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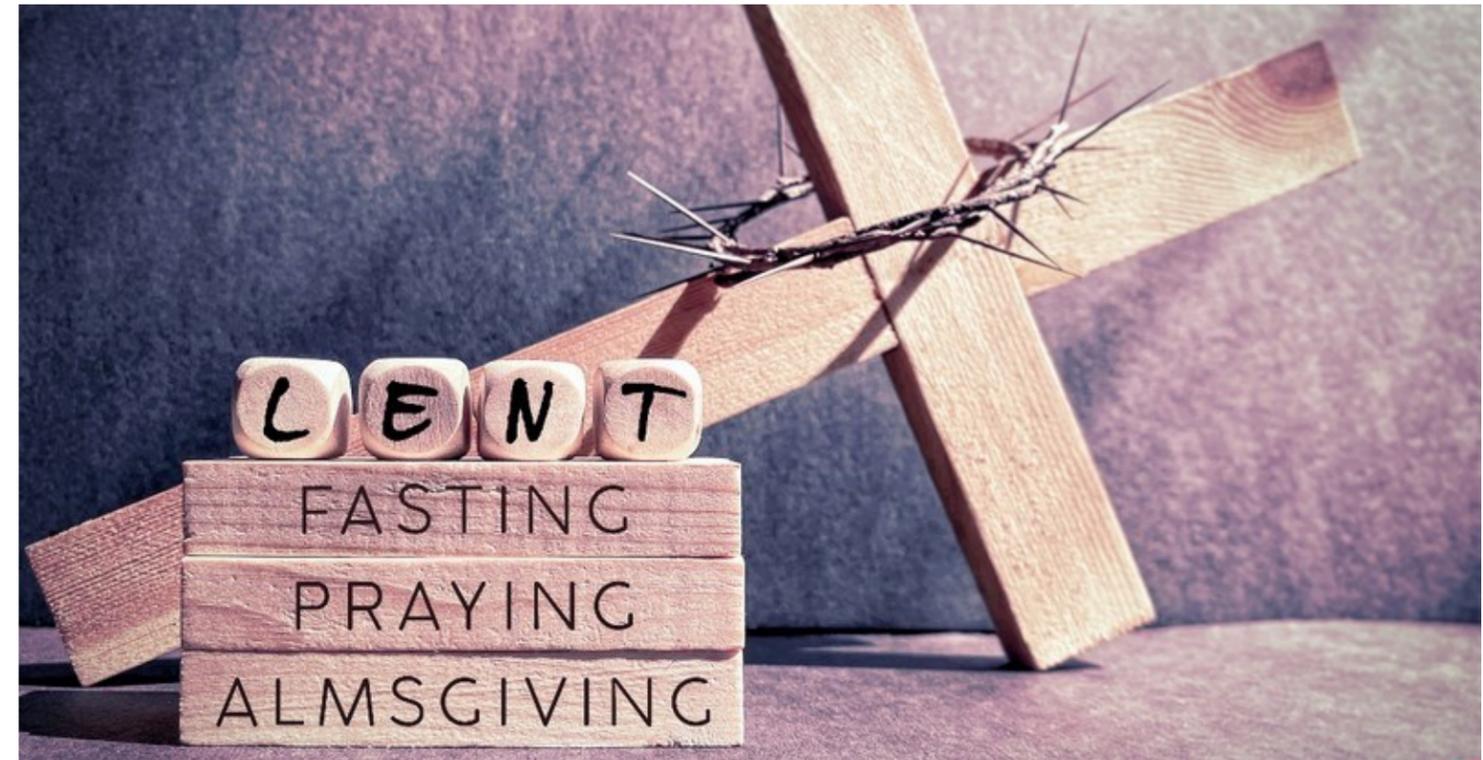
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917 Chestnut St. Clarkston WA 99403

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634 High St. Pomeroy WA 99347

The First Sunday of Lent • February 22, 2026



*One does not live on bread alone,  
 but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

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## THIS WEEK

### Saturday, February 21st:

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

### Sunday, February 22nd:

- Holy Family Mass 8:00am
- Holy Family Coffee & Donuts
- Holy Family Sacrament Class 9:30am

- Holy Rosary Faith Formation 8:30am
- Holy Rosary Mass 10:00am

### Monday, February 23rd:

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

### Tuesday, February 24th:

- No Mass

### Wednesday, February 25th,

- Holy Family Mass 8:30am
- Holy Family Holy Hour & Confessions

### Thursday, February 26th:

- Holy Rosary Mass 8:30am
- Holy Family OCIA 6:00pm
- Holy Family Adoration 7:00pm

### Friday, February 27th:

- Holy Family Mass 8:00am
- Holy Family Hope McConnell Funeral Mass 11:00am
- Holy Family School Stations of the Cross 1:45pm
- Holy Family Church Stations of the Cross 5:30pm followed by Soup and Bread
- **Holy Family Love the Wine You're With 6-8pm @ Basalt Cellars**

### Saturday, February 28th:

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

### Sunday, March 1st:

- Holy Family Mass 8:00am
- Holy Family Coffee & Donuts
- Holy Family Sacrament Class 9:30am

- Holy Rosary Faith Formation 8:30am
- Holy Rosary Mass 10:00am

**COZY UP AND WINE DOWN**

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**FRIDAY, FEB. 27, 2026**  
**6 - 8:30 PM**

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### Stewardship : A Way of Life!

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## Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday	2/21/2026	4:00pm	People of Holy Family - <i>Holy Family</i>
Sunday	2/22/2026	8:00am	Ron Nuxoll † - <i>Holy Family</i>
		10:00am	People of Holy Rosary - <i>Holy Rosary</i>
Monday	2/23/2026	8:00am	EP Ausman † - <i>Holy Family</i>
Tuesday	2/24/2026	— — —	No Mass
Wednesday	2/25/2026	8:30am	Souls in Purgatory † - <i>Holy Family</i>
Thursday	2/26/2026	8:30am	Anna Esser - <i>Holy Rosary</i>
Friday	2/27/2026	8:00am	Selene Verdugo - <i>Holy Family</i>
Saturday	2/28/2026	4:00pm	Jerry & Pat Kazda † - <i>Holy Family</i>
Sunday	3/01/2026	8:00am	People of Holy Family - <i>Holy Family</i>
		10:00am	People of Holy Rosary - <i>Holy Rosary</i>

Did you know... Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered. This may be to honor God or thank him for blessings received. But technically a Mass intention means that the sacrifice is offered for some person(s) living or dead.



*“Let us then persevere unceasingly in our hope,  
and in the pledge of our righteousness, that is in Christ Jesus.”  
St. Polycarp of Smyrna*

# Holy Family Catholic School

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*Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”  
-Matthew 19:14*

Our **Love the Wine You're With** event is February 27th!

- Event tickets are on sale at the school office for \$30 each (see flyer)
- **Raffle tickets are available at the school office for \$5 each**
- Each year, Basalt Cellars allows our families to **pre-purchase wine** before the event. They will give 42% of all sales back to our school. Presale forms are due to the school office Wednesday, Feb. 25 by 3:30 p.m. (see flyer)

**Enrollment for Preschool-8th grade is open!**

Share our website with family & friends: [holyfamilyclarkston.com](http://holyfamilyclarkston.com)

- If you know a family seeking a faith-based education, encourage them to schedule a tour and experience all that our school has to offer.
- Please note, spots are not held unless enrollment is complete and fees are paid.
- Did you know we have a Summer Program for students who are enrolled in our school?
- Tuition Assistance is open for K-8 (apply in FACTS Family Portal)



**This week's pictures:**

- We loved having some HFS alumni join us for our Rice Meal.
- In 3rd grade science students were learning about density this week.

### Important Dates:

- 2/25 – Wine event raffle tickets due back to office
- 2/25 – Wine presale forms due to the office by 3:30 p.m.
- 2/25 – Mass 8:30 a.m.
- 2/27 – Love the Wine You're With Event

**Holy Family School Mission:  
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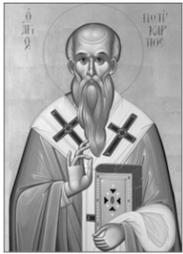
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# United State Conference of Bishop Lenten Rules

- **Ash Wednesday (Feb 18, 2026) & Good Friday (Apr 3, 2026):** Mandatory fasting (ages 18–59) and abstinence from meat (ages 14+).
- **Fridays in Lent:** Mandatory abstinence from meat (ages 14+).
- **Fasting Definition:** One full, meatless meal and two smaller, meatless meals that together do not equal a full meal.
- **Abstinence Definition:** No meat (beef, chicken, pork, etc.) may be consumed. Fish, seafood, eggs, and dairy are allowed.
- **Medical Exemption:** Those with medical conditions, illness, or who are pregnant/nursing are exempt from fasting.



## St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr · Feast Day is February 23rd

St. Polycarp (c. 69–155 A.D.) was a revered 2nd-century Christian bishop of Smyrna (modern-day Turkey), an Apostolic Father, and a direct disciple of the Apostle John. Renowned for his unwavering faith, he defended orthodox Christianity against heresies before being burned at the stake and stabbed for refusing to renounce Christ.

**Life and Role:** Born around 69 A.D., Polycarp served as the Bishop of Smyrna for over 60 years. He was a key link between the Apostolic age and the early Church, having been taught by the Apostles themselves.

**Writings:** His only surviving work is his *Letter to the Philippians*, which emphasized the authority of St. Paul and addressed early Christian issues.

**Martyrdom:** At age 86, he was martyred in Smyrna. According to accounts, the fire failed to consume him, leading to him being stabbed. His death is one of the most well-documented in early Christian history.

He is known for his famous quote when ordered to renounce his faith: "Eighty-six years I have served him, and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?"

## PRAYER list

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

Gene Breeding  
Schumacher Family  
Zachary Paris  
Tina Flerchinger  
Sue Buratto  
Russ Bashore  
Betty Eggleston  
Donna Heimgartner  
Linda Entel  
Eileen Jeffreys  
Gene Whitaker  
Kathy Renggli  
Dick Jacobs  
Anne Anderson  
Lou Fanning

### Week 2

Don Tuschoff  
Paul & Lisa Carey  
Christian Morgan

Dave Massaro  
Debbie Neill  
Todd McKenna  
Jerry Haldeman  
Arlene Williams

### Week 3

Selene Verdugo  
Stephen Di Meo  
Ron & Brenda Irvin  
Mylyssa Schmidt  
Amanda Anderson  
Emily Segebartt  
Amy Phillips  
Gayne Bafus  
Doreen Isaac  
Charlie Hill  
Keela Carter  
Debbie Menero  
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Janet Gau  
Sheila McDougall  
Melva Boyle  
Liz Samayoa  
Karen Davis  
Helen Mars  
Michael Cheek  
Mary Gocke  
Janeen Smith  
Janice Williams  
Lissa and Dale Marshall  
Mary Lou Amidei  
Theresa Sykes  
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Laurie Knopes  
Perry Decker  
Jim Minnette  
Lorenzo Finch  
Steve  
Ross Starwalt  
Don McConnell

Fr. Roga Urassa  
Nicholas Polis

### Week 4

Tom & JoAnn Harvey  
Don Brooks  
Garrett Dobbs  
Charlie Sprayberry  
Val Godwin  
Stapleton Family  
Kauffman Family  
Verla Day  
Evelyn Nanik  
Jay & Donna McCann  
Joe & Marjorie Caetano  
Gavin Dobbs



## Letter from Father

22 February 2026  
1st Sunday of Lent  
Why Fasting?

Greetings,

The season of Lent is infused with the three penitential practices of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. We so often look at penance as some sort of penance when, in fact, penance is good for us in body and soul. Lent is the 40 days before Easter in which Catholics pray, fast, contemplate, and engage in acts of spiritual self-discipline. Catholics do these things because Easter, which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, is the greatest holy day of the Christian year (even above Christmas) and Catholics have recognized that it is appropriate to prepare for such a holy day by engaging in such disciplines.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen noted that the secular attitude is summarized by the line, "First comes the feast, then comes the hangover," while the Catholic attitude is "First comes the fast, then comes the feast."

The reason Lent lasts forty days is that forty is the traditional number of judgment and spiritual testing in the Bible. Lent bears particular relationship to the forty days Christ spent fasting in the desert before entering into his public ministry. Catholics imitate Christ by spending 40 days in spiritual discipline before the celebration of Christ's triumph over sin and death. Fasting is a biblical discipline that can be defended from both the Old and the New Testament. Christ expected his disciples to fast and issued instructions for how they should do so. Catholics follow this pattern by fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence from certain foods is also a biblical discipline. Daniel 10:2-3 reads, "In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks." Catholics use a practice similar to Daniel's when, as a way of commemorating Christ's Crucifixion on a Friday, they abstain from eating meat on that day of the week during Lent. The only kind of flesh they eat on Friday is fish, which is a symbol of Christ.

Even the Ash Wednesday practice of having one's forehead signed with ashes has a biblical parallel. Putting ashes on one's head was a common biblical expression of mourning by having the sign of the cross made with ashes on their foreheads. Catholics mourn Christ's suffering on the cross and their own sins, which made that suffering necessary.

This Lent, we have a real opportunity to practice the fast in a way that doesn't just remind us of our sinfulness but also helps us understand God's Love and Mercy for us in a deeper sense and live more deeply the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

# HOLY ROSARY PARISH NEWS



Please join us...

- Stations of the Cross will be at Noon each Friday of Lent.
- During Lent, after 8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings, we will be saying the Rosary at 9:00.

**THANK YOU** to those who brought cookies for our Altar Society Valentine Cookie Plates. We made up 32 plates and delivered to the elderly, those that live alone, and the nursing home. Everyone appreciates goodies on Valentine's Day!



- Mark Waldher's funeral will be at 1:00 PM on Friday March 13. We will be looking for desserts for after the funeral.

- Thank you to all who respond to helping work and bring food to our funerals. We have an amazing parish and community that helps us honor those who have passed away. Our Funeral committee is Cindy K., Alice G., Micki L. And Dona F.

## H.R. Ministry Schedule

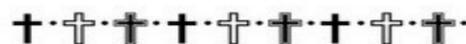
Ministries for	Altar Servers	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Homebound	Family Gift	Faith Formation
Sunday February 22nd 10:00am	Delilah & Mackinzie	Paul	Paul & Juayne	Ed & Jackie	B. McKeirnan	Yes
Sunday March 1st 10:00am	Brooklyn & Josiah	Tom	James & Cece	Jim & Connie	K. McKeirnan	Yes
Sunday March 8th 10:00am	Marcos & Robbie	John	Ed & Jackie	Eric & Linda	S. McKeirnan	Yes
Sunday March 15th 10:00am	Karl & Harper	Barb	Judy & Mary	Steve & Mary	Waldher	Yes
Sunday March 22nd 10:00am	Daphne & Delilah	Cece	Curt & Micki	Paul & Juayne	B. Wolf	Yes



Reminder: First Communion and Confirmation will be in the fall.

The students will have a few classes before to review and be ready.

Please note, if you have an announcement that doesn't get in the bulletin, write it on the clipboard that's on the bulletin table for Fr. to announce at the end of Church.



## WHY LENT?

Catholics observe Lent as a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to prepare for Easter, commemorating Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness and focusing on spiritual renewal, penance for sins, and deeper conversion to follow Christ more closely. It's a time to detach from worldly distractions, draw closer to God through scripture and charity, and reflect on Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection

# Holy Family Parish News



## Stations of the Cross and Soup and Bread

Please join us each Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm in the Church followed by Soup and Bread in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to bring soup and/or bread to share. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of Americas, Court St. Catherine of Siena and proceeds will go to Holy Family School. **REMEMBER NO MEAT!**

**Lent: A Time of Preparation** - CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-1](http://crsricebowl.org/week-1) to read this week's Story of Hope,

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**February** - Holy Family Youth Group, Building Maintenance, Holy Family School.  
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Sunday March 1st 8:00am	Thang Dao Bella Schumacher	James Browitt Kathy Dobbs	Kerri Bailey	Ernie Aguilar Marvin Entel Tim McConnell Steve Nuxoll



## First Sunday of Lent

Today reflect upon Jesus facing the devil in the desert after spending 40 days of fasting. He faced every temptation of the evil one so as to assure us that if we but unite ourselves completely to Him in His human nature, so we also will have His strength to overcome anything and everything the vile devil throws our way. The first week is often considered a time to "clean" the soul through spiritual, rather than just physical, preparation.

*My dear Lord, after spending 40 days of fasting and prayer in the dry and hot desert, You allowed Yourself to be tempted by the evil one. The devil attacked You with all he had, and You easily, quickly and definitively defeated him, rejecting his lies and deceptions. Give me the grace I need to overcome every temptation I encounter and to rely completely upon You without reserve. Jesus, I trust in You.*