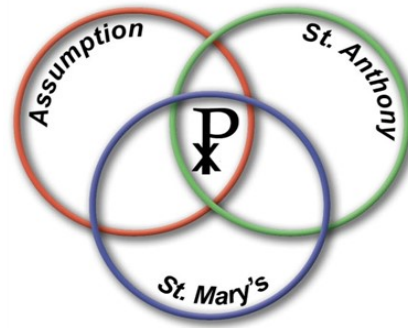


December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent



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 Father Lyle Konen, Redemptorist priest.

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed daily at 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Please join us.

"I saw a holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of the heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling of God is with men.'" Revelation 21:2-3

REFLECT: Dear Lord, it is hard to fathom a place where I will no longer experience any pain, disappointment, frustration or loss. My heart will be fully satisfied in your presence in my heavenly homeland. I know that my life here and now is meant to prepare me for the next. Help me to make the most of the time I have left to grow in generosity and greatness of soul. FORMED.ORG

Pope's Tweet ... *"Advent is a time to recognize the empty needs to be filled in our lives, a time to smooth the rough edges of pride, and to make room for Jesus who comes."*

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

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so..."

The other symbols mean the following:

- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the 3 Theological Virtues. (It also represents the Trinity)
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = the first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of humanities' fall from grace.
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the Ten Commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Father Paul Wander

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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.

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>

Holy Cross

Heath Klapprich - Term ends Jan 2021

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Adult Retreats Ministry: Julie Arnzen 962-3464
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Eucharistic Adoration: Marcella Goeckner 962-3491
Ferdinand Women Group: Judy Forsman 962-5906
Greencreek Altar Society: Rhonda Wemhoff 983-1207
Guilds - St. Mary's/Holy Cross, co-chairs: call 962-3161 to reach Beth Forsmann and/or Brandy McElroy
Healing/Prayer Ministry: Cherie McDonough 962-3567
Homebound Ministry: Bonnie Gehring 962-5119
Knights of Columbus: Max Nuxoll 208-507-1058
Lazarus Committee: Brandy McElroy 553-5628
Project Ministry: Jim Rehder 208-962-7798
RCIA: Charlene Rehder 962-7324
St. Anthony Society: Shawn Stubbers 208-790-8812
Stewardship Committee: Roy Uhlenkott 962-3847
Pro-Life Questions/Help/Sources for help:
Kerry Uhlenkott 983-7275, Julie Arnzen 962-3464

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.

Debbie's rectangle ... For Youth Ministry:
Thank you to all who bought Poinsettias!

Youth Ministry

Dec 16: Youth at Mass at St. Anthony to decorate
Dec 17: JrH Movie & Dinner at Grangeville
Dec 19: Family caroling & hayride.
Dec 28: HS hosts college youth at Habit. 5:30 pm.

Tri-Parish Calendar of Events

Dec 16: Please help Liturgy Committee decorate our Churches for Christmas.
Dec 16-18: Father Paul in Weiser for his Mother's 90th birthday celebration
Dec 18: Sts. Peter & Paul Penance Service, 7 pm.
Dec 19: RCIA meet 7 pm at Rehder Home
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
Dec 23: Santa at Greencreek Hall following Mass
Dec 24 & 25: *Merry Christmas!* See Mass times on front page of this bulletin
Dec 24: Tri-Parish Office is closed
Dec 26-28: Office will be open a few hours each day, no set schedule. Vicki will be in and out as her schedule allows.
Dec 26-28: Father Paul will be out-of-town

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.

Assumption Parish choir will be having practice for Christmas Eve Mass. Practice will be Dec. 17, at 6:30 pm. If you are a singer and want to sing with us, please come.

Saint Anthony Society Christmas party will be December 22nd at 5 pm. On Sunday, December 23rd, please bring your children to the Greencreek Hall following 10:00 Mass to see Santa.

Information Night - GROW - Adult Catechesis..

"Is not my word like fire?" Jeremiah 23:29

Join us at the Catholic Education Center, (CEC Building), Sunday, January 6th, 2019, 6-8 pm for an evening filled with information about GROW small groups. We will be presenting information, different books and curriculum to get groups started. Babysitting, drinks and snacks will be provided.

Discussion Question of the Week: People asked John the Baptist *"And what is it that we should do?"* and John answered each group differently depending on their life styles. How would John answer you if you asked him *"And what is it that I should do?"*

The Bulletin to be printed this week on Dec 20th will be for **two weeks**. No new bulletin will be printed until January 3, 2019 ... for the weekend of January 5 & 6. *The week of Christmas is too short of a work week to get a bulletin published. If you have any notices for the bulletin that you would like included please get them to Vicki by early Thursday morning, Dec 20th. Thank you.*

Collections for last weekend:

	Budget	Received	Gifts/Other
St. Mary's	2757.69	1467.00	850.00
St. Anthony	1025.00	1535.00	2545.00
Assumption	794.23	575.00	655.00

St. Mary's Ministry

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
Dec 23, Sunday 8 am:
Greeters: Rod & June Behler
Lectors: Joe S., Eileen **Lead Rosary:** Bonnie
Servers: Grace/Steel, Olivia **Child Lit:** Morna
EM: Ryan/Eve/Noelle, Mike, Marlene F.

St. Anthony Ministry

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
Dec 23, Sunday 10 am:
Greeters: Norm & Julie Sonnen and Family
Sacristan: Arlene **EM:** Adam, Norm, Cliff
Lector: Joe **Servers:** Laney/Lee/Nate

Assumption Ministry

Dec 15, Saturday 5 pm:
Greeters: **Servers:** Allison, Aaron, Evan
Lector: Virgil **EM:** Tim, Dorothy, Justin
Dec 22, Saturday 5 pm:
Greeter: **Servers:** Quirt, Eli, Owen
Lector: Gwen **EM:** Ken, Luke, Ron

Thank you from Life Choices: *Dear Father Paul Wander and Parishioners; Thank you for welcoming me and Life Choices Clinic at your Mass on October 7th. What a warm and special church family you have! I appreciate so much you hearing my story and the support you show for those facing tough choices. Thank you for helping us pray for Life! You are dear to my heart, Christine King*

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 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
Dec 17 & 18, Mon & Tues. No Mass
Dec 19, Wed. St. Anthony 8 am:
Special Intentions by Norma Schumacher
Dec 20, Thurs. St. Mary's 8 am:
+Carol Lauer +Grace Remacle
Dec 21, Fri. Assumption 8 am:
+Maurus Uhlorn +Cletus Kuther
Dec 22, Sat. ASSUMPTION 5 pm:
+Joe Seubert, bd 12/22 +Wayne Goeckner, da 12/23
Dec 23, Sun. ST. MARY'S 8 am:
+Dolores T. Seubert, bd 12/23 +James Seubert
+Jamie Seubert
Dec 23, Sun. ST. ANTHONY 10 am:
+Andrew & Frances Schmidt by Ron & Doris
+Ryan Crea by Ron & Doris

Happy Birthday

Dec 16: Wayne Forsmann, Emily Keating, Ken Geis, Lillian Rehder, Michelle Sonnen
Dec 17: Wyatt Duclos, Derek Schaeffer, Tom Wimer
Dec 18: Reagan Faeth, Gemma Kaschmitter, Linda Nida, John Kaschmitter, Hope McIntire
Dec 19: Brylie Forsmann, Ron Lightfield, Thomas Rose, Ellea Poxleitner
Dec 20: Kendra Chandler, Mike Duclos, Dylan Prigge, Andrew Riener, Nicole Schumacher, Philip Spencer
Dec 21: Leon Bennett, Lukas Bennett, Jack Duman, Cory Lustig, Melissa Schmidt, Nicholas Seubert, Cael Tacke, Urban Wassmuth, MaKayla Williams
Dec 22: Wayne Arnzen, Kathy Rehder

"I am the Lord, your God, who grasp your right hand. It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you'" Isaiah 41"13

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Light two purple candles and one pink candle!

Read Isaiah 52:7-10: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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