

February 1, 2026 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Collection received from last weekend Masses:

Collection Budget	Received	Gift/Other
St. Mary's	3153.00	3106.00
St. Anthony	1211.00	1461.00
Assumption	754.00	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

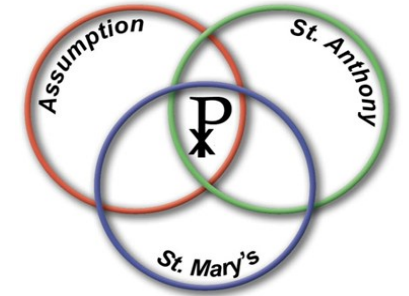
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TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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	



And Holy Cross Chapel



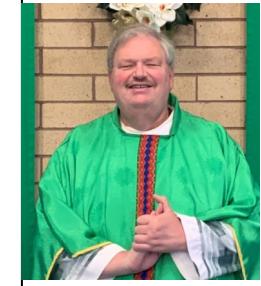
Pray each week for a religious who is from this area or who has served in this area. This week we ask you to pray for: Mary Nuxoll, Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi. Mary is the youngest daughter of Felix & Sherry Nuxoll in Cottonwood. Mary entered the Consecrated life on August 23, 2003. She received her religious and pastoral degree in Monterrey, Mexico. Mary was transferred to Dallas, Texas, where she obtained a Master of Psychology at the University of Dallas. She is a mentor at the Highland School in Dallas, a spiritual director, and a professional counselor.

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... Feast of the Presentation or Candlemas Day or Groundhog Day. Which is it?

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple celebrates an early part of the life of Jesus, Lk 2:22-38. Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple forty days after His birth to complete Mary's ritual purification according to Jewish law (Lv 12:2-8); and to perform the redemption of the firstborn son (Ex 13:2-12). This is in remembrance of God sparing the 1st born of the Israelites when the 1st born of the Egyptians were killed in the tenth plague in the time of Moses. What both of these show is that Joseph, Mary and Jesus were following the Mosaic Covenant.

Candlemas Day (or Candle Mass) Is halfway between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox - halfway between Winter and Spring. It was the custom of Candlemas Day for the priest to bless candles to be used the dark of Winter. A lighted candle was placed in each window of the home. Superstition held that if the Sun came out it meant six more weeks of Winter. The Presentation or Candlemas is the last feast day of the year determined by Christmas. The movable feasts after this are calculated with reference to Easter.

Groundhog Day The German Settlers arrived in the 1700's they brought the tradition of Candlemas Day. Their superstition about the length of winter mingled with the Delaware Indians' belief, who lived in the vicinity, was that the groundhogs' ancestors were honorable, sacred animals; the Groundhog coming out was an easy way to tell if the sun was shining or not. The earliest American reference to Groundhog Day is a diary entry February 4, 1841, "**Last Tuesday, the 2nd, was Candlemas day, the day on which, according to Germans, the Groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate.**"

From Germany: For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, so far will the snow swirl until May. For as the snow blows on Candlemas Day, so far will the Sun shine before May.

And From America: If the sun shines on Groundhog Day; Half the fuel and half the hay.

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Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 14th** for a **Marriage Enrichment date night event** at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's. The evening will include a prayer service marriage blessing, light snacks and social. More information to come, but please plan to join us and celebrate your marriage on Valentine's day. Information: contact Glenn or Loretta Poxleitner. lorettapox@gmail.com

Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Healing Weekend Retreat Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ. May 1-3, 2026; in Garden Valley, ID. Sponsored by Holy Apostles Catholic Church. All calls handled with discretion. Call Mary Cool 208-484-6113 or email MaryPat_8@hotmail.com

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

- Feb 4:** Jr High Faith Night, 6:30-8:30 pm, OMG room
Feb 6: Youth Adoration Hour, w/Sarah, 9-10 pm St. Mary
Feb 11: HS Faith Night, 6:30-8:30, OMG room
Feb 16: Confirmation Class
Feb 20: Jr High - *Living Stations of the Cross* at St. Mary's
March 13-15: ICYC is online, link up on the OMG Facebook page or email Sarah

Tri-Parish Calendar of Events

- Feb 2:** SAS Meeting, Greencreek Hall
Feb 3-5: Father Paul will leave mid-morning on Tuesday and will be gone to Boise until Thursday.
Feb 4: Patriotic Rosary, 4 pm, St. Mary's Church, with Eucharistic Adoration 4-6 pm.
Feb 4: Let's fill St. Mary's for **PRAISE and WORSHIP and ADORATION! Wednesday, February 4th, 6 - 7:30 pm.** Come to listen and sing with Dennis Niehenke (from Moscow) and other musicians.
Feb 4: OCIA Class, at CEC, 6:45 pm
Feb 5-7: Adoration over First Friday, St. Mary's, begins 7 pm Thursday through to 8 am Saturday
Feb 7: First Saturday Mass, St. Mary's, 8:00 am
Feb 7: Adoration for families with small children, at St. Mary's following First Saturday Mass until 10 am.
Feb 8: KC Breakfast, KC Hall, 7-10 am
Feb 8: OCIA Rite of Welcoming, 8:15 am Mass
Feb 9: Lady Guild Leaders meet Parish Office, 6:30 pm
Dec 10: NC Deanery, Fr Paul, Deacons, & Sarah attend
Dec 10: KC Meeting, KC Hall, 6:30 pm

PRAISE and WORSHIP JESUS

IN SONG and ADORATION

Wednesday, Feb. 4th
at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Cottonwood, ID
6-7:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday!

- Feb 1:** Carter Christopher, Lynn Sonnen, Brett Uhlenkott, Father Mark Uhlenkott
Feb 2: Elaine Sonnen, Thomas Sonnen, Scott Wemhoff
Feb 3: Lyle Kuther, Shyann Meyers, Connie Uhlenkott, Gayle Schumacher
Feb 4: Bret Dau, Andrew Forsmann, Emree Lustig, Kenyon Hankerson, Gary Rehder, Jacklyn Roeper, Roger Trombetta
Feb 5: Katherine Kaschmitter, Derek Nuxoll
Feb 6: Jordan Schumacher, Bridget Smith
Feb 7: Pat Madden, Justin Nuxoll, Allen Sonnen, Irene Terhaar, Father Ben Uhlenkott

*Happy Anniversary 40 years and more!
Felix & Sherry Nuxoll, Feb 1st, 51 years!
Cliff & Sue Tacke, Feb 5th, 43 years!*

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 or email lewistonregistration@engagedencounter.com

Save the Date... The Greencreek Altar Society Yard Sale is scheduled for March 21st. It will be held from 8 am to 1 pm at the Greencreek Community Hall. Donations to the Yard Sale will be accepted on March 19th & 20th. Please contact Molly Terhaar: mollykgreen@hotmail.com 208-451-4848.

Vandal Catholic Club, U of I: will host the 6th Annual Debate. Lively exchange between Joe Heschmeyer, renowned Catholic apologist, and Pastor Douglas Wilson, Protestant Pastor and author. Topic: ***Sola Scriptura - is the Bible alone enough?*** In the ICCU Arena on campus at the university of Idaho in Moscow, located right next to the Kibbie Dome. They are planning a destination event inclusive of Mass, dinner, music and the Great Debate. Doors will open at 4:00 pm, and the program will run as follows: 4:30 pm Mass; 5:00 pm Concessions open for dinner; 6:00 pm musical concert entertainment; 7:00 pm Debate begins and ends at 9:00 pm. You are welcome to attend any or all of the pre-debate elements or just the debate. Tickets \$8 per person and can be purchased: uitickets.eventue.net/events/CE or purchase at door.

St. Mary's Ministry

- All Sundays 7:00 am:**
Please come early and volunteer
Feb 1, Sunday 8:15 am:
Greeters: Jake & Marlene Forsmann
Servers: Mesa & Riata Graning, Lake Bennett
Lectors: Rick/Rose **Child Lit:** Denise
EM: Brad, Alaina, Dustin, Rick/Rose
Feb 8, Sunday 8:15 am:
Greeters: Kevin & Kathy Rehder
Servers: Ava & Ruby Klapprich, Danny Bock
Lectors: Gerry, Henry **Child Lit:** April
EM: Heath, Dylan, Maurice, Jon, Lillianne

St. Anthony Ministry

- Feb 1, Sunday 10:00 am:**
Greeters & Gifts: Shane & Megan Stubbers and Family
Lector: Andy **Servers:** Gloria, Evvy, Hazel
EM: Greg, Levi **Sacristan:** Molly
Feb 8, Sunday 10:00 am:
Greeters & Gifts: Roberto & Rachel Hernandez & Family
Lector: Laurie **Servers:** Isaiah, Joshua, John Patrick
EM: Adam, Nate, Norm **Sacristan:** Alea

Assumption Ministry

- Jan 31, Saturday 5:00 pm:**
Servers: Tess, Lena, Owen
Lector: Dorothy **EM:** Virgil, Ryan
Feb 7, Saturday 5:00 pm:
Servers: Micah, Liam
Lector: Candice **EM:** Ryan McHugh, Cara

The diocese of Spokane Wholehearted **Catholic Women's Conference watch party is being held at Cherie McDonough's guest house on Saturday February 7th from 9am - 3pm.** The theme this year is "New Wine". Just like fermenting a good wine, it takes time to cultivate faith and a personal relationship with Jesus. Please join other women for a day of inspiration, quiet time, fellowship & amazing food. The keynote speaker is Heather Khym. She attended the Franciscan University of Steubenville, where she studied Theology and Catechetics. Heather speaks on a variety of topics, leads conferences and retreats on Abiding Together. Her passion is evangelization and discipleship and creating an environment for people to have a personal encounter with God. Registration is free. Breakfast pastries & coffee provided. Potluck lunch--please bring a single item to share for the group charcuterie board. Contact Kari Holman (ducloskari31@gmail.com) to sign up in advance, space is limited.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Jan 31, Sat ASSUMPTION 5 pm:**
All Tri-Parish Parishioners
Feb 1, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am:
+Daniel Sonnen, da 2/1 +Jared Sonnen
Feb 1, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am:
+Jay Hinterlong, bd 2/2
+John Remacle, da 1/30
Feb 1, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am:
+Carole Toennis +Raymond Wemhoff
Feb 2-5, Mon-Thurs No Mass
Feb 4, Wed St. Anthony 8 am:
Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Feb 5, Thurs St. Mary's 8 am:
Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Feb 6, First Friday Assumption 8 am:
+Hank Duclos and for Marlene - wedding anniversary
Feb 7, First Saturday St. Mary's 8 am:
+Paula Schwartz +Karen Gehring
Feb 7, Sat ASSUMPTION 5 pm:
+Wilbur Hasenoehrl +Greg Wallace
Feb 8, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am:
All Tri-Parish Parishioners
Feb 8, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am:
+Robert "Bob" Arnzen +Eleanor Hinkelman
Feb 8, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am:
+Joan Beckman +Andrew Riener, bd 2/9

Raffle for Holy Cross: Holy Cross/St. Mary's Dinner will be **Sunday, March 29th.** It is time to start collecting prizes for the **Holy Cross Raffle.** If you would like to donate please call or text Glenn Poxleitner, 208-983-4190, or you may email Loretta: lorettapox@gmail.com Thank you for your support!

Question of the Week: *Why the Blessing of Throats on Feast of Saint Blaise?* Blessing throats is a Sacramental. In this Blessing the priest uses 2 candles that have been blessed, crosses them and touches the throat of the person being blessed. He says the prayer of the blessing to protect the throat from illness and evil. It comes from St. Blaise a hermit and martyr. A young boy was choking to death on a bone; St. Blaise laid two candles on his throat and prayed and the bone came out and the boy lived. For this reason St. Blaise is invoked by persons suffering from throat ailments.

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"When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than the proceedings from the mouth," ~St. Bonaventure