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Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	8/31/24	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	9/1/24	9:00am	Liam & Myles Gourley
Monday	9/2/24	8:00am	Donald J. Kopel †
Tuesday	9/3/24	—	No Mass
Wednesday	9/4/24	8:30am	Gary Bromeling †
Thursday	9/5/24	8:00am	Virgil & Rose Frei & Family
Friday	9/6/24	8:00am	Elaine Kinzer †
Saturday	9/7/24	4:00pm	Dr. Mark Baldeck †
Sunday	9/8/24	9:00am	People of Holy Family

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Holy Week Ministries Schedule

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

Ministries for	Altar Servers	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday September 7th 4:00pm	Addy Aceveda Not Filled	Linda Kazda	Sheri Gehring	Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller
Sunday September 8th 9:00am	Bailey Blaydes Thang Dao	Mark Ackerman Cindy Nightingale	Kerri Bailey	Mark Flerchinger Steve Nuxoll Greg Paris Pat Wolf

September Ministry Schedules are in the South Entry. Make sure you stop and pick one up.

New Time: The Men of Holy Family Catholic Church are invited to come for a Holy Hour of silent prayer every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church.

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September - Bread & Wine Fund, Holy Family School, Building Maintenance Fund

*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.***

This week at Holy Family...

Sunday, September 1st:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee and Donuts

Monday, September 2nd:

- Mass 8:00am
- **Parish Office and School Closed in observance of Labor Day**
- Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am

Tuesday, September 3rd:

- No Mass

Wednesday, September 4th:

- Mass 8:30am
- Holy Hour and Confessions

Thursday, September 5th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Men’s Holy Hour 7:00pm

Friday, September 6th:

- Mass 8:00am

Saturday, September 7th:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm
- Wine and Cheese after Mass

Sunday, September 8th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings: Book of Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Letter of Saint James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Gospel According to Saint Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-22

Jesus and his followers are chided today for not observing the Jewish ritual customs of cleanliness and etiquette. Jesus turns the tables on the accusing scribes and Pharisees by telling them they are actually in bigger violation than Jesus and his followers, because of their unclean hearts. In other words, it is better to go to table with a sincere heart and without judging, than going to table well-scrubbed but with evil thoughts, pride, envy, slander and the like, in the heart or on one’s lips.

Which is more important to God, Jesus asks: clean hands and body or a clean mind and heart? Jesus deals with the matter by going to the heart of the problem: looking at what God desires, rather than humans.

God looks into the heart, Jesus says, while humans only sees what is external. What is the purpose of all the commandments, Jesus is indirectly asking? Is it not to free oneself to love more, be nearer to God and more available to serve God and others?

That doesn’t seem to be a preoccupation of the scribes and Pharisees, though. Jesus is unafraid to call these religious authorities hypocrites, literally people who wear masks, who are only acting. Like actors, they put on a show, making people think they are obeying God’s law, while in fact they are harboring evil desires and intentions.

Now who of us, we may ask, is completely free of such bias? Probably few or none of us, but we should recognize that acting (hypocrisy) is a problem and seek to eradicate it in our life by the help of God’s grace. Jesus is telling the scribes and Pharisees that they are not even aware of, let alone striving to change, their hypocritical ways.

Secondly, after telling them of their hypocrisy, Jesus says his accusers are abandoning God’s word and substituting their narrow interpretations for what God is actually asking: a clean heart, free of malice, judging, covetousness, deceit, etc. Jesus refers them to a prophecy of Isaiah (chapter 29, verse 13), where the prophet accuses his hearers of paying God lip service but with hearts a million miles away from their Maker.

There is only one way to reverse such trends and that is to be open to God’s ways, walking in love and not judging others. Such a stance, which is also called openness to God’s grace, will gradually purify intentions, set one on fire for God’s ways, in the love of the Holy Spirit.

So we may ask: am I committed to eliminating from my life that which is other than God? Does the sacrifice I offer to God each day in prayer, ritual and good works flow from a willing heart, albeit imperfect, but striving to have the right motives? Or am I stuffed up with self, judgment of others, and really leaving no place for God to get into my life? No one can answer that question for me nor I for anyone else. It is very personal and individual and we are lovingly invited by God today to choose God’s ways above all else.

The words of the first reading today, from the Book of Deuteronomy are still true: “For what great nation has gods so close to it as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call upon him?” With this in mind, we need to acknowledge that only God can change our hearts and make them clean and whole through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord is ever ready to bestow his help, which assists us to choose what is good and reject what is evil. Saint James says it so well in the second reading for this Sunday: “Humbly welcome God’s word with its power to save you. Act on this word. If all you do is listen to it (and not act on it) you are deceiving yourselves.”

May God help us believe in the power of his love to transform our hearts. May our reception of the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood at the Eucharist (the Mass) be a joy and strengthen our resolve to choose to love what is good and hate what is evil.

<https://christdesert.org/2024/08/twenty-second-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b-2/>

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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.*

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September 28, 2024. Anyone interested in donating a Theme Basket of items please notify Lynette Ausman 208-305-9649.


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Catholic Daughters will be meeting on September 9th at 6:30pm in the south gathering area in the church. We are in need of **officers** for this year. If we DO NOT get the officers we need our chapter will be dissolving. Hope to see you there.

1st Communion/Confirmation



If your child is in 4th grade (and not attending Holy Family School) and has not received the Sacrament of 1st Communion or Confirmation, classes will start Sunday September 8th starting at 10:30am in the Church Annex.



If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church, our OCIA program will start the end of September. Please call the parish office at 758-6102 to get your name on the list.

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

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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.

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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.

Letter from Father

1 September 2024
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
That Was Quick!

Greetings,

Well, it seems like just 12 weeks ago that I wrote my last letter for the bulletin. Summer break was beginning and September seemed so far off. So much has happened since my last letter and I am excited to share some of that with you.

Summer started with a sad note for me in June with the death of my best friend in Memphis. I was and am thankful for your prayers and support during which is still a challenging time. Mark's death gave me perspective on how precious and uncertain life can be and inspired me to renew my own efforts in using God's gifts to their fullest potential and making the best use of the time I have been given.

After surviving the bombardment of my neighborhood on Independence Day, I was privileged to travel to Indianapolis with six Holy Family parishioners and about a hundred Catholics from the Diocese of Spokane to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress. This event was easily the highlight of my summer. It was an experience of a lifetime to gather with over 60,000 Catholics to pray, and study, and discuss the Source and Summit of our Life in the Church. As a result, Holy Family will be hosting several events around the Eucharist in the coming year to look more deeply into the Sacrament which defines our Church and why we do what we do.

Finally, this summer saw our school receiving a couple of significant grants, one from the Holy Family School Foundation and one from the Nez Perce Tribe to make two important upgrades to our campus. The grant from the HFSF will fund the installation of a new bell and intercom system that will greatly improve the safety and communication at our school and, eventually, our parish. The Nez Perce grant will fund a sun shade over the playground so that our students can play outside at recess without being constantly exposed to the sun and its heat, etc. We are so grateful for the generosity of these two organizations.

I am looking forward to another school year at Holy Family. As of 2 July 2024, my assignment as pastor at Holy Family became my longest assignment as a priest in the Diocese of Spokane. The past four years have gone by like an amazing and fruitful flash and I am looking forward to as many years here as the Lord deems good to give me.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

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Back to School Blessings!

As we begin a new school year at Holy Family Catholic School, we extend our thanks to the church community for your support. Your prayers, encouragement, and contributions make a profound impact on our students as they grow in knowledge, faith, and values.

We ask for your continued prayers for our students, that they may be blessed with wisdom, strength, and a deepening of their faith throughout the year.

If you feel called to volunteer or become a prayer pal to one of our 3rd-8th grade students, please reach out to our principal, Sheri Gehring, at sgehring@holyfamilyclarkston.com. Your involvement can make a lasting difference in the lives of our young disciples.

**MAY GOD BLESS OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER
IN FAITH AND EXCELLENCE.**

*Our Mission:
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