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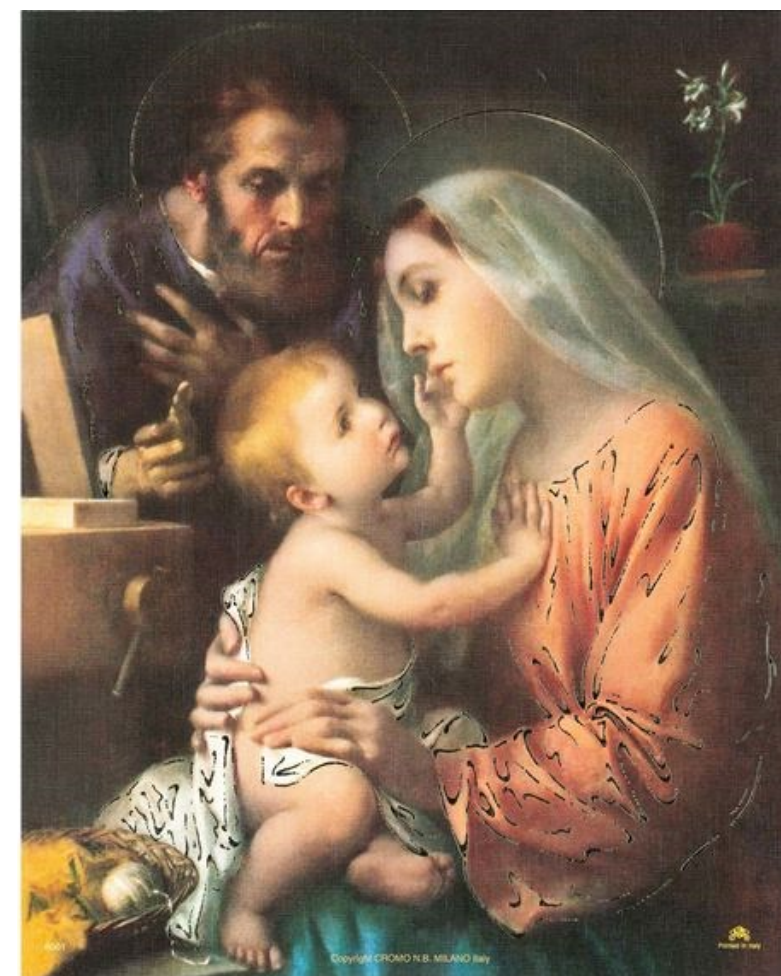
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My Parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	9/28/24	4:00pm	Lee Standerfer †
Sunday	9/29/24	9:00am	Aiden Esser
Monday	9/30/24	8:00am	Gordon & Delores Rubenthaler †
Tuesday	10/1/24	—	No Mass
Wednesday	10/2/24	8:30am	Pat Boyle †
Thursday	10/3/24	8:00am	Malcom J McRae Sr. †
Friday	10/4/24	8:00am	Lee Gilmour †
Saturday	10/5/24	4:00pm	Dr. Mark Baldeck †
Sunday	10/6/24	9:00am	People of Holy Family

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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 October 5th 4:00pm	Ella Miller Not Filled	Brian Shinn	Lynette Ausman	Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller
Sunday October 6th 9:00am	Bailey Blaydes Charlotte France	Pat Wolf Cindy Nightingale	Evan Dagelen	Brian Babino Steve Nuxoll Bob Uptagrafft 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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St Therese

This week at Holy Family...

<p>Sunday, September 29th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 9:00am • Coffee and Donuts • Confirmation/1st Communion Prep Class 10:30-11:30am <p>Monday, September 30th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 8:00am • Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am <p>Tuesday, October 1st:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Mass <p>Wednesday, October 2nd:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 8:30am • Holy Hour and Confessions 	<p>Thursday, October 3rd:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 8:00am • Men’s Holy Hour 7:00pm <p>Friday, October 4th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 8:00am <p>Saturday, October 5th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions 3:00pm • Mass 4:00pm <p>Sunday, October 6th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 9:00am • Coffee & Donuts • Dedication of Parish Hall during Coffee & Donuts • Confirmation/1st Communion Prep Class 10:30-11:30am • OCIA 11:00am
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Looking for something to do?

<p>St. Jude the Apostle Relic Tour Spokane, WA</p> <p>Monday, September 30, 2024 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes: 1115 W Riverside Ave, Spokane, WA,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins: 3:00 PM • Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude’s honor: 7:00 PM • Public veneration ends: 10:00 PM 	<p>24-Hour Retreat on St. Francis of Assisi presented by Sr. Sharon Bongiorno, FSPA</p> <p>Join us October 3rd at 1:00pm until October 4th at 1:00pm. Please register in advance by calling 509-448-7884 or visiting www.ihrc.net. The cost is \$135 per person or \$225 per couple, this includes lodging and up to 3 meals.</p>
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Wholehearted Women's Gathering - Pasco

Saturday, October 5, 2024
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
St. Patrick Catholic Church: 1320 West Henry Street Pasco, WA

Join women from around the Spokane Diocese and the Inland Northwest for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship, and fun. The doors at St. Patrick's Parish in Pasco will open at 8:00 am allowing time for check-in, shopping, and breakfast. The conference will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Keynote speaker Dr. Mary Ruth Hackett will lead us in growing our understanding of ourselves as daughters of God and expanding our relationship with Him.

The day will be filled with inspirational talks, personal time to pray, worship, confession, adoration, tons of laughter, delicious food, and swag bags! We will conclude at 4:00 pm.

Continental breakfast, hot lunch, and all conference activities & swag are included in \$45 ticket price. Please fill out this form if you have dietary restrictions. <https://forms.gle/rJfCNwPxZ05XQSn9>

This event is recommended for those 16 years and older.

Nursing babies are welcome and wanted!

By attending this event, you consent to any photographs or video footage that may be taken for promotional purposes.

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The Women of All Saints will be hosting a retreat entitled “What Does It Mean to be a Pilgrim Church” on Saturday, October 12, 2024, in the large classroom at All Saints Catholic Church, 3330 14th Street, Lewiston, Idaho. The speaker will be Sr. Betty Schumacher, OSB. A light breakfast will be provided at 8:15am with the retreat beginning at 9:00 a.m., and ending at 3:00pm. A soup lunch will be provided.

St. Vincent de Paul Social Services - Anyone in our area and the surrounding area is eligible to come to St. Vincent de Paul Social Service for assistance. There are clean free clothes for all ages in a person’s family, 10 items per family member, food and clothing are offered to a family once a month. Hygiene products are available to a family once every two months. There are also, as available, household items and furniture. Each person is welcomed and treated with respect and their concerns and needs are heard. Those who volunteer at Social Service witness the great need there is in our area. St. Vincent de Paul also has two thrift stores that serve people, one in Lewiston and one in Clarkston. Clean usable donations are always welcome at each store. If you have any questions or would like information about volunteering at Social Service or for either store please call 509-758-7016.

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you believe that God loves you? Perhaps that's an odd question to ask a group of people gather for Sunday Mass. But perhaps you have experienced this; it is so easy to experience the love of those closest to you. For example, I have no doubt that my parents love me, I have no doubt that my siblings for the most part love me. I don't even think about it day in and day out and you can begin to take it for granted. When is the last time you stopped for a moment and actually realized the love that God has for you?

Think about it, God gets nothing out of you and I being here. He doesn't need us; He is perfect all on His own, yet He still chose to place each and every one of us in the world. Every time we walk into this church, we are reminded, when we see Jesus hanging on the cross, how much He loves us. Not only did He freely, choose to place us in this world, when our hope was lost because we messed it up, He came into this world and died for us.

My friends it is important for us sometimes to step back to realize the great length to which God loves us. Because you see God's love has consequences for how we live our life. When we stop and recognize the great love God has in putting us here, the great love He has in redeeming us on the cross, it clearly shows us that He wants what is good for us. He wants us to flourish, not just in this life, but more importantly in the life to come. So, as we stop and recognize that love it becomes the lens through which we should hear today's gospel. If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out, if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. Of course, Jesus isn't speaking literally, He is using the rhetorical device of hyperbole, He is speaking in exaggeration to make His point known. Why, because God loves us and wants what is best for us. He doesn't want anything getting in the way of achieving what He has planned for us.

You see often times when you ask someone what it means to sin, they will say "well you hurt God". No, "God is only offended by us, when we act against our own good." Sin holds us back, sin keeps us from attaining what God has in store for us. So, if we can step back and realize the great lengths that God went to love us, we begin to see that these commandments, laws, and rules are there for a purpose, they are there so that we can reach that potential.

So, in today's gospel when we hear Jesus tell us to pluck out our eye or cut off our arm, He is telling us do whatever it takes to avoid falling into sin. Don't allow anything to get in the way from acting the way you should, from achieving that potential that He has given you. Friends, most of us are very good, when it comes time to go to confession to step back and look at our sins, but that is only the first step. Today's gospel calls us to go further. It causes us to ask ourselves what are those things that cause me to sin and then to cut them out; to root them out of our lives. Why? Because as the psalmist reminds us, the precepts of the Lord gladden the heart. These rules God has for us really do keep us at our fullest self.

We have all heard the famous phrase that the best defense is often a good offense. Today Jesus challenges each of us to go on the offensive. Not just to repent of our sins, but to do whatever we have to so that we don't fall into sin. What is your eye, what is your hand, what is your foot? What are those things, that are leading you into sin? Those are the things that we need to cut off and cast aside.

If you have ever worked with someone recovering from addiction you discover they often only begin to get traction in their recovery when they move beyond not wanting to get into trouble and discover there is someone they don't want to disappoint. When I was younger, I didn't break the rules because I didn't want to get in trouble, but as we get older, we realize it's not so much about not wanting to get in trouble as it is letting certain people down. Maybe you have those people in your life that if you let them down, they don't even have to say a word, all they have to do is give you that look and you immediately feel bad about it.

My friends, Jesus reminds us that there is nothing more important in this life than heaven. Nothing should get in the way of us achieving that place He has prepared for us and that means we need to make changes in our life. So, as we stop and hear Jesus in this exaggerated phrase, of plucking out your eye and cutting off your hands and feet, we are invited to step back and ask, what are my eyes, what are my hands, what are my feet, what are those things that lead me into sin and how do I root them out of my life? Afterall, God has given us everything, He has given us the gift of His love. He wants what is best for us, the challenge for us then is to root out sin; to root out those things that are not good for us, those things that hold us back from the relationship He wants for us. What are those things in your life that lead you into sin?

<https://throughthecrosstolight.com/2021/09/28/26th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b-2/>



Join us for this year's Trunk or Treat

October 31st, 2024
Holy Family Church Parking Lot
4:00pm to 6:30pm

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Thanks!

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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.

Special Monthly Collections

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.**

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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.

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St Francis of Assisi

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Letter from Father

29 September 2024
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Time to Remember

Greetings,

My letter for the past two weeks has been rather heavy so this week I'll write about something a little lighter.

Country music singer Billy Dean starts one of his song with the lyrics, "I'm going to hold who needs holding, mend what needs mending, walk what needs walking, though it means an extra mile; pray what needs praying, say what needs saying because we're only here for a little while." The song, "Only Here for a Little While" is a reflection made at the graveside of his friend who died too young and the regrets that he might have had. The singer vows to remember what is important in life as he continues to live in the world.

One of the greatest gifts that God has given to us, His creatures made in His image and likeness, is the gift of memory. Of all the earthly orders of creation, only we possess the fullness of this ability to remember. There is even a saying which sums this up: "Memory is God's gift to those who are limited to living in time." God has no need for memory because for Him, all is an "eternal now." We do not have that characteristic, but our consolation is the ability to keep in our minds the memory of so many people and experiences that are, and have been, a part of our lives.

This human characteristic of memory finds an important place in the Word of God. In the 10 Commandments, given by God on Mount Sinai, the third commandment is given: "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8). Indeed, the word "remember" often has a meaning in Scripture that is associated with some form of worship. The concept of memory, which we find in the Old Testament, has an even stronger meaning than the one we usually associate it with in English. When the Jewish people partook of the Passover meal, for instance, they were conscious of partaking in something which was not merely a remembrance of a past event, but the actual reliving of that event in time. This liturgical concept of memory culminates in our Lord's gift of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. The words "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19) are filled with a deep understanding of memory. When our Lord commanded his Apostles to 'do this in remembrance of me,' it was not a matter of merely recalling his supper but of renewing his own Passover sacrifice of Calvary, which already, at the Last Supper, was present in a way that would have meaning even for us two-thousand years later.

Very often, memory impels us to gratitude. While I didn't know him for very long, I am grateful for the memory of our late pastor, Fr. Richard Root. His death came as a surprise and made me consider how important it is to not take for granted the time that we have here on Earth. I am inspired by the care that he took of so many people: his ailing mother, many parishioners who were struggling with various issues, the care he took of Holy Family Church, and, in his retirement, the help he gave to our retired parishioners, saying Mass on most Sundays at Evergreen for the people there who couldn't make it to Mass here. HE really was mindful of what God calls all of us to do for each other.

That is Fr. Root's lasting legacy to our parish and to the Church. He did leave a physical legacy here as well. Our columbarium and social hall were made possible because of his vision and leadership for Holy Family. While his earthly remains are appropriately interred in the columbarium, I felt it was right and just to honor his memory by dedicating the social hall in his name. Next Sunday, after 9:00 Mass, we will unveil the plaque which dedicates the hall and its use to Fr. Root's memory and service to the Church. I invite all of you to join us for a moment of community memory, thanking God and asking for His blessing.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

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"Be brave on the inside, where God does great things."

Up-coming Events at HFS:

- Join us in prayer each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. for Mass led by students of HFS.
- **FUN RUN UPDATE:** Wow! We met our \$15,000 goal, are over \$17K and on our way to a **SUPER GOAL of \$20K!!** Thank you for your support! If you haven't donated and would still like to, go to: <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/holyfamilyclarkston24/>
- Friday, 10/4, we will have our Fun Run on the school lawn in the morning and then MORE FUN in the afternoon to celebrate our hard work, we will have a Color & Bubble Obstacle Course Run.
- The **HF Parish Bazaar** is coming up and HFS is extremely grateful for the support the parish gives our school. Did you know the parish gives over \$100,000 to our school each year to help with tuition and operations? Our part in the Bazaar is helping to sell \$1 raffle tickets and the day of the Bazaar. Students will be selling Bazaar tickets; be ready!

Our Mission:

Serving as disciples, nourished by Christ, growing in faith, values, and overall excellence.

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