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April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter



Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	4/13/2024	8:15pm	Terry Smith †
Sunday	4/14/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family
Monday	4/15/2024	8:00am	Rich & Shannon Eggleston Family
Tuesday	4/16/2024	—	No Mass
Wednesday	4/17/2024	8:30am	Jim Tuschoff †
Thursday	4/18/2024	—	No Mass
Friday	4/19/2024	8:00am	Jerry Kazda †
Saturday	4/20/2024	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	4/21/2024	9:00am	Ed & Irene Keller †

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Office Hours · Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 4:00pm

Do you have a child in 5th grade or above who would like to be an Altar Server?

Altar servers assist the priest by taking responsibility for many of the details in the preparation of the altar and vessels for weekend Masses and other special celebrations of the Church year.

Requirements for a child are that he or she be at least eight years of age, have received Confirmation and 1st Communion and be able to understand and carry out their responsibilities appropriately and with reverence.

Additional servers are needed at all weekend liturgies and for funeral and wedding masses. Training will be provided.

If you have a child interested please call the parish office at 509-758-6102.



Stewardship: A Way of Life!

Talent:

Thank you to the Middle School who hosted movie night Tuesday.

Treasure:

The collection for the week of

04/07/2024

Actual: \$7,649

Themes for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

Repentance and Forgiveness: A central theme, especially highlighted in the readings from Acts and the Gospel of Luke, is the call to repentance—turning back to God—and the promise of forgiveness. This theme underscores God's mercy and willingness to forgive sins for those who turn to Him and acknowledge their wrongdoings.

The Fulfillment of Prophecy: The readings from Acts and Luke emphasize that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were all part of God's plan, foretold in the scriptures. This theme connects the events of the New Testament with the prophecies of the Old Testament, showing the continuity and fulfillment of God's salvation history.

Witnessing to the Resurrection: The Gospel and the first reading both highlight the importance of witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus. The disciples are called to share the news of Jesus' resurrection and the forgiveness of sins with all nations, emphasizing the role of Christians to bear witness to the truth of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Jesus as Advocate and Atonement: The second reading from 1 John presents Jesus as the advocate for sinners and the atonement for our sins. This theme highlights the mediating role of Jesus between humanity and God, and the universal scope of Jesus' sacrifice, which is not limited to a single group but is extended to the whole world.

<https://young-catholics.com/3218/3rd-sunday-of-easter-year-b/>

“ Men go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering.”

Saint Augustine



Our local Knights of Columbus puts out a scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors every year. This scholarship is based on leadership, church participation and community service/activities. If you are in the High School Graduating Class of 2024 and would like an application please stop by the church office during business hours to pick one up. Good Luck!

Facts Most Catholics Don't Know--(But Should!)...

By Gary Zimak

1. Women Will Never Be Priests – Often incorrectly lumped in with the subject of married priests, this is a doctrine that has been infallibly decided and will not change. In 1994, Pope John Paul II issued an Apostolic Letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, in which he declared once and for all that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church’s faithful.” Unlike the issue of married priests (which could possibly change), women’s ordination is an impossibility that will not happen. It is not a “glass ceiling” or the Church’s attempt to hold back women. Instead, it is an infallible recognition that men and women have different roles and that Christ instituted a male priesthood.

2. Fridays Are Still Days Of Penance – Ask almost anyone and they will tell you that Catholics are no longer required to abstain from meat on Fridays throughout the year. However, the current Code of Canon Law (CIC) states that, with the exception of solemnities, “All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.” (CIC 1250) Furthermore, “Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities.” (CIC 1251) In the United States, the bishops have declared that it is permissible to substitute some other form of penance, but we are still urged to fast from “something” in remembrance of the Lord’s death on the cross. It is preferable to abstain from animal flesh and if desired, the faithful may also refrain from some other lawful pleasure as an additional penance for their good or in behalf of others.

3. The Bible Is A Catholic Book – Did you ever wonder how the Bible came into being? A little known, but easily documented fact is that the books of the Bible were compiled by the Catholic Church. For many years after Christ ascended into Heaven, there was debate about which scriptural writings were inspired by God. The canon of Scripture (the books of the Bible) was first formally decided at the Synod of Rome in 382. This decision was upheld at the Councils of Hippo (393) and Carthage (397). At these Catholic Church councils, the same 46 Old Testament and 27 New Testament books that appear in today’s Catholic Bibles were declared to be inspired by God. As a side note, approximately 1200 years after this decision was made, Martin Luther and the Protestant reformers removed 7 books from the Old Testament. As a result, most Protestant Bibles are still missing these 7 books.

4. The Mass Is The Same Sacrifice As Calvary – The biggest mistake that many Catholics make is treating the Holy Mass as “just another church service”, similar to those of other religions. In the Mass, Christ’s Sacrifice on the Cross is reenacted and its saving power is applied. The Council of Trent teaches that Christ left a visible sacrifice to His Church “in which that bloody sacrifice which was once offered on the Cross should be made present, its memory preserved to the end of the world, and its salvation-bringing power applied to the forgiveness of the sins which are daily committed by us.” When we attend Mass, we are mystically transported to Calvary, where we can unite ourselves with the Lord’s Sacrifice to the Father!

<https://www.holyfamilyucc.com/ten-things-most-catholics-don-t-know---but-should>

Prayer Requests



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 if you would like someone to be added.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Pat & Melva Boyle Sheila McDougall Wessels Family Dave Massaro Kauffman Family Michael Cheek Yvonne Pecora Dick Jacobs Lisa Carey Tina Flerchinger Vivian Piatt Gayle Williams Mike B Mary Gocke Zach Paris Reid Wagner Scott Arnone Cyndi Broenneke Joan Standerfer Janeen Smith Marilyn & Bill Cockschott John & Viola Keller & Family	Marty & Cherie Nelson & Family Mary Ellen Hill Caitlyn Graves Christian Morgan Verla Day Thelma Fales Melanie Stellmon Tim Wanta Shannon Dee Tuschoff Val Godwin Adakyss Ravis Mary Lou Scharnhorst Marv Kinzer Melissa Lowe Wes Clizer Marguerite Sitton Kathy Ross Lois Hill	Tom & JoAnn Harvey Eileen Jeffreys Irene Cicrich Don Brooks Mike & Ann Elsensohn Joy Nye Keela Carter Vivian France Courtney & Adeline Paterson Gene Breeding Richard Fanning Larry & Patty Dwyer & Family Melissa Lowe Sebastian Dee Johnson Marion Tunnclyff Lea	Bob Sheppard Dona McCann Stapleton Family Pat Williams Erica Pena Sue Buratto Russ Bashore Nick Menegas Linda Entel Betty Eggleston Jo Caetano Nancy DiMeo Evelyn Nanik Liz Samayoa Manya & Bill Bebiff Dan Grassel

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"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works." -Ephesians 2:10



GREAT JOB TO OUR TOP RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS OF THE WEEK:

Price (K) ~ 13 books; Thang (7th) ~ 12 books; Remi (Pre3) ~ 10 books

We are thankful to ALL who are working SO HARD to sell tickets! Keep it up!

If you would like to purchase a chance to win a 2024 Yamaha Wolverine 4-seat ATV OR \$10,000 cash, contact a HFS student/family.

If you would like to donate an item to our **HFS Auction**, please contact the school. If you are a business and would like to **sponsor our auction**, please contact Mrs. Gehring to see what levels of sponsorship we have. We appreciate your continued support of HFS! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

UPCOMING events

4/17 - Mass 8:30 a.m. by 4th grade; April & May Birthday Brunch to follow at HFS (cafeteria) hosted by 2nd

- 4/20 - HFS Choir sings at Mass, 4 p.m.
- 4/21- HFS Spring Clean Up Day, 12-2 p.m. - please **RSVP in the SignUp Genius** if you can come so we know how to prepare. We have lots of jobs! This helps clean our school for the Auction, May 11th. Tech training for the auction will be offered during this time. <https://bit.ly/SpringClean4-21-24>

- 4/25 - K-8 Tuition Assistance **Applications are DUE (see info below)**
- **Is the Auction on your calendar!? May 11th - we need all families to participate (bid, attend, work, bring your friends & family)**
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Spring Program is Wed, May 15, 6 p.m.**

JOIN OUR FAMILY

Preschool-8th grade **ENROLLMENT** for the 2024-2025 school year continues! If you know of someone who is interested in joining our school family, or seeking a faith-based education, please encourage them to contact the office, schedule a tour or apply online. Enrolled families can join our Summer Program!

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.*



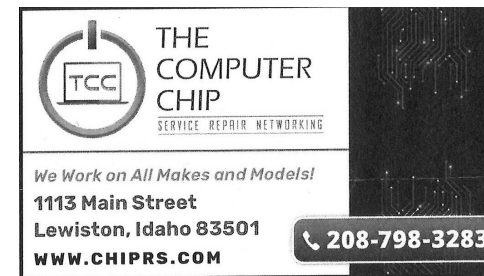
Holy Week Ministries Schedule

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
Saturday April 20th 4:00pm	Marlene Driscoll	Sheri Gehring	Addy Aceveda Not Filled	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume John Zeller
Sunday April 21st 9:00am	James Browitt Joan Baune	Evan Dagen	Charlotte France Marcus Mills	Mark Ackerman Brian Babino Mark Flerchinger Thomas Stapleton

April Ministry Schedules are out and in the south entrance. Make sure you pick yours up!

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

This week at Holy Family...

- Sunday, April 14th:**
 - Mass 9:00am
 - Coffee & Donuts
- Monday, April 15th:**
 - Mass 8:00am
 - Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am
- Tuesday, April 16th:**
 - No Mass
- Wednesday, April 17th:**
 - Mass 8:30am
 - Sacrament Class 3:30pm

- Thursday, April 18th:**
 - No Mass
 - Men's Holy Hour 6:00pm
- Friday, April 19th:**
 - Mass 8:00am
- Saturday, April 20th:**
 - Confessions 3:00pm
 - Mass 4:00pm
- Sunday, April 21st:**
 - Mass 9:00am
 - Coffee & Donuts
 - Prayer Group for grades 1-4th. 11:00am to 12:30pm in south annex

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Special Monthly Collections
April:

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

 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.**

"It is a better thing to save souls for the Lord than to save treasures."
 St. Ambrose

Letter from Father

14 April 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter
Living Water

Greetings,

One of my favorite musicians is a woman named Kathy Mattea. Ms. Mattea was a big name in country music in the late 80s and early 90s and was quite successful. She remains, in my estimation, one of the last real country music artists. I digress. Kathy had a great song called Standing Knee Deep in a River (and Dying of Thirst). As the title might suggest, it is a song about a person who is surrounded by blessings but is unable to recognize them because they are not the ones that they desire. It is a sad song that tells the tale of how often we become so focused on the things that the world tells us that we are supposed to want, we miss the abundance of simple blessings that surround us each day.

I listened to that song this past week. I didn't look for it specifically but it came through on one of my playlists while I was driving between Clarkston and Spokane. I have heard the song literally hundreds of times but this time, I heard it in a different way. I was moved by the power of the idea that someone can miss the good things of life (and the afterlife) because they are blinded by pursuit of material things. I started to think of the blessings that were made abundantly clear to me during the past three weeks.

Holy Week and the Octave of Easter are always a busy time for the Church. Holy Week calls us to prepare to commemorate the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. This is the advent of our most holy time. The liturgies of Holy Week require a great deal of preparation and organization. I was encouraged by the great work done by Danielle and Sheri who, in addition to their regular duties in the office, helped me by setting up and organizing the various liturgies of Triduum, which is no small task. On Holy Saturday, Danielle, Sheri, Danielle's daughters, and Clairra Osborne spent several hours that morning decorating the church for the Easter Vigil. After a beautiful Easter Vigil Mass, I awoke the next morning to a full church and energetic celebration of our Lord's resurrection. I had a wonderful time afterwards watching the children of our parish run about searching for hidden eggs, filled by Kim Carey and hidden by Clairra and her brother Chris. I was walking out of the front door, preparing to go have Easter brunch when my phone rang and changed the day completely.

The call was one that none of us ever wants to get. It was Danielle telling me that Fr. Root had been found dead in his home after having missed the Easter Mass at the Evergreen Center. My first thought was that of confusion that turned to thankfulness for Fr. Root's ministry as a priest to our parish and community. My next thought was the realization the life was going to change for Holy Family, both immediately and in the future.

While the Easter "high" turned immediately to planning for Fr. Root's funeral, it occurred to me that we so often take for granted the people who make our lives possible, both as parishioners and individuals. Just going through the various groups that normally assist with funerals, and the groups that helped prepare for Father's funeral made me realize that there is so much done for Holy Family by people who most often are hidden from view when the end result comes to light.

I have always been impressed with the generosity of the people of Holy Family. Every time that we ask for help, you respond in spades. Everything that needs doing from things like minor maintenance to yard care at the school to helping with the community garden to cleaning the church after Masses and so much more. I tried to make a list of all the things that are done for the parish by volunteers and had to quit for fear of omitting something or someone. But this musing brings me back to my original paragraph. I'll explain.

It would be so easy to take the people of this parish for granted. It would be a simple prospect to just assume that people are going to do what needs to be done and, in the rare event that something gets missed, to get angry or impatient. This kind of reaction is the embodiment of "standing knee-deep in a river and dying of thirst". It is the cynical reaction of a person who has forgotten about the many hidden blessings that God gives to us every day and the focus on the self and not on what God is calling us to do. I think that all of us fall into that at times but it is not our default position; what a shame if it were.

(Father Jeff's letter continued on next page....)

(Father Jeff's letter continued)

What I am trying to say with the largest number of words possible is this: as pastor at Holy Family I am thankful every day for all of you. Even if the only thing you do is come to Mass to pray and worship God with us, we wouldn't be the same without you. If you are here every day volunteering in the office or the school or on the grounds and buildings of our campus, I am thankful for you. If all of those things depended on my doing them I would either die from exhaustion or bankrupt the parish hiring out for those services. Thank you to all of our musicians, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and ushers who make our weekly Masses so beautiful. Thank you to everyone who helps with coffee and donuts and wine and cheese night and funeral lunches for helping us to be a community. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters who are so generous in their support of the parish and the school. Thank you to all of our senior citizen parishioners who come faithfully every week as a steadfast example to our young parishioners in the life of faith. Thank you to all of the parents who bring their children to Mass, even though you know they might be fussy or loud (and really, it is only your child making noise!) to show them that coming to Mass is important to you as a family.

As you can see, we are neck deep in a river but that river is one of Living Water. We drink from the Fountain of Life and are so very blessed by God as a parish. It would be so easy to take all of this for granted but, with the grace of God, we will always remember His goodness to us and remain ever faithful and thankful for His Love and Mercy and for each other.

Blessings and Happy Easter,

Fr Jeff Core

Parish Hall

If you are a parish group that uses the Parish Hall this is for you. There have been numerous occasions after the use of the hall that volunteers have to go down and put things away/clean up. Here are a few things to consider that need to be done after any group use.

- The sound system/projector screen. This must to be shut down correctly and the screen put away after each use.
- Tables— if a table is taken out from the closet to use, please wipe it down and put it away when done.
- Perishables— Please make sure not to "store" anything in the hall walkin. They get forgotten then rot or spoil.
- Now required by each group, i.e., Knights, Catholic Daughters, Social Concerns, Foundation, Prayer Group, (sorry if I am missing anyone), will need to pick up a Rental Agreement for Use of Church Facilities. This will need to be reviewed by each group, signed and returned to the parish office.
- If you use any of the ovens or stovetops, those also must be cleaned after use.
- If you DO meet in the parish hall, it is YOUR group responsibility to make sure it is on the Church Master Calendar.
- REMEMBER, we have this beautiful, new, facility to use. Let's keep it looking nice. The old saying "Leave it better than you found it." should apply.

Columbarium

We know that the Columbarium and personal niches are extremely important to some people and especially the families who have loved ones there. When each family purchases a niche, they sign a form regarding the cleanliness and uniformity of each niche and the Columbarium area. I would like to remind the church community of these guidelines and ask that they are followed. If you are wanting to place flowers for a birthday, anniversary or such, please contact the parish office before so we are aware, and please remove them in a reasonable timeline.

What is signed by the person purchasing a Niche.

9. *Holy Family Church arranges for the maintenance of the Columbarium. Nothing of either a permanent or temporary nature shall be affixed to or on the Columbarium.*
12. *The use of any ornamentation on or proximate to any niche by any subscriber is prohibited. The Church will be responsible for plants or cut flowers or seasonal decorations at specific times during the year and arranges for the maintenance of the Columbarium.*

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.