

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HOLY FAMILY

February 4, 2024 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 4:00pm

*Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*



### This week at Holy Family...

#### Sunday, February 4th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- NO Reconciliation
- NO OCIA today
- Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner & HFS Book Fair.

#### Monday, February 5th:

- Mass 8:00am

#### Tuesday, February 6th:

- No Mass

#### Wednesday, February 7th:

- Mass 8:30am
- Holy Hour & Confessions after Mass
- 1st Communion/Confirmation Class 4:00pm in South Annex

#### Thursday February 8th:

- Mass 8:00am

#### Friday, February 9th:

- Mass 8:00am

#### Saturday, February 10th:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm
- Wine & Cheese

#### Sunday, February 11th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Reconciliation Class 11:00am in the South Annex
- OCIA 11:00am in the Parish Hall

### Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	2/3/2024	4:00pm
Sunday	2/4/2024	9:00am
Monday	2/5/2024	8:00am
Tuesday	2/6/2024	—
Wednesday	2/7/2024	8:30am
Thursday	2/8/2024	8:00am
Friday	2/9/2024	8:00am
Saturday	2/10/2024	4:00pm
Sunday	2/11/2024	9:00am

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## Special Monthly Collections February:

- Building Maintenance Fund
- Holy Family School Collection
- Youth Group Collection

If you have your weekly/monthly donations automatically taken out of your bank account, here is a list of the "special collections" you may not know of. *Thank you.*

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#### Treasure:

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Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.

*Mark 1:38*

### Did you hear?...

## 66th Annual Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner

Join us  
Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
11:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.  
In the Parish Hall

Adults: \$15

Children  
6-12 years: \$7

Children under 6: Free



Sausage will also be available for sale on  
Saturday, February 3rd starting at 8:00am in  
the parish hall for \$8 per pound.

### Themes for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

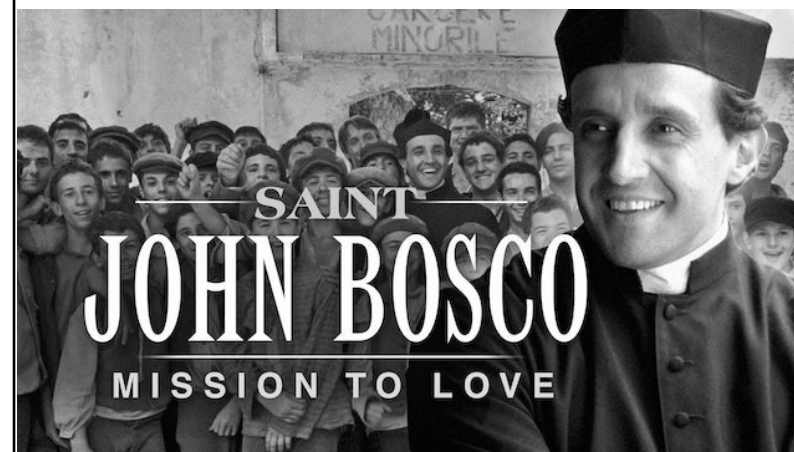
- **Human Suffering and Quest for Meaning:** Job's lament in the first reading highlights the profound struggle of human suffering and the search for meaning amidst life's trials. This theme resonates with anyone grappling with pain, loss, or hardship.
- **Divine Compassion and Healing:** Contrasting with human suffering, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel emphasize God's compassion and healing power. This theme underscores the Christian belief in a God who cares deeply about human affliction and actively works to restore and heal.
- **Service and Sacrifice in Ministry:** Paul's reflections in the second reading on his role as an apostle underscore the themes of selfless service and sacrifice. His commitment to preaching the Gospel without seeking personal gain highlights the Christian call to serve others.

## FORMED

### Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John (Don) Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth from the tough streets of Turin, Italy. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that Don Bosco had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order, the Salesians, for helping educate boys. Growing up without a father gave him compassion for the many orphans that he cared for, while he faced persecution from both secular society and the Church as he fought to build a place to house and educate the homeless, outcast youth of Turin. His deep faith, creative imagination, and profound charity shine in this wonderful film. Also stars Charles Dance (Gosford Park) and popular Italian singer and actress Lina Sastri.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

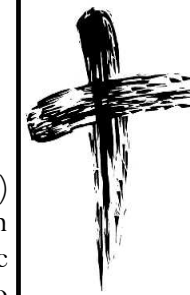


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(Movie Nights just got more exciting!)



Ash Wednesday this year is February 14th. There is a basket in the south entry to bring in your old palms so the school can burn them for their Ash Wednesday service.

**There will be NO OCIA or Reconciliation Class this weekend due to the Sausage Dinner. See you next week.**

*The Men of Holy Family Catholic Church are invited to come for a Holy Hour of silent prayer every Thursday at 6:00pm in the Church.*

### Catholic Schools Collection

Bishop Daly would like to remind us all to consider participating in the Bishop's Collection for Catholic Schools. This collection helps provide financial support for our parochial schools. Thank you to those that have already participated. Every community in our Diocese, even those without schools, benefit from the strength and health of our system of Catholic Schools

You can make your donation on the Diocesan website or by using the envelopes we have available next to this weeks bulletin.

**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.

**Ordinary Time: February 4th  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The First Reading** is taken from the Book of Job 7:1-4, 6-7. The author cries out in his misery, speaks of life and death, cites his restlessness and life's struggle and notes that he will not see happiness again.

**The Second Reading** is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23. In this section of his letter St. Paul is encouraging his Corinthian converts to be always ready to forgo their own rights when the edification or spiritual welfare of a neighbor is at stake.

**The Gospel** is from St. Mark 1:29-39. Surely the people of Capernaum saw enough that first day of Christ's public ministry among them to make them realize that this man from Nazareth who had come amongst them was no ordinary preacher, no ordinary rabbi, no ordinary man. They saw that he preached as one having authority; they saw that by a simple command he cast out demons and removed all bodily ailments. Yet though they were astonished and amazed at his power, their worldly outlook did not let them rise above their own small interests. Our Lord did not blame them or criticize them, he knew and fully understood their slowness of mind in regard to things spiritual, and he knew also that they would eventually give themselves wholeheartedly to his kingdom. While he was prepared to wait for the desired effects which his miracles and preaching would eventually have on them, he hastened the arrival of that day by praying to his heavenly Father to send the graces necessary for their conversion into their hearts.

When the four Apostles found him praying in a lonely place, they told him that all Capernaum was searching for him, but he knew why they were searching for him. They wanted to see more miracles and very likely they were hoping that he would stay on in Capernaum and the sick and the maimed from the whole of Galilee would be brought there for healing. This would increase their earthly business and prosperity. His answer to the Apostles, while not directly condemning this worldly outlook, shows that his mission had an entirely different objective. He had come on earth not to bring earthly prosperity to any town or country but to bring spiritual salvation and blessing on all people. That very morning he began to carry out his mission and for the remaining two years or more he went from town to town preaching the kingdom of God.

We Christians of today have many advantages over the people of Capernaum of that day. They saw Christ with their bodily eyes as a man of power amongst them; we see him with the eyes of faith as he really was and is — the Son of God who came on earth as man in order to make us sons of God. We know who he really was and we know the full meaning of his mission. We have seen that mission completed amongst us by his death on the cross and his resurrection. By his death he conquered death for us; by his resurrection he opened the gates of heaven for us and led the way there for all who will follow him.

This is the good news Christ brought to our world. This is the meaning of Christianity; this is why we are Christians. We are members of Christ's kingdom on earth, so that when our life here ends we shall be members of his everlasting heavenly kingdom. Yet, with all of this knowledge and with the example of the thousands and millions of saints who have lived according to this knowledge over the past nineteen hundred years and more, and who are now enjoying the reward Christianity promised them, how active and how effective is our Christian faith in our daily thoughts and deeds? In my daily dealings with my fellowmen would I be picked out as a Christian? Do I, by my words and deeds, prove to those with whom I live and work that I am convinced there is a future life after death, that reaching that life is the most important thing in this world for me, and that it is through living my short earthly life as a true Christian that I can earn that eternal life?

If I can say yes to these questions I am, thank God, on the right road. But if my answer is "no" then it is time I had another good look to see where I went off the road, and to find out that I can return to that right road once more. God is merciful; Christ is patient with followers who straggle and wander, but it could be fatal to postpone for too long our call to the God of mercy. It will be too late if we delay turning to our patient Christ until we are about to die. Stop straggling and wandering off the highway today and the patient Christ will welcome you and help you back. There may be no tomorrow for you, you have no guarantee of it.

— Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

**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 February 10th: 4:00pm</b>	Linda Kazda	Lynette Ausman	Ella Miller Addy Aceveda	Loenard Babino Ron Flerchinger Gene Kasper John Zeller
<b>Sunday February 11th 9:00am</b>	Don Tuschoff James Browitt	Cindy Nightingale	Thang Dao Charlotte France	Marvin Entel Mark Flerchinger Thomas Stapleton Pat Wolf
<b>Ash Wednesday 8:30am</b>	<b>Holy Family School</b>			<b>Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday 6:00pm</b>	<b>Not Filled</b>	Pat Petty	<b>Not Filled Not Filled</b>	<b>Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled</b>

**The Ministry Schedule for Ash Wednesday is open on the MSP App.  
Please log in to your acct to volunteer.**



*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.*

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 4</b>
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# Letter from Father

4 February 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
We Need to Talk

Greetings,

There are times in the life of a pastor when we make decisions that might not make sense to our parishioners. Sometimes these decisions have a huge effect on the life of the parish and sometimes they don't. For example, there is a priest in the Diocese of Cleveland who decided, without consultation, to encumber his parish with heavy debt incurred from signing a contract to make modifications and renovations to the church buildings. The parishioners were rightly angered by his unilateral action and, after meetings with the bishop and attorneys, the contract was nullified and the debt avoided. Suffice it to say, that priest is now in a different assignment. Alternatively, there is a priest in our own diocese who has had complaints made against his by parishioners because he changed the daily Mass time from 7:00 AM to 7:15 AM to encourage better attendance, which it did. The main complaint was that he didn't consult the whole parish before making the decision. Did his decision deeply effect eh life of his parish? No. Did some parishioners react as though he had just initiated the Second Great Schism? Yes.

Why am I writing about these issues? Primarily, I want to give some information regarding a policy here at Holy Family and the reason for my decision. It has come to my attention that there are a number of parishioners who are upset with my policy regarding not having funerals on Saturdays. Let me say upfront that this my decision and mine alone. I did not arrive at this decision without discernment nor did I just say, "Well, this is how it's going to be."

The primary reason for this decision is the simple logistics of our parish. Liturgically speaking, Saturday is the second most busy day of our week. The Sacrament of Reconciliation begins at three in the afternoon, followed immediately by Mass at four. People begin arriving even before three to pray or prepare for Mass. When there is a regular Funeral Mass at Holy Family, there are a series of events that make having the building ready for Confessions and Mass difficult. The ladies who provide the luncheon for the family usually arrive well before the Mass begins to ensure a quality experience for the family and their guests. After them, the parish staff arrives to make sure that the church itself is ready for Mass and that the altar and sanctuary are properly prepared, that the correct readings are in place, and that the family and funeral home have what they need. The Funeral Mass then takes from 45 minutes to an hour, often followed by interment at Vineland or in our columbarium, which takes from 30 minutes to an hour. Then the family and mourners gather for lunch and this often goes for several hours as it is the opportunity for many people to offer condolences and to catch up with family and friends. Finally, the luncheon crew has to clean up the kitchen and social hall. A funeral Mass and luncheon is literally an all day affair, and rightly so. It should not be rushed.

The extended nature of the funeral Mass makes having the church and especially the parking lot, ready for confessions and Mass. I do not want to put a time limit on how long a family can stay at the social hall for the gathering after a funeral Mass and, if the funeral were to occur on Saturday, I would have to ask then to leave no later than two in the afternoon. I know that this is not convenient for some families but I have to consider the larger picture, even in these sad situations.

On a related note, the comments regarding this policy have come to me, "through the grapevine". I am a bit disappointed that I have to hear these things second or third hand. It has long been my personal policy to treat comments such as, "some people are saying..." or "I heard that..." as I would an anonymous letter. I immediately reject those comments as hearsay and they have no value for me as a means of decision making or the like. I like to think that I am a reasonable man and that reasonable people are able to approach me with all of their concerns, positive and negative. This is the standard that I hold for myself, my staff, and my students and I would expect the same from rational and charitable adults.

I will close by saying that Holy Family has by far been my most cherished assignment as a priest. I am, at the same time, humbled and proud to be your pastor and I give thanks to God every day for the opportunity to serve you and ask Him that this opportunity continue for a long, long time.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

# Holy Family Catholic School

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We had a spectacular Catholic Schools Week! Thank you to everyone who contributed in the many ways to make it celebratory, memorable, fun, and an honor to witness Catholic education. It takes so many of us to make things happen. You all play an important part in fulfilling our mission.

**Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year** will open next week. We will leave it open to current families to re-enroll during the month of February and then open it to the community. After enrollment opens to the community, spots are unable to be held. If you know of someone who is interested in joining our school family community, please encourage them to contact the office and schedule a tour.

**The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) through FACTS is open.** If you need financial assistance for next school year, you will need to apply through FACTS (Payment Plans/Financial Aid). If you have any questions, contact the school office. Financial situations are ever changing. Please remember, there is no guarantee that you will receive assistance or the same amount as a prior year. If you have financial concerns, please contact the principal by early June.

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### Next week:

2/7 Mass at 8:30 a.m. by 8th grade

2/7 Enrichment 2:30-3:30 p.m.

2/7 Parent Association Meeting  
6:30 p.m. in the main building

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