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Collection received from last weekend Masses:

Collection Budget	Received	Gift/Other
St. Mary's	3153.00	2437.00
St. Anthony	1211.00	1180.00
Assumption	754.00	1063.00
		6033.00
		23.00
		44.00

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 - not until summer of 2026

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

EUCARISTIC 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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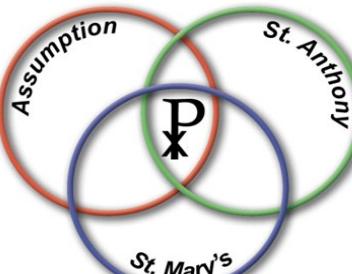


TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

St. Mary's	Assumption	St. Anthony
Ron Rehder Term ends Jul 2026	Stephen Goeckner Term end 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
Ned Waters Term ends: Jul 2028	Annmarie Schwartz Term ends: Jul 2028	Norm Sonnen Term ends: Jul 2028

Holy Cross
Diana Graning
Term ends Jul 2027

December 7 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent



And Holy Cross Chapel



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: Sister Meg Sasse. Sister Meg said "Monastic life has taught me how to pray." Sister Meg began her journey with St. Gertrudes over 50 years ago. She was raised in Twin Falls, a rapid succession of events in her teens led her to recognize her call to explore a religious life. After entering she completed her junior and senior year of high school and started college as a novice. She received her Bachelor degree at Gonzaga.

Pray for Peace. Pray for America



The Rosary is prayed EVERY morning at St. Mary's;
Sunday at 6:30 am; the rest of the week at 7:30 am.

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...

The Immaculate Conception

This feast is the celebration that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was conceived without original sin. The grace that we receive at our own baptism, which washes away original sin and restores us to the original grace that God intended for us to have, a grace Mary received when she was conceived. Franciscan John Duns Scotus wrote "though Mary deserved original sin like all humans, she was preserved from it at the moment of conception by a pre-redemption." God gave Mary the grace of Baptism at the very moment of her conception because He knew that Mary was to be the mother of Jesus.

In the Gospel of St. Luke, 1:28, the Angel Gabriel says that Mary is "full of Grace." Throughout the centuries the Church has slowly grown in understanding what this means. Saint Irenaeus in the 3rd century foreshadowed the teaching of Mary's Immaculate Conception by calling her the "New Eve." By the 8th century there was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the Eastern rites of the Church. By the 11th century this celebration had appeared in the Western Church. The Feast was included in the Universal Church Calendar in the 14th Century and made a Holy Day Obligation in 1708. On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined this as a dogma of our faith. Pope Pius IX declared, "The Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by the singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." What that means is that the Virgin Mary was protected from original sin from the moment of her conception. She never lost the original grace that God originally intended all people to have, the grace we lose with Original Sin. That lost grace is restored to us when we are Baptized. The Immaculate Conception of Mary was to protect Jesus so He would be untouched by sin. Eph 1:3-4.

Because the Blessed Virgin Mary never lost her original grace, some people claim then that Mary did not need a Savior. This is not true. Jesus is her Savior just as He is our Savior. We are saved when we are Baptized; Mary was saved when she was conceived. Both events happen through and by the power of Jesus and His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Mary needed saved to get into heaven just as we do. If Jesus had not died, rose, and ascended, and opened the gates of heaven, she would not have been able to enter heaven anymore than we could have. Four years after Pope Pius' decree the Blessed Mother appeared at Lourdes, France in 1858 and declared herself to be the Immaculate Conception. The Virgin Mary under title as the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States.

Father Paul Wander

If you pre-ordered a photo directory when your pictures were taken . . . Please stop at the Tri-Parish Office or at Weber Photography and pick yours up. Cost is \$16.96. We still have a few that were pre-ordered but have not been paid for and were not picked up. Thank you.

OCIA Classes are held at St. Mary's Church, next class will be Wednesday, December 10th, 6:45-8:15 pm. Questions – please contact Joel & Taylor Wimer: tbarjwimer@gmail.com We encourage all those who are not baptized to consider coming or if you are an adult and have not been Confirmed.

Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

Dec 10: Youth Confessions 3:10-4:10 at the High School PEACE Building
Dec 10: HS Faith Night meet at the Habit, 6:30 pm.
Dec 12: Poinsettias available to be picked up
Dec 14: Youth decorating Tree, St. Anthony, 10 Mass
Dec 15: Attend Penance Service at St. Mary's 6:00pm, then in the back rooms for **CONFIRMATION** class.

Poinsettias for sale! Youth Ministry fundraiser \$16 ea. Contact Sarah or the parish office. They will be available to be picked up **Dec 12 at St. Mary's.**

Tri-Parish Calendar of Events

Dec 8: Holy Day of Obligation - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec 9: KC Meeting, KC Hall, 6:30 pm
Dec 10: Patriotic Rosary, 4 pm, St. Mary's Church, with Eucharistic Adoration 4-6 pm.
Dec 10: OCIA Classes, St. Mary's, 6:45-8:15 pm
Dec 12: Pro-Life Mass, St. John Bosco chapel, 5:30 pm
Dec 14: KC Breakfast, KC Hall, 7-10 am
Dec 15: Penance Service at St. Mary's, 6:00 pm

Assumption Parish Dinner was again a success—
Thank you! A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the parish dinner and raffle including those who set up tables and decorated, donated food, made homemade pies and rolls, cut desserts, peeled potatoes, took tickets, cooked, washed dishes, delivered meals, served, and helped clean up after a long day. Thank you Bingo workers. A BIG thank you to Marilyn for managing the raffle and Gwen for donating the Bingo Prizes. To everyone who came to eat and play bingo. **Thank you for your support!**

St. John Bosco 9th grade class invites you to their presentation: Dec 9th, 11 am and 1 pm. Inspired by holiday classic by Charles Dickens.

The St. John Bosco Academy 9th Grade Theater Class invites You To:

VST Radio House of NYC Presents:

A Christmas Carol



A radio's Radio Show inspired by the holiday classic written by Charles Dickens

Written and Directed by: Michael Rehder

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th in the JPII Theater
 11:00 am and 1:00 pm
 Free admission. Donations welcome at the door.

Happy Birthday!

Dec 7: Nicholas Beckman, Levi Hinds
Dec 8: Chayla Christopher, Jeno Hankerson, Lane Ingram, Tom Seubert, Jill Von Barger
Dec 9: Stacy Anderson, Jack Wimer
Dec 10: Adelyn Geis, Cole Schlader, Jerry Schumacher
Dec 11: Donn Clark, Ignatius Parmantier, Glenn Remacle
Dec 12: Jan Brannan, Kace Munger, Brett Hausladen
Dec 13: Anthony Forsmann, Nicole Larson, Tim Uhlenkott Corbin Wood

*Happy Anniversary 40 years and more!
 Chet & Bev Fergason, Dec 8th, 41 years!*

Several of you have paid \$20.00 for Idaho Catholic Register -
Thank you very much! Annual Subscription rate is \$20.00 you may send to the Diocese or you can make your check payable to your parish, mark it for the ICR, and place it in the collection.

Penance Services before Christmas

all to be held **6:00 pm**

December 9	St. Theresa's, Orofino
December 10	St. Catherine's, Kamiah
December 11	Sts. Peter & Paul, Grangeville
December 15	St. Mary's, Cottonwood
December 16	St. Mary's, Moscow
December 17	All Saints, Lewiston
December 19	Holy Trinity, Nezperce

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - December 24, 2025

4:00 pm	St. Mary's
6:00 pm	St. Anthony
8:00 pm	Assumption
11:00 pm	St. Mary's - Mass ends about midnight

Christmas Day - December 25, 2025

10:00 am	St. Mary's
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St. John Bosco will be selling Gift Cards following all of the Masses this weekend.

Assumption Ministry

Dec 6, Saturday 5 pm:

Servers: Del, Tess, Lena
Lector: Pat **EM:** Ryan and Ryan

Dec 8, Mon - Immaculate Conception of the BVM - 12 noon:

Please come early and volunteer

Dec 13, Saturday 5 pm:

Servers: Ben, Micah
Lector: Jennie **EM:** Cara, Millie

St. Mary's Ministry

All Sundays 7:00 am:

Please come early and volunteer

Dec 7, Sunday 8:15 am:

Greeters: Roy & Denise Uhlenkott

Servers: Ava/Ruby Klapprich, Alex Duclos

Lectors: Maurice, Gerry **Child Lit:** April

EM: Della, Darbie, Kelsie, Bonnie, Meredith

Dec 8, Mon - Immaculate Conception of the BVM 7 am:

Please come early and volunteer

Dec 14, Sunday 8:15 am:

Greeters: Joe Didier, Felix Nuxoll

Servers: James/Oliver Lustig, Orrin Lustig

Lectors: Rachel G., Sherry N. **Child Lit:** Denise

EM: Glenn, Brad, Noelle, Rick/Rose

St. Anthony Ministry

Dec 7, Sunday 10:00 am:

Greeters & Gifts: Thomas & Kari Holman and Family

Lector: Andy **Servers:** Will Sonnen, Lucas, Levi W.

EM: Greg, Norm, Rhonda **Sacristan:** Sarah W.

Dec 8, Mon - Immaculate Conception of the BVM 6:30 pm:

Sacristan: Alea

Other Ministries please come early and volunteer

Dec 14, Sunday 10:00 am:

Greeters & Gifts: Roberto & Rachel Hernandez and Family

Lector: Laurie **Servers:** Nathan, Aiden, Javier

EM: Tonya, Shane, Levi **Sacristan:** Molly



Money goes to Pro-Life causes

Friday December 12th @ 5:30 PM in the Christ the King Chapel at St. John Bosco Academy



Mass Intentions for the Weekend

Dec 6, Sat ASSUMPTION 5 pm:

+JD & Carol Lauer (Carol da 12/4)

Dec 7, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am:

+Katie Remacle, da 12/6 +Mark Geis

Dec 7, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am:

+Delbert Harman, da 12/1 +Aaron Harman

+Stella Harman, da 12/11

Dec 7, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am:

All Tri-Parish Parishioners

Dec 8, Mon - Holy Day: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Mary's 7:00 am: +Alan Hoene, da 12/8 by Claudia +Joann Teresa Van Buren died 12/3/25

Assumption 12 noon:

+Keath Schmidt +Gary Schmidt

St. Anthony 6:30 pm:

Greencreek Altar Society Members

- living and deceased

Dec 9, Tues No Mass

Dec 10, Wed St. Anthony 8 am:

+Alan Hoene by Claudia

+Tom Terhaar by Andy & Molly

Dec 11, Thurs St. Mary's 8 am:

A Special Intention for Healing

Dec 12, Fri Assumption 8 am:

+Maurice & Rita Wimer

Dec 13, Sat ASSUMPTION 5 pm:

+Lee & Sharon Uhling

Dec 14, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am:

+Ted Schumacher +Vera Schumacher, bd 12/12

Dec 14, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am:

For healing for Zane Prigge and for the Prigge Family

Dec 14, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am:

All Tri-Parish Parishioners

The Pro-Life Advent Tree is in the back of the main body of St. Mary's Church and is decorated with tags for cash donations which will help support the local Pregnancy Resource Centers in Lewiston, Grangeville and Kamiah. Donations will also help support the billboard in Grangeville which includes the Help Line for Mothers in need. Parishioners are invited to take a tag and bring back your gift and place it in the tree or put it in the Sunday collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity to mothers and unborn babies.

A Blessed Advent Season to each of you and to all your families. ~ Father Paul