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Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	9/7/24	4:00pm	Dr. Mark Baldeck †
Sunday	9/8/24	9:00am	People of Holy Family
Monday	9/9/24	8:00am	Pauline Schlader †
Tuesday	9/10/24	—	No Mass
Wednesday	9/11/24	8:30am	Virgil & Rose Frei and Family
Thursday	9/12/24	8:00am	Carol Wilson †
Friday	9/13/24	8:00am	Irene Rivera †
Saturday	9/14/24	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	9/15/24	9:00am	John Esser

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

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 14th 4:00pm	Ella Miller NOT Filled	Brian Shinn	Pat Petty	Leonard Babino Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller
Sunday September 15th 9:00am	Bailey Blaydes Charlotte France	Jame Browitt Cindy Nightingale	Linda Wolf	Brian Babino Marvin Entel Thomas Stapleton 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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*"We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us, capable of walking with us in the most difficult moments of life."
Pope Francis*

This week at Holy Family...

Sunday, September 8th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee and Donuts
- Confirmation/1st Communion Prep Class 10:30-11:30am

Monday, September 9th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am

Tuesday, September 10th:

- No Mass
- Funeral Mass for Betty Ehr 11:00am

Wednesday, September 11th:

- Mass 8:30am
- Holy Hour and Confessions

Thursday, September 12th:

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

Friday, September 13th:

- Mass 8:00am

Saturday, September 14th:

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

Sunday, September 15th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Confirmation/1st Communion Prep Class 10:30-11:30am

Stewardship: A Way of Life!

Talent:

Thank you to John Zeller and Jared McKenzie for volunteering as crossing guards each morning to make sure our kids get to school safely each day.

Treasure:

The collection for the week of
09/01/2024
Actual: \$6,643

Special Monthly Collections

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.*

Have you heard of St. Peter Claver?

Feast Day is September 9th

St. Peter Claver (born 1581, Verdú, Spain—died September 4, 1654, Cartagena, Colombia; canonized 1888; feast day September 9) was a Jesuit missionary to South America who, in dedicating his life to the aid of enslaved Africans, earned the title of "apostle of the Negroes."

Peter entered the Society of Jesus in 1602 and eight years later was sent to Cartagena, where he was ordained in 1616. The miserable condition of enslaved people aboard ships and in the pens of Cartagena, South America's chief slave market, caused Peter to declare himself "the slave of the Negroes forever"; he dedicated the rest of his life to alleviating their suffering. Accompanied by interpreters and carrying food and medicines, he boarded every incoming slave ship and visited the pens, where he nursed the sick, comforted the distraught and terrified captives, and taught religion. Despite strong official opposition, Peter persevered for 38 years, baptizing an estimated 300,000 enslaved individuals. He also visited them on the local plantations to encourage their faith and to exhort their masters to treat them humanely; during these visits he often refused the hospitality of the plantation owners and instead stayed in the slave quarters.

He was canonized by Pope Leo XIII, who in 1896 proclaimed him patron of all Roman Catholic missions to African peoples. Peter is also the patron saint of those in slavery and the Republic of Colombia.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Peter-Claver>

Prayer to St. Peter Claver

God our Heavenly Father, You have given us life through the Death and Resurrection of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ; Jesus, our Saving Lord, You came into a world darkened by man's sin and gave it light through your teachings; Holy Spirit, the Breath of God within us, you guide and enlighten us and give us the strength of our convictions; St. Peter Claver, who became an example for us, you showed us the Love of God, The Light of Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit; We pray now that all we say and do, in your honor, be a continuation of your work here on earth. St. Peter Claver, pray for us.



<https://columban.org/article/prayer-st-peter-claver>

"We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips."

St. Peter Claver

Holy Family Parish Registration Update (Please Print Clearly)

Name #1 _____ Name #2 _____

D.O.B. _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Child: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ Email: _____

Preferred Method of Weekly Offering: (Please circle one) Envelopes or Automatic Deduction

Please return with any changes to collection basket, to the parish office, or email to holyfamily@dioceseofspokane.org



SAVE THE DATE

Holy Family School Foundation Dollar Auction
September 28, 2024 starting after Saturday Mass in the parish hall.
Anyone interested in donating a Theme Basket of items please
notify Lynette Ausman 208-305-9649.



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.



If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church, our OCIA program will start October 6th at 11:00am in the Parish Hall. Please call the parish office at 758-6102 to get your name on the list.

Confirmation and 1st Communion

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



Kitchen Deep Clean - It has been a while since the parish kitchen got a **good deep cleaning**. If you would like to volunteer to help get the kitchen clean in time for the various events this year, please let the parish office know. Thank you!

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Psalm 119:137,124

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.

Holy Family Catholic School Foundation is a 501c non-profit charitable corporation created to attract, receive, steward, invest and manage permanent funds for the benefit of Holy Family Catholic School in Clarkston WA. All gifts are tax deductible. The Foundation was created to accept gifts of cash, investments, property or memorials.
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“At Home Rosary” Pray the “At Home Rosary” with us. 951-799-9866. Join us in praying to our Blessed Mother at noon everyday. For more information call Elva McDougall at 509-822-9058.

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

“Amen, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”
(Matt 18:19-20).

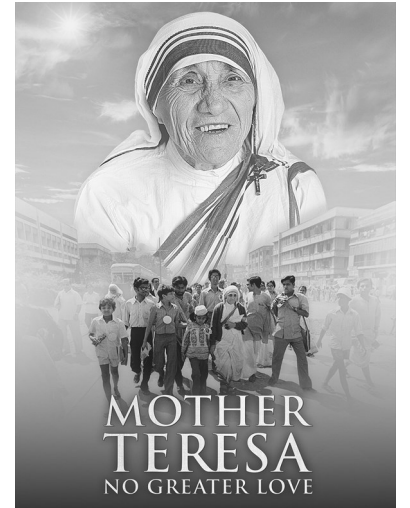


Do you have a child in 5th grade or above who would like to be an Altar Server?

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.

FORMED Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.



“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.”

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

Marty & Cherie
Nelson & Family
Mary Ellen Hill
Christian Morgan
Verla Day
Thelma Fales
Melanie Stellmon
Tim Wanta
Val Godwin
Adakys Ravis
Mary Lou Scharnhorst
Marv Kinzer
Melissa Lowe
Marguerite Sitton
Kathy Ross
Lois Hill
Ronald Cooney
Don Tuschoff
Ida May Hamilton
James & Sharon Tuschoff

Week 2

Tom & JoAnn Harvey
Irene Cicrich
Don Brooks

Mike & Ann Elsensohn
Joy Nye
Keela Carter
Courtney & Adeline Paterson
Gene Breeding
Richard Fanning
Larry & Patty Dwyer & Family
Melissa Lowe
Sebastian
Dee Johnson
Marion Tunnclyff
Ken Schmidt
Kristina Jones
Sarah Wimer
Joan Anderson
Charlie Hill
Garrett Dobbs
Brighton & Emery Schumacher

Ginny Kaufman
Renee Anderson
Doreen Isaac
Brenda Irvin
Gayne Bafus
Gary & Betty Riebe

Amy Phillips
Emily Segebartt

Week 3

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
Eileen Jeffreys
Donna Heimgartner
Zenaida Bulota
Tom Rodgers

Week 4

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
Janeen Smith
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John & Viola Keller
& Family
Ross Starwalt

Letter from Father

8 September 2024
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hope and Second Chances

Greetings,

Perhaps it is the start of a new school year or the Face Book reminder that my recently deceased best friend's birthday was this week but I have been in a nostalgic, reminiscent mood of late. One afternoon last week, I started thinking about two men that I have known in my life that had lost hope and, how finding hope again, changed them for the better.

In September of 1996, I moved to Santa Ynez, CA to begin postulancy with the Capuchin Franciscans. On my first day at the retreat center where I was to work, I met Mr. Bob. He was a retired man who had appeared at the center's doorstep some twenty years prior and had never left. To earn his keep, Mr. Bob had taken on the responsibility for the maintenance of the buildings and grounds. The Mr. Bob that I met was a very angry and antisocial man. He grumbled about the retreatants and the regulars at Mass and would have been happy just to have been left alone. One day after breakfast, I walked around the corner of one of the outbuildings to find Mr. Bob sitting on a stump, bleeding profusely from his lower leg. I ran to call an ambulance and to alert the retreat director about what had happened. Mr. Bob was livid with me. As they loaded him begrudgingly into the ambulance, he hollered at me that I was a real SOB, and that was the nice thing he said. It turns out that Mr. Bob thought that he was dying of cancer as he had found a lump in his abdomen and knew he was in trouble. He stopped taking his blood pressure and diabetes meds as a means of hastening his death and being done with it. As it was, he had a hernia, not cancer and, after a prolonged stay in the hospital and convalescent care, he returned to the retreat center a changed man. He was still pretty gruff but he apologized to me and thanked me for getting him the help he needed that day. He said that when he thought that he had cancer, he just gave up hope and prepared to die in pain. He stayed on at the retreat center until his death a couple of years later and was a totally different man. I like to think that regaining hope had a lot to do with his last days being peaceful ones.

The other man is a young man who has had a difficult life to say the least. He has faced addiction and criminal behavior, the two working against each other to keep him from living the life that he dreamed of. A few years ago, his girlfriend at the time informed him that she was pregnant and that he was going to have to take care of her. While she continued to struggle with substance abuse, up until the birth of their son, he took fatherhood to heart. Their son was born and his blood tested positive for methamphetamine. He was taken into protective custody by the state. My friend was devastated. He had tried so hard to do the right thing and, once again, had come up short. When he called me to ask what he should do, I told him that he should keep doing what he had started when he found out that he was a dad. Keep working on sobriety, keep working with his parole officer to get clear of his legal obligations, keep improving himself physically, emotionally, and spiritually, if not for himself, then for the sake of his son. He realized that the work that he had done in the past nine months was worth more than all of the trouble he had gotten into throughout his life and, with a renewed sense of purpose, he pressed on. Happily, after almost two years of hard work and dedication, he gained sole custody of his son and is an amazing father for him. He has a good job and spends so much time showing his son how to be a good man.

Both of these men were on the verge of abandoning hope but they found it again. The theological virtue of hope is the power by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the grace of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will give us the graces that we need for the journey to Heaven. The gift of hope helps us to open our heart to His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive forgiveness and healing. Lifted up by hope, we are preserved from turning inward in selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from focusing outward toward others and living with charity toward our neighbor, especially helping those in need. When we need the gift of hope to be increased, the most important thing we can do is ask for it. Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire. In the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, "Let us trust in Jesus Christ for He is trustworthy. It is through the merits of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection that God keeps us in the "hope that does not disappoint"

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

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We're off to a great start this year! Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We invite you to join us for our children's Mass, Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.

School Updates/Information:

MAP Testing Begins Monday, September 9th

Our MAP Testing window runs from September 9-27. Grades 1-8 will be participating in the fall assessments. We ask our parish community to keep our students in their prayers as they work to demonstrate their knowledge.

Choir Performance at the Nazareth Guild Gala - Saturday, September 14th

We are thrilled that our school choir will be performing at the Nazareth Guild Gala. A big thank you to our students, Mrs. Ravanera, and their families for showcasing our school and supporting Catholic education. We're excited to have Holy Family represented at this special event!

Fun Run Information

If you would like to donate to a student or staff member for our Fun Run, go to our online platform: <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/holyfamilyclarkston24> Thank you for your continued support as we kick off this exciting school year! Please submit donations by our event, October 4th.

Prayer Pal Program

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 or call the school office 509-758-6621. Your involvement can make a lasting difference in the lives of our young disciples.

"Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe Your commandments." ~Psalm 119:66

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