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Collection received from last weekend Masses: 12/28/25

Collection Budget ..... Received Gift/Other

St. Mary's	3153.00	3109.00	1019.00
St. Anthony	1211.00	1081.00	1078.00
Assumption	754.00	1043.00	14.00

**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

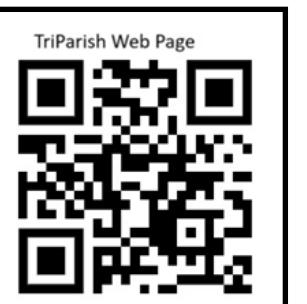
**EUCARISTIC ADORATION****ST. MARY'S**

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

[www.triparishchurches.com](http://www.triparishchurches.com)

Find us on Facebook: Tri-Parish Catholic Church  
Formed.Org <https://triparishchurches.formed.org>

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**TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Assumption</b>	<b>St. Anthony</b>
Ron Rehder	Stephen Goeckner	Conrad Arnzen
Term ends Jul 2026	Term end Jul 2026	Term ends Jul 2026

Shelley Schlader	Cara Uhlenkott	Joe Baerlocher
Term ends Jul 2027	Term ends Jul 2027	Term ends Jul 2027

Ned Waters	Annmarie Schwartz	Norm Sonnen
Term ends: Jul 2028	Term ends: Jul 2028	Term ends: Jul 2028

**Holy Cross**

Diana Graning  
Term ends Jul 2027

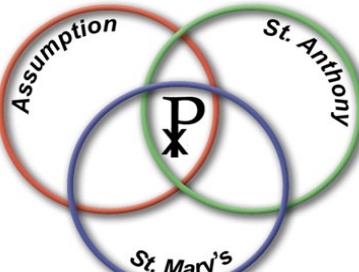
**January 4, 2026 - Feast of the Epiphany****Father's Corner... "Epiphany"**

The actual celebration day of Epiphany is January 6th, from this date comes the twelve days of Christmas. Like Christmas, Epiphany emphasizes the Incarnation and manifestation of Jesus. The celebration of Epiphany began in the Eastern part of our Church and was celebrated a 100 years before Christmas was first celebrated. It was a major feast by the 300's. Epiphany is the celebration of when the three Magi came to give gifts and homage to Jesus. It is a celebration of Christ's glory being made manifested to the Gentiles, to the whole world. On Christmas the Jews, in the Shepherds, give praise to God for Jesus, the incarnation and birth of our Lord. In Epiphany Jesus is manifested to the world and the world in the three Magi, giving praise to God for Jesus.

The "Star" represents the light of God coming into the world and being given to the world in Jesus. This light enters us and illuminates us at our Baptism. The "Magi" represent the entire world. They represent human wisdom, knowledge and science leading to God and acknowledging God as greater. "Gold" represents wealth, power, and treasure. The things of this world being given to Jesus. This is important as Jesus' mission is to draw all things to Himself to be presented to the Father. "Frankincense" is incense. It is a fragrant gum resin that occurs in the form of large tears, light yellowish-brown in color. It comes from the Boswellia trees native to Somaliland and Southern Arabia. Incense is used in the worship of God to symbolize that the item or person being incensed is being lifted up to God. It also involves the use of our sense of smell in giving praise to God. "Myrrh" is an extract from the bark of certain species of trees. It is a spice that is used frequently in mixing with oil or incense to add smell and color. It is used in making the oil that was used to anoint kings and the dead. The Messiah was to be the "Anointed One". Myrrh symbolizes that Jesus is the King of Creation, the Messiah and will die for us.

In many countries the celebration of Epiphany has been moved to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th.

*Father Paul Wander*



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 Rose Marie Nutsch.

Sr. Rose Marie was raised in Nampa and was educated at a school run by the Benedictine Sisters. She taught 2nd grade at Sacred Heart School in Boise for over 30 years. She is currently the house manager at St. Gertrude Monastery.

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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

"Raise the Roof Gala" - St. John's Cathedral Gala. St. John's 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).

**Attention Men! The 11th Annual Idaho Catholic Men's Conference** is coming up on Saturday, January 31, at Holy Apostles in Meridian and online. Registration for the in-person conference closes on January 19th, unless it sells out sooner. For more information please visit the website: [IdahoCatholicMen.org](http://IdahoCatholicMen.org)

## Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

Jan 16-17: God Squad meeting/Retreat in Lewiston

## Tri-Parish Calendar of Events

Jan 3-4: We celebrate the Epiphany

Jan 5: SAS Meets

Jan 7: Patriotic Rosary, 4 pm, St. Mary's Church, with Eucharistic Adoration 4-6 pm.

Jan 7: Whole Family Catechesis for 2nd graders and their parents, St. Mary's, 6-7:30 pm

Jan 11: KC Breakfast, KC Hall, 7-10 am

Jan 11: Stay following Mass and help take decorations down in St. Mary's and in St. Anthony

Jan 13: KC Meeting in KC Hall

Jan 14: Patriotic Rosary, 4 pm, St. Mary's Church, with Eucharistic Adoration 4-6 pm.

Jan 14: OCIA Classes, St. Mary's, 6:45-8:15 pm

Jan 14: Parish Council meets 7 pm in Office

Jan 15: Stewardship Committee meets, office, 11 am

Jan 15: PFFP Board meets at CEC, 7 pm

Jan 18: Coffee Hour follows 8:15 am Mass, we need a family/group to sign up to host. Baked items provided

Jan 24: SAS sponsored Crab Feed at Greencreek Hall, Social Hour begins at 5:30, Dinner 6:30. Tickets sold in advance - from Cottonwood Credit Union, The Habit, Advanced Welding (Adam Forsmann 208-507-1774), or Conrad Arnzen 208-983-7295. Tickets \$50 each.

**Thank you to Seubert Excavators** for the use of your equipment to safely remove this damaged tree that was in danger of falling on the Church. Thank you to the men who also volunteered their time and talent to safely remove the tree. **Fr Paul**



## Happy Birthday!

Jan 4: Wyatt Frei, Sidney Kehler, Sarah Lustig, Lincoln Nuxoll

Jan 5: Harley Arnzen, James Remacle, William Remacle, John Schumacher, Jason Weber

Jan 6: Rosemary Barga, Connie Forsmann, Avery Kehler, Alex Ott

Jan 7: Noah Beckman, Jim Gorges, Vicki Hinkelman, Stacie Jackson

Jan 8: Nicole Kinzer, Ed Rad, Reed Schmidt

Jan 9: Sabrina Duman, Rose Fei, Dawson Stubbers

Jan 10: Harriet Remacle, Thomas Schwartz

*Happy Anniversary 40 years and more!  
Greg & Colleen Sonnen, Jan 5th, 46 years!*

The 2027 Jamaica Mission Team will be hosting a fundraising dinner at the Greencreek Community Hall on January 31st, at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. The menu features Spaghetti/Alfredo, Caesar Salad, garlic bread, cheesecake, and lemonade. We will also have a wine pull, gun auction, and the drawing for our Raffle items. Come and enjoy a night of great food and family fun. Thank you for your support for our 2027 Mission Trip to Jamaica. If you have questions or to purchase a raffle ticket, please contact Debbie 208-553-5837. Thank you.

**Stewardship-Time, Talent and Treasure:** *"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."* Mt 2:11. In gratitude for all we have been given, we are called to generously share our gifts of time, talent, treasure

### Stewardship Box . . .

**Change your life in 2026! Start on a journey with God and discover more about your faith.**

We are inviting you to consider building your faith with one of the following podcasts: Bible in a Year or Catechism in a Year. You can listen while driving to work, going on your daily walk, drinking your morning coffee, or however you like!

### BIBLE IN A YEAR – Fr. Mike Schmitz

Read the entire Bible using Fr. Mike Schmitz's popular Catholic podcast, "The Bible in a Year". This podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides you through the entire Bible in 365 daily episodes.

### The Catechism in a Year – Fr. Mike Schmitz

Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church using Fr. Mike Schmitz's podcast, "The Catechism in a Year.". With this podcast, you won't just read the Catechism in 365 days... this podcast will help you understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape our daily lives!

You can find these podcasts are free on Ascension Press, Hallow, any podcast app, or on YouTube.

## St. Mary's Ministry

**All Sundays 7:00 am:**

*Please come early and volunteer*

**Jan 4, Sunday 8:15 am:**

**Greeters:** Mark & Rachel Gehring and Family

**Servers:** Emily & Gabriel Seubert, Kristyn Shears

**Lectors:** Joe, Maurice **Child Lit:** Denise

**EM:** Maurice, Roger U., Denise, January & Roger T.

**Jan 11, Sunday 8:15 am:**

**Greeters:** Heath & Tara Klapprich and Family

**Servers:** Gage & Troy Uhlenkott, McKenna Slichter

**Lectors:** Colleen/Jim **Child Lit:** April

**EM:** Marilyn, Sarah, Steel, Ned, Emmett

## St. Anthony Ministry

**Jan 4, Sunday 10:00 am:**

**Greeters & Gifts:** Dale & Jeanne Stubbers Family

**Lector:** Julie **Servers:** Ray, Bowen, Branch

**EM:** Greg, Levi **Sacristan:** Alea

**Jan 11, Sunday 10:00 am:**

**Greeters & Gifts:** Adam & Tiffany Forsmann and Family

**Lector:** Faith **Servers:** Anthony, Drew, Javier

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

## Assumption Ministry

**Jan 3, Saturday 5:00 pm:**

**Servers:** Del, Owen, Jack

**Lector:** Lynn **EM:** Cara, Virgil

**Jan 10, Saturday 5:00 pm:**

**Servers:** Ava, Matt

**Lector:** Linda **EM:** Dorothy, Millie

**Ladies of Greencreek Altar Society:** We have our 4 Grower Dinners coming up in January and February again. We will be needing cheesecakes and pies for these dinners. Plus a little help on the day of the dinner. There are sign-up sheets in the entrance of St. Anthony Church. We always appreciate all of you and the help you give so freely. Geralyn 208-507-8218 and Nancy 208-816-0094.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Jan 3, Sat ASSUMPTION 5 pm:**

All Tri-Parish Parishioners

**Jan 4, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am:**

+Jared Sonnen. Bd 1/5 +Vince Poxleitner, da 1/2

**Jan 4, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am:**

+Marv Wimer +Molly Wimer

+Josh Wimer +Henry Wimer

**Jan 4, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am:**

+Marge Lamb +Ken Schmidt

**Jan 5, Mon No Mass**

**Jan 6, Tues St. Mary's 6:30 pm:**

+Ryan Crea, bd 1/6 +Mark Geis

**Jan 7, Wed Funeral for Ralph Terhaar at St. Anthony**

**10:30 Rosary 11:00 Mass of Christian Burial**

**Jan 8, Thurs St. Mary's 8 am:**

+Lee & Sharon Uhling (Lee da 1/3; Sharon bd 1/2)

**Jan 9, Fri Assumption 8 am:**

Special Intention for Healing for Ed Anderson

**Jan 10, Sat ASSUMPTION 5 pm:**

All Tri-Parish Parishioners

**Jan 11, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am:**

+Helen Nuxoll, bd 1/13

+Lizz Higgins by Doug & Karen

**Jan 11, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am:**

+Gabbie Rehder, da 1/12 +Lorraine Nuxoll

**Jan 11, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am:**

+Ambrose Schumacher, bd 1/8, by Margie

+Patrick J. Nuxoll

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on January 30 to February 1, 2026, in Beaverton, Oregon. To apply for your WWME Experience or search other dates - visit the website at [rediscoverthespark.org](http://rediscoverthespark.org) or for more information 503-704-0836. Or email: [reservations@rediscoverthespark.org](mailto:reservations@rediscoverthespark.org)

**Thank you to all who donated to the Tree of Life:** Your donations help support Pregnancy Care Centers in our area and the Billboard located on Hwy 95 new Grangeville. The "Help" telephone number will direct any mother in need to the nearest Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) where she will be given free pregnancy test, a free ultrasound, educational advice, spiritual comfort, emotional support and more.

**Idaho Mass for Life 2026**, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Boise, 11:00 am, Saturday, January 24th, celebrated by Bishop Peter. **March for Life** follows the Mass at 1:00 pm and starts in the bandshell in Julia Davis Park. Walk to Capital Building followed by Life Rally and reception.