

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Parish Office closes at noon
Mass at 4:00 pm, 8:00 pm, and midnight

Friday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 am Mass
 Parish Office closed

Saturday, December 26

4:30 pm Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass and Baptisms

Sunday, December 27

8:30 am Mass
 No Rel Ed Grades 1-6 / No CLW
 11:00 am Mass
 No Senior High Youth Group

Monday, December 28

7:30 am Mass
 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, December 29

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group
 9:15 am Nursing Home &
 Assisted Living Ministry
 7:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday, December 30

7:30 am Mass
 No Junior High Youth Group

Thursday, December 31

Parish Office closed
 7:00 pm Mass

Friday, January 1, 2010—New Year's Day

Parish Office closed
 10:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 2

4:30 pm Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass
 6:30 pm Blood Pressures / Religious Goods Sale

Sunday, January 3

8:30 am Mass
 No Rel Ed Grades 1-6
 Blood Pressures / Religious Goods Sale
 11:00 am Mass
 No Senior High Youth Group



Welcome and Thanks

On this wonder-filled day, I want to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us and experience the joy of Christmas: our regular parishioners, those drawn here by family ties, by memories of Christmases past or by the call of the Holy Spirit. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI: "This, dear friends is what true joy is; the feeling that our personal and community lives are visited and filled by a great mystery, the mystery of God's love. We need more than things to rejoice, we need love and truth; we need a God close at hand, who warms our hearts, and responds to our deepest yearnings."

To our visitors, please know that you are always welcome here at St. Joseph or in any Catholic Church.

Special thanks to all those who have made our Christmas celebration so beautiful: the musicians, the liturgical ministers, and all those who so generously shared their time and talent at this very busy time of year.

May the joy of Christmas remain with you throughout the year!

Fr. Edgar



Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

Please support the 2009 Catholic Charities Christmas Collection. Donations may be placed in the collection at Masses, mailed to Catholic Charities at P.O. Box 2253, Spokane, WA 99210-2253, or made on line at www.catholiccharitiesspokane.org. Thank you for contributing to **Providing Help, Creating Hope** for people in need.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes for Preschool through Grade 6 will be on Christmas break for Sunday, December 27th and January 3rd. Classes will resume on January 10th.

Have a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



December 24-25

Nativity of the Lord

Adult Education

10 GREAT DATES
 TO ENERGIZE YOUR MARRIAGE

Take advantage of this **free** opportunity to put the sizzle back in your marriage and reclaim some spark and connection!

All married couples can benefit from this program ... newlyweds, empty-nesters, and especially parents!

In just five weeks, couples will discover how to experience marital growth, to develop their own marital coping system, to balance busy lifestyles, to develop spiritual intimacy and even how to use anger and conflict in a creative way to actually build their marriage partnership!

Signup is available in the lobby. **Babysitting is available!**

Dates begin: Tuesday, January 12th 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Dates finish: Tuesday, February 9th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Take advantage of this opportunity to discover just how much fun your relationship can be!

**Parish Mission:
 Invigorating the Family of Faith**

Mark your calendar well in advance for a special Parish Mission February 13th through February 17th. Musician and liturgist Vince Ambrosetti weaves music and the spoken word into a prayerful experience. Please join us as we "Awaken Our Hearts." Bring your family and a friend, too!!



Deck the Halls

We wish to thank the following generous and creative people who have worked so hard to prepare the church for the celebration of Christmas: Kourtney Ybarra, Lina Blin, Stacie Fry, Hannah Fry, Marianna Fischer, Emma Costello, Damian Fischer, Mary Ann Busch, Linda Harrison, Keith Bryant and Maria Bryant. It looks beautiful and we thank you!!

Teens "Stay Tuned...!"



Ice-Skating for Junior & Senior High Youth Group

Sunday, January 17th, from 1:30-3:30, at the Riverfront Park Ice Palace! Cost is \$5.00 for skate rental and time. We leave the church at 12:30. **Drivers and chaperones are needed!** Permission slips will be coming soon!

Jr. High

The next meeting is on January 6th!! We'll be breaking in the New Year with some fun!!

Sr. High

Next meeting will be on Sunday, January 10th!! Welcome back!!

Senior High Retreat: Save the date! Our retreat will be at Ross Point in Post Falls, Idaho, February 5-7. The retreat will have a Bond...James Bond...theme: "Is Your Faith Shaken or Stirred?" We will be examining our missions in life through Christ, and of course, we'll have lots of fun with spy-themed activities!

Parents, if you are interested in chaperoning this event, please contact Lauren at 466-4991 or 368-4982.

Core Team: We will be meeting after the 11:00 am Mass for a few Sundays, starting on January 3rd. We'll be talking about the retreat and finish our planning!



Summit View Apartments Project

The annual Summit View Christmas party was a success again this year and is truly one of our most inspiring projects. It was a heart warming experience to see the children gather around Santa (thank you Ian Johnstone!) and watch them play games and make crafts. The parents of the children were truly grateful as they shared in their children's excitement. We heard "thank you" so many times!

Thank you to everyone who bought presents for the families at Summit View. Your generosity and caring make this miracle happen! We especially thank the Johnstone family (Angela, Ian, Olivia, and Chance) for organizing the event; Sandy Krieg for help with stocking stuffers; the Dietz family for the wonderful tree; Dick & Linda Wirtz for their help; and Mary Ferraro, Denise Pilgeram, Frank Ellis, Carey Mack, & Sr. Kathleen, who acted as chaperones and/or drivers.

Thank you, also, to the 22 wonderful teens who helped to make the party fun for the kids by playing games and doing crafts with them. You guys are the best, and rest assured that you have made a difference by making Christmas special for a few grateful families on Summit Blvd.!

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all people... Proclaim the Gospel to every creature.