



SACRED HEART PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2016

Our Sacred Heart response to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal continues to grow! The goal for our parish is \$53,674, and our most recent report indicates that 119 of our 278 parish households have already responded with a total of \$53,420 in pledges. A most appreciative "Thank you!" to those who have contributed so far to this year's Appeal. The success of this year's Appeal is critical to carrying out the mission of the Church.



Youth Year of Mercy Pilgrimage

Our parish junior and senior high students (as well as families, if they wish!) are invited to join Father Kevin on **Saturday, May 14 at 1:00 PM**, for a walk to Our Lady of Lourdes

via St. Aloysius and the Centennial Trail and enter the Cathedral through the Holy Door in celebration of the jubilee Year of Mercy. We will have snacks along the way. Please meet in the parking lot at Sacred Heart. Contact Paul Macias for more information or to RSVP. (509)251-5818

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Adult Faith Sharing Group

The Adult Faith Formation Group is beginning a new series of lectures on the comparison of Islam and Christianity. It is proving to be a very interesting and timely subject. We meet in the upper room of the parish center at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays. (There will not be a session May 1st, Bloomsday). Please feel free to join us!

LIVE EDITION OF "TIME WITH THE BISHOP" on Tuesday, April 19:

Bishop Thomas Daly will host another one-hour live edition of "Time with the Bishop" from noon-1 p.m. on Sacred Heart Radio, KTTO 970 AM in Spokane. Please call with questions and comments and interaction with Bishop Daly: 327-3695. Questions for Bishop Daly can be emailed to: inlandregis-ter@dioceseofspokane.org, or write: Time with the Bishop, Communications Office, P.O. Box 1453, Spokane, WA 99210

Mass Intentions This Week

SAT, April 16 - 5:00 p.m. +Lillian Gustafson by Mike & Mary Alward
SUN, April 17 - 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES—7:30 A.M.

MON, Apr 18—10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Lee Ohnemus
TUES, Apr 19 +Stan Schoenwald by Doug & Jean Danly
WEDS, Apr 20 Living and deceased members of the Providence Community & Associates by Irene Dufort
THURS, Apr 21 +Stan Schoenwald by Doug & Jean Danly
FRI, Apr 22 +Smithmore & Sandy Meyers

Mass Readings for Next Weekend:

Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-33, 34-35

Congratulations

to Sacred Heart's newest communicants and newly confirmed!

Sam Skoog Colton Thomas
Regan Thomas Leo Schmidt
Kathleen Schmidt Olivia Baird
Harper Baird Stephen Schlegel
Jane Schlegel

Please join us in the hall after Mass for cake and punch to celebrate the full initiation of our young members!



Our Parish Sacrificial Offerings This Week:

Envelope & Plate Offering: \$ 7,643.65
Outreach: \$ 90.00

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: _____



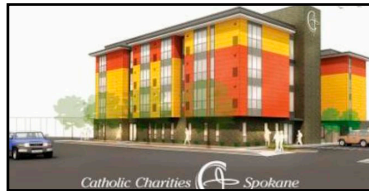
Join us on Sunday, April 24th for the **Annual Sacred Heart Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner** in the Parish Center. In addition to spaghetti with homemade marinara sauce and the best meatballs you'll ever eat, there will be Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, and Spumoni ice cream. So, put on your red, green, and white, bring your favorite beverage, and

join us for a great Italian dinner.

Sign up in the vestibule – Adults - \$6 Students - \$4, Kids 12-and-under - free

Buder Haven

Did you know Catholic Charities is building a second Father Bach Haven to be named Buder Haven on E. 2nd Ave. in Spokane? It will provide an additional 50 units of housing for the chronically homeless and is due to open in July 2016. More information to follow next week on how Sacred Heart can help with this project.



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! VBS 2016 will be June 27-July 1 at St Peter's. We are looking for adult and youth volunteers for set-up and for the week of VBS. Contact Paul Macias @ 251-5818



Cataldo's Centennial Auction & Dinner

Save the date for Cataldo's Centennial Celebration, on *Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm*. The event will be held at the Convention Center downtown. For ticket information, to make a donation or for advertising and underwriting opportunities please contact Anita Condon at acondon@cataldo.org or (509) 624-8759.



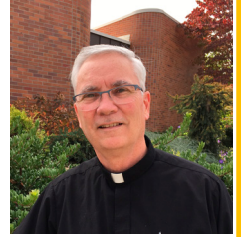
Our Parish Website: Renovated and looking good!

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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A Word from Father...



Dear Friends,

Ah, the Sign of Peace! So lovely yet so misunderstood!

Last week, I wrote a bit about its possible origins in the early Christian communities and its meaning, that the "shalom" that the Jewish Christians extended to one another was more than a happy little greeting, sort of like, "How's it goin'? Great!" Rather, the "Shalom" was that of Jesus, a blessing and a prayer that the other might be right with God, right with others, right with self, whole and holy, already experiencing the peace of God's Kingdom.

The key thing for me is that the Kiss of Peace was...and is...a prayer and a blessing, not a social greeting. In the context of the Mass, when I extend to another the "Peace of Christ" and s/he returns that Peace to me, we are praying for one another and blessing one another. It is NOT a "Hi, how are ya!" moment, but a solemn and serious extension of Jesus' resurrection Peace, his "Shalom", to the other and the reception of that same gift from the other. Some of the Byzantine churches emphasize this reality by enfolding the hands of the other into my hands as I say "Peace to you", then the other enfolding my hands into theirs as they speak the blessing. There is no waving, chatting, laughing, yukking it up that feels more like a recess from prayer rather than a continuation of our liturgical prayer; to the contrary. That Byzantine way of sharing the Lord's Peace is a beautiful gesture that makes present and real the very Peace of Christ to the other and to me. The Roman way is similar; watch Pope Francis on EWTN at some special Mass at St. Peter's Basilica: he places his arms over the arms of the other even as the other does the same to him, and they gently touch or even sometimes kiss the other's cheek.

So how should *we Catholics in 2016 America* offer to one another the Sign of Peace? Well, at this stage in my life I'm not so big into a rule for everything; it doesn't really matter to me if it is a handshake, an embrace, a kiss, or some other gesture (enfolded hands?). *What is important is that it be a prayer and a blessing one for the other.* It is not recess. It is not time for gabbing and joking. It is not time for "Hi, how are ya's."

So here are a few suggestions:

- Don't run around the church trying to "get" everyone. Stay in place and just offer the Peace to those nearest you.
- Think of it always as a blessing you are giving them and that they return to you.
- No jokes, no gabbing, no chatting, no "Hi...it's so good to see you!'s"

Anyway, this is my last word on the subject (for now!): *Peace be with you!*

Fr. Kevin