuesday Feb 1
- \* 13 Week Griefshare cycle starting Feb 7 & 8
- \* Griefshare Session starting in May at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

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

[Griefshare.org](http://Griefshare.org)

St. Mary **St. Vincent de Paul** conference members continue to assist our neighbors with rent & utility requests as well as food, hygiene & paper products. We are collecting gloves and new white socks to deliver to the homeless. 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](http://www.stmaryspokane.org) : 1. tap on "Give", 2. then "Donation Designation", and 3. scroll down to "St Vincent de Paul"

We wish you all a blessed New Year!!

### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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)



#### Parish Collection Report

Weekly income Jan 9 : \$12,608.06  
Jan. total monthly income : \$40,108.42  
Yearly Income (Jan - Dec) : \$40,108.42

December online : \$10,242.00  
2021 Yearly total : \$756,529.88



#### PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

01/24	MONDAY	Rodrigo Valle +
01/25	TUESDAY	Charles Shumate +
01/26	WEDNESDAY	Mary Ilgen +
01/27	THURSDAY	Robert Quam +
01/28	FRIDAY	John Foltz +
01/29	SATURDAY	Christina Mitchell +
01/30	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	Michel Brown +
	9am	Pro Populo
	11:30am	Tony Merlitti +

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



## *Pastor's Column*

*St. Mary Catholic Parish*

*January 23, 2022 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **A Journey Through the Catechism (*On Creation*)**

Throughout the past several months, we have been visiting the simple question-and-answer presentation of the old *Baltimore Catechism*. The reason why it seems that too many of us are not very well versed in stating verbally what we actually believe as Catholic Christians. Not that we do not believe in an authentic way or with a genuine faith, but a lot of people seem to lack vocabulary that is sufficient to describe for others these things that we believe. The *Baltimore Catechism*, while not very in-depth about these presented topics nor necessarily addressing *why* we believe what we believe, nonetheless does a good job stating in brief sentences *what* we believe. For more in-depth explanations about *why* we believe what we do, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a good resource.

The *Baltimore Catechism* was designed to take advantage of the human mind's capacity to memorize, and these brief statements in question-answer format were composed with the notion that they are somewhat easy to memorize. Not that it is the expectation to memorize all of this, but the option certainly is there if we want it. Today we consider the article "On Creation."

Q: Who created Heaven and Earth, and all things?

A: God created Heaven and Earth, and all things?

(*N.B.* I frequently am asked by our schoolchildren: "Who made God?" Nobody made God, and the Lord did not make Himself. The idea "to make" connotes that something previously did not exist but then, at a particular moment in time, suddenly *does* exist. But insofar as God made even time itself...see Genesis 1:14-18 and the creation of that which measures time...God is therefore outside of time. And so there was no "time" in which God did not exist and then another "time" when suddenly God came to be and began to exist.)

Q: How did God create Heaven and Earth?

A: God created Heaven and Earth from nothing by the divine Word only; that is, a single act of God's all-powerful will.

Q: Which are the chief creatures of God?

A: The chief creatures of God are angels and human beings.

Q: What are angels?

A: Angels are pure spirits without body, created to adore and enjoy God in Heaven.

Q: Were the angels created for any other purpose?

A: The angels were created also to assist before the throne of God and minister to God; they often have been sent as messengers from God and also are appointed our guardians.

Q: Were the angels, as God created them, good and happy?

A: The angels, as God created them, were good and happy.

Q: Did all of the angels remain good and happy?


A: All of the angels did not remain good and happy; many of them sinned and were cast into hell, and these are called variably devils, demons, fallen angels, and bad angels. Lucifer, now called Satan the fall of the fallen angels, is chief among them.

~ Fr. Lewis

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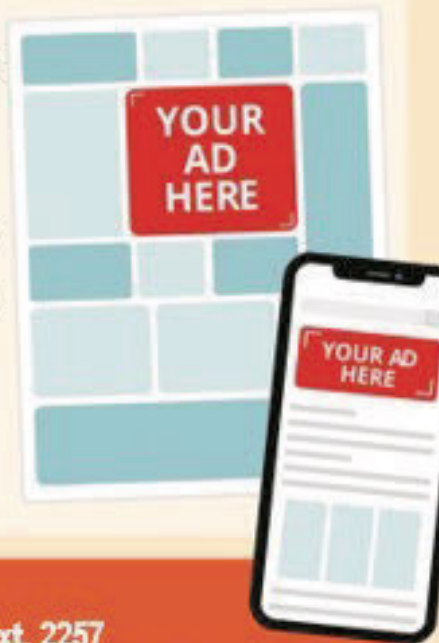
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### The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

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and  
St Mary School  
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2021-2022 school year.

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Diocese office of Education  
for more information:  
509-358-7330 or  
[spotter@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:spotter@dioceseofspokane.org)

## Catholic School Week Jan 30– Feb 6

A 2nd Collection will be taken up to benefit Catholic Schools at each Mass the weekend of Jan 29-30. As we know this is a special collection Bishop Daly has asked us to take up in recent years. Thank you for your support!

**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.

## **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!

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## LAMBS CLOSET

Wants to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus and their most generous donation to support the PREPARES Lambs Closet ministry.

## Women at the Well

Next meeting  
February 2nd  
10AM  
Adult Center

There will be a discussion of upcoming events. Please come meet with us & enjoy the fellowship!



## St. Mary Knights of Columbus



**2022 Scholarship Application Packets  
are now available for  
St. Mary High School Seniors  
on the St. Mary Parish Web Site:**

**<https://stmaryspokane.org>**

**St. Mary Parish  
Knights of Columbus  
Council # 4196**

### **2022 Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications**

Applications are now available for the 2022 Knights of Columbus scholarships to be awarded to St. Mary high school seniors. The 1st place winner will be awarded \$3,000, 2nd place will receive \$2,000 and 3rd place \$1,000. Please visit the St. Mary parish web site at <https://stmaryspokane.org> and under the "Serve" tab click on "Knights of Columbus" to locate and download the application. **Completed applications must be received or postmarked no later than February 25, 2022.**



## Quarterly Report:

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mary Conference Spokane Valley

Quarter: Q1 2022 (Oct-Dec)

Date: Jan 11, 2022

#### St. Mary conference Q1 update

The new year has started out with an increased number of neighbors requesting help. We have especially seen an increase in requests in the first few weeks of the new year. We have also seen a significant increase in those that are requesting food and supplies from our pantry. We are conducting home visits for most of those neighbors that we served this past quarter. There are a few visits that we are substituting "phone visits" instead. Specifically, for those that have contracted COVID-19 or as needed to keep our members healthy.

Below is a summary of assistance that we provided to our neighbors this quarter.

- Q1 Rent/mortgage assistance: 10 neighbors \$4,697.88.
- Q1 Utility assistance: 3 neighbors \$1,143.89.
- Q1 Other assistance: 8 neighbors \$4,227.63.
- Q1 spirit bag (hygiene products, water and healthy snacks) distributed: 86, with an expense of \$1286.71.
- Also, we donate \$600 quarterly to National and International SVdP.

Thank you to all that make our SVdP conference run smoothly. We are especially thankful for the parishioners that continue to support us through their generous donations. We are also always looking for new members. If you are interested, please reach out to me.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Flerchinger (bflerch1@aol.com)

President

"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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