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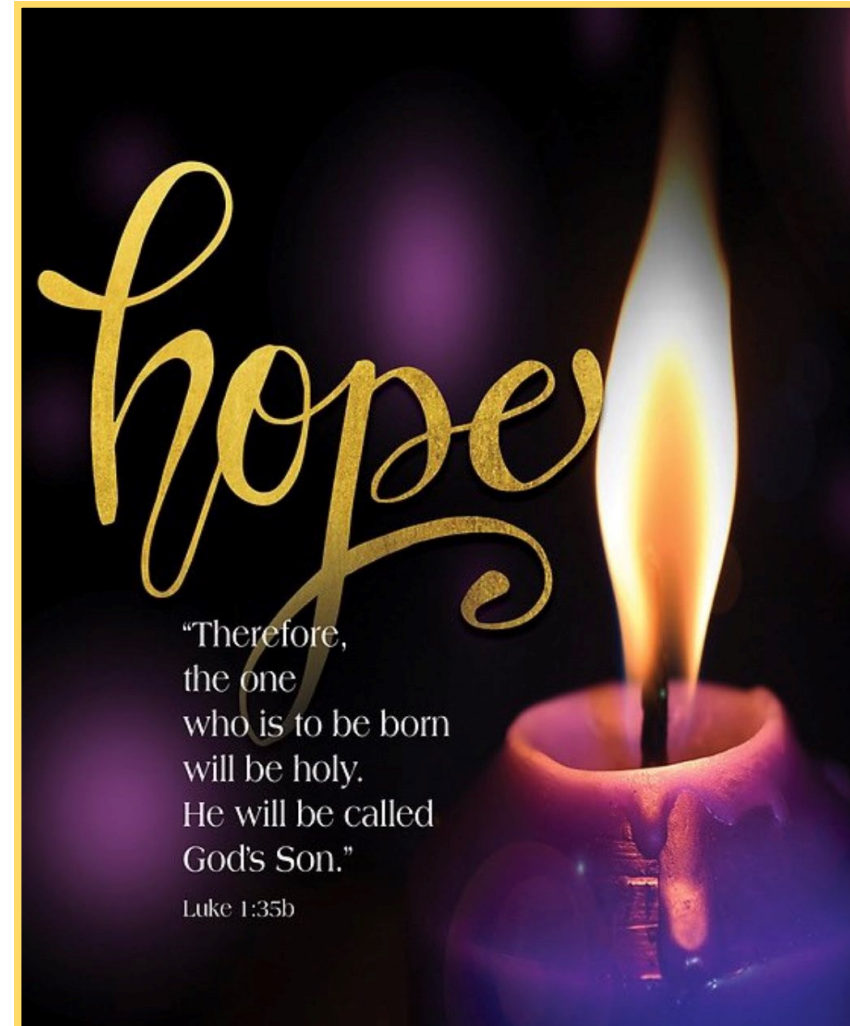
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December 1, 2024 The First Sunday of Advent

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ever. Amen.

Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	11/30/24	4:00pm	Dr. Mark Baldeck †
Sunday	12/01/24	9:00am	Wes Clizer †
Monday	12/02/24	8:00am	Mark & Vivian Twiford †
Tuesday	12/03/24	—	No Mass
Wednesday	12/04/24	8:30am	Gary Broemeling †
Thursday	12/05/24	8:00am	Carol Stegner †
Friday	12/06/24	8:00am	Owen Gourley
Saturday	12/07/24	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	12/08/24	9:00am	Ed & Irene Keller †

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Ministries Schedule

If you are scheduled and not able to fill your Ministry please request a Substitute on the MSP App. Also, make sure you know when you are scheduled. Thank you!

Ministries for	Altar Servers	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday December 7th 4:00pm	Aubree Aceveda NOT FILLED	Marlene Driscoll	Addy Aceveda	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Gene Kasper John Zeller
Sunday December 8th 9:00am	Thang Dao Marcus Mills	Pat Wolf Mark Ackerman	Pat Mills	Mark Flerchinger Ron Gosselin Tim McConnell Steve Nuxoll
Monday December 9th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30am	Holy Family School Children			
Monday December 9th 6:00pm	Ella Miller NOT FILLED	Cindy Nightingale	Bob Uptagrafft	

 **Wine and Cheese** for the month of December will be December 14th.

Join us! *The "Eucharistic Miracles of the World" Designed and created by the Servant of God CARLO ACUTIS will be on display this week in the Fr. Root Memorial Hall. Monday-Thursday from 9:00am—3:00pm.*

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, December 1st:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Sacrament Prep Class 10:30am

Monday, December 2nd:

- Mass 8:00am
- Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am
- Eucharistic Miracles of the World 9am-3pm

Tuesday, December 3rd:

- No Mass
- Eucharistic Miracles of the World 9am-3pm

Wednesday, December 4th:

- Mass 8:30am
- Holy Hour and Confessions
- Eucharistic Miracles of the World 9am-3pm

Thursday, December 5th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Eucharistic Miracles of the World 9am-3pm
- Mass at St. Joseph Hospital Chapel 12:30pm
- Holy Hour 7:00pm

Friday, December 6th:

- Mass 8:00am

Saturday, December 7th:

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

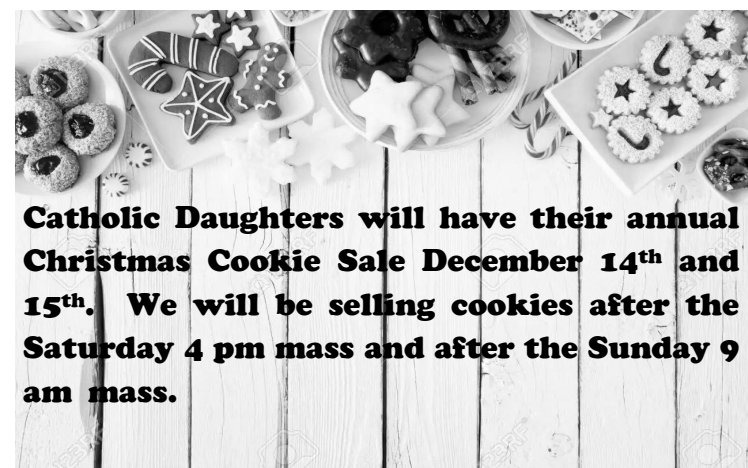
Sunday, December 8th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Sacrament Prep Class 10:30am
- OCIA 11:00am

Advent Meditation & Reflections

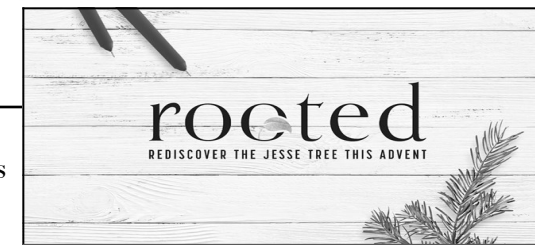
AMEN Prayer App Mission

Our mission is to lead others toward peace and rest in mind, body and soul through Catholic prayer and meditation. We want to help people find the joy and peace that they were made for—and that can be found only in God.



Catholic Daughters will have their annual Christmas Cookie Sale December 14th and 15th. We will be selling cookies after the Saturday 4 pm mass and after the Sunday 9 am mass.

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This series guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection. Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted helps viewers apply the passage and related teachings to each day of Advent, guided by the Church's teaching. Sign up here to receive these episodes straight to your inbox and to check out our other great Advent resources: <https://daily.formed.org/advent>

Advent Traditions to Try This Year

1. Bless your Advent wreath and light it every night.
 2. Pray special Advent prayers during dinnertime.
 3. Prepare the empty manger for Jesus.
 4. Assign family Advent Angels.
 5. Make Advent Cards with your children.
- <https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/10-family-advent-traditions-to-try-this-year/>

Dear Jesus,
as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season.
Amen.

The Season of Advent

Both Lent and Advent are seasons of waiting, preparation, and penance. During Lent, we await Christ's return from 40 days in the desert, His loving sacrifice for us, and Resurrection. In Advent, we prepare for His birth. The birth and resurrection of Christ are intertwined, and their connection is quite significant theologically. Yet, these seasons of waiting look different for us – Advent is a uniquely joyous and hopeful season in the Church.

We light candles amidst the darkness. We find warmth in the cold, dark winter season. And we come together as friends and family to celebrate the coming of our Savior.

Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical year. (This Advent season marks the start of Year C.) We begin the year anew, renewed by His birth.

<https://hallow.com/advent/>

Advent – Week One

“Be vigilant at all times and pray.” Luke 21:36a

Advent begins with a call to vigilance as reflected in the passage above. There are numerous Scripture passages that call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord’s coming. Being vigilant means, also, that we are prepared. We are not caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and you woke up suddenly realizing that you forgot to prepare! Imagine if you had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course you wouldn’t allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. We often are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ within our hearts.

The first week of Advent also offers the focus of the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return again, in all splendor and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming.

As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus’ coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc.? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis?

If you find that you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you’d like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

<https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series/advent-and-christmas-reflections/advent-week-one/>

Christmas Connection & Community Dinner

Join us this year on December 21st at the Nez Perce County Fair Building from 10:30am to 4:30pm. To register a family for Christmas Connection, you must come in person to St. Vincent de Paul in Clarkston between November 25th – December 13th. Must bring identification for every person you are registering and bring proof of residency (utility or phone bill). If you are disabled/homebound contact Sharon at 758-7061 to make arrangements.

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The collection for the week of 11/24/2024

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December - Holy Family School Foundation, Building Maintenance Fund, Holy Family School, Christmas

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2nd Week of Advent - St. Vincent de Paul

3rd Week of Advent - Asotin Co. Food Bank

4th Week of Advent - Life Choices

Thank You!

The Holy Family School Foundation would like to thank everyone who attended this year’s Ho Ho

Christmas Fair. It was very successful, and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Zeller who won the Holiday Cruise in Couer d’ Alene.



Fulfill your Advent Obligation at All Saints Catholic Church. Join us for Advent Reconciliation Service on December 18th at 6:30pm.

Prayer Requests

Week 1

Melva Boyle
Sheila McDougall
Wessels Family
Dave Massaro
Kauffman Family
Stapleton Family
Michael Cheek
Yvonne Pecora
Dick Jacobs
Lisa Carey
Tina Flerchinger
Vivian Piatt
Mike B
Mary Gocke
Zach Paris
Janeen Smith
John & Viola Keller
& Family
Kathy Renggli
Libby Camron
Anne Anderson
Sandy Wanta

Week 2

Marty & Chierie
Nelson & Family
Mary Ellen Hill
Christian Morgan
Verla Day
Thelma Fales
Melanie Stellmon
Val Godwin
Mary Lou Scharnhorst
Marv Kinzer
Kathy Ross
Ronald Cooney
Don Tuschoff
Shannon Tuschoff
Ellen Boatman
Meredith
Janelle Williams
Lou Fanning
Mel Witters
Dee Johnson

Week 3

Tom & JoAnn Harvey
Irene Cicrich
Don Brooks
Mike & Ann Elsensohn
Joy Nye
Keela Carter
Gene Breeding
Richard Fanning
Larry & Patty Dwyer & Family
Joan Anderson
Charlie Hill
Garrett Dobbs
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Ginny Kaufman
Doreen Isaac
Brenda Irvin
Gayne Bafus
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Emily Segebartt

Mary Kay Frayer Brown
Charlie Sprayberry

Week 4

Bob Sheppard
Dona McCann
Pat Williams
Erica Pena
Sue Buratto
Russ Bashore
Linda Entel
Betty Eggleston
Joe & Marjorie Caetano
Nancy DiMeo
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Letter from Father

1 December 2024
1st Sunday of Advent
Eucharistic Blessings

Greetings,

I am so grateful that, as we begin the season of Advent, Holy Family is hosting the traveling Eucharistic Miracles display until next Thursday. This display is the result of the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the millennial saint, who compiled the data on each Eucharistic Miracle and then designed a website to share that information with the modern world. He did all of this work while dealing with the effects of leukemia and chemotherapy.

Blessed Carlo Acutis was a regular young boy who loved soccer, playing video games, and going to the movies with his friends. While living a relatively normal life, there was something truly remarkable about him. He possessed a deep love and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist. As the internet was gaining popularity in the early 2000s, he helped form websites for parishes, the Vatican, and made a website with information on Eucharistic miracles. He begged his parents to take vacations to 17 different countries and journaled and took copious notes on everything he witnessed. Over a span of two-and-a-half years, he documented one hundred eighty-seven Eucharistic miracles. In the midst of his travels, he and his family prayed before hosts that have turned into blood. It is important to note that while he did not come from an overly religious family, he was instrumental in their conversion.

In October of 2006, in the midst of his research of Eucharistic Miracles, he was diagnosed with advanced leukemia. He offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI, the Church, and for his direct entry into heaven. Many were moved by his witness in the midst of his great suffering. He died on October 12, 2006. In November 2016, he was named Servant of God by Cardinal Angelo Scola, bishop of Milan. In 2018, he was declared Venerable by Pope Francis, and was beatified on October 10, 2020. He is quoted as saying: "If we stand in front of the sun, we get a tan, but if we stand before the Blessed Sacrament, we become saints."

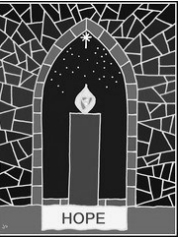
Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized next March, the first Millennial to be canonized. We pray for his intercession as we begin the season of Advent, that we would be filled with the same love for the Eucharist that Carlo had. We pray that many will believe in Christ's real presence in the Eucharist and may come to a deeper love of Christ and His Church. Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

The Eucharistic Miracles display will be open to visit after the Masses this weekend and from 9AM to 3 PM, Monday through Thursday this week.

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As we begin this holy season of Advent, we are reminded to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. At Holy Family School, we are embracing this time of hope and anticipation through daily prayer, acts of kindness, and service to others.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone." - Isaiah 9:2

Our students are learning about the meaning of Advent and how they can bring the light of Christ into their homes and communities. They are participating in special Advent activities, including lighting the Advent wreath, preparing for the Christmas program, and helping those in need.

We invite our parish family to join us in prayer and reflection as we journey together toward the joy of Christmas. May this season be filled with faith, peace, and the love of Christ for you and your loved ones.

Join us for our Christmas Program (Preschool-8th grade) on December 11th at 6 p.m. in the Church.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sheri Gehring, Principal

Upcoming dates:

- 12/5 - LAST GIFT CARD ORDER before Christmas DUE today (SCRIP Program)
- 12/7 - See HFS in the Clarkston Lighted Christmas Parade
- 12/11 - Christmas Program & Play - Pre-8th grade, HF Church, 6 p.m.

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- Stamps (Regular & Postcard)
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper



1st and 2nd graders learned about the Macy's Day Parade today. They designed their own balloons, and paraded them around the school to show them off

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