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Collection received from last weekend Masses:

Collection Budget	Received	Gift/Other
St. Mary's	3153.00	3163.00
St. Anthony	1211.00	1178.00
Assumption	754.00	450.00
		40.00
		4061.00

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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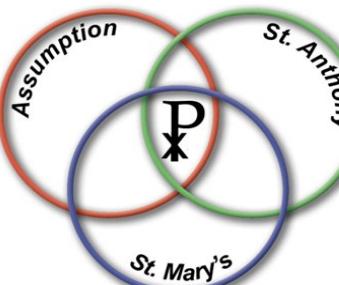
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TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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 21, 2025 - Fourth 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: *Father Paul Wander*

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...

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
FROM AROUND THE WORLD:**

[Afrikaans](#) - Geseende Kerfees en 'n gelukkige nuwe jaar

[Basque](#) - Zorionak eta Urte Berri On!

[Blackfoot](#) - I'Taamomohkatoyiiksistsikomi

[Cherokee](#) - Danistayohihv & Aliheli'sdi Itse Udetiivsadisv

[Cheyenne](#) - Hoesenestotse & Aa'e Emona'e

[Dutch](#) - Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar!

[Egyptian](#) - Colo sana wintom tiebeen

[English](#) - Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

[German](#) - Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr!

[Greek](#) - Kala Christougenna Ki'eftihsimenos O Kenourios Chronos

[Hawaiian](#) - Mele Kalikimaka & Hauoli Makahiki Hou

[Hebrew](#) - Mo'adim Lesimkha. Shanah Tova

[Iraqi](#) - Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah

[Irish](#) - Nollaig Shona Dhuit

[Iroquois](#) - Ojenyunyat Sungwiyadeson homungradon nagwutut & Ojenyunyat osrasay

[Italian](#) - Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo

[Japanese](#) - Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto

[Latin](#) - Pax hominibus bonae voluntatis

[Norwegian/Nynorsk](#) - Eg ynskjer hermed Dykk alle ein God Jul og Godt Nyttår

[Norwegian/Bokmål](#) - God Jul og Godt Nyttår

[Pennsylvania German](#) - En frehlicher Grischtdaag unen hallich Nei Yaahr!

[Polish](#) - Wesolych Swiat i Szczesliwego Nowego Roku.

[Portuguese](#) - Boas Festas e um feliz Ano Novo

[Spanish](#) - Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo

[Vietnamese](#) - Chuc Mung Giang Sinh - Chuc Mung Tan Nien

[Welsh](#) - Nadolig LLawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

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Decorating at **St. Anthony Church** for Christmas: **Monday, December 22nd**, starting at 9:00 am. All are welcome to join us - perfect for families to help - we have jobs for everyone from packing heavy trees to hanging ribbons and ornaments.

"Raise the Roof Gala" - **St. John's Cathedral Gala**. St. Johns warmly invites you to join in celebrating a remarkable milestone of 150 years as a church and your Cathedral, recognized as the Mother Church of Idaho. This landmark occasion serves as a reminder that the Cathedral is a sacred space shared by all parishioners. January 30, 2026, 5-9 pm., Tickets \$150.00. There will be a Cocktail Reception, Dinner & Guest Speakers, Live Music & Dancing, Black Tie is Optional. Call Isabel 208-342-3511 (ext 109).

Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

Jan 2: Youth & Family Adoration with Sarah at St. Mary's . 9-10 pm.

Tri-Parish Calendar of Events

Dec 21: Special visit with Santa at the Greencreek Hall following the 10:00 Mass at St. Anthony

Dec 23: Parish Office closes at noon for Christmas

Dec 24: Patriotic Rosary **9 am** since it is Christmas Eve and Adoration will continue until 11 am - St. Mary's

Dec 24-28: Parish Office closed for Christmas

Dec 25: *Merry Christmas!*

Dec 27: NO Confessions

Dec 30: The 6:30 pm evening Mass at St. Mary's will be a healing Mass. Father Paul will anoint the elderly and sick following Mass.

Dec 31: No morning Mass as there is Mass in the evening at Assumption for the Holy Day. See Mass times for the Holy Day in the next column.

Dec 31: Patriotic Rosary, 4 pm, St. Mary's, Eucharistic Adoration 4-6 pm.

Jan 1: *Happy New Year!* Mass times for the Holy Day are listed in the next column.

Jan 1: KC Members & Families Potluck, 3 pm, KC Hall

Jan 1-3: Adoration over First Friday, at St. Mary's, begins 7 pm Thursday through to 8 am Saturday

Jan 3: First Saturday Mass, St. Mary's, 8 am

Jan 3: Adoration for families with small children, at St. Mary's, 8:30—10:00 am.

Jan 3-4: We celebrate the Epiphany

If you have heard of Exodus 90 your first thought is likely cold showers during lent, but Exodus 90 is so much more than that. Beginning **January 5th** we will embark on a journey that will lead us both spiritually and physically closer to God. We will meet weekly to pray and encourage each other. For more information or to register go to exodus90.com or you can contact **Levi Wassmuth** at piowassmuth@gmail.com or 208-451-3615.

Prairie girls and boys basketball teams will be **hosting the PHS Alumni Games Fundraiser** on Friday, December 26 at the high school gymnasium. The women's game will tip off at 6pm followed by the men's game at 7pm. Alumni who would like to play in the game can pay \$10 at the door, spectators will be \$5 with all proceeds going to our girls and boys basketball programs. If you can't make the game it will be streamed live on our NFHS network.

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/prairie-high-school-cottonwood-id>

Happy Birthday!

Dec 21: Jack Duman, Khloe Enneking, Cory Lustig, Melissa Schmidt Nicholas Seubert, Cael Tacke, Leon Bennett, Lukas Bennett, Urban Wassmuth, MaKayla Williams
Dec 22: Wayne Arnzen, Kathleen Ott, Kathy Rehder
Dec 23: Judy Arnzen, Patty Hinkelman, Miranda Klapprich, Travis Mader, Wyatt Williams
Dec 24: Paul Forsman, Steve Sonnen, Clark Tacke
Dec 25: Kate Lustig
Dec 26: Jaiden Ross, Amelia Uhlenkott

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

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

December 31, Wednesday Assumption, 5:30 pm
January 1, Thursday St. Mary's, 8:00 am
January 1, Thursday St. Anthony, 10:00 am

Question: Was Jesus really born on December 25th?

Most likely He was not. No one knows for sure what day Jesus was born. They did not keep track of birthdays back then; nor did they start celebrating birthdays until in the early 300's, and then only of kings and other important people. But once they started keeping track then people said that if we celebrate the birth of the king, shouldn't we also celebrate the birth of the King of Kings - Jesus Christ? But what day was He born on? Around 350AD Pope Julius proclaimed December 25th as the date of the Nativity. He chose this date for several reasons: 1) in the old Roman calendar this was the shortest day of the year and after this day the sun would shine longer. It was seen as a day of mystery and prophecy and was important to the pagan gods. 2) Many of the pagan religions around the world had celebrated on this day for the return of light. 3) Jesus is the light of the world. So it makes sense to celebrate His birth on the day the light returns to the world.

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"Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Christ our Savior is born, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all." ~Saint Pope Leo the Great

St. Mary's Ministry

All Sundays 7:00 am:

Please come early and volunteer

Dec 21, Sunday 8:15 am:

Greeters: Jake & Marlene Forsmann

Servers: Emil/Fulton/Ignatius

Lectors: Sarah, Heather **Child Lit:** Grace

EM: Dylan, Heath, Alaina, Lillianne, Nolan

Dec 24, Christmas Eve 4:00 pm:

Please sign-up on the Ministry forms on bulletin board

Dec 24, Christmas Eve 11:00 pm:

Please sign-up on the Ministry forms on bulletin board

Dec 25, Christmas Day 10:00 am:

Please sign-up on the Ministry forms on bulletin board

Dec 28, Sunday 8:15 am:

Greeters: Rod & June Behler

Servers: Grace Rehder, Bennett Riener, Teddy Schmidt

Lectors: Jon/Jim Rehder **Child Lit:** April

EM: Jim, Jon, Dustin, Kris, Derik

Jan 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 8:00 am:

Please come early and volunteer

St. Anthony Ministry

Dec 21, Sunday 10:00 am:

Greeters & Gifts: Phil & Rhonda Schmidt

Lector: Garrett **Servers:** Jordan, Evan, Sam

EM: Adam, Nate **Sacristan:** Rhonda

Dec 24, Christmas Eve 6:00 pm:

Greeters: Matt & Sarah Warren and Family

Lector: Joe **Servers:** Declan, Gabe, Liam

EM: Shawn, Johanna **Sacristan:** Arlene

Dec 28, Sunday 10:00 am:

Greeters & Gifts: Conrad & Jen Arnzen and Family

Lector: Audrey **Servers:** Isaiah, Joshua, John Patrick

EM: Norm, Gene, Rhonda **Sacristan:** Sarah

Jan 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 10:00 am:

Greeters & Gifts: Andy & Molly Terhaar and Family

Lector: Shirley **Servers:** Kael, Buren, Wyatt

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

Assumption Ministry

Dec 20, Saturday 5:00 pm:

Servers: Hailey, Liam

Lector: Gwen **EM:** Dorothy

Dec 24, Christmas Eve 8:00 pm:

Servers: please come early and volunteer

Lector: Mason **EM:** Ryan McHugh, volunteer

Dec 27, Saturday 5:00 pm:

Servers: Jack, Lena, Micah

Lector: Linda **EM:** Carri, Ryan

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec 20, Sat ASSUMPTION 5 pm:

+Cecil Uhling, da 12/17 +Viola Uhling

Dec 21, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am:

+Curt & Joan Terhaar

Dec 21, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am:

+Jed Fitch and for the Fitch Family (by HS PFFP Class)

Dec 21, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am:

All Tri-Parish Parishioners

Dec 22, Mon No Mass

Dec 23, Tues St. Mary's 6:30 pm:

+Scott Wimer +Charlie Kirk

Christmas Eve

Dec 24, Wed St. Mary's 4:00 pm:

+John Kernan +Ladd & Dorothy Arnoti

Dec 24, Wed St. Anthony 6:00 pm:

+Peter Enneking, da 12/24

+Vincent & Evelyn Enneking

Dec 24, Wed Assumption 8:00 pm:

For Families

Dec 24, Wed St. Mary's 11:00 pm:

Peace and Joy in the World

Christmas Day

Dec 25, Thurs St. Mary's 10:00 am:

For all deceased family and friends who were listed on the Contribution Envelopes for Christmas Flowers

Dec 26, Fri Assumption 8 am:

+Clarence Wassmuth, bd 12/26

+Paula Schwartz

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dec 27, Sat ASSUMPTION 5 pm:

+Marie Walser +Orville Zodrow

Dec 28, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am:

+Don & Jane Hoene

Dec 28, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am:

All Tri-Parish Parishioners

Dec 28, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am:

+Ryan Crea, da 12/29

+Joanne Theresa Van Buren