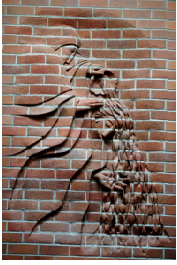




SACRED HEART PARISH

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016



*"You are my beloved son;
with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22

RCIA in 2016

Just a quick reminder as we head into 2016, that our RCIA sessions take place on Saturdays, The weekly sessions take place on Saturdays at 3:00 pm in the "Upper Room," (upstairs in the Parish Office area of the building). Any parishioner interested in joining us for these informative and formative sessions are most welcome!

The January schedule is as follows:

- ☐ January 23 — Baptism and Confirmation
- ☐ January 30— The Holy Spirit and the Trinity
- ☐ February 6— The Sacrament of Marriage
- ☐ February 13— Conversion: the Power of Grace
- ☐ February 20— Eucharist: Meal, Presence & Sacrifice

Join our Social Justice Committee at the
2016 Eastern Washington Legislative Conference
"Our Responsibility for the Common Good"

Saturday, Jan. 30 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 316 E 24th Avenue

For information, contact Scott Cooper, Catholic Charities,
509-358-4273

Mass Intentions This Week

SAT, Jan 16- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
SUN, Jan 17 - 10:00 a.m. +Mary Kay Walsh by Mary Clark

WEEKDAY MASSES—7:30 A.M.

TUES, Jan 19 +Dody Wood by Bill Ogle
WEDS, Jan 20 +Rev. Emery Blanchard by Irene Dufort
THURS, Jan 21 +Philip Gilbert by Jeanne Gilbert
FRI, Jan 22 10 a.m. Funeral Mass for Caroline Mangione

**The parish offices will be closed on Monday,
January 18, for the Martin Luther King holiday.**

Votive Candle Safety:

Please do not drop spent matchsticks into the votive candle holder after lighting it. It concentrates the heat against the glass, causing it to break. There are sand filled ashtrays on the shelf below the candles for disposal. Our insurance company thanks you!



"Living with Forgiving"

Don't miss out on this very special retreat opportunity at **Immaculate Heart Retreat Center** with Charles Finck.

January 22-24, 2016

Please register in advance or for more information contact us at (509) 448-1224 or visit www.ihrc.net.
Cost: \$192 per person, \$294 per couple for the weekend, \$107 per commuter with meals.



Adult Faith Sharing Group

We meet every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the downstairs classroom at the north end of the Parish Center.



Our Parish Sacrificial Offerings This Week and Christmas:

Envelope & Plate Offering: \$ 8,060.00
Outreach: \$ 126.00



In order to meet our 2015-16 budget, an average weekly collection of \$5,713.00 is needed. Thank you so much!

NEW TO SACRED HEART PARISH? WELCOME! We look forward to getting to know you!
Please return this form to the parish office or e-mail the information to: shparish@qwestoffice.net.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

It is definitely time to think CHILI . . . and **BINGO!**

Our Chili-Bingo night is scheduled for Sunday,
January 24, in the Parish Hall
at 4:00pm.

We'll have homemade Chili and all the fixin's combined with a chance to be a winner at BINGO. It's a fun-filled family night of food and entertainment. You won't want to miss it!

Cost is \$5 adults, children 12-and-under free.

This is a bring your own beverage event. Coffee and water will be provided.



WorldWide Marriage Encounter Inland Empire Encounter

Jesus worked his first public miracle at the wedding feast in Cana. Many believe this symbolizes the overabundance of grace Jesus gives to the couples in the sacrament of matrimony. Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and even transform your marriage sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: in Spokane at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center - March 4-6, 2016 and October 21-23, 2016. For more information contact Tom & Kathy Dauer at (509) 455-8415 or go to www.InlandEmpireWWME.org.



The Lourdes Novena for Healing

The Diocese of Spokane is presenting the annual "Lourdes Novena for Healing" from February 3rd through February 11th at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes. Bishop Thomas Daly will begin the Novena with a special sermon entitled "The Miracle of Lourdes". Evening services last 45 minutes and will include prayers for healing, Marian Anthems sung by the Diocesan Children's Choir, Benediction, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The intention for this Novena is for healing of any kind including physical, spiritual, emotional or relational.



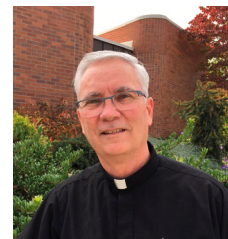
For a complete schedule of Novena service times, log on to www.SpokaneCathedral.com or the diocesan website www.DiocesefofSpokane.org. All are welcome!



Catholic Cougs' Founder's Dinner

Our Newman Center at WSU, St. Thomas More, will be hosting its annual Founder's Dinner in Spokane's St. Thomas More Parish on **February 20th**. The students are looking for great items to auction off to help support their ministry in Pullman. If you have an item or service you'd like to donate, please call Teresa at 509-332-6311.

A Word from Father...



Dear Friends,

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord.

Those words from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians that we hear this weekend in our second reading make it pretty clear that Paul found himself in the midst of a community that was not as healthy as it should have been. If all was well with many people serving in many ways, he wouldn't have needed to remind them of the "same Spirit" that animates them all. Chances are pretty good that some people's gift of wisdom seemed pretty great as compared to other people's gift of healing, that some members' "prophecy" had more importance than others' "tongues." Competition and jealousy and gossip "dissing" by some of others must have been rife. I suppose we might find some consolation in the fact that even then in the first generation of Christians, such unhappy and un-Christian faults were present and so are not new to us. "They were not really any better than we!" we might exclaim to ourselves in self-absolution of our own faults. But here's the twist: all the more, then, does Paul's exhortation to see our many gifts and many charisms and many forms of service as the work of one Spirit call us to recognize that same Spirit at work in all of us here and now!

Christian in-fighting is nothing new; we gotten better at living the Gospel and imitating Jesus? Facts like the ongoing divisions among Christian churches or the way some Catholics divide us all up into either "traditionalist" or "progressive" camps between which there is a great divide across which we cannot cross remind us that the work of living the Gospel of Jesus in a vibrant and full way, marked by mutual care and respect, is still a work in progress. Paul's potent reminder to the Corinthians *and to us* that the one Spirit is at work in all manifestations of grace is a call for us to "decampify" our church-life and thus heal our Church by humbly and gratefully recognizing Christ's grace at work in all of us.

It's not so easy. The rancorous biting and kicking of our political parties sometimes becomes the model of our own relationships as Christians. Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy is a celebration of the oil that lubricates such a healing among us. See the "other" as Christ sees the other. Be sympathetic towards the faults and limitations of others. Rejoice in however, whenever and in whomever God manifests the Spirit. That is "mercy" at work!

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kevin