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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 20, 2026

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lord, please fill my heart with your peace today. Calm my worries, renew my strength, and guide my steps as I prepare for the week ahead. Help me to keep this day holy and focused on your love. Bless my family, my friends, and all those in need of your healing touch. Amen.

Contact us

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

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Daily Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Saturday	9/19/26	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	9/20/26	9:00am	Ed & Irene Keller †
Monday	9/21/26	8:00am	Bob Sheppard †
Tuesday	9/22/26	— — —	No Mass
Wednesday	9/23/26	8:30am	Christopher Kopel †
Thursday	9/24/26	8:00am	No Mass
Friday	9/25/26	8:00am	Joe Caetano †
Saturday	9/26/26	4:00pm	Dorothy Pung Ulmer †
Sunday	9/27/26	9:00am	People of Holy Family

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<u>What is on the calendar this week?</u>	
Saturday, September 19th: - Confessions 3:00pm - Mass 4:00pm - Holy Family School Foundation Dollar Auction 5:00pm	Wednesday, September 23rd: - Mass 8:30am - Holy Hour and Confessions after Mass
Sunday, September 20th: - Mass 9:00am - Coffee & Donuts - OCIA 11:00am in Parish Hall	Thursday, September 24th: - No Mass - Adoration 7:00pm
Monday, September 21st: - Mass 8:00am - Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am	Friday, September 25th: Mass 8:00am
Tuesday, September 22nd: No Mass	Saturday, September 26th: - Confessions 3:00pm - Mass 4:00pm
	Sunday, September 27th: - Mass 9:00am - Coffee & Donuts - OCIA 11:00am in Parish Hall

Special Monthly Collections

September - Bread & Wine, Holy Family School Foundation, Building Maintenance, Holy Family School.

October - Parish Utilities, Building Maintenance Fund, Holy Family School, St. Vincent de Paul.

*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.***

Parish Groups: If you would like something in our weekly bulletin it needs to be sent by email to, holyfamily@dioceseofspokane.org NO LATER than end of work day on Wednesday the week of.

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.

<u>Prayer Chain</u>			
<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>		
Tom & JoAnn Harvey	Gene Breeding	Donna DeYoung	Karen Davis
Don Brooks	Schumacher Family	Linda Henry	Michael Cheek
Dobbs Family	Zachary Paris	Reid Wilson	Mary Gocke
Charlie Sprayberry	Tina Flerchinger	<u>Week 4</u>	Janeen Smith
Val Godwin	Sue Buratto	Selene Verdugo	Janice Williams
Stapleton Family	Russ Bashore	Stephen Di Meo	Lissa and Dale Marshall
Kauffman Family	Betty Eggleston	Ron & Brenda Irvin	Mary Lou Amidei
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Jay & Donna McCann	Eileen Jeffreys	Amanda Anderson	Mary Ellen Hill
Marjorie Caetano	Gene Whitaker	Emily Segebartt	Janelle Williams
John & Viola Keller Family	Kathy Renggli	Amy Phillips	Laurie Knopes
Thomas & Hill Families	Dick Jacobs	Gayne Bafus	Perry Decker
Justin Stewart & Family	Anne Anderson	Doreen Isaac	Jim Minnette
Mike Wilson	Lou Fanning	Charlie Hill	Steve
John Mitchell	<u>Week 3</u>	Keela Carter	Ross Starwalt
Dax Moreno	Don Tuschoff	Debbie Menero	Don McConnell
Gary & Penne White	Paul & Lisa Carey	Todd Vantosky	Fr. Roga Urassa
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		Liz Samayoa	

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Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Congratulations to our **LEAD Fun Run FUNDRAISER, HALLE in Kindergarten!** She is in the lead, raising \$920 for our school and **Fun Run.** Way to go!

If you would like to donate to a student or staff member for our Fun Run, go to our online platform: <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/holyfamily2026run>. Search for that student/staff member and make a donation in their name. Thank you for your continued support! Please submit donations by our event, October 2nd.

Thank you to all who donated blood at our Blood Drive on Thursday!

SCRIP

If you would like to purchase gift cards through the school, we get a percentage of the sale that goes back to the school. Stop by or call the school office. We order at the beginning of each month - watch for the dates. Order forms can be found in the entryways of the church.



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Early Devotion: Born Francesco Forgione on May 25, 1887, he consecrated himself to Jesus at only 5 years old and entered the Capuchin friars as a novice at age 15.

The Stigmata: On September 20, 1918, he received the stigmata (wounds of Christ on his hands, feet, and side), which remained visible on his body for 50 years until he died.

Floral Scent: The blood flowing from his stigmata reportedly emitted a sweet, floral perfume or aroma, a phenomenon sometimes called the "odor of sanctity".

Endless Confessions: He spent 12 to 15 hours a day hearing confessions and possessed the mystical ability to read the hearts and memories of penitents.

Reports of Bilocation: Numerous eyewitnesses claimed Padre Pio had the gift of bilocation, meaning he could be seen praying in his room while simultaneously appearing in distant places or other continents.

Spiritual Warfare: He experienced frequent physical and visual attacks from the devil, who sometimes disguised himself as the Virgin Mary or St. Francis.

St. Pio's Feast Day is Celebrated on September 23rd.



GRIEF & CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Sponsored by St. Joseph Family Hospice

You are invited to join us at the **Lewiston City Library** on the **third Tuesday of every month**.
Caregiver Support Group - 3:00-3:50 PM
Grief Support Group - 4:00-4:50 PM
If you have questions, please call 208-799-5275.

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WalkForLifeNW.org

Important News at Holy Family



Holy Family is looking for more **Readers** for our **Saturday Night Mass**. If you are interested in becoming a Reader, please email

holyfamily@dioceseofspokane.org or contact the **Parish Office**. We would love to have you join this important ministry!

SACRAMENTS If you are a parishioner and have a child in 3rd or 4th grade who is interested in receiving **Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Eucharist**, and your child is not enrolled at Holy Family School this school year, please contact the parish office or email holyfamily@dioceseofspokane.org.



DID YOU KNOW?

The month of September is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

As Catholics, we meditate on the **physical and emotional suffering** that the Blessed Virgin Mary endured throughout the life and Passion of Jesus.

This devotion invites us to reflect on **Mary's deep compassion, unwavering faith, and her role as our spiritual mother**, who suffered alongside her Son and remains close to us in our own times of sorrow and suffering.

The Seven Sorrows

- The Prophecy of Simeon:** Simeon tells Mary that a sword will pierce her own soul too (Luke 2:34-35).
- The Flight into Egypt:** The Holy Family flees into Egypt to escape King Herod's slaughter (Matthew 2:13-15).
- The Loss of Jesus in the Temple:** Mary and Joseph search for the young Jesus for three agonizing days (Luke 2:41-50).
- Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary:** Mary sees her son carrying his heavy cross to his crucifixion.
- The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus:** Mary stands beneath the cross as Jesus dies.
- Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross:** Mary receives the lifeless body of her son.
- The Burial of Jesus:** Jesus is laid into the tomb.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!



Do you LOVE to sing? Join our Adult Choir on Saturday or Sunday! If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Ravanera at gravanera@holyfamilyclarkston.com.



(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

OCIA will start **this Sunday, September 20th** after Mass in the Fr. Root Memorial Hall from 11:00am-12:30pm. This week's topic will be "Knowing and Desiring God and Revelation and Faith".

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 holyfamily@dioceseofspokane.org to register for class.

Holy Family Catholic School Foundation

The **Holy Family Catholic School Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable corporation established to attract, receive, steward, invest, and manage permanent funds for the benefit of **Holy Family Catholic School**.

All gifts to the Foundation are **tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law**. The Foundation was created to accept gifts of **cash, investments, property, and memorials**.

Please consider remembering **Holy Family Catholic School Foundation** in your estate planning. Your generosity can help provide lasting support for future generations of students.



Father Jeff’s Weekly Letter

20 September 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Love My Enemies? But How?

Greetings,

In reviewing my homilies over the past few months, a particular theme keeps rising to the top. It is the message that Jesus taught in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, verse 44. You are familiar with it, I am sure, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". It’s part of the Sermon on the Mount and with it, Jesus is asking us to do things differently from the way the world would expect. Our question is most likely how to do this. How can I love my enemies, especially if they truly hate me?

In the Roman Catholic tradition, loving your persecutors is not an emotional requirement, but a deliberate act of the will (charity). Saint Thomas Aquinas famously defined love as "*willing the good of the other.*" From a Catholic point of view, you love those who persecute you by actively desiring and acting toward their ultimate good, their salvation and conversion, while remaining rooted in truth and justice. There are many opinions on how to do this but here is how to do it through the lens of our Catholic Faith and Tradition.

We must engage in spiritual warfare through prayer, not against our enemies, but for their souls. You can offer the sacrifice of the Mass for the person persecuting you, either by having a Mass said at the church or by silently offering your own intentions during the Liturgy. You can dedicate a decade or a full Rosary for their conversion. Consider praying the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*, which explicitly pleads for mercy "on us and on the whole world." We can always invoke the intercessions of the Saints. Turn to examples of radical forgiveness like Maria Goretti or Stephen who forgave their murderers, even as they lay dying at their hands.

The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy are the perfect worldly tools with which we can love our enemies. When appropriate, speak the truth in charity. Gently correcting a misconception or standing up for Catholic moral principles can be an act of love that prevents the persecutor from sinning further. This does not mean being a doormat. It means enduring unavoidable friction without grumbling, retaliation, or losing your inner peace, offering up the suffering as a form of mortification. Forgiveness is a decision driven by grace. Even if the pain remains, make a conscious decision in prayer to release them from the debt of their sin against you.

Catholic theology teaches that our sufferings, when united to the Passion of Jesus Christ on the Cross, take on supernatural value. You can offer the emotional pain of being persecuted as a sacrifice for the conversion of the very person hurting you. Keep Christ’s words in mind: "*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do*" (Luke 23:34). Recognize that your persecutor is spiritually blinded by sin. Remember though, The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2263-2265) teaches that preserving your own life and dignity is a grave duty. Loving your enemy never requires you to tolerate physical, emotional, or spiritual abuse.

Establishing boundaries is actually an act of charity. Stopping someone from harming you is actually an act of love toward them, as it prevents them from accumulating greater sin and jeopardizing their own soul.

Loving our enemies is not easy; it is not meant to be. It is however a certain way for us to show our love and gratitude to God for his own mercy towards us.

Blessings,

Fr. Jeff Core

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

What is World Mission Sunday? World Mission Sunday is a global Catholic celebration dedicated to prayer, solidarity, and financial support for the Church’s missionary work in developing and struggling areas worldwide.

When is World Mission Sunday? This year marks the 100th Anniversary of this global collection celebrated on October 20, 2026.

Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday in 1926 through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It traces its spiritual lineage to Blessed Pauline Jaricot, a 19th century French laywoman who started fundraising circles to support mission territories.

Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said: ‘Go teach all nations’ is the same Lord who bewailed: ‘I have mercy on the multitudes.’"
Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



OCTOBER MINISTRY SCHEDULES ARE OUT! The October Ministry Schedules are now available in the South Entryway . Be sure to stop by and pick one up! Thank you for serving our parish!				
Ministries Schedule	Altar Servers	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday September 26th 4:00pm	Aubree Aceveda Livia McKenzie	Marlene Driscoll	Lynette Ausman	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Gene Kasper Tom Ledgerwood
Sunday September 27th 9:00am	Charlotte France Vivian France	Joan Baune Kathy Dobbs	Bob Uptagrafft	Ernie Aguilar Brian Babino Marv Entel Steve Nuxoll
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