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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

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

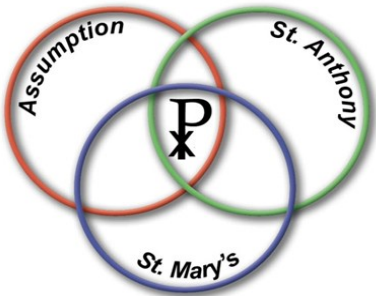
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TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES		
St. Mary's	Assumption	St. Anthony
Ron Rehder Term ends Jul 2026	Stephen Goeckner Term end Jul 2026	Conrad Arnzen Term ends Jul 2026
Shelley Schlader Term ends Jul 2027	Cara Uhlenkott Term ends Jul 2027	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		

January 4, 2026 - Feast of the Epiphany



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 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.

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

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... "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. It

spread to the Western Church by the late 300's and 400'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.

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"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**

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 rediscoverthepark.org or for more information 503-704-0836. Or email: reservations@rediscoverthepark.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.