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### Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	9/21/24	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	9/22/24	9:00am	Elaine Kinzer †
Monday	9/23/24	8:00am	Dr. Mark Baldeck †
Tuesday	9/24/24	—	No Mass
Wednesday	9/25/24	8:30am	Michael & Courtney Rehder Family
Thursday	9/26/24	8:00am	Mark Cope †
Friday	9/27/24	8:00am	Mike Wisher †
Saturday	9/28/24	4:00pm	Lee Standerfer †
Sunday	9/29/24	9:00am	Aiden Esser

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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
<b>Saturday September 28th 4:00pm</b>	Ella Miller Not Filled	Linda Rossiter	Sheri Gehring	Leonard Babino Gene Kasper Tom Ledgerwood John Zeller
<b>Sunday September 29th 9:00am</b>	Anna Eggleston Ashley Eggleston	Tina Cunningham Kathy Dobbs	Cindy Nightingale	Mark Flerchinger Ron Gosselin Steve Nuxoll Greg Paris

**October 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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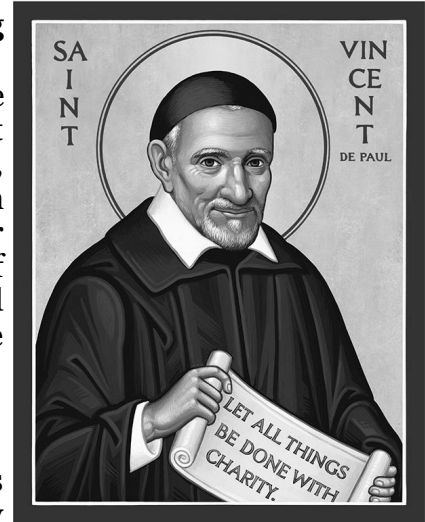
Please join us in celebrating  
**Mr. Don Tuschoff**  
This Sunday  
September 22nd,  
during Coffee and Donuts, for his 95th Birthday.

### This week at Holy Family...

<p><b>Sunday, September 22nd:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass 9:00am</li> <li>Coffee and Donuts</li> <li>Confirmation/1st Communion Prep Class 10:30-11:30am</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, September 23rd:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass 8:00am</li> <li>Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, September 24th:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Mass</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, September 25th:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass 8:30am</li> <li>Holy Hour and Confessions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, September 26th:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass 8:00am</li> <li>Men's Holy Hour 7:00pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday, September 27th:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass 8:00am</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday, September 28th:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confessions 3:00pm</li> <li>Mass 4:00pm</li> <li><b>Holy Family School Foundation Dollar Auction and Chili Feed 5-9pm</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday, September 29th:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass 9:00am</li> <li>Coffee &amp; Donuts</li> <li>Confirmation/1st Communion Prep Class 10:30-11:30am</li> </ul>
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## 5 Facts About the Life of Saint Vincent de Paul

*Saint Vincent de Paul's Feast Day is September 27th*



**5. St. Vincent de Paul spent the first 20 years of his life seeking fame and wealth.**

Vincent de Paul was born to a peasant family in France in 1580. Although he later achieved fame for his dedication to the poor, his early life was spent attempting to escape his humble roots. His family shared his ambition, hoping that a career in the priesthood would better the family fortune. On one occasion, while he was still in the seminary, he refused to see his father who had come to visit him because he felt embarrassed by the shabbiness of his father's appearance. Vincent became a priest at the young age of 19, and he spent most of his early priesthood mingling with members of the elite. He was very well liked because of his charm, intelligence, and sense of humor.

**4. St. Vincent de Paul was captured by pirates.**

In 1605, Vincent was returning home by boat from a trip. He had been on his way to sell some property he had received in an inheritance from a wealthy patron. While travelling, he was captured by pirates, who brought him to Tunis in Northern Africa. He was sold into slavery and he remained a slave for two years. During this time, he prayed to God, telling Him that if his life would be spared and he was freed, he would devote the rest of his life to the service of the poor.

**3. St. Vincent de Paul was a community organizer.**

After his eventual escape from Africa, Vincent served a church in rural France. The poverty he found there shocked him—it was not uncommon for people who were unable to find work in his poor community to die from starvation. He began to take stock of his resources, and his former connections with the wealthy and influential led him to seek their financial assistance. He met with affluent friends and inspired them to organize into groups going from house to house requesting furniture, food and clothing. They were extremely successful in their efforts, and other parishes began to seek him out to learn how they could organize in the same way. Soon, churches all over France were using the same techniques Vincent had created to help their neighbors in need.

**2. St. Vincent de Paul was a legend in his own time.**

As time went by, Vincent realized that the mistakes of his young life, especially his focus on wealth and fame, had been caused by a poor faith foundation. As a result, he founded an order of priests, the Vincenians, who received thorough training and who pledged to devote their lives to the spiritual and material needs of the poor. Later, along with Louise de Marillac, he founded the Sisters of Charity. He then expanded his work, founding hospitals, orphanages and homes for people who were mentally ill. He also devoted his last years to serving prisoners and slaves, sharing with them his story of hope as a former slave himself. He was very well known throughout Europe in his own time. He died on September 27, 1660, and he was made a saint in 1737.

**1. St. Vincent de Paul did NOT found the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was not founded until more than 150 years after St. Vincent's death. When Frederic Ozanam founded the Society, he named it after St. Vincent de Paul. Ozanam was devoted to St. Vincent, who is the patron saint of charitable societies, and he modeled the Society on his call to "see Christ in the poor and to be Christ to the poor". The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue to honor his life and legacy.

<https://stvincentdayton.org/5-facts-about-the-life-of-saint-vincent-de-paul/>

# Holy Family Catholic School

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Such great things are going on at school! I've seen new friendships, happy faces, and lots of learning. I love visiting classes and seeing students working together to solve problems, interacting together as they learn friendship skills, presenting projects, playing math games or practicing facts, praying together, and sharing with each other what they know and are learning. I also love seeing them "catch a bubble" in the hallway to remember they are quiet, the smiles and hugs each day, and listening to them sing and learn to play instruments. There is so much that goes on in one day! We are blessed to be a part of that process. 1st-8th grade classes are also busy taking the first MAP test of the year to mark a baseline for learning. Thank you for praying for our students and their success!

**Congratulations** to our Catholic Daughter State Contest Winners: Jackson (2nd place), Raegan (2nd & 3rd place), and Hailey (1st place)



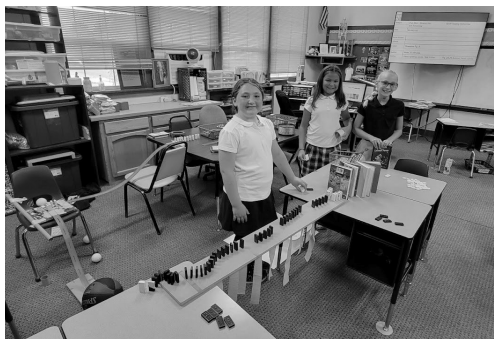
**Up-coming Events:**  
 Join us for our weekly children's Mass on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.

We hope you will attend our **HF\$ Foundation's Dollar Auction** on Saturday, September 28th from 5:00-9 p.m. This is such a great family event! Bring the kids and lots of dollar bills. They will have the time of their lives. The food is tasty and the dollar auction exciting! Thank you to our Foundation for putting on this event.

Our **Fun Run** is in full swing! If you would like to support a student or staff member, please make a donation on our 99Pledges site or drop off a donation at the school office. Thank you for your dedication to making our school successful. As of Friday we were at \$12,550 out of our \$15,000 goal. Please donate today! <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/holyfamilyclarkston24>

Donations to our Fun Run will help support the purchase of new SS/History Curriculum and with the installation of our Playground Shade. The school received partial grant funding for both projects: \$9K for curriculum from the Nazareth Guild and \$10K from the NezPerce Tribe for the shade. We appreciate the generosity of donors who make our projects and commitment to education possible.

## 5th Rube Goldberg project (Science)



## MS Rondalla Class



*Our Mission:*  
 Serving as disciples, nourished by Christ, growing in faith, values, and overall excellence.  
 We are Holy Family Catholic School



## 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 and we accommodate busy schedules.

**At this time we have 43 children who are registered at Holy Family. We have ONLY 9 children who are currently serving as altar servers.**

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

## Special Monthly Collections

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

**October** - Parish Utilities, 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.**



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.

*"Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God."*  
 St. Padre Pio



## SAVE THE DATE

Holy Family School Foundation Dollar Auction  
 September 28, 2024 starting after Saturday Mass in the parish hall.

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](mailto:dparis@dioceseofspokane.org) if you would like someone to be added.

### Week 1

Bob Sheppard  
 Dona McCann  
 Pat Williams  
 Erica Pena  
 Sue Buratto  
 Russ Bashore  
 Linda Entel  
 Betty Eggleston  
 Jo Caetano  
 Nancy DiMeo  
 Evelyn Nanik  
 Liz Samayoa  
 Dan Grassel  
 Eileen Jeffreys  
 Donna Heimgartner  
 Tom Rodgers  
 Dustin Dunfor

Kauffman Family  
 Stapleton Family  
 Michael Cheek  
 Yvonne Pecora  
 Dick Jacobs  
 Lisa Carey  
 Tina Flerchinger  
 Vivian Piatt  
 Mike B  
 Mary Gocke  
 Zach Paris  
 Cyndi Broenneke  
 Janeen Smith  
 John & Viola Keller  
 & Family  
 Kathy Renggli  
 Mary Jacobs

Verla Day  
 Thelma Fales  
 Melanie Stellmon  
 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

Gene Breeding  
 Richard Fanning  
 Larry & Patty Dwyer & Family  
 Melissa Lowe  
 Sebastian  
 Dee Johnson  
 Ken Schmidt  
 Sarah Wimer  
 Joan Anderson  
 Charlie Hill  
 Garrett Dobbs  
 Brighton & Emery Schumacher  
 Ginny Kaufman  
 Doreen Isaac  
 Brenda Irvin  
 Gayne Bafus

### Week 2

Melva Boyle  
 Sheila McDougall  
 Wessels Family  
 Dave Massaro

### Week 3

Marty & Chierie  
 Nelson & Family  
 Mary Ellen Hill  
 Christian Morgan

### Week 4

Tom & JoAnn Harvey  
 Irene Cicrich  
 Don Brooks  
 Mike & Ann Elsensohn  
 Joy Nye  
 Keela Carter

Gary & Betty Riebe  
 Amy Phillips  
 Emily Segebartt

# Letter from Father

22 September 2024  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ends and Means

Greetings,

The news from our nation's capital as well as from the campaign trail has had an interesting theme these last couple of weeks. I cannot remember any time that the issue of In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) has been even a minor issue for any campaign, presidential or otherwise. Given that IVF is used to help women who have had difficulty conceiving a child get pregnant, many are under the impression that it is a pro-life procedure. Thus, many pro-life advocates are surprised that the Catholic Church's teaching is that IVF is sinful. That leads to the question, If IVF leads to more babies being born, then why would IVF not be seen as a good thing?

There are many reasons that the Church holds this position. First, there is a general moral principle that the end (goal) does not justify the means. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) puts it: "One may never do evil so that good may result from it" (1789)

To begin with, the collection of sperm and eggs (ova) for fertilization in a laboratory separates the procreative and unitive dimensions of the marital act. During the process, the woman takes "medicines to spur the growth of sacs in the ovaries that each contain an egg" and "a procedure is done to collect the eggs." For the man's part, "most often, the semen sample is collected through masturbation," although other procedures are sometimes used. Of course, masturbation is itself an objectively grave sin. The eggs are then fertilized with the collected semen in the laboratory. This is where the term in vitro comes from. It literally means "in glass," referring to a laboratory dish. The separation of the unitive and procreative aspects of the marital act are contrary to natural and divine law. (See insert) Rather than procreation occurring through the intimate union of husband and wife, "generation by IVF" involves a series of irreducibly separate acts of choice of different people," As the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) taught in *Donum Vitae*: "Even in a situation in which every precaution was taken to avoid the death of human embryos, IVF dissociates from the conjugal act the actions which are directed to human fertilization."

The above procedures alone render IVF intrinsically morally illicit, but the moral evils do not stop there. In order for IVF to be successful, multiple eggs are fertilized—that is, multiple humans are created—but only some of them are implanted in the womb. The rest are discarded or frozen indefinitely, which is contrary to their human dignity. Sometimes, multiple embryos (humans!) are transferred to the uterus to increase the likelihood of at least one of them successfully implanting. As the Mayo Clinic admits, "If more than one embryo is placed in your uterus, IVF can cause you to have a multiple pregnancy. A surgery called fetal reduction [read: selective abortion] can be used to help a person deliver fewer babies." In other words, in order for the woman to have the chance of carrying a single child, many more are created that will either die after being thrown out or directly killed after implantation. Such acts are evil.

As *Donum Vitae* insists: "The human being must be respected—as a person—from the very first instant of his existence," that is, from the moment of conception". Hence, the document continues: "Human embryos obtained in vitro are human beings and subjects with rights: their dignity and right to life must be respected. . . . **It is immoral to produce human embryos destined to be exploited as disposable 'biological material.'** In the usual practice of in vitro fertilization, not all of the embryos are transferred to the woman's body; some are destroyed. Just as the Church condemns induced abortion, so she also forbids acts against the life of these human beings. **It is a duty to condemn the particular gravity of the voluntary destruction of human embryos obtained 'in vitro.'**"

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## Father's Letter Continued....

Additionally, eugenics is not uncommon either. As the Mayo Clinic also admits: "Embryos are allowed to develop in the incubator until they reach a stage where a small sample can be removed. The sample is tested for certain genetic diseases or the correct number of threadlike structures of DNA, called chromosomes. . . . Embryos that don't contain affected genes or chromosomes can be transferred to the uterus." IVF allows, "the defective' ones", like those with genetic anomalies like Down syndrome, are discarded, as if their condition reduces their human dignity and renders them less worthy of life.

In its condemnation of IVF, the CDF's document, *Dignitas Personae*, notes that "all techniques of in vitro fertilization proceed as if the human embryo were simply a mass of cells to be used, selected and discarded" (§14), adding later that "embryos produced in vitro which have defects are directly discarded," a grave evil. Furthermore, it notes that, "given the proportion between the total number of embryos produced and those eventually born, **the number of embryos sacrificed is extremely high**" (§14). In fact, the well-known pro-life advocate Lila Rose offered a staggering statistic that only 7 percent of embryos resulting from IVF will make it to live birth.

To put it bluntly, IVF includes abortion, sometimes in multiple forms. As *Dignitas Personae* states: "The blithe acceptance of the enormous number of abortions involved in the process of in vitro fertilization vividly illustrates how the replacement of the conjugal act by a technical procedure leads to a weakening of the respect owed to every human being" (§16).

The conclusion is clear: despite appearances, IVF is NOT pro-life. It involves a series of intrinsically evil actions that cannot be justified under any circumstances. As insane as it may sound, the end does not justify the means.

Since IVF has come up in the presidential campaign, all of us as voters must consider the Church's moral teaching on this and other critical life issues and vote with a well-informed conscience. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in its document "**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**" teaches, "Issues that directly affect human lives—such as abortion and euthanasia—are fundamental and demand serious consideration." There are many issues that affect human dignity and concern us, but the bishops say abortion and euthanasia are fundamental issues because without life, there can be no other rights. As our culture moves further and further away from the beliefs and values that define Christians, we have to consider the issues with good information, pray, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to the right decision.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

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On this retreat we will consider how we practice mercy in our daily lives and how we might increase these activities. Individuals: \$135, Couples: \$225 (Includes lodging and up to 3 meals).

### Ordinary Life, Extraordinary Spirit

Sister Mary Eucharista, SMMC

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