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 May 17th, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord



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Saturday, May 16th:

- Holy Family Confessions 3:00pm
- Holy Family Mass 4:00pm
 - Holy Family MANDATORY Confirmation/1st Communion Practice in church at 5:30pm

Sunday, May 17th:

- Holy Family Confirmation & 1st Communion with Bishop Daly Mass 8:00am
- Holy Family Coffee & Donuts
- Holy Rosary Mass 10:00am

Monday, May 18th:

- No Mass
- Holy Family Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am

Tuesday, May 19th:

- No Mass

Wednesday, May 20th:

- No Mass

Thursday, May 21st:

- No Mass
- Holy Family Adoration 7:00pm

Friday, May 22nd:

- No Mass

Saturday, May 23rd:

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

Sunday, May 24th:

- Holy Family Mass 8:00am
- Holy Family Coffee & Donuts
- Holy Rosary Mass 10:00am

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We are so grateful for our parish community and the incredible support shown for the Holy Family School Auction. Thanks to your generosity, the event was a tremendous success, and the impact on our students and school is truly lasting. Your support plays an important role in helping us continue our mission each day.

May 18-22nd.
 No Daily Mass, Fr. will be in Washington DC with Holy Family Middle School. Holy Family Parish Office will be open 9am-12pm.

Stewardship A Way of Life!
 Treasure: Week of 5/10/2026
 Holy Family \$7,004
 Holy Rosary \$ 1,734.60
Thank you!

MEMORIAL DAY
Remember & Honor.

Monday, May 25th the parish office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards 'having' rather than 'being,' and which wants to have more, not in order to be more but in order to spend life in enjoyment as an end in itself.

Pope John Paul I

Prayer Chain 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.

Week 1	Gayne Bafus	Janelle Williams	Evelyn Nanik
Don Tuschoff	Doreen Isaac	Laurie Knopes	Jay & Donna McCann
Paul & Lisa Carey	Charlie Hill	Perry Decker	Marjorie Caetano
Christian Morgan	Keela Carter	Jim Minnette	John & Viola Keller Family
Dave Massaro	Debbie Menero	Steve	
Debbie Neill	Todd Vantosky	Ross Starwalt	Week 5
Todd McKenna	Herb Boreson Sr.	Don McConnell	Gene Breeding
Jerry Haldeman	Bob Walk	Fr. Roga Urassa	Schumacher Family
Arlene Williams	Janet Gau	Nicholas Polis	Zachary Paris
Miles LaFay	Sheila McDougall	Delores Flerchinger	Tina Flerchinger
Donna DeYoung	Melva Boyle	Mike & Claire McCabe	Sue Buratto
Linda Henry	Liz Samayoa		Russ Bashore
	Karen Davis		Betty Eggleston
	Helen Mars	Week 3	Linda Entel
	Michael Cheek	Tom & JoAnn Harvey	Eileen Jeffreys
	Mary Gocke	Don Brooks	Gene Whitaker
	Janeen Smith	Dobbs Family	Kathy Renggli
	Janice Williams	Charlie Sprayberry	Dick Jacobs
	Lissa and Dale Marshall	Val Godwin	Anne Anderson
	Mary Lou Amidei	Stapleton Family	Lou Fanning
	Theresa Sykes	Kauffman Family	
	Mary Ellen Hill	Verla Day	

Our **Blood Drive** will be held on **Thursday, May 21st** in Fr. Root Memorial Hall. This meaningful service project is truly life-giving, and every donation has the potential to help save lives. We invite you to participate by signing up through the school office or by scanning the QR code with your phone. We are blessed to have the opportunity for a \$5,000 grant again through Vitalant with our three 2026 Blood Drives. Please share with family and friends!

Thank you for continuing to be such a blessing to our school, parish, and community!

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children, may Christ live in your hearts forever!

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BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Family School STEM Grant Blood Drive
 Thursday, May 21st
 1:00pm – 6:30pm
 Father Root Memorial Hall
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Please use QR Code to sign-up or go online to donors.vitalant.org and use Zip Code. Contact: Sheri Gehring
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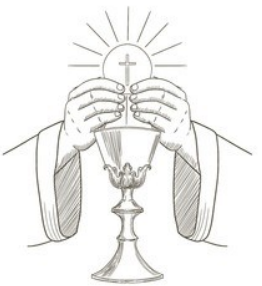
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17 May 2026
Solemnity of the Ascension
Up, Up, and Away

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday	5/16/2026	4:00pm	People of Holy Family - <i>Holy Family</i>
Sunday	5/17/2026	8:00am	Confirmation/1st Communion Students - <i>Holy Family</i>
		10:00am	People of Holy Rosary- <i>Holy Rosary</i>
Monday	5/18/2026	----	No Mass - <i>Holy Family</i>
Tuesday	5/19/2026	----	No Mass
Wednesday	5/20/2026	----	No Mass - <i>Holy Family</i>
Thursday	5/21/2026	----	No Mass - <i>Holy Rosary</i>
Friday	5/22/2026	----	No Mass - <i>Holy Family</i>
Saturday	5/23/2026	4:00pm	Orlin Jeffreys †- <i>Holy Family</i>
Sunday	5/24/2026	8:00am	Carol Wilson † - <i>Holy Family</i>
		10:00am	People of Holy Rosary - <i>Holy Rosary</i>




Due to Fr's busy schedule some scheduled Masses have been canceled. They will be rescheduled. Thank you for your patience.

Join us at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center


Grief Day of Prayer
Thursday, June 4th, 2026
Gently Embrace Grief
Presented by
Deacon John Ruscheinsky
9am-3pm
\$47/person
\$57 with the use of a private room for the day.

Holy Family Special Monthly Collections

May - Parish Utilities, Youth Group, Building Maintenance Fund, Holy Family School.
June - Holy Family School Foundation, 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!



All Saints Catholic Church invites you to a special hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, June 7th from 4 to 5pm in observance of Corpus Christi.



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Greetings,

Today is a great celebration. The people of Norway observe 17 May as the national holiday of *Syttende Mai* or Constitution Day. It is the celebration of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution on this date in 1814, proclaiming independence from Denmark. But, let's be honest, that is not what WE are celebrating (parishioners of Norwegian descent notwithstanding).

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. For the average Catholic, the Ascension signifies that Jesus, fully human and divine, has entered Heaven to prepare a place for us and intercede on our behalf, solidifying our humanity in God's presence. It marks the end of His earthly ministry and the start of our mission to carry His work forward until He returns.

The Ascension has a particular meaning for each one of us and what we are called to do in the world. First, we are delighted with the knowledge that Humanity is in Heaven. Jesus didn't shed His humanity to enter Heaven; he brought it with him. This means that a human body and soul now occupy the "right hand of the Father," giving us hope that we, too, can be with Him in heaven.

Next, we are comforted by the knowledge that Jesus Intercedes for us. Jesus is not distant; he is acting as the eternal High Priest, continuously pleading for you before God. Before HE ascended to Heaven, He promised His Apostles that, "wherever two or three of you are gathered in my name, I am there in your midst" and "I am with you, even to the end of the age". These promises mean that we have recourse to Him through prayer and that He is our source of Hope for Salvation.

In a practical sense, the next aspect of the Ascension is that it means that our Mission begins. The Ascension is not a Jesus bidding us farewell but a commission to continue His work in the world. As Catholics, we are called to be witnesses and continue His mission in our daily lives. We are to proclaim the reality that, while Jesus is physically gone, He is now present universally, particularly through the Holy Spirit and in the Eucharist, rather than being limited to one location in Galilee.

Finally, the Ascension is a reminder that our Home is in Heaven. It serves as a reminder that Earth is not our final home but that we are destined for eternal life with God. In essence, the Ascension is a reason for hope, confirming our belief that Christ reigns in glory, not merely as a historical figure, but as our living God.

Today is also a special day of celebration for our parish and the whole Church, both on Earth and in Heaven. Today we witness ten of our young members receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion, completing their initiation into the Life of the Church. We welcome Bishop Daly as he confers these Sacraments and ask that you pray for these children as they enter more fully into Faith.

As they say in Norway on such happy occasions, "**Fy søren, så herlig!**"
Blessings,

Fr. Jeff Core

Holy Family Parish News

Congratulations to our Confirmation & 1st Communion Class May 17th, 2026

8:00am Mass

Bishop Daly will be presiding.

We have 7 Holy Family School Students and 3 Parishioners who will be receiving the sacraments.

Addelina Brown	Livia McKenzie
Vivian France	Andrew Helsor
Ysabelle Graves	Huck Butler
Harlow Hobson	Brantley Schlee
Evelyn Entel	Carter Cunningham

This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Ministry Schedules: Ministry Schedules for *May and June* are now available in the South Entry. Please make sure you request a substitute if you are not able to cover your assigned Ministry. Thank you!

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Saturday May 23rd 4:00pm	Ella Miller Khloe Ohlson	Linda Kazda	Evelyn Williams	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper
Sunday May 24th 8:00am	Aubree Aceveda Sydney Hinkelman	Marvin Entel Kathy Dobbs	Evan Dagenen	Brian Babino Mark Flerchinger Steve Nuxoll Bob Uptagrafft

Who is St. Rita of Cascia? St. Rita is a venerated Italian Catholic saint known as the **Patron Saint of Impossible Causes**, hopeless circumstances, widows, and abused wives. A wife, mother, widow, and finally an Augustinian nun, she is celebrated for her patience, devotion, and a miraculous thorn wound she received on her forehead.

- Life as a Wife and Mother:** Born Margherita Lotti, she was married young to a harsh, violent man named Paolo Mancini. She endured 18 years of abuse and familial feuds before her husband was murdered.

Tragedy and Forgiveness:

After her husband's death, her two sons wanted to avenge him. St. Rita, desiring to save their souls over their lives, prayed for God to take them rather than let them commit murder; both sons died of natural causes soon after.

- Religious Life:** Following her family's deaths, she joined the Augustinian nuns at the Monastery of Saint Mary Magdalene in Cascia after initial rejection.

- The Miracle of the Thorn:** While meditating, she received a wound on her forehead that appeared to be a thorn from Christ's crown, which she bore for 15 years.

Legacy: She died on May 22, 1457, and is known as an incorrupt saint, with her body displayed in Cascia. She was canonized in 1900.

St. Rita is often depicted with a forehead wound and is remembered for her devotion to the Passion of Christ and her role as a peacemaker.



St. Rita's feast day is May 22nd.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH NEWS

Congratulations

The Graduates celebration last Sunday was very nice. The graduates participated at Mass; reading, gifts, and picking out the music. The Knights sausage/pancake breakfast began the celebration. Each graduate got goodies and was introduced by Paul W. with wonderful words of their accomplishments. Fr. Jeff provided a special spiritual send off. The Altar Society awarded these scholarships: Ismael \$500, Sadie \$500, Peyton \$500 and Caroline \$1000. The Knights of Columbus awarded these scholarships: Ismael \$500, Sadie \$500, Peyton \$1000 and Caroline \$1000. Many blessings and success to our graduates!

Dick Bartels passed away last weekend. We will have a funeral luncheon after his burial on May 29 or 30. More information to come. Cindy K. is the chairperson of this luncheon.



- To the Knights of Columbus for a delicious breakfast.
- To the Altar Society for providing goodies, decorations, and cake for graduates.
- To Connie and Jim H. for getting and serving the graduates' cake.
- To Juyne W., Jeanie F., and Micki L. for decorating the tables.
- To Juyne and Paul W. and Micki L. for writing the words for Paul to read.

Today we celebrate The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Today commemorates Jesus' ascension into Heaven.

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.

Here are three key facts about the Ascension: **Timing and Location:** The event occurred 40 days after the Resurrection, with the Ascension taking place on the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem. **It is a Holy Day of Obligation:** In Catholic tradition, this Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation, often celebrated on the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, though some dioceses transfer it to the following Sunday. **Significance of the "Right Hand":** The Ascension signifies that Jesus took his seat at the "right hand of the Father," indicating his full authority and that he now acts as the eternal High Priest interceding for humanity.

Holy Rosary Prayer Chain: Call Catherine Aaltonen 509-843-1767 or text 509-956-8065 for requests.

Holy Rosary Ministry Schedule	Altar Servers	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Homebound	Family Gift
Sunday May 17th 10:00am	Marcos & Rob	Nick	Tom & Micki	Weimer	K. McK
Sunday May 24th 10:00am	Brooklyn & Karl	Paul	Denise & Loren	Crawford	S. Mck
Sunday May 31st 10:00am	Daphne & Delilah	Tom	Ed & Jackie	Harris	B. Wolf
Sunday June 7th 10:00am	Josiah & Harper	Barb	Paul & Juyne	Flerchinger	Waldher

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