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Holy Family Catholic Church

January 12th, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord



*You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.
Luke 3:22*

Lord, our God, source of life,
you reveal yourself in the
depths of our being
drawing us to share in your life and love.
Bless each of us
as we respond to your Spirit's
invitation to open wide the doors to Christ.
Make the doors of our hearts,
our homes and communities
wide enough to receive
all who need human love and fellowship,
narrow enough to shut out all envy,
prejudice and pride.
Let us hasten to welcome the stranger,
And so welcome your Son.
We make this prayer in his name,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	01/11/25	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	01/12/25	9:00am	Kathryn Esser
Monday	01/13/25	8:00am	Garrett Dobbs
Tuesday	01/14/25	—	No Mass
Wednesday	01/15/25	8:30am	Maria Gourley
Thursday	01/16/25	—	No Mass
Friday	01/17/25	—	No Mass
Saturday	01/18/25	4:00pm	Wes Clizer †
Sunday	01/19/25	9:00am	People of Holy Family

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

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 January 18th 4:00pm	Aubree Aceveda Addy Aceveda	Marlene Driscoll	Pat Petty	Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller
Sunday January 19th 9:00am	Bailey Blaydes Ella Miller	James Browitt Kathy Dobbs	Cindy Nightingale	Ernie Aguilar Brian Babino Tim McConnell Greg Paris

- PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!**
- Sunday, January 12th:**
- Mass 9:00am
 - Coffee & Donuts
 - Sacrament Preparation Class 10:30am
 - OCIA 11:00am
- Monday, January 13th:**
- Mass 8:00am
 - Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am
 - Catholic Daughters 6:30pm
- Tuesday, January 14th:**
- Knights of Columbus 7:00pm
- Wednesday, January 15th:**
- Mass 8:30am
 - Holy Hour & Confessions after Mass
- Thursday, January 16th:**
- No Mass
 - Mass at St. Joseph Hospital Chapel 12:30pm
 - Holy Family School Blood Drive 1:30-6:00pm
 - Holy Hour 7:00pm
- Friday, January 17th:**
- No Mass
- Saturday, January 18th:**
- Confessions 3:00pm
 - Mass 4:00pm
- Sunday, January 19th:**
- Mass 9:00am
 - Coffee & Donuts
 - Sacrament Preparation Class 10:30am
 - OCIA 11:00am
- Monday, January 20th:**
- No Mass
 - Parish Office & School Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day

Today we celebrate *The Baptism of the Lord.*

This event marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry, confirms his identity as the Son of God, and concludes the Christmas season.

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Special Monthly Collections

January - Building Maintenance Fund, Holy Family School, St. Vincent de Paul.
February - Youth Group, Building Maintenance Fund, Holy Family School.

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.

Stewardship: A Way of Life!

Treasure:

The collection for the weeks of
12/22/2024

Actual: \$6,226

12/29/2024 & Christmas

Actual: \$11,933

01/06/2025

Actual: \$7,288

Thank you!

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In your presence is fullness of joy! ~Psalm 16:11

We extend our thanks to the parish community for your continued love and support of Holy Family School. We look forward to serving our community in 2025.

If you've been in the building, you may have seen our new message boards or heard our new bell system. It includes the ability to be used as a wireless PA and emergency system. This was a donation from our HFS Foundation and we are extremely grateful to them for their support! A huge thank you to Gehring Electric & crew for the time and efforts on installation and programming.

Our **Blood Drive** is next week, **January 16th**. This Blood Drive not only helps to save lives when the need for blood donors is critical but also helps our students benefit by contributing to our STEM grant opportunity. We have used these funds to update our science curriculums.

If you cannot give, please try to find a family member or friend who can. If we can get 35 donors at each of our three Blood Drives in 2025, we will receive a \$5,000 STEM grant. We need 20-25 more donors to sign up!

Thank you for helping save lives and contributing to education!

Sign up today: <https://bit.ly/HFSBloodDrive1-16-25> or call the school office, 509-758-6621

Important Dates:

1/16 – Blood Drive for STEM grant, HF parish hall, 1:30-6 p.m.

1/20 – No School – MLK, Jr Day

1/24 – Early Release for grade prep – Extended Care will be available until 5:30 p.m.

1/26–2/2 – Catholic Schools Week

1/28 – Family Night 5:30 p.m., Parish hall –
Join us for Bingo & Pizza (FREE)

2/2 – CSW Mass, 9 a.m., Holy Family Church

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Brackenbury Square, Lewiston, Idaho

Theme for 2025: "Protecting Life: the Law, the Fight, the Future"

Join us to stay informed on the latest legislative battles, stand for life, and protect women and the unborn. Guest speaker, Heather Lawless, founder of the Idaho Coalition for Life, an advisory group for pregnancy care centers to legislators in Idaho, will address the nuanced work to be done on a state level regarding the fight for and against abortion legality. Roe v. Wade is overturned, but there's still work to do at the state level.

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With Spirituality Ministry Team

January 24 - 31, 2025

Spirit Center at the Monastery of St. Gertrude

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"Staying Close to the Shepherd"

January 31, 2025, 4:30 PM - February 1, 2025, 4:30 PM

Location: Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

Come and experience the transformative story of Psalm 23 and meditate on all the ways Jesus is personally calling you deeper into His loving care as the Shepherd of your heart and of your life! Trusting Him for everything, following His paths of righteousness, dwelling in the safety of His loving presence and provision -- learn to live as the precious Sheep you are, close to your Shepherd.

Mikayla's mission is to tell the world about the hope and love of Jesus Christ. Many do not know their true identity in God's eyes and have lost their sense of purpose. Mikayla talks about who we are in Christ and the incredible value we have as children of God. She is a living testimony to St. Augustine's beautiful words "you have formed us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in You."

individuals: \$135

couples: \$225

Wholehearted25

Women's Conference: Oil for Our Lamps

- Saturday, February 8, 2025
- 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church 4521 North Arden Road Otis Orchards-East Farms, WA, 99027

New this year are more options to experience the warmth of being in the presence of Jesus and the fine women of the diocese.

Wholehearted Spokane--The original event at St. Joseph's in Otis Orchards. 300 tickets go on sale January 1, 2025 at 1 pm in the afternoon.

Wholehearted Connect: Chewelah--A hybrid gathering hosted by local parishes with sacraments, sisterhood, warm food, and livestream talks. 100 tickets go on sale December 13, 2024.

Find out how to share the love by hosting **Wholehearted Connect** at *your* parish on our website.

<https://www.wholeheartedcatholic.org/>

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Sheila McDougall
Wessels Family
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Vivian Piatt
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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
Janelle Williams
Lou Fanning
Dee Johnson

Week 3

Tom & JoAnn Harvey
Don Brooks
Mike & Ann Elsensohn
Joy Nye
Keela Carter
Gene Breeding
Richard Fanning
Larry & Patty Dwyer & Family
Joan Anderson
Charlie Hill
Garrett Dobbs
Brighton & Emery Schumacher
Ginny Kaufman
Doreen Isaac
Brenda Irvin
Gayne Bafus
Gary & Betty Riebe
Amy Phillips
Emily Segebartt
Charlie Sprayberry
Amanda Anderson

Week 4

Bob Sheppard
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Pat Williams
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What's going on at Holy Family?



The Catholic Daughters will be meeting this Monday, January 13th at 6:30pm in the church annex. Please join us for our first meeting of 2025.

"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.

Men's Prayer Group: 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.

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



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Ministry Schedules - Please make sure you check your Ministry Schedules. If you are on to serve it is your responsibility to make sure you are there or a sub has filled your ministry. At Mass, please make sure you give volunteers the opportunity to serve. We have had volunteers who step in when the actual scheduled person IS there. Of course it is always appreciated when there is an absence and people step up, we just want to make sure the scheduled people who are in attendance DO get their chance to fulfill their ministry.

Grief and Caregiver Support Group--Sponsored by St. Joseph Family Hospice. Join us at the Lewiston City Library on the third Tuesday of every month. Caregiver support group is from 3:00-3:50pm and Grief Support Group is from 4:00-4:50pm. Questions please call 208-799-5275.

Letter from Father

12 January 2025
Baptism of the Lord
Washed in the Blood of the Lamb

Greetings,

Last Friday morning, my cousin called from Montana to inform me that her mother, my Aunt Mary, had died. Aunt Mary was my mother's oldest sister and had been a fixture in our family's life, even after we moved to Washington. She was eighty-eight and had lived a very full life. Her death made me think about the implications of the Baptism of Jesus and what does that mean for us?

As you may know, our Church views the Sacrament of Baptism as a dying to self in Christ. It is only in this death to our own desires and motivations that we can hope to gain eternal life. So why did Jesus "need" to be baptized? He certainly didn't need to be delivered from sin and death. His baptism (and this is one of my favorite words) was the beginning of His "Supererogatory" sacrifice for our salvation.

Jesus Christ did not "have" to come for our salvation. In fact, according to our human way of thinking, He should have stayed in Heaven where he was safe and wouldn't be subject to suffering and rejection. But, as John tells us in his Gospel, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should never die, but have everlasting life".

Jesus presented himself to John for baptism, not for his sake, but for ours. In being baptized, he showed us how to begin a life ordered towards salvation. Jesus' baptism is an act of humility, showing that he was willing to be counted as a sinner, even though he carried no guilt of sin. His baptism was also the beginning of his ministry among us. By showing us how to submit to the will of the Father, Jesus opened the way for us to the Father. Jesus' baptism symbolizes the union between Jesus and humanity, in which Jesus takes on humanity's sin so that humanity can become the righteousness of God.

Each of us are called to the Christian vocation through the grace of our Baptism. Having been baptized, we die to sin and awaken to Life. This is the first sign of hope for us as the brothers and sisters of Christ. Baptism allows us to see the beginning of God's grace and mercy in our earthly lives and prepares us for eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mortal death is a guarantee for every one of us, there's no escaping it, but because of the grace of Baptism, we have the joyful hope that our lives do not end in darkness but beckons us on to the beauty of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

The Significance of the Baptism of the Lord

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. This event is documented in all the gospels except John.

The Trinity Displayed in the Baptism of the Lord

The Gospel of Mark describes the event:

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)

Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will.

Why Is Jesus Baptized?

When Jesus comes to John, John hesitates to baptize him. John's is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing for which he needs to repent. Why then does Jesus insist on being baptized? By choosing to be baptized, Jesus fulfills all righteousness – preparing himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us.

The account in Matthew demonstrates this:

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. (Matthew 3:13-15)

What Does Baptism Mean for Us?

As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. Pope Benedict XVI said on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord:

[Baptism] is communion with the One who conquered death and holds in his hand the keys of life. Belonging to this circle, to God's family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death.

Thanks be to God, who has redeemed us from our sins and given us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

<https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/the-significance-of-the-baptism-of-the-lord/>

Themes for the Baptism of the Lord

- **The Baptism of Jesus:** The gospel for the Baptism of the Lord Year C describes Jesus' baptism by John, symbolizing His identification with humanity, His submission to God's will, and the beginning of His public ministry.
- **John the Baptist's Role:** The gospel for the Baptism of the Lord Year C also highlights John the Baptist's proclamation of the coming Messiah and his role as the forerunner preparing the way for Jesus' ministry.
- **The Holy Spirit:** The presence of the Holy Spirit is prominent in this passage, as the Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove, signifying His anointing and empowerment for His ministry.
- **Divine Confirmation:** The voice from heaven affirms Jesus as the beloved Son of God, expressing the divine confirmation of His identity and mission.
- **Trinitarian Revelation:** The baptism scene reveals the simultaneous presence of the Father (voice from heaven), the Son (Jesus being baptized), and the Holy Spirit (descending like a dove), providing a glimpse into the Trinitarian nature of God.
- **The Call to Repentance and Obedience:** John the Baptist's message of repentance and his call to bear fruits of righteousness resonate throughout the passage, highlighting the importance of turning away from sin and living a life aligned with God's will.

<https://young-catholics.com/3464/baptism-of-the-lord-year-c/>