

PFFP Ministry Annual Events:

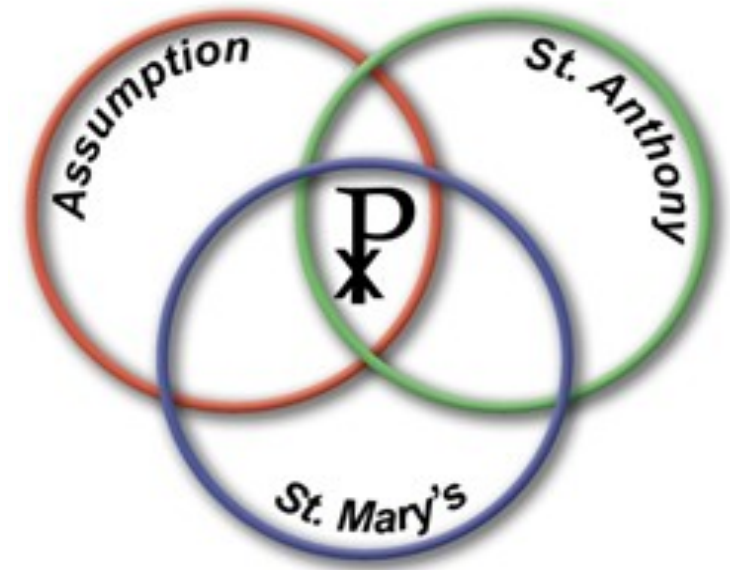
Date	Event	Location
September	PFFP Open House	CEC
September	St. Vincent De Paul Clothes Drive	All Parishes
October	PFFP Book Fair	CEC
Late October	All Saints Party	CEC
December	Christmas Cookie Drive	CEC
January	Prophet Project	CEC
January	First Reconciliation	St. Mary's
February	Hallsiey Basket Ball Tournament	Boise
February/March	Rice Bowl Dinner	Assumption
March/April	Seder Meal	Assumption
February	Buddy Bingo	CEC
May	Balloon Rosary	CEC
May	May Crowning	CEC
May	First Holy Communion	St. Mary's
May	Altar Server Training	St. Mary's
June	Vacation Bible School	CEC

Monastery of St. Gertrude Annual Events:

Date	Event	Location
1st Weekend in August	Raspberry Festival	Monastery



MINISTRY DIRECTORY AND PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR



And Holy Cross Chapel

St. Mary's, St. Anthony, Assumption and Holy Cross

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Our Tri-Parish Vision Statement

Our Parish purpose is to live our faith as a community of committed Catholics who love God with their whole mind, heart and soul and who love one another as Jesus loves us. Coming together to worship with acceptance, compassion and caring for others.

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 St. Anthony Church: 1070 Greencreek Rd., Greencreek, Idaho
 Assumption Church: 460 Maple St., Ferdinand, Idaho
 Holy Cross Chapel: 1131 Keuterville Rd., Keuterville, Idaho

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We have many different ministries taking place in our Tri-Parishes: Leadership Ministries, Liturgical Ministries, Spiritual Ministries, Education Ministries, Organization Ministries and Parish Life Ministries. These ministries are what keep our parishes alive and a place where the life of Jesus is lived. We are each called by God at our Baptism and strengthened with the gift of the Holy Spirit when we received the Sacrament of Confirmation, to serve God and neighbor. It takes all of us working and serving together to make our Parishes the Living Body of Christ. What follows in this booklet is a brief description of those different ministries. It takes everyone in the parish living and serving as Jesus calls us to do to keep our Parishes alive, health and a joyful place of worship. If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries call the parish office at 962-3214 or the contact person for the minister on the inserted loose page.

Tri-Parish Annual Events:

Date	Event	Location
August,	Potluck Desert after Mass	Holy Cross
July 4.	4th of July Celebration	St. Anthony
Mid- July	Tri-Parish Picnic	Cottonwood
1st Weekend November	Parish Dinner/Bazaar	Assumption
December	Santa's Visit/Parish Reception	St. Anthony
January	Crab Feed	St. Anthony
February	St. Mary's/Holy Cross Dinner	Holy Cross
3rd Weekend March	Father/Son Dinner	Assumption
May	Mother/Daughter Breakfast	Assumption
2nd Sunday Monthly	KC Breakfast	KC Hall

Youth Ministry Annual Events:

Date	Event	Location
September	Back to School Bash	St. Mary Parking lot
September	30 Hour Fast	Holy Cross
October	Pig Out Dinner	Holy Cross
October	Confirmation Retreat	Assumption Parish
November	Thanksgiving Basket Delivery	Entire Parish Area
November	North Central Deanery Leadership Retreat	
December	Float in Parade of Light	Cottonwood
December	Alumni Basketball Game	Prairie Elementary
February	Middle School Rally	Coeur D'Alene
February	Chili/Cinnamon Roll Delivery	Entire Parish Area
Feb. or March	ICYC	Boise
February	Jr. High Rally	Coeur D'Alene
April 1	Jr. High Retreat	Lapwai
April	CONFIRMATION every 2 years.	St. Mary's
May	Graduation Mass	Held in 1 of the Parishes
June	End of School Bash	St. Mary's
June	Mission Trips—When scheduled	
June	Haystack Lunch Delivery	Entire Parish Area
June	Fun in the Sun	Holy Cross
July	Relay for Life	Different towns in deanery
July	Steubenville Northwest	Spokane
August	Salmon River Rafting Trip	on Salmon River

Maintenance/ Grounds Care:

There are also ministries of keeping our Parishes a place of beauty and of maintaining our facilities.

Maintenance: Members work on a flexible schedule to make small repairs around the Parishes.

Care of the Flowers around the Churches: This ministry provide beautiful flowers for all to enjoy outsides of the Churches during the summer months.

Ground Keepers: People who take care of and maintain the grounds around our buildings.

Custodian: People in this ministry clean the Church buildings. They are staff members except for at Holy Cross where parishioners volunteer to clean the Church.

Facility Planning and Improvement Crew: This crew formed to work on major improvements, repair and construction. They volunteer skills and time, solicit donations of material and volunteers for improvements and oversee work that is hired to be done.

Monastery of St. Gertrude:

The Monastery of St. Gertrude is home of the Benedictine Sisters, who are active in a variety of ministries that express their core values: healing hospitality, grateful simplicity and creative peacemaking. The Sisters invite you to learn about Idaho's past at the Historical Museum, make a retreat at the Spirit Center, stay at the bed and breakfast, join them for Mass and prayer, or simply to take a quiet walk around our peaceful grounds. The Museum features a rich collection focusing on the history of North Central Idaho and is open Tuesday—Saturday 9am-4pm. The Inn at St. Gertrude has four well appointed rooms offering views of the prairie and Monastery forest and has an abundance of amenities including pillow-top mattresses, TV and WIFI. Breakfast features Monastery made bread. Jam and Fair Trade coffee. The Spirit Center offers retreats year round in Benedictine spirituality and the arts. You can also make private retreats, meet with a Spiritual Director, dine with the Sisters and more. The Book and Gift Shop features handcrafted items made by the Sisters and is also the region's only Catholic bookshop. Mass is celebrated at the Monastery Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 11:30 am. Morning Prayer is Monday through Friday at 8:30 am and Sunday at 9:00 am. Evening Prayer is Sunday through Friday at 5:00 pm with Saturday Vigils at 6:30 pm. All are invited.

Parish Leadership Ministries:

Tri-Parish Leadership Ministries are the main advisory groups to the pastor and help administer and guide the Parishes.

Pastoral Council:

The Tri-Parish Pastoral Council is the primary consultative body to the pastor assisting in the overall care and ministry of the parish. The Council represents the interest of the larger parish community, provides recommendations for direction, priorities, and pastoral planning. The Council promotes communications and understanding within the parish. It meets monthly. Members are nominated and appointed yearly to a three year term.

Finance Council:

The Finance Council meets 5 or 6 times a year to advise the Pastor and the Tri-Parish Pastoral Council. It reviews the Financial Statements, makes recommendation on the best utilization of the parish's financial resources and prepares the budget for the year. Members are appointed as needed by the Pastor.

The Prairie Faith Formation Board (PFFB):

The PFFB meets monthly during the school year. The Board oversees our Religious Education Programs and is the advisory boards to assist the Prairie Faith Formation Program (PFFP) as they minister to the needs of the students in the program. Appointed by the DRE and Pastor.

The Stewardship Committee:

The Stewardship Committee advises and helps the pastor to inspire parishioners to live a Christ-Centered life by sharing their time, talent and treasure with the parish and with others. Membership is reviewed annually.

The Liturgy Committee:

The Liturgy Committee is the form for planning and evaluating parish liturgies. It is responsible for all the liturgical preparations needed to carry out the liturgies of the Church including decorations. The Liturgy Committee supervises all liturgical ministries including: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans, Musicians, Choir and Alter Servers. Leaders in the Liturgical Ministries make up this Committee.

Parish Liturgical Ministries:

Liturgical Ministries are those ministries that revolve around the celebration of the Mass and Sacraments. Most of these ministries exist in each of the three Parishes. Each of the Churches in the Tri-Parish has their own schedule for the different ministries. Training is scheduled throughout the year.

Lector: Lectors proclaim God's Living Word during Sunday masses and special liturgies. They prepare and reflect upon the readings before proclaiming them at the liturgy.

Eucharist Minister: The extraordinary ministers help distribute Holy Communion at liturgies. Eucharist Ministers must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation: and need to be prayerful, hospitable, well trained and have a deep appreciation and reverence for the Eucharist.

Altar Servers: The Servers assist the celebrant during Masses and other liturgical celebrations. They add spirituality and focus to the liturgy. Altar Servers must have received their First Holy Communion.

Usher/Greeter: Usher/Greeters arrive 15 minutes before the liturgies begin. They help create a welcoming environment at Mass by welcoming all those coming to the liturgies and help those needing some extra assistance or in need of seating. Greeters need to be mindful of parish activities so they can answer questions. They also take up the collection at the Sunday Liturgies and bring up the offertory gifts.

Music/Choir: The role of musicians is to lead the assembly in prayer by fostering and nourishing their faith through song and music.

Sacristan: They set up for the celebration of the Eucharistic and other liturgies; and care for and prepare the sacred objects and books used during the liturgies. They ensure that there are Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Lectors.

Ferdinand Ladies: Women from Assumption Parish and Ferdinand. We serve our parish and small community by preparing the main dish and providing salad & desserts for funeral dinners. We volunteer our time to cook and serve dinners for outside organizations with the proceeds going to Assumption Parish. Ladies are available to be hired to cook for weddings or family reunions.

St. Anthony Society: The Society is made up of the men of St. Anthony Parish. We have monthly meetings from September to May on the first Monday. During the year, we have the annual Crab Feed and the 4th of July celebration (including breakfast, auction, sporting events for the children and raffle). We donate funds to St. Anthony's Parish, the Greencreek Community Hall, St. Anthony Cemetery, the 4-H Club and other charities. We send cards to the sick, have a Christmas reception with a visit from Santa Claus. We do volunteer work at St. Anthony Parish. This Society is open to all men of St. Anthony Parish.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus (KC) are a local affiliate of the International Catholic Men's Organization. Their purpose is to: a) provide financial aid to its members and their families; b) to give aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members of their families; c) to promote social and intellectual connections among the members of the parish and larger civil community; d) to promote and conduct education, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief work. They provide a monthly breakfast on the second Sunday of the month, annual basketball free throw shoot, have an annual Golf Tournament fundraiser, sell 52 pickup tickets, clean the road sides with the Boy Scouts, sponsor the Cottonwood Boy Scouts, altar server recognition/outing, Diocese of Boise Seminarian support, help decorate town and outside the Church for Christmas and many other Church and community activities. They meet on the second Tuesday each month. The Knights are open to all Catholic men of the Tri-Parishes and require an initiation.

Prison Story Link: This new ministry provides inmates in the NICI with the opportunity to read and record a story from a book and to have that book and recording sent to their children to build their relationship with their children. Volunteers receive training and orientating through the Idaho Department of Corrections.

Organizational Ministries:

These are organizations we have in the Parishes that do so much of God's work in and for our Parishes. They are the groups that the Pastor turns to when in need of help.

St. Mary's/Holy Cross Parish Guilds: There are seven guilds made up of all the ladies of the Parish. We are a service organization whose purpose is to help people in our Parish and Community when there is illness, happiness of a New Birth or addition to the family or a death in the family. We try to take meals to the shut-ins and families who have known any sadness or happiness. We also take turns sponsoring Coffee Hours once a month and a Soup Supper each Friday during Lent after the Stations of the Cross. Each guild provides 6 homemade pies for the Holy Cross Dinner in February.

St. Anthony's Altar Society: This Society is made up of all the ladies of St. Anthony Parish. Our mission is to serve the parish and community. For the Church, we provide decorations throughout the year, donate money for maintenance and take care of the altar linens, vestments. We also supply the candles, wine and host used for the Mass. For the Parish Community, we provide and serve the food at several Church related functions and funeral dinners. For the community, we pick children's names from the angel Tree during Christmas and provide a gift for them. WE also donate money to the pregnancy center, food bank and to the Greencreek Community Hall. The members sale hamburgers and pies at the annual 4th of July celebration in Greencreek and serve meals for community organizations year round. Funds raised with these activities allow us to accomplish our mission. Each month we have Mass offered for all deceased members of the Society and at Christmastime we provide a dinner for all members and ladies of the community in appreciation for the special things they do throughout the year.

Children's Liturgies: At St. Mary's and St. Anthony's Parishes, our young children are excused during the Sunday Liturgies to celebrate the Liturgy of the word in a manner that appeals to young children. A volunteer parent leads the class using a program that coincides with the Scriptures of the Mass.

Youth Mass Helpers: Four times a year, there is a special Youth Mass where our Youth plan the Sunday Liturgy and any special events at the Liturgy.

Coffee Hour Hosts: These social gathering are held after Sunday Mass in the back of the Church or in the Parish Hall. At St. Mary's the Liturgy Committee provides refreshments for two coffee hours a month with parish volunteers hosting— sign up is available the doors of the Church; the ladies guilds provide for a third coffee hour. At St. Anthony's, the SAS men's group provides for one coffee hour a month. At Assumption a once a month social is being planned.

Church Environment – Decorating: This group creates the décor for the liturgical seasons and celebrations. They provide flowers when in season. Many people help with the church environment. Persons who are artistic, sew, design or arrange flowers and plants are especially helpful in this ministry.

Liturgical Ministers Schedulers: These volunteers at each of the parishes, prepare the schedule and communicate direction from the pastor for the Ushers/Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers.

The Book of Remembrance: These volunteers at each of the parishes keep up the Book of Remembrance that is displayed in each parish during the month of November. Names, obituaries, Mass cards of the deceased members and loved ones of the parish community are listed in this book.

Washing Church Laundry: The ministers provide fresh linens for the use at the Tri-Parish liturgies. The cleaning of linens involves washing and ironing altar linens, purificators and altar server's cassocks. They also do minor sewing to repair them.

Education Ministries:

We have many different opportunities we have to share our faith and to learn more about our faith at all ages.



Faith Formation for Children:

Under the direction of our DRE

Prairie Faith Formation Program (PFFP): The parish offers faith formation classes for all children grades 1-12, in public, private or home schooled, through the PFFP. In the PFFP the children in all grades have an opportunity to leave school for one scheduled period, two or five times a week, and go to a parish classroom building near the school to study our faith. The PFFP is committed to build strong faith foundations for the children in our Tri-Parishes. We strive to help parents lead each child to a life of prayer and communion with God that shows itself in service to others. We seek to cultivate the hearts, minds and souls of our students to their fullest potential by guiding them to know, love and serve God. The PFFP is provided for all students who wish to learn and grow in their love of Christ regardless of religious affiliation.

First Communion/Reconciliation Preparation: This is part of the PFFP. The purpose of First Communion/Reconciliation Preparation Programs are to instruct the children and their families in the Sacraments and how we live them out in our daily lives.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC): Is for Children who want to join the Catholic Church. This process provides them opportunities to understand and experience the Church, the Catholic Faith and Jesus as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. It is facilitated by our Director of Religious Education.

Funeral Dinners: Providing funeral dinners for those who have lost loved ones. This ministry includes providing a dish to be shared at the dinner and cleaning up after the dinner. Extra food is sent home with the family. This ministry is provided by: At St. Mary's the Members of the seven guilds; At St. Anthony and Assumption by neighbors and the ladies of the parish. The Family usually sets up and takes down the tables and chairs.

Cemetery Committee: St. Anthony Parish has a Parish Cemetery. This committee oversees the cemetery, cares for the grounds, open and close graves and helps people locate grave sites.

Outreach to the Community:

These are ministries that reach beyond the parish family into the larger family of humanity.

Scouts: Scouting opportunities are available for boys through troop #638. This troop is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Social Justice: The Social Justice Committee that promotes social justice issues and awareness in our parish.

Outreach to the Poor: All Parishioners are encouraged to bring a can of food to Mass on the weekend and place it in a basket by the door. This food is then donated to the St. Mary's Hospital Food Bank located in Cottonwood.

Prairie Pro-Life Committee: The Prairie Pro-life is an all-volunteer, non-denominational association of individuals who are dedicated to protecting the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. They organize pro-life education & prayer events, invite and provide speakers and provide information to students and others in the community. They are affiliated with the Right to Life of Idaho and with the National right to Life Committee.

Prison Ministry: Jail Ministers visit the men in prison at the North Idaho Correctional Institute (NICI). The Pastor celebrates the Sacraments, volunteers lead Communion Services, teach and share the Good News with the imprisoned. Volunteers receive training and orientating through the Idaho Department of Corrections.

Parish Retreats/Missions: The Parish has two retreats or Missions a year. One in Lent and One in Advent. We hope to form an Evangelization Retreat Team in the near future.

Project Day Prayer: Project Day Prayer is adults who are matched with students in the 6th through 12 grades. The adults pray for each of the students throughout the year.

Advocates: What to do if you have been divorced? Advocates have been trained to help people whose marriage ended in a divorce to work through the Annulment process in the Church so as to be right with the Church and God again.

Hospital Ministry: Fr. Meinrad Schallberger O.S.B. celebrates daily Mass at the Hospital and visits those admitted to the hospital.

Parish Life Ministries:

These are ministries of family and home. They are the Works of Mercy and keep our parish alive as a family of believers who follow Jesus' commandment to "love one another as I have loved you".

Welcoming New Parishioners: The Welcoming Committee receives notification of new members from the Tri-Parish Secretary or from members of the Tri-Parish. A committee member visits and welcomes the new member to our Tri-Parish Communi-

Sending Greeting Cards: At times of death, cards are sent to the immediate family extending our parish support and prayers.

Holy Eucharist to the Homebound: Members of this ministry take the Holy Eucharist to the homebound who can not make it to Mass.

Meals to the Sick: At various times of challenge in our lives, parishioners reach out and offer support to those suffering by providing meals, especially to elderly, widowers and new fami-

Lazarus Committee: Members of this Ministry visit the families of those who have died and assist them in planning and preparing for the funeral service and dinner. They are also there to consoled and to offer any help that the family may need. It is a Corporal Works of Mercy.

Faith Formation for Teens:

Under the direction of our Youth Minister

Youth Ministry: Complementing the PFFP classes we have our Youth Ministry Program. Youth Ministry is a comprehensive process that encourages and promotes Christian discipleship for youths in grades 7 through 12. This holistic process offers a program that is rooted in evangelization and Christian identity through the areas of prayer, communications, Christian service, small group learning opportunities, social events, worship, liturgy and mission. In each of these areas an invitation awaits as seeds are planted and hearts are grown. We play, pray, work, plan, organize, schedule, teach, laugh, cry, dream and guide. It is here within this process we join our youth on their journey toward Christ and walk along side them as they become active participants in the faith community and take ownership in the mission of the Church.

Confirmation Preparation: Confirmation Preparation is available for youth who are in grades 9-12 or are 15 years old or more and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. We have a two year program facilitated by our Youth Minister.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens (RCIT): Is for Teenagers who wishing to join the Catholic Church. This process provides them opportunities to understand and experience the Church, the Catholic Faith and Jesus as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is facilitated by our



Faith Formation for Adults:
Facilitated by Parish Volunteers.



GROW! Groups:

Our Adult Faith Formation is called GROW! Because “No matter where you’re at there is always room to GROW!” Several different possible study topics are provided. Volunteer parishioners form their small group and set the time and place for meetings that work best for each group and choose a topic the group is interested in. The groups typically meet from October to May. The overall goal is to help each participant to gain a greater knowledge of our faith and to foster a personal relationship with Jesus.

Catholic 201: Is a class open to whoever desires to attend that meets on Tuesday evening twice a month, September through May. Each class deals with a different topic in our faith. Different volunteers or staff research topics they are interested in and present it to the class.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): This program is for adults to learn about the Catholic Faith with the possibility of full membership in the Catholic Church through Baptism or Profession of Faith, or Catholics who just want to learn more about our faith. It provides opportunities to explore the Church, its teachings and traditions, and to experience the life in the parish community. Ministers who enjoy being Catholic make up the presenting team.

Engaged Encounter: The Engaged Encounter Team (EE) is a fun group of married couples that love being married. We have a national organization that supports our local units. We host three Engaged Encounter Weekends a year at St. Gertrude’s Spirit Center. It is a requirement by the Diocese of Boise, for an engaged couple to attend a weekend before being married in the Catholic church. Presenting couples usually present at one weekend each year. Weekends begin on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The Monastery provides the meals.

Baptismal Preparation: Parents and Godparents/Sponsors planning to have a child Baptized are required to attend a preparation class. During this approximately hour long class, we review the Sacraments of Initiation followed by reading parts of the Baptism Booklet. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and to share their thoughts. The class covers the requirements for parents and Godparents/Sponsors, explains the symbols and rituals of Baptism, and encourages the parents to think about where they are in their own faith journey. Classes are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the classrooms at St. Mary’s Church. Other arrangements can be made if necessary. If possible please contact the parish office before the class. All Baptisms must be scheduled with the Pastor.

Spiritual Ministries:

These ministries are focused on Prayer and Spiritual Health:

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is our response to Jesus’ love for us. Adoration helps us to have a more personal relationship with Jesus by making the Eucharist more central in our lives. Adoration is held in St. Mary’s Church every Tuesday from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm Mass; on the third Thursday from 7:00 pm– 7:00 am Friday; and on every First Friday from 7:00 pm Thursday—8:00 am Saturday. In St. Anthony’s Church, Adoration is usually once a month on Thursday from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm.

Prayer Chain: This provides an opportunity to request prayers as well as to pray for those who have special needs or requests. Notification is sent by either email or phone call.

Healing and Deliverance Ministry: Acknowledging God’s Healing Love, we gather for praise and worship, healing prayer, and meditation on Healing Scripture. Seeking the Living Christ where He waits for us! Healing Masses provide the foundation for living out Christ’s call to pray together for one another for healing within our community and our world. “I came that you might have life in Abundance.” Responding to the Great Commission~ to live the Gospel~ to expect healing~ to bless one another with anointing JOY.