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January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord



# HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

917 Chestnut St. Clarkston, WA 99403  
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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 4:00pm

*Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Savior was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen*



### This week at Holy Family...

#### Sunday, January 7th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- OCIA 11:00am in Church Hall

#### Monday, January 8th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Catholic Daughters 6:30pm

#### Tuesday, January 9th:

- No Mass
- Knights of Columbus 7:00pm

#### Wednesday, January 10th:

- Mass 8:30am
- Holy Hour & Confessions after Mass
- Sacrament Class 4:00pm

#### Thursday, January 11th:

- Mass 8:00am

#### Friday, January 12th:

- Mass 8:00am

#### Saturday, January 13th:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm

#### Sunday, January 14th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Reconciliation Class 11:00am in South Annex
- OCIA 11:00am in Church Hall

### Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	1/6/2024	4:00pm	Gordon & Delores Rubenthaler †
Sunday	1/7/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family
Monday	1/8/2024	8:00am	Jerry Kazda †
Tuesday	1/9/2024	—	No Mass
Wednesday	1/10/2024	8:30am	Larry Hill † & Family
Thursday	1/11/2024	8:00am	Kathryn Esser
Friday	1/12/2024	8:00am	Doug Richardson †
Saturday	1/13/2024	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	1/14/2024	9:00am	Sister Raphaela & Sisters

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- Building Maintenance Fund
- Holy Family School Collection
- St. Vincent de Paul

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& Christmas  
Actual \$13,350

12/31/2024  
Actual \$4,513.50

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### This week's topic at OCIA will be "Prayer"

If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church, our OCIA program has started in the church hall at 11:00am after coffee and donuts. Please join us!

**Catholic Daughters** -We would like to thank everyone who purchased cookies, breads, and bought raffle tickets for the 3 baskets we sold. We appreciate all of you for supporting Catholic Daughters.

Also; a big THANK YOU to everyone who made cookies, assembled plates, and sold cookies. We are so fortunate to have you in our Parish! The first meeting of the year will be **January 8th, 2024 at 6:30 pm** in the Church Annex.

Kathy Ross - Regent



Being parents of newborns comes with many blessings and challenges. Holy Family Parish wants to support our parents who have a newborn.

Special Delivery Ministry will provide a few meals for the family with a new addition after they are home.

- \* Want to provide a meal for a family after a baby is born?
- \* Having a baby?
- \* Contact Whitney Wagner at 509-751-6327 to get your name on the list, provide any allergies and touch base with Whitney and her group about a good date to bring your Special Delivery.

# Holy Family Catholic School

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School Principal: Sheri Gehring  
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Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Happy New Year! Reflecting on the past year, we are extremely grateful for the blessings of our faith and community. Thank you!

"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

-St. John Paul the Great

We are geared up to welcome students back for a great second half of the year and 2024. We hope your family had a blessed Christmas. Over the break we were able to get our front entrance railings powder coated and are in the process of getting our hallways painted. The downstairs has begun and will continue throughout January. Thank you to our HF Knights of Columbus for doing this for us, we are blessed! We will also be replacing the hallway & front blinds with a gift from our friends who work at SEL. Thank you to our amazing community!

### Below are a few opportunities and information to be aware of:

Is our Blood Drive on your calendar? Mark your calendar for January 18th. This Blood Drive not only helps to save lives when the need for blood donors is critical, but also helps our students benefit by contributing to our STEM grant opportunity. We have used these funds to update our science curriculums. Thank you for helping save lives and contributing to education!

Sign up today: <https://bit.ly/give1-24> or call the school office, 509-758-6621

Our Love the Wine You're With event is coming up Friday, February 2 at Basalt Cellars. Parents & staff are selling raffle tickets for chances to win 4 delightful prizes! Tickets are \$5 each. Tickets for the event are also available at the school office for \$30 each. We hope you will join us for this fun event!

### Important Dates:

1/15 – No school, MLK Day

1/16 – Auction Meeting, HF Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

1/18 – Blood Drive for STEM grant, HF parish hall,  
1:30-6 p.m.

### Volunteers needed:

- Lunch recess duty 11:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
- Lunchroom help 10:50 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

### Donations needed:

- Stamps
- 50 Gallon Outdoor Garbage Bags
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Please return with any changes to collection basket,  
to the parish office, or email to [holyfamily@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:holyfamily@dioceseofspokane.org)

Thank you to our community members for the donations this last week and John Zeller who is helping with our morning crossing duty.

We appreciate your support!

Our Mission: Holy Family School is a faith-filled community dedicated to the moral development of students who live to serve Christ. Our staff and parents strive to educate the whole child in academic excellence, a deep appreciation of the Catholic faith, spiritual growth and nurture socially responsible members of society in a safe learning environment.

# FORMED

People everywhere try to change their lives with New Year's resolutions. Maybe you've made some yourself. The problem? Real change is hard. Like, REALLY hard. Which is why most New Year's resolutions fail by February.

But if you've failed at your resolutions, it doesn't make you bad or lazy. It just makes you human.

Fortunately, change is really possible! So in this episode, I'll tell you:

- Why most New Year's resolutions fail (and how you can prevent it).
- Which key steps will enact real change in your life.
- What to do when you fall back on old habits.



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Would you like "more prayer" to be part of your 2024? Here are a couple groups at Holy Family, please join us.

**The Ladies Prayer Group** meets on Mondays at 8:45am in the church hall after morning Mass. Please join us!

**"At Home Rosary"**  
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951-799-9866.

Join us in praying to our Blessed Mother at noon everyday. For more information Call Elva McDougall at 509-822-9058.



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### Young Adult Bible Study Group

**When:** Wednesday's, Alternating All Saints and Holy Family. (Email: [claira.osborne@gmail.com](mailto:claira.osborne@gmail.com) for more information)

**Time:** 6:30-7:30pm

**Location:** All Saints study rooms or Holy Family gym/parish hall Age group: 18-25 years old.

**Activities include:** learning more about the Catholic faith through books and discussions, sports (open gyms), and dinners.

*Come learn and meet other Young Catholics!*

Do you have a child who is in 3rd grade and has not yet received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**? Class will start January 14th, 2024 after Mass. Please call the parish office to register.



## Ministries Schedule

Please register for open positions on your MSP app or call the parish office. Thank you!

Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday January 13th 4:00pm</b>	Kathy Dobbs	Pat Petty	<b>NEED FILLED NEED FILLED</b>	Leonard Babino Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller
<b>Sunday January 14th 9:00am</b>	Jordan Starr Cindy Nightingale	Pat Mills	Charlotte France Marcus Mills	Mark Ackerman Mark Flerchinger Thomas Stapleton Pat Wolf



Please contact Cheryl Fuqua at 758-6936, Linda Wolf at 751-2370 or the parish office at 758-6102 or email to [dparis@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:dparis@dioceseofspokane.org) if you would like someone to be added.

### Week 1

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### Week 2

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Verla Day  
Thelma Fales  
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Jo & Leonard Castle  
Bill Dahmen  
Tim Wanta  
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Renee Ellis  
Blake Pieksma  
Shannon Dee Tuschoff

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Dona McCann  
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Russ Bashore  
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Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.  
*Matthew 2:2*

**Prayer Blanket Ministry** - This ministry is to provide hope, comfort and healing. It is a unique way of reaching out to the community in a very simple and tangible way. A prayer blanket can be seen as a symbolic "hug" from God. Spreading the message of God's mercy, love and compassion. If you would like a prayer blanket please stop by the parish office during office hours.

**The Social Concerns Committee** would like to thank everyone who have graciously donated to the baby bassinet in the back of church. We have been so blessed with your contributions, which are taken to St. Vincent De Paul and they help new mothers in need of baby items. Some suggested donations diapers, baby wipes, lotions, shampoo, crib sheets, baby blankets, and baby clothes, (often found at yard sales in good condition for a reasonable price). Please consider helping us with this important ministry no donation is too small.

# Letter from Father

7 January 2024  
Feast of The Epiphany  
Resolve to Be Holy

Greetings,

This might seem to be a little late but I want to talk about resolutions for the New Year. I made a resolution to be more timely this year and that's already gone down the tubes. But that seems to be the nature of New Year's resolutions, right?

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31 and January 1. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, if a Christian determines to make a New Year's resolution, what kind of resolution should he make?

Common New Year's resolutions are commitments to quit smoking, to stop drinking, to manage money more wisely, and to spend more time with family. By far, the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more and eating more healthily. These are all good goals to set. However, 1 Timothy 4:8 instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." The vast majority of New Year's resolutions, even among Christians, are in relation to physical things. This should not be the case.

Many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions, because there is no power in a New Year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself?

Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." John 15:5 declares, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has chance for success, depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it. If a resolution is not God-honoring and/or is not in agreement with God's Word, we will not receive God's help in fulfilling the resolution.

So, what sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions: First, pray to the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5) regarding what resolutions, if any, He would have you make. Second, pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you. Third, rely on God's strength to help you. Fourth, find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you. Fifth, don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; Finally, don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. Psalm 37:5-6 says, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

Blessings,

Fr. Jeff Core

## The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates when Jesus Christ was revealed as the Messiah. The Gospel of Matthew recounts that three wise men from the East visited our savior after his birth and acknowledged him with gifts representing kingship, priesthood, and death.

The readings for the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord tell of the revelation of Jesus Christ to all people. The first reading tells of a light in Jerusalem which all nations are drawn to. The psalm foretells kings bringing gifts. The second reading explains how God's grace is now known to all generations and the whole world. The gospel recalls how the Magi came from afar to worship the child Jesus. It also recounts Herod's jealousy and treachery.

A discussion of what gifts we could bring to the service of the Lord is appropriate. Also, the international aspect of the three Kings speaks to our common humanity and issues such as racism and immigration.

1. **Divine Light and Universal Attraction:** This theme emphasizes the shining of God's light upon Jerusalem, symbolizing the revelation of God to the world, attracting nations and kings, and signifying the return and unification of God's people.
2. **Unity and Inclusivity in Christ:** This highlights the revelation of the mystery that Jews and Gentiles are co-heirs, united in one body and sharing in the promise of Jesus Christ through the gospel, emphasizing the universal nature of God's salvation.
3. **Guidance, Revelation, and Obedience** The journey of the Magi, guided by a star to find Jesus, represents divine guidance and revelation. The Magi's obedience in following the star and their decision to return by another route, avoiding Herod, signifies the response of faith and wisdom to God's revelation.
4. **Manifestation of the Messiah to the Gentiles:** The arrival of the Magi, who were Gentiles, to worship Jesus signifies the manifestation of Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, to the non-Jewish world, underlining the global scope of His mission.
5. **Journey and Faithful Search** The Magi's journey to find Jesus symbolizes the spiritual journey of seeking truth and the need for persistent faith and commitment in the search for divine revelation.
6. **Divine Intervention and Protection:** The guidance of the Magi by a star and their divine warning in a dream highlights God's active role in guiding and protecting those who seek Him.
7. **Gift-Giving and Sacrifice:** The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought by the Magi to Jesus symbolize the act of giving to God our best, acknowledging His sovereignty, priesthood, and the foreshadowing of His death.
8. **Light as a Symbol of Christ:** The imagery of light shining upon Jerusalem is a metaphor for Christ, the Light of the World, bringing salvation and revelation to all peoples.
9. **Revelation and Response:** Epiphany emphasizes the revelation of God in Christ and the appropriate human response to this revelation, as seen in the worship and gifts of the Magi and the prophetic understanding of Isaiah and Paul.

These themes collectively underscore the Epiphany's central message: the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles and the universality of salvation. .

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