



SACRED HEART PARISH

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2016

At the present time the Annual Catholic Appeal 2016 is being conducted in all 82 parishes and missions in the Diocese of Spokane. The goal for our parish is **\$53,674**. Our first report indicates that **6** of our 278 parish households have responded with a total of **\$1,865**. (Due to complications at the Diocesan level, all contributions have not yet been reported to us.) A most appreciative "Thank you!" to those who have contributed so far to this year's Appeal, especially since the pledge envelopes arrived in the mail late in the week. May each of the remaining households respond generously to Bishop Daly's appeal for participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal 2016. The success of this year's Appeal is critical to carrying out the mission of the Church.



Lenten Reflections with Father Kevin



Join Father Kevin this Lent at 7:00 p.m. each Thursday evening in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

- ☐ The Man Born Blind: Seeing is Believing (March 3)
- ☐ The Rich Man and His Very Hard Heart (March 10)
- ☐ Lazarus and the Hard Edge of Death (March 17)

If you would like to hear a recording of the first session, please visit our website and click on the Adult Formation tab, followed by the Father's Reflections tab.

Adult Faith Sharing Group

We meet every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the upstairs classroom at the east end of the Parish Center building.

Mass Intentions This Week

SAT, Feb 27- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
SUN, Feb 28 - 10:00 a.m. +Dorothy Gray by the Kleweno Family

WEEKDAY MASSES—7:30 A.M.

TUES, Mar 1 +Francis Pautler
WEDS, Mar 2 +Barbara Kleweno by the Kleweno Family
THURS, Mar 3 Priestly & religious vocations by Irene Dufort
FRI, Mar 4 +Katy Padilla

Mass Readings for Next Weekend:

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Liturgical Minsters Schedule can be found on our website: shparishspokane.org/liturgical-ministry-schedules

Lenten Stations of the Cross

We will pray the Way of the Cross in the church each Thursday just prior to Father Kevin's Lenten Reflection, beginning at 6:15 pm. Please join us for this lovely prayer, made all the more so by the beautiful images carved into our church walls!



Join our parish community and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the US in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl in the back of our Church or contact crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Our Parish Sacrificial Offerings This Week:

Envelope & Plate Offering: \$ 4,126.50
Outreach: \$ 185.00

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: _____

Cataldo Registration for 2016-2017 School Year

If you would like to enroll a new student for the upcoming school year, we would love to know now for planning purposes. Please e-mail your child's name, birth date, and intended grade to mpelkie@cataldo.org. Registration for current families will begin March 4th, and for new families on March 14th. If you are considering Cataldo Catholic School, and missed our Open House last week, we give tours daily and would love to show you around and answer any questions you may have. To schedule a tour or visit day for your child, please contact Anita Condon at acondon@cataldo.org.



VOLUNTEERS, UPDATE YOUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING ONLINE!

Parish volunteers who are required to take the Safe Environment training must update their training annually. If you have not already done so, please go online to virtus.org and complete the annual update. This is about a ten-minute process and it keeps Sacred Heart in compliance with diocesan policy. For instructions on how to complete your training update, pick up a blue instruction sheet in the back of the church or contact Paul Macias. (509)251-5818 pmacias@dioceseofspokane.org

Chrism Mass

The faithful of the Diocese of Spokane are invited to the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated at **5:30 pm on Tuesday, March 15th** at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes. Bishop Daly will be joined by the priests of the diocese for this annual blessing of Holy Oils. The name of this Mass comes from the Sacred Chrism which is one of the oils to be blessed and then distributed throughout the diocese for celebrations of Baptism and Confirmation. The other oils to be blessed are the Oil of the Sick And the Oil of Catechumens. All are welcome to attend.



Hearts on Fire Catholic Men's Conference – 2016

Again this year, the Catholic Men's Conference will be held on March 12, 2016, in Gonzaga University's Student Chapel (third floor, College Hall). Our main speaker will be Father Richard Hauser SJ, currently a member of the faculty of Creighton University in Omaha and a nationally sought-after speaker on Catholic spirituality.

First Friday Mar. 4: Eucharistic Adoration begins with the recitation of the Rosary directly after 7:30 AM Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament lasts until **12 noon**. Please come for an hour, if you are able to commit for that time, or for a quiet visit as you are out and about. (Please note our new hours...8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.)



A Word from Father...

Dear Friends,

I came across a lovely Lenten reading in the *Liturgy of Hours* that is worth sharing, at least in part; it is from a homily by the 4th century archbishop of Constantinople, St. John Chrysostom:



Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened what they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his finite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confide to fixed times or period but continuous throughout the day and night. ...

Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the mild that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

Payer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace.

When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to a man, he gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: his spirit burns as in a fire of the utmost intensity.

Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leave of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit.

Have a prayerful and grace-filled week!

Fr. Kevin

Our Parish Website: Renovated and looking good!

We have just completed a major update of our parish website. It is more user-friendly and has lots of helpful information for you! Among many features, you can now find on its pages:

- ☐ Father Kevin's recent homilies (audio)
- ☐ Father's Lenten Reflections (audio)
- ☐ Our Liturgical Ministers Schedules
- ☐ Catholic News updated daily
- ☐ Today's Mass readings from the Scriptures
- ☐ Links to other Catholic spirituality and prayer sites.

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