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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 6, 2026

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Daily Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Saturday	9/05/26	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	9/06/26	9:00am	Doug & Jenni Richardson †
Monday	9/07/26	8:00am	Mike Ledgerwood †
Tuesday	9/08/26	— — —	No Mass
Wednesday	9/09/26	8:30am	Clete, MaryLou & Dann Scharnhorst †
Thursday	9/10/26	8:00am	John Massaro †
Friday	9/11/26	8:00am	Snake Williams †
Saturday	9/12/26	4:00pm	Dr. Greg † & Sue Buratto
Sunday	9/13/26	9:00am	People of Holy Family

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Week of
August 30, 2026
\$6,657

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

This Week Saturday, September 5th:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm
- Wine & Cheese

Sunday, September 6th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts

Monday, September 7th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am
- Parish Office & School Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8th:

- **No Mass**
- Knights of Columbus 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 9th:

- Mass 8:30am

Special Monthly Collections
September - Bread & Wine, Holy Family School Foundation, Building Maintenance, 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.***

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

Don Tuschoff	Debbie Menero
Paul & Lisa Carey	Todd Vantosky
Christian Morgan	Herb Boreson Sr.
Dave Massaro	Bob Walk
Debbie Neill	Janet Gau
Todd McKenna	Sheila McDougall
Jerry Haldeman	Melva Boyle
Donna DeYoung	Liz Samayoa
Linda Henry	Karen Davis
Reid Wilson	Michael Cheek
	Mary Gocke
	Janeen Smith
	Janice Williams
	Lissa and Dale Marshall
	Mary Lou Amidei
	Theresa Sykes
	Mary Ellen Hill
	Janelle Williams
	Laurie Knopes
	Perry Decker
	Jim Minnette
	Steve
	Ross Starwalt
	Don McConnell

Week 2

Selene Verdugo	
Stephen Di Meo	
Ron & Brenda Irvin	
Myliissa Schmidt	
Amanda Anderson	
Emily Segebartt	
Amy Phillips	
Gayne Bafus	
Doreen Isaac	
Charlie Hill	
Keela Carter	

- Holy Hour and Confessions after Mass

Thursday, September 10th:

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

Friday, September 11th:

- Mass 8:00am

Saturday, September 12th:

- Confessions 3pm
- Mass 4:00pm
- Altar Server Training (New and Old) 5:15pm

Sunday, September 13th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Altar Server Training (New and Old) 10:15am

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Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

We're off to a great start this year! Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We invite you to join us for our children's Mass, Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. Please remember to arrive prior to Mass beginning, as doors will close once all kids arrive.

SCHOOL UPDATES/INFORMATION:

BLOOD DRIVE
Our September Blood Drive is the 17th. This is our third drive for 2026 and the completion for our \$5,000 STEM grant. If we are able to get enough donors (40ish), our school can receive the grant. Please consider donating or help encourage family and friends! To sign up, call the school office 509-758-6621 or sign up online: <https://bit.ly/HFSBloodDrive9-17-26>

FUN RUN INFORMATION
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 and make a donation in their name. You can add an encouraging note, too! Thank you for your continued support as we kick off this exciting school year! Please submit donations by our event, October 2nd.

PRAYER PAL PROGRAM
If you feel called to volunteer or become a prayer pal to one of our 3rd-Middle School students, please reach out to our principal, Sheri Gehring, at sgehring@holyfamilyclarkston.com or call the school office 509-758-6621. Your involvement can make a lasting difference in the lives of our students.

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 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.

"Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe Your commandments." ~Psalm 119:66

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Being parents of newborns comes with many blessings and challenges. Holy Family Parish wants to support our parents who have a newborn.

Special Delivery Ministry will provide a few meals for the family with a new addition after they are home.

- * Want to provide a meal for a family after a baby is born? Are you Having a Baby?
- * Contact Whitney Wagner at 509-751-6327 to get your name on the list, provide any allergies and touch base with Whitney and her group about a good date to bring your Special Delivery.

Teams of Our Lady
Marriage Retreat

Friday, October 9th to Sunday, October 11th
Pinelow Park & Conference Center

Join us for the weekend as we discuss what it means to have a unitive marriage that is rooted in God's holy plan. We'll dive into how to keep your marriage active and intentional, providing tools for great conversations or "sit downs" with your spouse.

Holy Mass, adoration, and confession
Talks from Sharbel and Rebecca Dussault
and Rev. David B. Gaines.
Reflection time with beautiful lakeside views

Cost is \$250 per couple and includes four meals and lodging for the weekend

Open to all married couples

Register at the link below:
forms.gle/4QZEkPFz6dEYYmsX6

Contact Emily with questions 208-320-2568

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The Holy Family Social Concerns Committee would like to thank everyone who have graciously donated to the baby bassinet in the back of church. We have been so blessed with your contributions, which are taken to St. Vincent De Paul and they help new mothers in need of baby items. Some suggested donations diapers, baby wipes, lotions, shampoo, crib sheets, baby blankets, and baby clothes, (often found at yard sales in good condition for a reasonable price). Please consider helping us with this important ministry no donation is too small.

“At Home Rosary” Pray the “At Home Rosary” with us by calling 951-799-9866. Join us in praying to our Blessed Mother at noon everyday.
For more information call Elva McDougall at 509-822-9058.

Father Jeff’s Weekly Letter

6 September 2026
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Signs for the Times

Greetings,

In 1970, the Five Man Electrical Band released a single called, “Signs” which became a top ten hit. The chorus goes, “Sign, sign, everywhere a sign, blockin' out the scenery, breakin' my mind. Do this, don't do that, can't you read the sign?” The song was written by the band’s front man, Les Emmerson, when he was on a road trip on Route 66 in California, and noticed the beautiful scenery was obscured by the many roadside billboards. His song lamented the fact that one wasn’t able to see the natural beauty of the California desert, nor could he really see what God had intended because there were so many artificial signs blocking the view.

People often ask me what I think about seeing signs from God. These questions are usually prompted because of an experience that they have had that was significant for some reason. While I believe that God allows us to see signs in His Creations that direct us towards Him, I am a little more skeptical of the idea that there are signs literally everywhere.

I have a dear friend for whom almost everything is a sign from God. If the light turns green right before she gets to the intersection? SIGN! She ordered the last special at her favorite restaurant before it ran out? SIGN! The wind shifts while she is walking outside? SIGN! This is a little bit exaggerated (but not much!). I also know a couple of people who take the other philosophy that there are no signs anywhere and that we are all just supposed to take things as they come, not questioning anything. But my question regarding signs is, are we so absorbed with looking for signs from God that we completely miss the signs that He sends to us?

I was ordained to the priesthood at the age of forty. When asked why it took me so long, one of my answers is that I didn’t want to see the signs God was sending me to tell me that I had a vocation to the priesthood. It was so much easier for me to say, “Nope! No sign here!” than it was to admit that I had a genuine calling to something that I didn’t think possible for me. If it weren’t for the grace of friends and family asking so many times if I thought that I had a vocation to the priesthood, each one of those questions a small sign in itself, I might not have ever arrived at the conclusion that I did have a priestly vocation. I was convinced that the signs of my own design were the ones that I should follow.

So then, do we look for signs that indicate what is coming, always trying to tell the future or should we look for the signs that tell us what to do right now? While we do need to look towards the future, we cannot neglect the work that God has for us in the present. It is heart-breaking to see great potential in a person wasted because they are waiting for a sign that never comes, all the while ignoring the signs all around them that would bring them to fulfillment.

As the song alludes, there are signs everywhere, just not earth-shaking bolts of lightning telling us exactly what to do. The signs come in the form of the people we encounter every day. They come in the form of the desire we feel to be better when we know we can, to put aside the apathy and indifference for others and look to the opportunities to serve and to love as God calls us to do. Look for the signs that are all around you, you can’t miss them if you open your eyes.

Blessings,
Fr Jeff Core

11th ANNUAL

WALK for Life

N O R T H W E S T

OCTOBER 17, 2026

walkforlifenw.org

ROTARY FOUNTAIN AT RIVERFRONT PARK

South Howard Street Bridge in Spokane

12:30 PM

INFO TENT OPENS

1:00 PM

RALLY BEGINS

SPEAKER: ADRIENNE LECOURE

DEFEND LIFE

WalkForLifeNW.org





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.

Calendar Correction:

The Catholic Daughters will meet on September 14th at 6:00pm in the Fr. Root Memorial Hall.

PARISH/CHURCH USE

Just a reminder, if you would like to hold a meeting, event or needing to use the hall/church please make sure you contact the parish office **first** and make sure you are on church calendar. Thank you.



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

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.

**Join us for our next
Holy Family School Blood Drive
September 17th
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.



**Parish Office and School Closed
September 7th for Labor Day**

God loves us beyond comprehension, and we cannot diminish God's love for us.
St. Peter

Ministries Schedule	Altar Servers	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday September 12th 4:00pm	Sydney Hinkelman Ella Miller	Linda Kazda	Evelyn Williams	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Gene Kasper Tom Ledgerwood
Sunday September 13th 9:00am	Thang Dao Bella Schumacher	Marvin Entel Kathy Dobbs	Charlotte France	Ernie Aguilar Brian Babino Steve Nuxoll Pat Wolf
Saturday September 19th 4:00pm	Aubree Aceveda Livia McKenzie	Linda Rossiter	Addy Aceveda	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Gene Kasper Tom Ledgerwood
Sunday September 20th 9:00am	Anthony Arnzen Gabe Arnzen	James Browitt Kerri Bailey	Evan Dagelen	Ron Gosselin Tim McConnell Tom Stapleton Bob Uptagrafft

There is Something for Everyone - Do Not 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.





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.



Sacraments— If you are a parishioner and have children in 3rd or 4th grade interested in receiving Reconciliation, Confirmation & 1st Eucharist and are NOT enrolled at Holy Family School this school year please contact the parish office or email holyfamily@dioceseofspokane.org.



(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 holyfamily@dioceseofspokane.org to register for class.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a liturgical feast celebrated on September 8 that commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ.

Key Details

- Date: Celebrated annually on September 8 (nine months after the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8).
- Origin: Celebrated by the Church since at least the 6th century, with origins linked to the dedication of a church in Jerusalem (now the Church of St. Anne) built on the traditional site of the home of Mary's parents, Saints Joachim and Anne.
- Scriptural Source: Not detailed in the canonical Gospels; the account of her birth comes from early tradition and the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James*.

Significance: Regarded as the "dawn of salvation", marking the approaching birth of Jesus and signaling the fulfillment of God's plan for human redemption.

