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Collection received from last weekend Masses: 1/1 & 1/4

Collection Budget ..... Received Gift/Other

St. Mary's 3153.00 3136.00 15.00

St. Anthony 1211.00 977.00 5772.00

Assumption 754.00 1263.00 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  
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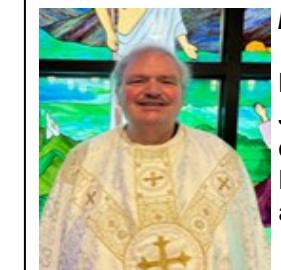
#### TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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 11, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord



#### Father's Corner... "Baptism of the Lord"

Historically the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated as part of Epiphany on January 6, but was later separated to become a distinct feast the Sunday following Epiphany. It is the conclusion of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time.

This Feast celebrates three things: 1) commemorates Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist

2) the beginning of His public ministry; 3) reveals the Holy Trinity.

#### Baptism:

The Feast is celebrating Jesus being baptized. This signifies 1) a new age of salvation (the sky opened) as God formed the sky in the beginning (Gen 1:6-8) and the Spirit came down upon Jesus as the Spirit came down at the beginning of Creation. (Mt 3:16; Gn 1:2).

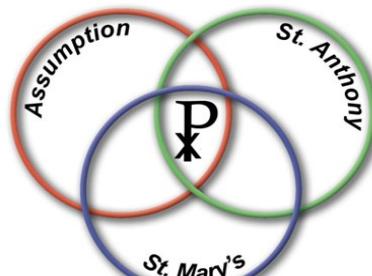
Tradition recognizes our Sacrament of Baptism through water and the Holy Spirit beginning at this time, because water through contact with the humanity of Christ is given sanctifying power.

Jesus' Baptism became the archetype of Christian Baptism that Jesus tells His disciples to celebrate (Mt 28:16-20).

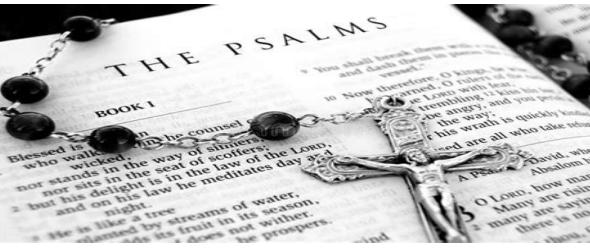
**Beginning of Jesus' public ministry.** John's baptism was for both repentance and that the person was changing their life. Jesus receives this baptism to show our need to repent of our sins, and that He was changing His life. He was going from being a carpenter to a public preacher. Indeed, it is in the next chapter that Jesus begins His Galilean Ministry. (Mt 4:12).

**The Holy Trinity.** The Church teaches that it is possible that a person can reason the existence of God through the world around us and through our nature (CCC 27-38; 47). But the existence of the Holy Trinity is a revealed truth that can only be known through God's revelation of Himself to us. The first revelation of this is in the Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38; Mt 1:18-20). Today's Gospel is the second and clearer revelation, "A voice came from heavens saying, 'This is my beloved Son' Mt 3:17). If Jesus is the Son then there must be a parent who is God the Father, First Person of the Holy Trinity. "Son" who is Jesus, being baptized, who is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. And, "the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him" (Mt 3:16). The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

*Father Paul Wander*



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 Sue Ellen Drexler grew up in Idaho Falls and was a teacher prior to joining St. Gertrudes. "I realized prayer is number one," she said, "in order to get through a day I needed to pray." She made her first Monastic Profession on July 11, 1991. She was inspired by the faith of her mother and grandmother.

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

**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)

**Sts. Peter and Paul Parish is hosting a "Watch Party" for the Idaho Catholic Men's Conference** on Saturday, January 31st, from 7 am - 2 pm. Registration for the watch party is \$29 and includes light breakfast, lunch & snacks. There is a great lineup of speakers including Father Chris Alar. We have had between 40 and 50 men from the area join us in the past: [www.idahocatholicmen.org](http://www.idahocatholicmen.org) to register and use the drop-down menu to choose the Watch Party at Sts. Peter and Paul.

### Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

Jan 14: Jr High Faith Night, 6:30 pm, OMG  
Jan 16-17: God Squad meeting/Retreat in Lewiston  
Jan 19: Confirmation Class 7 pm, CEC, Saint Report due  
**Looking ahead March 13-15:** ICYC is online, link up on the OMG Facebook page, or email Sarah or office and we will send you the link.

### Tri-Parish Calendar of Events

Jan 11: KC Breakfast, KC Hall, 7-10 am  
Jan 11: Stay following Mass and help take decorations down in Assumption, St. Mary's and 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  
Jan 21: Patriotic Rosary, 4 pm, St. Mary's Church, with Eucharistic Adoration 4-6 pm.  
Jan 21: OCIA Classes, St. Mary's, 6:45-8:15 pm  
Jan 22: Liturgy Committee meet, 1 pm, parish office  
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.

**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.

**Lewiston Engaged Encounter** which serves the North Central Deanery has an Engaged Encounter Retreat the weekend of March 21-22, 2026, to be held at **All Saints Catholic School in Lewiston** the cost is \$175.00 which covers meals and supplies. The Retreat focuses on building communication skill with each other within four major themes covering values, sacramental marriage, intimacy, and the family grown up in. More details [lewiston.engagedencounter.com](http://lewiston.engagedencounter.com) or email [lewistonregistration@engagedencounter.com](mailto:lewistonregistration@engagedencounter.com)

### Happy Birthday!

Jan 11: Chris Kaschmitter, James Poxleitner, Timothy Smith, Talon Weber, Lydia Wimer  
Jan 12: Marina Geis, Edward Lustig, Noah Prescott, Tanis Uhlorn  
Jan 13: Robert Goeckner, Alecia Hagen, Logan Kuther, Chirstopher Schumacher, Torrie Nuxoll  
Jan 14: Samuel Lewis, Bethany Lustig, Joshua Lustig, Curtis Nuxoll, Krystin Schlader, Devon Schultz, Connie Schumacher  
Jan 15: Benjamin Secretst, Austin Sonnen, Gage Uhlenkott, Mathias Wimer  
Jan 16: Leslie McIntire, Leah Prigge, Nicole Uhlenkott, Logan Wimer  
Jan 17: Nori Holthaus, Wes Munger, Presley Roy, Gene Wedkman

**Saint Augustine of Milan stated:** "The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism."  
"Christian baptism is of course greater than John's baptism, even as Jesus himself is far greater than John (Mat. 3:14; Jn 3:30)

#### 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. and find these podcasts for free on Ascension Press, Hallow , any podcast app, or on YouTube.

**Father Paul** joined a weekly email on Catholic Social Teaching that will be going through *Rerum Novarum* written by Pope Leo XIII in 1891, 135 years ago. This is regarded as a compendium of Catholic social and economic teaching. There is still time to join if you wish to reach *Rerum Novarum* this year. Click on the link and join for free: [flocknote.com/cst](http://flocknote.com/cst)

### St. Mary's Ministry

**All Sundays** **7:00 am:**

*Please come early and volunteer*

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

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

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

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

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

**Jan 18, Sunday** **8:15 am:**

**Greeters:** Bob & April Lustig and Family

**Servers:** Avery & Eli & Tysen Duman

**Lectors:** Denis, Kelsie **Child Lit:** Denise

**EM:** Joe D., Darbie, Bonnie, Joe/Debbie

### St. Anthony Ministry

**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

**Jan 18, Sunday** **10:00 am:**

**Greeters & Gifts:** Thomas & Kari Holman and Family

**Lector:** Norm **Servers:** Will S., William, Adele

**EM:** Gene, Johana **Sacristan:** Arlene

### Assumption Ministry

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

**Servers:** Ava, Matt

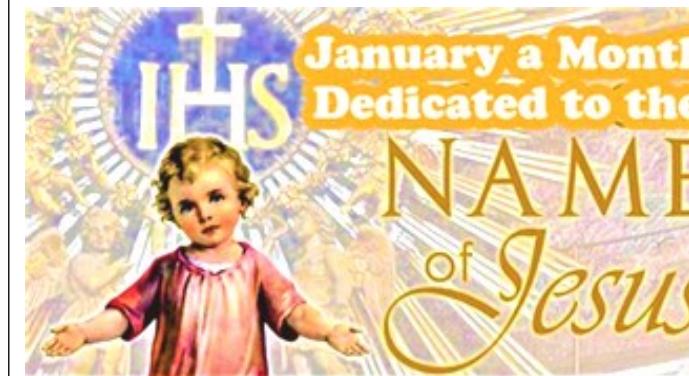
**Lector:** Linda **EM:** Dorothy, Millie

**Jan 17, Saturday** **5:00 pm:**

**Servers:** Hailey, Liam

**Lector:** Crystal **EM:** Carri, Ryan

**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

<b>Jan 10, Sat</b>	<b>ASSUMPTION</b>	<b>5 pm:</b>
All Tri-Parish Parishioners		
<b>Jan 11, Sun</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>7 am:</b>
+Helen Nuxoll, bd 1/13		
+Lizz Higgins by Doug & Karen		
<b>Jan 11, Sun</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>8:15 am:</b>
+Gabbie Rehder, da 1/12 +Lorraine Nuxoll		
<b>Jan 11, Sun</b>	<b>ST. ANTHONY</b>	<b>10:00 am:</b>
+Ambrose Schumacher, bd 1/8, by Margie		
+Patrick J. Nuxoll		
<b>Jan 12, Mon</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>8 am:</b>
Father Paul's intentions		
<b>Jan 13, Tues</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>12 NOON:</b>
+Vic Wassmuth +Theresa Wemhoff		
<b>Jan 14, Wed</b>	<b>St. Anthony</b>	<b>8 am:</b>
+Wilma Wassmuth by Ed		
+Irma Tacke by Altar Society		
<b>Jan 15, Thurs</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>8 am:</b>
+Joan Stubbers and the Stubbers Family		
<b>Jan 16, Fri</b>	<b>Assumption</b>	<b>8 am:</b>
Weber & Riener Families - living and deceased		
<b>Jan 17, Sat</b>	<b>ASSUMPTION</b>	<b>5 pm:</b>
+Dorothy Verdugo +Gary Wander		
+Jan McCann +David Wander		
<b>Jan 18, Sun</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>7 am:</b>
+Hank Duclos, da 1/17 +Sally Nuxoll		
<b>Jan 18, Sun</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>8:15 am:</b>
All Tri-Parish Parishioners		
<b>Jan 18, Sun</b>	<b>ST. ANTHONY</b>	<b>10:00 am:</b>
+George & Mildred Geis +Mark Gies		

**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.

**Marymount Hermitage in Mesa** is hosting the first *Day of Pilgrimage* for 2026 on Saturday, **March 7th**. Since prayer is a strong theme in Lent, this will be the topic for the two teachings by Sister M. Beverly. Contemplative prayer, especially, will be the focus. The day begins at 9 am and concludes about 3:30 pm. Father Jerry Funke will be available to offer the midday Mass and to hear confessions during the day. **Calendar of Events on the website** for more details [www.marymount-hermitage.org](http://www.marymount-hermitage.org) To register call 208-256-4354; email: [SisterBeverly@marymount-hermitage.org](mailto:SisterBeverly@marymount-hermitage.org) Event is limited to 30 participants.