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Collection received last Sunday:			
Collection Budget	Received	Gift/Other	
St. Mary's	3153.00	3364.00	23.00
St. 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

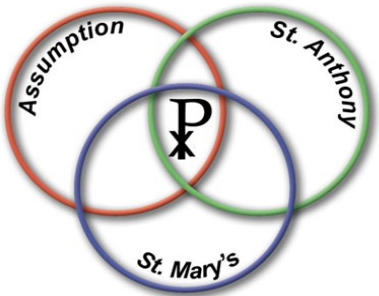
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TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Assumption</u>	<u>St. Anthony</u>
Mark Gehring Term ends Jul 2025	Katrina Geis Term end Jul 2025	Kevin Karel Term ends Jul 2025
Ron Rehder Term ends Jul 2026	Stephen Goeckner Term ends Jul 2026	Conrad Arnzen Term ends Jul 2026
Shelley Schlader Term ends: Jul 2027	Cara Uhlenkott Term ends: Jul 2027	Joe Baerlocher Term ends: Jul 2027
<u>Holy Cross</u>		
Diana Graning 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 set-up, 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



Pray for Peace. Pray for America



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. "*

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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.

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

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

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.

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

CYC Registration is open to all High School Students:
CYC will take place in Boise March 7-9th. Contact Sarah
Walsh. sarahwalsh_ym@triparishchurches.com
Chaperones are needed. Please contact Sarah if interested.
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\$3,986.00 was collected for the California Fire Victims from our Tri-Parishes. Thank you for your generosity.

Printed copy of the bulletin has a picture of the flyer for Healing Holy Hour in this area

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

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?