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Collection received from last weekend Masses:			
Collection Budget .....	Received	Gift/Other	
St. Mary's	3153.00	2437.00	6033.00
St. Anthony	1211.00	1180.00	23..00
Assumption	754.00	1063.00	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

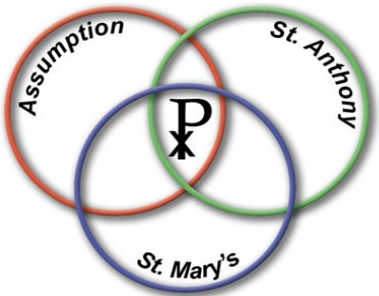
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**ST. MARY'S**  
Every Tuesday: 7 am - 6:30 pm.  
Third Thursday: 7 pm - 7 am Friday  
Every Wednesday—4-6 pm  
First Friday: 7 pm Thurs. - 7:50 am Saturday

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**Formed.Org** <https://triparishchurches.formed.org>

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TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES		
<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Assumption</u>	<u>St. Anthony</u>
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
<b>Holy Cross</b> Diana Graning Term ends Jul 2027		



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 Sass. 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 any more 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](mailto: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.

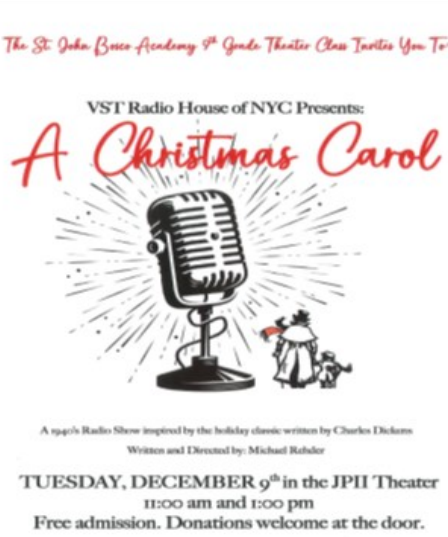
**Poinsettias for sale!** Youth Ministry fundraiser \$16 ea. Contact Sarah or the parish office. They will be available to be picked up **Dec 12 at St. Mary’s.**

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.**



Happy Birthday!

**Dec 7:** Nicholas Beckman, Levi Hinds  
**Dec 8:** Chayla Christopher, Jeno Hankerson, Lane Ingram, Tom Seubert, Jill Von Bargaen  
**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 Ferguson, 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.

<u>Penance Services before Christmas</u> all to be held <b>6:00 pm</b>	
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

<b>Christmas Eve - December 24, 2025</b>	
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
<b>Christmas Day - December 25, 2025</b>	
10:00 am	St. Mary’s

**St. John Bosco will be selling Gift Cards** following all of the Masses this weekend.

Assumption Ministry

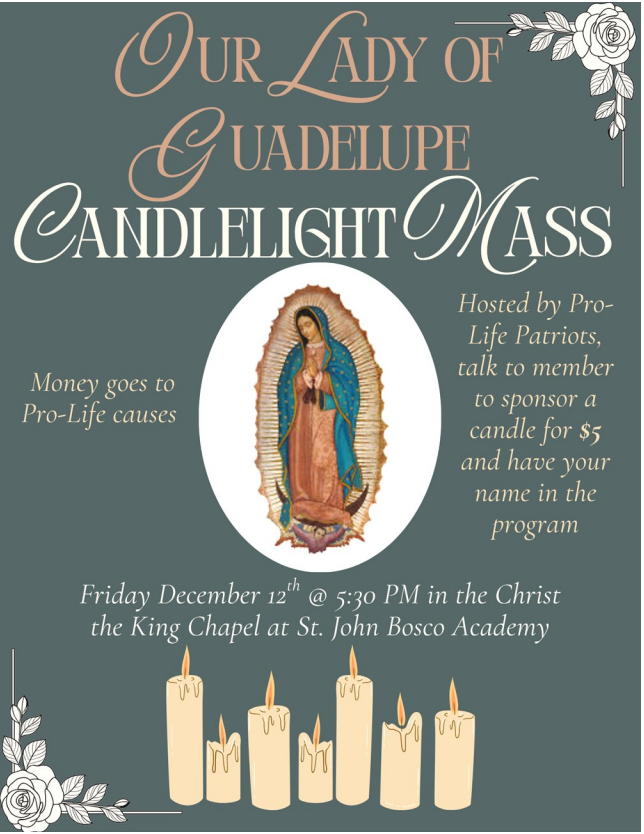
<u>Dec 6, Saturday</u> <b>5 pm:</b>	
<b>Servers:</b> Del, Tess, Lena	
<b>Lector:</b> Pat	<b>EM:</b> Ryan and Ryan
<u>Dec 8, Mon - Immaculate Conception of the BVM - 12 noon:</u>	
<b>Please come early and volunteer</b>	
<u>Dec 13, Saturday</u> <b>5 pm:</b>	
<b>Servers:</b> Ben, Micah	
<b>Lector:</b> Jennie	<b>EM:</b> Cara, Millie

St. Mary’s Ministry

<u>All Sundays</u> <b>7:00 am:</b>	
<i>Please come early and volunteer</i>	
<u>Dec 7, Sunday</u> <b>8:15 am:</b>	
<b>Greeters:</b> Roy & Denise Uhlenkott	
<b>Servers:</b> Ava/Ruby Klapprich, Alex Duclos	
<b>Lectors:</b> Maurice, Gerry	<b>Child Lit:</b> April
<b>EM:</b> Della, Darbie, Kelsie, Bonnie, Meredyth	
<u>Dec 8, Mon - Immaculate Conception of the BVM 7 am:</u>	
<b>Please come early and volunteer</b>	
<u>Dec 14, Sunday</u> <b>8:15 am:</b>	
<b>Greeters:</b> Joe Didier, Felix Nuxoll	
<b>Servers:</b> James/Oliver Lustig, Orrin Lustig	
<b>Lectors:</b> Rachel G., Sherry N.	<b>Child Lit:</b> Denise
<b>EM:</b> Glenn, Brad, Noelle, Rick/Rose	

St. Anthony Ministry

<u>Dec 7, Sunday</u> <b>10:00 am:</b>	
<b>Greeters &amp; Gifts:</b> Thomas & Kari Holman and Family	
<b>Lector:</b> Andy	<b>Servers:</b> Will Sonnen, Lucas, Levi W.
<b>EM:</b> Greg, Norm, Rhonda	
<b>Sacristan:</b> Sarah W.	
<u>Dec 8, Mon - Immaculate Conception of the BVN 6:30 pm:</u>	
<b>Sacristan:</b> Alea	
<b>Other Ministries please come early and volunteer</b>	
<u>Dec 14, Sunday</u> <b>10:00 am:</b>	
<b>Greeters &amp; Gifts:</b> Roberto & Rachel Hernandez and Family	
<b>Lector:</b> Laurie	<b>Servers:</b> Nathan, Aiden, Javier
<b>EM:</b> Tonya, Shane, Levi	
<b>Sacristan:</b> Molly	



Mass Intentions for the Weekend

<u>Dec 6., Sat</u> <b>ASSUMPTION</b> <b>5 pm:</b>		
+JD & Carol Lauer	(Carol da 12/4)	
<u>Dec 7, Sun</u> <b>ST. MARY’S</b> <b>7 am:</b>		
+Katie Remacle, da 12/6	+Mark Geis	
<u>Dec 7, Sun</u> <b>ST. MARY’S</b> <b>8:15 am:</b>		
+Delbert Harman, da 12/1	+Aaron Harman	
+Stella Harman, da 12/11		
<u>Dec 7, Sun</u> <b>ST. ANTHONY</b> <b>10:00 am:</b>		
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

<u>Dec 9, Tues</u> <b>No Mass</b>		
<u>Dec 10, Wed</u> <b>St. Anthony</b> <b>8 am:</b>		
+Alan Hoene by Claudia		
+Tom Terhaar by Andy & Molly		
<u>Dec 11, Thurs</u> <b>St. Mary’s</b> <b>8 am:</b>		
A Special Intention for Healing		
<u>Dec 12, Fri</u> <b>Assumption</b> <b>8 am:</b>		
+Maurice & Rita Wimer		
<u>Dec 13, Sat</u> <b>ASSUMPTION</b> <b>5 pm:</b>		
+Lee & Sharon Uhling		
<u>Dec 14, Sun</u> <b>ST. MARY’S</b> <b>7 am:</b>		
+Ted Schumacher	+Vera Schumacher, bd 12/12	
<u>Dec 14, Sun</u> <b>ST. MARY’S</b> <b>8:15 am:</b>		
For healing for Zane Prigge and for the Prigge Family		
<u>Dec 14, Sun</u> <b>ST. ANTHONY</b> <b>10:00 am:</b>		
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***