

March 15 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Collection received from last weekend Masses:

| Collection Budget | Received | Gift/Other |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| St. Mary's | 3153.00 | 2524.00 |
| St. Anthony | 1211.00 | 1400.00 |
| Assumption | 754.00 | 1199.00 |
| | 1548.00 | 61.00 |
| | 76.00 | |

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
 7 pm - Holy Cross, 5/24/26 through 9/13/26

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

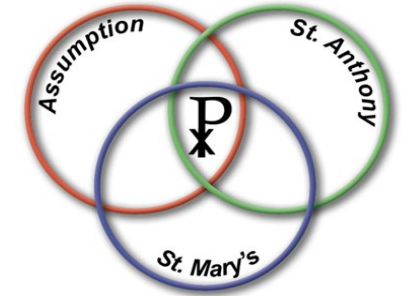
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TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

| <u>St. Mary's</u> | <u>Assumption</u> | <u>St. Anthony</u> |
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| 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



40 Days of Lent: Pray, Fast, Give

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: Deacon Eric Wassmuth- grew up in Idaho "Prairie Cradle of Catholicism" in Greencreek, the son of Virgil & Donna Wassmuth. Deacon Eric is married to Alea. He was ordained June 11, 2022. He is a blessing to our Tri-Parish Community.

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...

Who was St. Patrick and why wear green?

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints (387-461). He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen he was captured by Irish Pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast, and return to Britain. At the coast he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and Patrick was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading *"The Voice of the Irish."* As I began the letter I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those people ... and they cried out, as one voice, *"We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."*

This prompted Patrick to study for the priesthood. He was ordained and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Ireland on March 25, 433. He met the chieftain of one of the Druid Tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland during 40 years. He built many churches across the country.

He often used Shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity. This is why the color green is associated with him. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in his *Confessions*. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering, he died March 17, 461 in Saul where he had built his first Irish church. In 1990, his grave was marked with a granite stone.

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Question of the Week: Why do Catholics honor Saints and the Protestants do not? The Church has honored saints from the very beginning. These were generally martyrs who had been killed because of their faith in Jesus. The Church honored them because of their faith and prayed to them for their intercession. During the centuries of religious persecution the Church would use the graves of the saints as markers for where they would gather for Mass. When you pray to a saint you are praying to God and by going through a saint, you are basically asking that saint to pray with you, to add their prayers to yours. "For where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst of them." (Mt 18:20) We can do this because of the Communion of Saints. The Church is one on earth and in heaven. Just as we can ask a person on earth to pray for and with us, so we can ask a person in Heaven.

The Protestants think you only have a limited amount to pray so do not waste it by going to a saint, go instead directly to Jesus. The do not believe in the Communion of Saints.

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Youth Ministry Calendar of Events

Mar 13-15: ICYC in Boise sponsored by Diocese of Boise
Mar 19: Practice Shadow Stations, St. Mary's . 6:30 pm
Mar 20: Shadow Stations of the Cross, St. Mary's, 6 pm
Mar 22: Confirmation Students will join the talk at St. Mary's Church with Father Caleb Vogel

Tri-Parish Calendar of Events

Mar 15: Second Scrutiny, OCIA, 8:15 am Mass
Mar 15: Father/Son/Men's Breakfast, Assumption Parish Hall, 9:30 am
Mar 15: Holy Hour, St. Mary's, 5 pm. Praying to defeat the *Reproduction Freedom & Privacy Act*
Mar 16: *The Heart of Prayer*, St. Mary's, 7-8:15 pm.
Mar 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day - wear green!
Mar 18: Patriotic Rosary, 4 pm, St. Mary's Church, with Eucharistic Adoration 4-6 pm
Mar 18: Vatican II Constitutions, CEC, 6:30 pm
Mar 18: OCIA will be held at the CEC this evening, meet CEC at 6:45 pm. *"Matrimony and Holy Orders"*
Mar 18: PENANCE SERVICE, St. Mary's, 6:30 pm
Mar 19: Stewardship Committee meets, 11 am, Office
Mar 19: Third Thursday Adoration, **will begin at 8 pm** this evening following youth practice for Stations.
Mar 20: Father Paul offers 9 am Mass at Hospital
Mar 20: Shadow Stations of the Cross performed by Confirmation Students, St. Mary's, 6:00 pm. Soup Supper follows the Stations. Fathe Caleb Vogel will give a short talk
Mar 21: Engaged Encounter in Lewiston
Mar 21: Greencreek Altar Society Yard Sale 8-1 pm
Mar 21: Father Caleb Vogel will give a Retreat Talk at St. Mary's 10 am to approx. 12 noon.
March 21-22: Father Caleb Vogel will speak at all of the weekend Masses
Mar 22: OCIA 3rd Scrutiny, 8:15 am Mass, St. Mary's

The Holy Cross/St. Mary's Parish Dinner is fast approaching! Just two weeks away! Please sign-up to work a shift on Sunday, March 29, in Keuterville. Help is also needed on Thursday & Saturday, March 26 & 28 for cooking Roasts and all the prep tasks. Thank you to those who have already signed up! Sign-up Sheets are in the entrances of St. Mary's and are also available online at Sign-Up Genius. Please use link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849AAAE2AA2F94-62599800-2026#/>

Seeking Bingo Prizes: Please consider donating a NEW Bingo Prize for the Holy Cross/St. Mary's Dinner. Contact Aubree Geis to have your prize picked up 208-962-7002, or drop prizes off at the Tri-Parish Office before March 27. **Gently used** prizes are okay too.

Happy Birthday!

Mar 15: Tysen Duman, Gina Lustig, Isaiah Warren
Mar 16: Carri Forsman, Tess Goeckner, Michael Nau
Mar 17: Clarise Lustig, Landon Riener
Mar 18: Celine Terhaar
Mar 19: Joe Ahlers, Claire Enneking, Nicole Klosterman, Brodie Ross, Hannah Nuxoll, Theodore Schmidt, David Shears Sr., Romeo Verdino
Mar 20: Diana Graning, Thomas Nuttman, Connie Nuxoll, Steel Uhlenkott
Mar 21: Marie Duman, Aaron Hinkelman, Jane Schwartz

Lenten Penance Services - all begin at 6:30 pm.

March 18th Wednesday St. Mary's
 March 19th Thursday St. Catherine, Kamiah
 March 23rd Monday St. Mary's, Moscow
March 24th Tuesday Assumption
 March 25th Wednesday All Saints, Lewiston
 March 27th Friday Holy Trinity, Nezperce

Greencreek Altar Society Yard Sale: March 21st, 8 am to 1 pm at the Greencreek Hall. Donations will be accepted March 15th 11:30 am to 1:00 pm; and March 19th 4-8 pm; and March 20th 8 am to 3 pm. Contact Molly Terhaar with any questions 208-451-4848 or to sign-up to help. Thank you.

Raffle Tickets: Holy Cross/St. Mary's Dinner & Raffle in only two weeks! The printing of the tickets was delayed; therefore, our selling of the tickets has been delayed. Please help spread them around and get them sold. We appreciate your support!

Engaged Encounter - March 21, 2026 in Lewiston: for information: Lewiston.engagedencounter.com

The Heart of Prayer presented in Partnership with the National Eucharistic Conference. *Heart of Prayer* invites the participants into an intimate and peaceful retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota. Bishop Cozzens leads viewers through eight sessions of teaching and reflection on prayer and its place in our spiritual life. *Heart of Prayer* reveals the beauty and transcendence of Prayer Life, as Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the Saints to offer their guidance that is practical and down-to-earth. Through your time with Bishop Cozzens, viewers will quiet their hearts and minds to hear the voice of God calling them to a life of prayer. Sessions are approximately one hour, we will meet 7 pm at St. Mary's on **Mondays: Mar 16; Mar 30; Apr 6; Apr 13; Apr 27; and May 4.**

St. Mary's Ministry

All Sundays 7:00 am:
Please come early and volunteer
Mar 15, Sunday 8:15 am:
Greeters: Roy & Denise Uhlenkott
Servers: Emily & Gabriel Seubert, Bennett Riener
Lectors: Denis, Kelsie **Child Lit:** April
EM: Glenn, Brad, Noelle, Heath & Dylan
Mar 22, Sunday 8:15 am:
Greeters: Roger & Chris Uptmor and Family
Servers: Kristyn Shears, McKenna Slichter, Joseph Waters
Lectors: Rose & Rick **Child Lit:** Denise
EM: Dustin, Lillianne, Alaina, Nolan, Jon

St. Anthony Ministry

Mar 15, Sunday 10:00 am:
Greeters & Gifts: Adam & Tiffany Forsmann and Family
Lector: Faith **Servers:** Kael, Buren, Drew
EM: Nate, Adam **Sacristan:** Rhonda
Mar 22, Sunday 10:00 am:
Greeters & Gifts: Thomas & Kari Holman and Family
Lector: Norm **Servers:** Maddie, William & Adele Holman
EM: Tonya, Shawn, Gene **Sacristan:** Sarah

Assumption Ministry

Mar 14, Saturday 5:00 pm:
Servers: Hailey, Liam
Lector: Gwen **EM:** Dorothy, Cara
Mar 21, Saturday 5:00 pm
Servers: Jack, Lena, Owen
Lector: Candice **EM:** Ryan and Ryan

Father/Son (Men's) Breakfast - Assumption Hall, Sunday, March 15th. We will begin serving breakfast at 9:30 am, please try to be there before 10:15 am at the latest.

Please return your Idaho Catholic Appeal (ICA) Envelope as soon as you can. You can put them in the collection basket at Mass, drop them off at the parish office, or mail them. **PLEASE** check the parish name on your letter that you received from the Diocese, and correct it if it is wrong.

Theresa Sonnen is in Life Care Center, it may be for a short time or longer depending on how she recovers. If you would like to mail her a card/note she would appreciate it.

Life Care Center of Lewiston
 Atten: Theresa Sonnen, Room 208
 325 Warner Ave
 Lewiston, ID 83501 208-799-9834

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mar 14, Sat ASSUMPTION 5 pm:
 +Lee & Sharon Uhling (Lee Bd 3/16)
Mar 15, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am:
 +Daniel Sonnen, Bd 3/12
 +Deacon Leo & Marlene Graham
Mar 15, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am:
 +Pauline Schlader, Bd 3/14
 +Everett Sonnen, Bd 2/25, by Theresa
Mar 15, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am:
 All Tri-Parish Parishioners
Mar 16, Mon No Mass
Mar 17, Tues St. Mary's 6:30 pm:
 +Molly Wimer, bd 3/18 +Marvin Wimer
 +Josh Wimer +Henry Wimer
Mar 18, Wed St. Anthony 8 am:
 +Tom Terhaar +Sally Nuxoll
Mar 19, Thurs St. Mary's 8 am:
 Special Intention for Healing
Mar 20, Fri Assumption 8 am:
 +Maurice & Rita Wimer
Mar 21, Sat ASSUMPTION 5 pm:
 +Sylvia Forsmann, da 3/18
 +Mary Ann Mathison, da 3/18
Mar 22, Sun ST. MARY'S 7 am:
 +Lizz Higgins +Helen Nuxoll
Mar 22, Sun ST. MARY'S 8:15 am:
 All Tri-Parish Parishioners
Mar 22, Sun ST. ANTHONY 10:00 am:
 +Anselm Schumacher, da 3/16
 +Ambrose Schumacher, da 3/19

Tri-Parish Retreat with Father Caleb Vogel

Friday, March 20th: Father Caleb will give a short talk at the soup supper following the Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 21st: Talk at St. Mary's, 10 am - 12 noon
Weekend Masses: Father Caleb will talk at the Masses
Sunday Evening, March 22nd: 7:00-8:00 pm, Father Caleb will give a talk to all High School Students at St. Mary's
Monday, March 23rd: 8:15-9:15 am, talk at HS PEACE Building with the Jr. High PFFP Students
 10:00 am - 12 noon, talk at St. John Bosco
 1:30 pm - 3:10 pm talk at CEC Building to PFFP Students

The Great Debate at U of I: March 26, 2026, 6:00 pm. Get your tickets: uitickets.eventue.net/events/CE
 Debate: *Sola Scriptura - is the Bible alone enough?*