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Collection received last Sunday:

Collection Budget		Received	Gift/Other
st. Mary's	3153.00	3364.00	23.00
t. Anthony	1211.00	1555.00	36.00
Assumption	754.00	394.00	20.00

SATURDAY

5 pm - Assumption Church, Ferdinand

SUNDAY

7 am - St. Mary's, Cottonwood 8:15 am - St. Mary's, Cottonwood 10:00 am - St. Anthony, Greencreek Holy Cross - only during summer months

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday, 6:30 pm - St. Mary's, Cottonwood
Wednesday, 8 am - St. Anthony, Greencreek
Thursday, 8 am - St. Mary's, Cottonwood
Friday, 8 am - Assumption, Ferdinand
First Saturdays, 8 am - St. Mary's

RECONCILIATION

St. Mary's: Saturday 2:30—4:00pm Or by appointment during the week

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ST. MARY'S

Every Tuesday: 7 am - 6:30 pm.
Third Thursday: 7 pm - 7 am Friday
Every Wednesday—4-6 pm
First Friday: 7 pm Thurs. - 7:50 am Saturday

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TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

St. Mary's	<u>Assumption</u>	St. Anthony
Mark Gehring	Katrina Geis	Kevin Karel
Term ends Jul 2025	Term end Jul 2025	Term ends Jul 2025
Ron Rehder Term ends Jul 2026	Stephen Goeckner Term ends Jul 2026	Conrad Arnzen Term ends Jul 2026

Joe Baerlocher

Term ends: Jul 2027

Holy Cross

Shelley Schlader Cara Uhlenkott

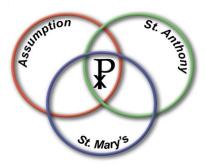
Term ends: Jul 2027

Diana Graning Term ends Jul 2027

Term ends: Jul 2027

Coffee Hour Schedules will be posted on the bulletin board next to the Kitchen door at St. Mary's Church. We hope to have a Coffee Hour following 8:15 am Mass each month on the 3rd Sunday. We encourage families and groups to sign-up to host Coffee Hour. Baked goods, coffee, juice, etc. will be provided. Hosts setup, make coffee, serve, and clean up. It is very simple and easy to host a coffee hour.

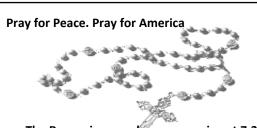
February 2, 2025 - Presentation of the Lord



And Holy Cross Chapel

Presentation of the Lord





The Rosary is prayed every morning at 7:30 am at St. Mary's except on Sunday. Please join us.

Pray each week for a religious who is from this area or who has served in this area. This week we ask you to pray for: Father Ben Uhlenkott

Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed daily at St. Mary's Church at 3:30 pm. Join us each day or occasionally.

Preparation for Sacraments.

Baptism: Preparation for Parents and Godparents is required prior to Baptism. Classes and online classes are available. Please contact Tri-Parish Office to register.

Marriage: The engaged couple needs to contact the parish priest 6 months prior to the proposed wedding

New to the Parish: Please call 208-962-3214



Father's Corner: February 2nd, is it the Feast of the Presentation or Candlemas or Groundhog Day?

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple celebrates an early part of the life of Jesus. (Lk 2:22-38). Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple forty days after His birth to complete Mary's ritual purification according to Jewish law (Lv 12:2-8); and to

perform the redemption of the firstborn son (Ex 13:2-12). This is in remembrance of God sparing the first born of the Israelites when the first born of the Egyptians were killed in the 10th plague in the time of Moses. What both reasons show is that Joseph, Mary and Jesus were following the Mosaic Covenant.

Candlemas Day (or Candle Mass) is half way between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox: half way between Winter and Spring. It was the custom on Candlemas Day for the priest to bless candles to be used in the dark of Winter. A lit candle was placed in each window of a home; superstition held that if the Sun came out it meant six more weeks of Winter. The Feast of the Presentation or Candlemas Day is the last feast day of the year determined by Christmas. The movable feasts after this are calculated with reference to Easter.

Groundhog Day: when German Settlers arrived in the 1700's they brought the tradition of Candlemas Day. The superstition about the length of winter mingled with the Delaware Indians who lived in the vicinity who also had the belief that the groundhogs were honorable ancestors, so a sacred animal, believed the groundhog coming out was an easy way to tell if the sun was shining or not. The earliest American reference to Groundhog Day was a diary entry February 4, 1841. "Last Tuesday, the 2nd, was Candlemas Day, the day on which, according to the Germans, the Groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six week nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate."

From Germany: "For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day,; So far will the snow swirl in May. For as the snow blows on Candlemas Day, So far will the sun shine before May."

And from America: "If the sun shines on Groundhog Day; Half the fuel and half the hay."

7ather Paul Wander

Question of the Week: How does God inspire the Bible? Generally we believe inspiration works as God guiding us. He did not tell people to take a pen and write verbatim what "I tell you." God guided the human authors to notice what He wanted them to notice and to write it down. But he had to work through human limitations of language and understanding.

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Donate to the Idaho Catholic Appeal: If you are wanting to donate to the Idaho Catholic Appeal online with your Credit Card, you can do this by going to dioceseofboise.org and click on the "Giving" tab and choose Idaho Catholic Appeal, follow instructions from there. Be sure to designate your donation to go to your parish.

LARGE COLLECTION of bowls, pans and dishes are accumulating at Cottonwood Community Hall following recent funerals. PLEASE stop in and pick yours up. Lynn at City Hall will let you into the hall kitchen - she is there 9 am-4 pm; except for lunch hour 1-2 pm.

Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

Feb 7: YM Adoration Hour with Sarah, St. Mary's 9 pm

Feb 12: Teen Confessions, St. Mary's, 3:10-4:10

Feb 17: Confirmation Class 7 pm at the CEC

Tri-Parish Calendar of Events

Feb 1-2: The Blessing of St. Blaze will be available after all the weekend Masses.

Feb 3-5: Father Paul will be in Boise for meetings

Feb 3: Healing Holy Hour with music, 7-8 pm, St. Mary

Feb 4: Whole Family Catechesis, St. Mary's, 6-7:30 pm

Feb 6-8: Adoration over First Friday, St. Mary's, begins 7 pm Thursday through to 8:00 am on Saturday

Feb 9: KC Breakfast, KC Hall, 7-10 am

Feb 9: OCIA Rite of Entrance at 8:15 am Mass

Feb 10: OCIA at St. Mary's, 6-8:15 pm (Penance and the Anointing of the Sick)

Feb 11: NC Deanery meets at St. Anthony, Greencreek Father Paul and Sarah attend these meetings

Feb 11: KC Meeting, KC Hall, 6:30 pm

Feb 17: OCIA at St. Mary's, 6-8:15 pm (Matrimony and Holy Orders)

Feb 20: Stewardship Committee meets, 11 am, office

Feb 20: Third Thursday Adoration, 7 pm St. Mary's

Gather25... is a livestreamed event planned for March 1st to be 25 hours of prayer, praise, stories, and speakers broadcast from all 7 continents for 25 hours. There will be groups in stadiums, universities, community centers, and private homes participating ... with a Watch Party in Cottonwood, Idaho, in the Spirit Center at St. Gertrude's Monastery from 8-5. Our gathering will take portions of the recorded and live broadcasts from 6 different countries, and pause for our own periods of worship, sharing and planning outreach. The event is free of charge; however, donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the lunch being provided. Seating is limited so please text Carletta Allen 208-790-4419 if you plan on coming, have questions, or would like to volunteer. You may also watch the broadcasts free of charge from your home from the website: Gather25.com

We are in the finalizing stages of the Tri-Parish Photo **Directory** ... it is possible during this time to fit in a few more family photos. Our last ditch effort to get a few more of you to call Micah at Weber Photography and get your photo taken. Call 208-400-0434 to make an appointment. Our FINAL DEADLINE to have this all wrapped up is Friday, February 14th. We also need to know who wants to order a directory. They are \$16.96 each which includes the tax. PLEASE CALL THE TRI-PARISH OFFICE if you would like to order a photo/ address directory 208-962-3214. Call by Feb 14th.

Happy Birthday!

Feb 2: Elaine Sonnen, Thomas Sonnen, Scott Wemhoff

Feb 3: Lyle Kuther, Shyann Meyers, Connie Uhlenkott

Feb 4: Andrew Forsmann, Kenyon Hankerson, Emree Lustig,

Gary Rehder, Jacklyn Roeper, Rober Trombetta

Feb 5: Katherine Kaschmitter

Feb 6: Jordan Schumacher, Bridget Smith

Feb 7: Pat Madden, Justin Nuxoll, Allen Sonnen, Irene Terhaar,

Father Ben Uhlenkott

Feb 8: Jeff North, Rebecca Seubert, Clare Smith

Happy Anniversary 40 years and more! Cliff & Sue Tacke, Feb 5th, 42 years!

ICYC Registration is open to all High School Students: ICYC will take place in Boise March 7-9th. Contact Sarah Walsh. sarahwalsh ym@triparishchurches.com Chaperones are needed. Please contact Sarah if interested. https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi? MID=3938&rf=1®id=500000736767824&CID=&state=step2dir ect&event=500000342578611

If you would like to donate a scholarship, or partial scholarship for ICYC; a full scholarship amount is \$225.00; please make your check payable to St. Mary's Parish and mark it for ICYC scholarship.

\$3,986.00 was collected for the California Fire Victims from our Tri-Parishes. Thank you for your generosity.

Healing Holy Hour - Adoration, Music and Prayer Teams present:

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All Sundays St. Mary's Ministry 7:00 am: Please come early and volunteer for Mass Ministries Feb 2, Sunday 8:15 am: **Greeters:** Scot & Shelley Schlader and Family Servers: Mya/Shyann Meyers, Danny Bock **Lectors:** Cole, Kelsie **Child Lit:** Denise EM: Darbie, Joe D., Kelsie, Joe/Debbie Feb 9, Sunday 8:15 am: **Greeters:** Kris & Erika Shears and Family Servers: Glenn/Ignatius Parmantier, Eli Duman **Lector:** Rick/Rose Child Lit: Heather U. EM: Della, Meredyth, Bonnie, Glenn, Brad St. Anthony Ministry Feb 2, Sunday 10:00 am: **Greeters:** Dale & Jeanne Stubbers and Family **Lector**: Joe EM: Austin. Levi Sacristan: Arlene Servers: Isaiah, Joshua, Aiden Feb 9. Sunday 10:00 am: **Greeters:** Andy & Molly Terhaar and Family **Lector:** Shirley EM: Adam, Nate, Rhonda Sacristan: Rhonda Servers: Jordan, Maddie, Liam

Assumption Ministry

Feb 1, Saturday 5:00 pm:

Servers: Owen, Tess, Lena

Lector: Candice EM: Ryan McHugh, Ryan Mader Feb 8, Saturday 5:00 pm:

Servers: Ava, Declan, Ben

Lector: Gwen **EM:** Hannah, Dorothy

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Mass Intentions for the Week

ASSUMPTION Feb 1, Sat 5 pm: +Dan Forsmann +Cindy Forsmann-Bloxham Feb 2, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am: +Jared Sonnen +Daniel Sonnen, da 2/1, by Greg & Colleen ST. MARY'S Feb 2, Sun 8:15 am: All Tri-Parish Parishioners 10:00 am: Feb 2, Sun ST. ANTHONY +Andrew & Evelyn Riener (Andrew bd 2/8) +Greg Feb 3, Mon St. Mary's 7:30 am: Fr. Reuben Nuxoll LC +Vic Wassmuth +Eugene McHugh Feb 4, Tues St. Mary's 7:30 am: Fr. Reuben Nuxoll LC +Keath Schmidt +Gary Schmidt Eeb 5, Wed St. Anthony 8 am: Fr. Reuben Nuxoll LC A Special Intention for Healing Feb 6. Thurs St. Marv's 8 am: +Hank Duclos and for Marlene in memory of their wedding anniversary on 2/6. Feb 7, Fri Assumption 8 am: +Francis Cheyney by Betty Mader +Juliet Amadi - mother of Father Amadi Feb 8, Sat **ASSUMPTION** 5 pm: +Fred Walser, da 2/9 +Wilbur Hasenoehrl ST. MARY'S Feb 9, Sun 7 am: +Cliff Johnson, bd 2/8 +Bob Ross Feb 9, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am: All Tri-Parish Parishioners Feb 9, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am: +Tom Terhaar, bd 2/10, by Irene +Raymond Wemhoff, bd 2/17, da 2/26

Encounter Ministries Weekend workshop (School of Healing) A 2-Day Weekend & Healing Service, March 7-8, at **Greencreek Hall**. Teaching-Activating-Deploying Catholics to Participate in the Healing Ministry of Jesus. Jesus promised, "These signs will accompany those who believe ... They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." (Mark 16:17).

Questions- contact Danielle Spencer, 208-816-8408. https://encounterministries.regfox.com/cottonwood-id-

school-of-healing More information with schedule and registration on the link above. Plus, an email was sent out this week to everyone with more information, which was sent from the Tri-Parish Office.

Office needs two used chairs in one of the upstairs offices. Do you have a gently used living room style chair that you do not want or need anymore and would like to donate to the Tri-Parish Office?