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### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY

5 pm - Assumption Church, Ferdinand

#### SUNDAY

8 am - St. Mary's, Cottonwood  
10 am - St. Anthony, Greencreek

### 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, Cottonwood

### RECONCILIATION

St. Mary's: Saturdays (Advent) 2:30 - 4:00 pm  
Or by appointment during the week

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ST. MARY'S

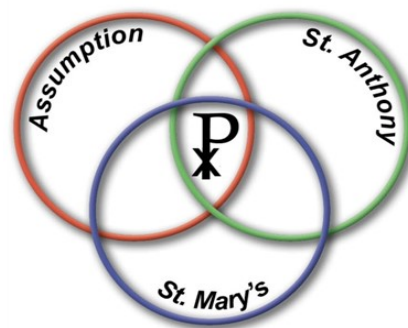
Every Tuesday: 7 am - 6:30 pm.  
Tuesday Adoration until 8 pm if no Mass  
Third Thursday: 7 pm - 7 am Friday  
First Friday: 7 pm Thurs. - 7:50 am Saturday  
7:50 am Benediction on First Saturday prior to Mass

### TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Assumption</u>	<u>St. Anthony</u>
Sarah Walsh <small>Term ends Jan 2019</small>	Ron Riener <small>Term ends Jan 2019</small>	Ken Stubbers, Pres. <small>Term ends Jan 2019</small>
Brandy McElroy <small>Term ends Jan 2020</small>	Tara Duclos <small>Term ends Jan 2020</small>	TJ Schmidt <small>Term ends Jan 2020</small>
Morna Lustig <small>Term ends Jan 2021</small>	Nicole Kinzer <small>Term ends Jan 2021</small>	Whitney Westhoff <small>Term ends Jan 2021</small>
<b><u>Holy Cross</u></b>		
Heath Klapprich - <small>Term ends Jan 2021</small>		

**Preparation for Sacraments. BAPTISM:** Preparation for Parents and Godparents is **required prior to Baptism.** Classes are available first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Church. Contact Tri-Parish office 962-3214 to register for class, it is necessary to do this, as if there is no one registered then there is not a class. **MARRIAGE:** The engaged couple needs to contact parish priest six months prior to the proposed wedding date. **NEW TO PARISH:** Please call 962-3214.

## December 9, 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent



And Holy Cross Chapel

*We are many parts, we are all one body.*

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**Each week we want to be praying for a religious from this area or serving this area. This week please pray for Heidi Seubert, Consecrated member of Regnum Christi.**

**Saturday Confessions - on December 8th, 15th and 22nd, during Advent -** Father Paul will hear confessions from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm at St. Mary's. This is an additional 1/2 hour more than the normal Saturday schedule. Also please check the *Tri-Parish Calendar of Events* on the next page to see the dates and times for Penance Services.

**Many of you have met Anna Wander,** Father Paul's mother, she is turning 90 years old next Sunday, Dec. 16th. If anyone wishes to send her a birthday card her address is: Anna Wander, 1011 West 5th, Weiser, ID 83672

Pope's Tweet ... *"This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others, and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace."*

### Father's Corner ...ORIGIN OF "THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" An Underground Catechism

You are all familiar with the Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas". To most it's a delightful nonsense rhyme set to music. But it had a quite serious purpose when it was written. It is a good deal more than just a repetitious melody with pretty phrases and a list of strange gifts.

Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829, when Parliament finally emancipated Catholics in England, were prohibited from ANY practice of their faith by law - private OR public. It was a crime to BE a Catholic.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith - a memory aid, when to be caught with anything indicating adherence to the Catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned, it could get you hanged, or shortened by a head - or hanged, drawn and quartered, a rather peculiar and ghastly punishment.

The songs gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. Next week what the gifts each day mean.

*Father Paul Wander*

**Discussion Question of the Week:** A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." How am I preparing for the Lord's coming?

See current and past bulletins under the **Resource tab** on our website: [www.triparishchurches.com](http://www.triparishchurches.com)

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### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec 24th	5 pm - St. Mary's
Dec 24th	7 pm - Assumption
Dec 24th	7 pm - St. Anthony
Dec 25th	12 am - Midnight Mass - St. Mary's
Dec 25th	10 am - St. Mary's

### NEW YEARS DAY MASS

**9 am - St. Mary's**

Bishop Peter has dispensed the obligation to attend Mass on Jan. 1st, **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.** Although, you are strongly encouraged to attend Mass on January 1st for this Holy Day.

**Debbie's rectangle ... For Youth Ministry:**  
 Poinsettias will arrive at St. Mary's Church on Thurs. Dec 13th. They are available for pickup between 9 am and 5 pm. If you have not prepaid please pay when you pick yours up. Thank you!

### Youth Ministry

**Dec 9:** Confirmation Class, 11:30 am at CEC

**Dec 9:** Meet City Shed, 3:15 dress for parade

**Dec 12:** HS dinner, movie, walk in Lewiston lights, we will leave 5 pm from St Mary parking lot

**Dec 13:** Haiti Poinsettia deliveries 8:30 to 5

### Tri-Parish Calendar of Events

**Dec 8-9:** Pick name from a hat for Parish Council

**Dec 9:** KC Breakfast at KC Hall, 7-10 am.

**Dec 10:** Penance Service at St. Mary's, 7 pm

**Dec 11:** Office closed 11 am to 1:00 pm

**Dec 11:** KC Meeting, KC Hall, 7:15 pm.

**Dec 12:** Summit Academy Christmas Play, 7 pm.

**Dec 12:** RCIA meet 7 pm at St. Mary's

**Dec 12:** GriefShare, 6-8 pm at Sonnen home

**Dec 16:** Please help Liturgy Committee decorate our Churches for Christmas.

**Dec 18:** Sts. Peter & Paul Penance Service, 7 pm.

**Dec 19:** RCIA meet 7 pm at St. Mary's

**Dec 20:** St. Anthony Penance Service, 7 pm.

**Dec 20:** 3rd Thursday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's, 7 pm until 7 am on Friday. Rosary 7 pm.

**Dec 22:** SAS Christmas Party in the Greencreek Hall

**Consecration to the Holy Family** - The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Consecration to the Holy Family event during the week of January 6-13. Consecration includes a family rosary on Tuesday, January 8 at 6PM followed by Mass. Families are the building block of churches, communities, counties, states, countries, and the world. Families have a great capacity for love and joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Jesus Christ. To assist families in living out this joy, the Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families come together and consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. We invite every family in our Tri-parish to participate in the Consecration to the Holy Family.

**Gifts for Residents of Cottonwood Shelter Home**  
 If you would like to help purchase gifts for the residents of the Cottonwood Shelter Home, please call JoAnn McHugh 208-962-3846. Thank you for your generosity.

**Thank You** to everyone who donated to the *iGiveCatholic Campaign!* Your support is very much appreciated. Through online donations and checks we raised for the designated projects:  
**Holy Cross \$400.00 St. Mary's \$4811.41**  
**St. Anthony \$1155.80 Assumption \$1120.00**

*Folding Chairs, tables, coffee pots, etc., should not be borrowed from our Churches or Halls* without permission. *These Items are Missing from St. Mary's Church ...* If you borrowed them and maybe put them in your basement or garage and forgot you have them ... please check we would like them back. We are missing: 4' x 2' white folding table; 50 cup coffee pot; 2 - 50' extension cords; 2 large oblong table cloths and several dish towels. With the dish towels and table cloths ... someone possibly took them home to launder them after a function or coffee hour and forgot to bring them back. Sometimes it is easy to put things aside and forgot you have them.

**Gifts for Children of NICI Inmates: Thank you** to all who inquired and showed an interest in buying gifts for the children of NICI inmates as we have had families and people volunteer to do in past years. The new NICI Activity Director was not aware of the program soon enough and did not get the forms filled out by the men. This program should be back next year.

Prairie Pro-Life is setting up the **TREE OF LIFE** on Saturday 12-01-18 at St. Mary's. The tree will be up for the duration of Advent. **The Crisis Pregnancy Centers have only specific needs, please note the items written on the tags.** Questions, contact Kerry Uhlenkott or Julie Arnzen.

<b>Collections for last weekend:</b>			
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Gifts/Other</b>
St. Mary's	2757.69	2869.00	818.00
St. Anthony	1025.00	671.00	19.00
Assumption	794.23	783.00	0.00

### St. Mary's Ministry

**Dec 9, Sunday 8 am:**

**Greeters:** Roger & Chris Uptmor and Family

**Lectors:** Joe, Kevin **Lead Rosary:** Frank

**Servers:** Noah/Catherine, Sydney **Child Lit:** Lisa

**EM:** Loretta, Maurice, Derik, Kris, Kyle

**Dec 16, Sunday 8 am:**

**Greeters:** Morris & Julie Arnzen

**Lectors:** Jim R., Aly **Lead Rosary:** Jim Chmelik

**Servers:** Amelia/Eve, Dylan **Child Lit:** Tara

**EM:** Jim R., Jon, Duane/Marilyn, Denise

### St. Anthony Ministry

**Dec 9, Sunday 10 am:**

**Greeters:** Conrad & Jennifer Arnzen and Family

**Sacristan:** Shirley **EM:** Teresa, Bo, Rhonda

**Lector:** Bobbi **Servers:** Makayla/Tommy, Conner

**Wednesday, Dec 12, Lector: Bobbi**

**Dec 16, Sunday 10 am:**

**Greeters:** Eric & Alea Wassmuth and Family

**Sacristan:** Alea **EM:** Colin, Shane, Eric

**Lector:** Andy **Servers:** David/Erin/Nathan

**Wednesday, Dec 19, Lector: Ryan**

### Assumption Ministry

**Dec 8, Saturday 5 pm:**

**Greeter:** Mitzi **Servers:** Aubree, Noah, Reagan

**Lector:** Millie **EM:** Shirley, Dorothy, Andrea

**Dec 15, Saturday 5 pm:**

**Greeters:** **Servers:** Allison, Aaron, Evan

**Lector:** Virgil **EM:** Tim, Dorothy, Justin

*Advent is a time to rebuild our house - "solidly on rock." "For the Lord is an eternal rock." Amidst the relentless flooding and buffeting of life, the Father sets up "ramparts to protect us"- the arms of His Son. "Trust in the Lord forever! For the Lord is an eternal Rock. He humbles those in high places, and the lofty city he brings down; He tumbles it to the ground, levels it in the dust. It is trampled underfoot by the needy, by the footsteps of the poor." Isaiah 26:4-6*

**Envelopes in the entrance of Churches.** Please use one to send in your \$17.00 for your subscription for the ICR: Idaho Catholic Register; or leave your check at the office. Questions, please call Tri-Parish office 208-962-3214 Please make your check payable to your parish.

### Mass Intentions for the Week:

**Dec 8, Sat. ASSUMPTION 5 pm:**

+John & Valeria Seubert by their family members

**Dec 9, Sun. ST. MARY'S 8 am:**

+Jane Hoene by Chuck and Betty

And for healing for family members

**Dec 9, Sun. ST. ANTHONY 10 am:**

+Shorty Arnzen +Chris Schmidt

**Dec 10, Mon. No Mass**

**Dec 11, Tues. St. Mary's 6:30 pm:**

+Vince & Alma Poxleitner

**Dec 12, Wed. St. Anthony 8 am:**

Special Intentions - *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Gary Schmidt and Patrick Nuxoll by Lloyd & Judy

**Dec 13, Thurs St. Mary's 8 am:**

+Teresa E. Uptmor by Gordon & Marilyn

+Eileen Uptmor-Davin by Dick

**Dec 14, Fri. Assumption 8 am:**

Liz Wassmuth & special intentions by Vic & Shirley

**Dec 15, Sat. ASSUMPTION 5 pm:**

+Ralph Forsman, bd 11/14, by Mitzi

+Andrew Lurwig, bd 11/25, by Mitzi

**Dec 16, Sun. ST. MARY'S 8 am:**

+Eugene "Pooch" Schaeffer, bd 12/17, by Ella

+Jacob Riener by Ella

**Dec 16, Sun. ST. ANTHONY 10 am:**

Greencreek Altar Society Members living and deceased

### *Happy Birthday*

**Dec 9:** Stacy Anderson, Jack Wimer, Ron Schnider

**Dec 10:** Richard Currin, Adelyn Geis, Cole Schlader, Jerry Schumacher

**Dec 11:** Don Clark, Glenn Remacle

**Dec 12:** Kace Munger, Vera Schumacher

**Dec 13:** Anthony Forsmann, Tim Uhlenkott, Kendall Schumacher, Nicole Wemhoff

**Dec 14:** Kasandra Dinning, Vern Gehring, Cassidy Stubbers, Gene Von Bargaen

**Dec 15:** Jared Higgins, Chad Latimer, Nick Mager, Lonnie Schaeffer, Eve Uhlenkott, Elizabeth Wassmuth

*Happy Anniversary 40 years and more*  
 Frank & Sheila Bruno, Dec 13th, 43 years!

**A Servant's Reflection....**Sitting in the delivery room with my wife, waiting for our newest addition to arrive, unveils a great deal of emotion. The waiting for hours on end seems almost unbearable, this in an almost calming environment. The unbearable waiting transforms into unquenchable joy as the baby is born. This inexpressible joy, truly no words can fully describe what it is like to bring a child into your life. Many of us experience the joy of birth as parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives, or even friends. With every birth there is the waiting as the baby develops. Then the labor of delivery, most times only several hours; although, those hours feeling like days. However, once the announcement of the baby is made, the indescribable joy fills all partaking and awaiting the miracle.

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Are you in the calm waiting for HIM? Are all your thoughts focused on this Baby that will be made present to us? Are you aware that this birth of Jesus, that will be made manifest on Christmas, will fill you with joy, and that joy will incrementally increase with your level of participation?

During Advent we are to increase prayers and penance in our life, allowing ourselves to have an open spot to be filled with the joy of Christ's coming. We are to allow the "important" things in our lives, that hold us back, to slow, as we would if we personally were having a baby. Can we in the coming weeks, before Christmas, look for something "important" that we can put aside to allow the coming Miracle of Christ to be even more present in us when He arrives? Congratulations, the birth of Christ is coming! *May the Holy Spirit guide you in all that you do, Ryan*

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**2nd Sunday of Advent: Blessing the Wreath by praying:**

Pray: O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**Light two purple candles!**

Read Titus 3:4-7: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus.

Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.



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