

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026



Daily Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Saturday	8/22/26	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	8/23/26	9:00am	Gabriel Gourley† & Family
Monday	8/24/26	8:00am	James & Jacqueline White †
Tuesday	8/25/26	—	No Mass
Wednesday	8/26/26	8:30am	Catherine DeRengo †
Thursday	8/27/26	8:00am	Snake Williams †
Friday	8/28/26	8:00am	Malcolm J. McRae Jr. †
Saturday	8/29/26	4:00pm	Amy & Lexi Vantassel
Sunday	8/30/26	9:00am	People of Holy Family

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Week of
August 2nd:
\$6,280

August 9th:
\$8,825

August 16th:
\$5,599

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Office Hours · Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 3:30pm

**Saturday, August 22nd:**

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

Sunday, August 23rd:

- Mass 9:00am

- Coffee & Donuts

Monday, August 24th:

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

Tuesday, August 25th:

- No Mass

Wednesday, August 26th:

- *School Starts 8:00am*
- Mass 8:30am

- No Holy Hour or Confessions

Thursday, August 27th

- Mass 8:00am
- Adoration 7:00pm

Friday, August 28th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Vivian Piatt Funeral Mass 11:00am

Saturday, August 29th:

- Confessions 3pm
- Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, August 30th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts

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*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.***

***There is no place that is far from God
St. Monica***

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

Tom & JoAnn Harvey
Don Brooks
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Luke
Mike Wilson
John Mitchell
Ashley Hodge
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Gary & Penne White
Janice
Donna Gosselin
Paul Carey
Georgia Potter

Wes Albright

Week 2

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

Week 3

Don Tuschoff
Paul & Lisa Carey
Christian Morgan
Dave Massaro
Debbie Neill

Todd McKenna

Jerry Haldeman
Arlene Williams
Miles LaFay
Donna DeYoung
Linda Henry

Week 4

Selene Verdugo
Stephen Di Meo
Ron & Brenda Irvin
Mylissa Schmidt
Amanda Anderson
Emily Segebartt
Amy Phillips
Gayne Bafus
Doreen Isaac
Charlie Hill
Keela Carter
Debbie Menero
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Janelle Williams
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Perry Decker
Jim Minnette
Steve
Ross Starwalt
Don McConnell
Fr. Roga Urassa
Nicholas Polis
Delores Flerchinger
Mike & Claire McCabe

Father Jeff's Weekly Letter

23 August 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
I'm So Excited

Greetings,

If you read the title of this letter and sang the lyrics to the 1982 Pointer Sisters hit, you are one of my people. But to tell the truth, I really am excited. There are a few reasons for my excitement and I hope that you will share that excitement with me.

The first exciting event is the beginning of the school year both here at Holy Family School and in the Clarkston and Asotin school districts. While the end of summer most likely comes as a relief to parents, and for good reason, the new school year exemplifies a renewed sense of hope in the future. Education is the gateway through which we proceed to the future as well as hand on the wisdom and knowledge of the past to the younger generations. Pretty exciting if you ask me.

The second reason for excitement is the beginning of our parish effort to renovate and update our church building. I have always maintained that Holy Family is one of the prettier churches in the Diocese, especially the stained-glass windows. Not every parish is blessed with such a beautiful and durable building. That said, it has been quite some time since we have done major maintenance and improvement to the church. We are in need of new concrete in the front of the church, new flooring throughout the church, a new sound system, a cry room to accommodate our growing number of young families, and new paint. This effort will take time, effort, and money but more importantly, prayer. Projects of this scale are always challenging but, with God's help, we will have success.

Finally, and the other priests of the Diocese think I am weird because of this, I am excited about the start of the Annual Catholic Appeal. The ACA is exciting because it is one of the few efforts that takes place in every parish in the Diocese of Spokane, helping to unite us as the Faithful of Eastern Washington. It is also our opportunity to participate in the many ministries of our diocese. The ACA helps fund parishes that are in economically challenged communities as well as helps to ensure that our seminarians can focus on their studies. Also, as of last year, one percent of the ACA is earmarked for the support of the K-8 Catholic schools of the Diocese of Spokane. You will be receiving a letter from the Diocese and one from me this week explaining the ACA for the year as well as our assessment for the year.

I hope that you agree that this is an exciting time of year. I invite you to join me in praying for all returning students and teachers, for our parish's new initiative, and for the success of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

Who is St. Monica?

Feast Day is August 27th

Birth and Origin: She was born in 331 AD in Tagaste (present-day Souk Ahras, Algeria) in North Africa.

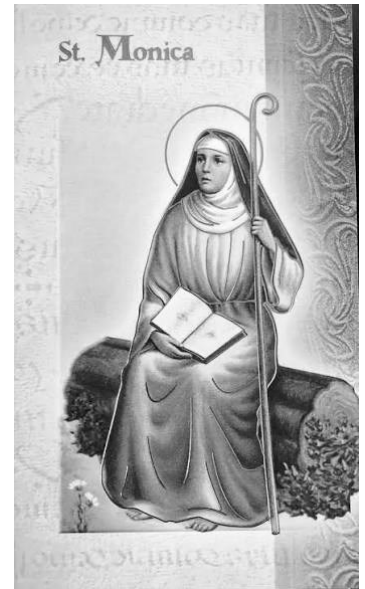
Difficult Marriage: Her parents arranged her marriage to Patricius, a pagan Roman official with a fiery and violent temper. Through patience and prayer, she eventually helped convert both him and her mother-in-law to Christianity before Patricius died.

Motherhood: She had three children: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua.

The Conversion of Augustine: Her eldest son, Augustine, lived a rebellious lifestyle and rejected Christianity for many years. Monica prayed and wept for him for over 15 years. A local bishop famously told her, "The child of so many tears shall not perish". Augustine finally converted and was baptized in 387 AD.

Death: She fell ill and died in Ostia, Italy, in 387 AD, shortly after witnessing Augustine's baptism.

Patronage: She is the patron saint of mothers, wives, difficult marriages, conversion of relatives, and alcoholics. Her feast day is celebrated on August 27.



September Ministry schedules are out on the bulletin tables.

Please make sure you take one on your way out of church.

Ministries Schedule	Altar Servers	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday August 29th 4:00pm	Ella Miller Khloe Ohlson	Marlene Driscoll	Pat Petty	Leonard Babino Jerry Hume Gene Kasper Tom Ledgerwood
Sunday August 30th 9:00am	Anthony Arnzen Gabe Arnzen	Cindy Nightingale Joan Baune	Sheri Gehring	Ernie Aguilar Marvin Entel Tim McConnell Steve Nuxoll
Saturday September 5th 4:00pm	Sydney Hinkelman Ella Miller	Marlene Driscoll	Lynette Ausman	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Gene Kasper Not Filled
Sunday September 6th 9:00pm	Vivian France Charlotte France	Pat Wolf James Browitt	Kerri Bailey	Mark Flerchinger Ron Gosselin Tim McConnell Thomas Stapleton

There's Something for Everyone — Don't Miss Out!



Calling all Altar Servers NEW and OLD!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We will be holding a training for NEW Altar Servers and a refresher course for CURRENT Altar Servers after Mass on September 12th & 13th.

We are looking for more **READERS** for Saturday night Mass. If you are interested in reading please email holyfamily@dioceseofspokane.org or let the parish office know.



OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

OCIA will begin on September 20th after Mass in the Fr. Root Memorial Hall from 11:00am-12:30pm. OCIA is a formation class presented by Fr. Jeff that will help adults prepare to receive the Sacraments and enter the Catholic Church during Easter Vigil.

If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic Faith please call the parish office at 758-6102 or email dparis@dioceseofspokane.org to register for class.

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Raffle Tickets: \$2 each

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Holy Family School Blood Drive

September

From 1:30-6:00pm in the

Father Root Memorial Hall

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets.



Approximately 30,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U. S.

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Save the date for this year's Holy Family School Foundation Dollar Auction.

Saturday, September 19, 2026

In the Fr. Root Memorial Hall

Join us at 5:00pm for Chili
& Hot Dogs

Auction will start at 6:00pm
\$8 per person



Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and
take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow.

St. Augustine

Rooted in Faith, Growing in Love

For the Glory of God... For Generations to Come

Let us begin...

St. Francis of Assisi once told his brothers, "Let us begin, for up to now we have done so little". He said this during a time of turmoil in the growing community of followers whose lives were transformed by the Gospel message of faith, service, and simplicity. They were words of encouragement meant to inspire his followers to believe that, with Faith in God, the impossible becomes possible. Please watch for announcements for community meetings in which we discuss the process of renovating our church. This effort must be rooted in Faith or it will not succeed. It is important for all parishioners to participate in these discussions where we plan for the care of the home that God has provided for us to sustain and beautify the place where grow in the witness of our faith.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

THOSE AFFECTED BY THE
Spokane Wildfires

As our community begins the difficult work of recovery, there are many ways you can support our neighbors in need.



Please continue to pray for all those affected, and for the firefighters, first responders, emergency personnel, and volunteers serving our community.

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center
24 Hour Retreat
How to be a Friend and How to Build Catholic Friendships
September 18-19, 2026
Presented by St. Mary Eucharista
\$100 per person (this includes meals and lodging).
Call 509-448-1224 to register.

St. Augustine
Feast Day is August 28th
Moto:
"One mind and one heart intent upon God"

("One soul and one heart toward God").

City of God: He wrote his massive philosophical work *The City of God* in response to the sack of Rome by the Visigoths, defending Christianity against pagans who blamed the new faith for the fall of the empire.

Doctor of the Church: Pope Boniface VIII named him a Doctor of the Church in 1298, recognizing his immense theological contributions alongside figures like St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Jerome.

Patron Saint: He is recognized as the patron saint of theologians, printers, and brewers (fittingly, given his wild and thirsty youth before his radical conversion).



PRAY TOGETHER

Join Bishop Thomas A. Daly for a Holy Hour for Those Affected by the Wildfires.

 **Friday, August 7**

 **5:00 p.m.**

 **St. Charles Parish**

The Holy Hour will be followed by dinner and a presentation by local attorneys at **6:00 p.m.**, offering guidance and resources for those impacted by the fires.



MAKE A MONETARY DONATION

Financial gifts provide the greatest flexibility in meeting immediate and long-term recovery needs.

Please make checks payable to:

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• Other pet essentials



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- New socks and underwear
- Formula and baby supplies
- Non-perishable food
- Clothing for adults and children
- Toiletries and hygiene products
- Bottled water
- Diapers and wipes
- Blankets and bedding
- Pet food and supplies



Before donating items, please contact the receiving organization to confirm their most current needs, as priorities may change throughout the recovery effort.



Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and support for our neighbors during this difficult time.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."
— Galatians 6:2

Holy Family Catholic School

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We are excited for a great start to the school year! Thank you to our dedicated staff for all their hard work preparing for the new school year. We also extend our deepest gratitude to our parish and community for your ongoing support, generous gifts of time and talent, and above all, your continued prayers. We truly appreciate you! First day of school is August 26th!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR:

- **Supporting a family from Spokane who lost their home in the fire.**

HFS has adopted this family for the school year. They have one 4th grade child who attends Catholic School. If you are interested in helping, email Mrs. Gehring sgehring@holyfamilyclarkston.com or call the school 509-758-6621.

- **Family Night – Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m.** We'll kick things off in the gym with a general introduction and updates from our school leadership and committees. Afterward, stick around for cold treats, outdoor socializing, tours of the building, and a parent volunteer table where you can learn how to log your hours. Fun for the whole family!
- **Weekly School Mass – Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.** Join us each week in the church with Fr. Jeff. *Reminder: No shorts or hoodies*
- **FUN RUN – Friday, October 2!**
Save the date! Detailed information and pledge materials will be shared soon.
- **Blood Drive – Thursday, September 17 (1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)** Help save lives! Please call the school office to reserve your donation slot.
- **Stop by and see our new classroom carpet! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the HFS Foundation for donating to our carpet project!**

IMPORTANT HFS REMINDERS:

- **Extended Care Services**
Extended Care is available daily for school families from 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. and after school until 5:30 p.m. *Morning Extended Care drop-off is located at the gym entrance on 10th Street.*
- **Preschool Program Openings**
We offer 2, 3, and 5 half and full-day options! For details, contact the office.
- **Spread the Word!**
Encourage your family and friends to schedule a tour of Holy Family School and see all the fantastic opportunities we offer. We are currently accepting enrollment applications for Preschool through 8th grade!

SCRIP:

Want to help earn extra cash for the school while you shop at places you already spend money!? SCRIP are gift cards that you purchase through the school and vendors give back a percent of what you purchase to the school. They are great for groceries, gas, coffee, dining out, etc., and also make great gifts! **We will normally order the first Friday of each month.** Orders will be due that Thursday. **September orders are due Thursday, Sept. 3.** Delivery takes about a week.

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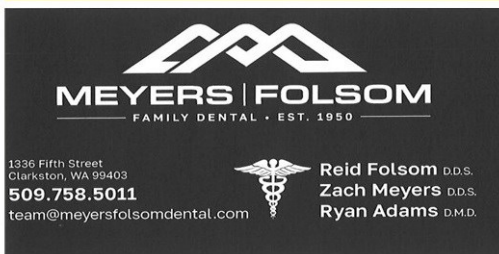
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