

St. John Vianney Catholic Parish

The Feast of the Holy Family December 28, 2025

Welcome!

To make St. John Vianney or St. Paschal your parish home, register with the office or online!

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Principal: Janelle Turcotte

Secretary: Joan Olson

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Director: Mary Jo Paschall

Prayer Chains

SJV: Jayne Seaboldt 509-921-0945

If unavailable: Mary McLeslie 509-926-0460

SP: Rosalie Thompson 509-443-7268

Assistance Program

If you need assistance with food, utilities, prescriptions, please call the SJV office Tues.—Thurs., 9 a.m. to noon

Catholic Family Service Counseling

Call the Diocesan Office 509-242-2308

SJV & SP Parish & Finance Council Members

SJV Parish Council:

Ric Wesselman (Chair), Greg Takisaki, Angie Nordhus, Ruth Ann Pfeifer, Sue Kappen, Mark Sullivan

SJV Finance Council:

Erik Wakeling (Chair), Barbara Ewers, Nick Durgan, Cathy Suda, Greg Takisaki

SP Parish Council:

Kathy Foreman, Fred Meyer, Joan Dunn, Emily Klein, Lori Sullivan, Tom Lutyens

SP Finance Council:

Bill Trudeau (Chair), Fred Meyer, Carmen Ballard

St. Paschal Catholic Parish



Mass Times:

SJV: Sat. Vigil 4 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.

SP: Sun. 8 a.m.

Daily Mass: SJV 8:15 a.m., Tues.-Fri.

Eucharistic Home Visits

If you are homebound or ill, and want to receive Holy Communion, please call the office.

Eucharistic Exposition for Adoration

SJV: Wed. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

2:30 p.m. — 3:30 pm Every **First Saturday** is

Holy Hour for Vocations

2:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. Every **Last Saturday** is

Holy Hour for SJV School

SP: Tue. 5-6 p.m.

Confessions

By appointment, and regularly at:

SJV: Sat. 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

SP: Tues. 5-6 p.m.

Sacraments of Baptism & Holy Matrimony

Parents seeking baptism for their child should fill out a baptism request form on our website 3 months before intended baptism date. Engaged couples should contact the office 6 months before the intended wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Interested in becoming Catholic, or want to ask about our OCIA program? Please call Mike Heywood, 509-999-8374 or Sue Manfred, 509-230-2695.

Office: (509) 926-5428 SJV / SP

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SJV Location: 503 North Walnut Road / SP Location: 2521 North Park Road

Website: www.sjvchurch.org / Email: sjv@dioceseofspokane.org / Facebook: StJohnVianneyCatholic

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday Jan. 3		SJV		
Lectors	S. Kappen	B. Batz		
EMs	K. Allenburg	M. Johnson	V. Moore	
Sunday Jan. 4				
Lectors	N. Durgan	S. Golden		
EMs	D. Hamlin	J. Sebert	E. Wakeling	
Sunday Jan. 4		SP		
Lector	A. Johnson			

Stewardship Report - SJV NO UPDATE

12/7/25	Collected	Budgeted	YTD Collected	YTD Budget	Difference
Offertory:	\$ 13,139	\$ 7,692	\$ 157,568	\$ 176,923	\$ 19,355
Assistance	\$ 1,110		\$ 17,859		
Building	\$ 1,152		\$ 13,011		
School:	\$ 1,528		\$ 26,752		
Special Projects	\$ 160		\$ 1,172		

Stewardship Report - SP NO UPDATE DUE TO HOLIDAY DEADLINES

12/7/25	Collected	Budgeted	YTD Collected	YTD Budget	Difference
Offertory:	\$ 1,952	\$ 1,481	\$ 34,819	\$ 34,058	\$ 761
Assistance	\$ 370		\$ 2,020		
Building	\$ 195		\$ 1,752		
Fuel	\$ 145		\$ 960		
School:	\$ -		\$ 50		

MASS INTENTIONS

	Offered For	Requested By
Tue	+ Dianne Leger	Gerry & Sue Manfred
Wed	Thanksgiving	Rhea Devera
Thu	Pro-Populo	
Fri	+Sharon Williams	the Williams Family
Sat	+ Mary Ellen Condotta	the Swenson Family
Sun	8 am People of SP	
	10 am People of SJV	

If Mass is ever canceled, please know that the intention will be offered in the next available Mass.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec. 31 - No Daily Mass or Adoration
 Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - 9 a.m. at SJV

Parish Office Closed January 1



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters meet **Jan. 10 at 9 a.m.** in the Kathy Reisenauer Parish Hall at SJV. All Catholic women at least 18 years old are welcome to join this group of fun, faithful women.

Second collection for the Building Fund -

NEXT WEEK

The Gospel of Mark Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark Bible Study begins again on Jan. 4. Please join us in the Kathy Reisenauer Parish Hall at SJV Sundays from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Contact Greg Takisaki at 509-981-0487 or Doreen Takisaki at 509-922-9443.

Haven't signed up yet?

Registering for FORMED is easy:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select your parish by entering name, city and zip
3. Register with your name & email
4. Check your email for a link
5. Start using FORMED.

Christmas is a time of giving as we celebrate the special gift of Jesus Christ. In the spirit of the season, we ask you to prayerfully consider bestowing a special Christmas gift to our programs. Different programs you can support include;

Religious Education - It is our Religious Education program that helps us to live & share our Catholic faith through the integration of academics, moral values, spiritual growth and pray. Includes OCIA (Adults), Sacramental Preparation (children/youth), Bible studies, prayer groups and Vacation Bible School.

Assistance Fund - This program disburses thousands of dollars annually to help the poor in our community. By providing food, gas cards and help with utility bills, we share Christ's love with our community.

Lighting Project - Next year we are planning on redoing our lights in the church - improving functionality, supporting energy savings and enhancing worship.

SJV Catholic School - By providing a quality Catholic education, regardless of ability to pay, St. John Vianney Catholic School helps to create faithful servants of Christ.

Rectory Improvement - Part of our call to service is to care for our priests. Improvements at the rectory provide a safe home for the priests who serve our parishes.

Snow Removal - Though we have had wonderful weather so far, keeping the parking lot and sidewalks clear and safe when it snows can add to our budget. We appreciate any donations to help defray the cost.

Kathy Reisenauer Endowment - We are blessed with an endowment to help ensure the continued success of St. John Vianney parish and school. By contributing to the growth of the endowment, you help secure the financial stability of our community.

Thank you for considering a special gift to the parish programs this Christmas.

Advertiser of the week



Liberty Lake Smile Source

Sunday Reflection

Friends, today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This feast in a very special way reminds us of something profoundly comforting; that is, God is not distant and He does not save us from afar. God enters our world through the most ordinary, familiar, and everyday reality; family. God could have come as a mighty warrior, a philosopher, or a king. Instead, He chose to come as a child in a home, with parents who loved Him, protected Him, and raised Him. This tells us something essential about God's heart; He draws near to us in the ordinary. He sanctifies what we often take for granted. The incarnation is thus God's way of saying; "I am with you in your daily life. I meet you in your home, your relationships, your struggles, your routines."

On this feast of Holy Family, it is very important to emphasize that family is not a human invention or a cultural trend. It is God's own institution, woven into creation from the beginning. It is a communion of love that springs from man and woman who come together in marriage, and it continues to spread through their children. In a world where secular voices sometimes treat family as optional, flexible, or purely self-defined, today's feast gently but firmly reminds us: Family is sacred because God Himself stepped into one.

At first glance, we might imagine the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as peaceful, serene, and untouched by the struggles that affect our own families. But the Scriptures today tell a very different story. We hear in the Gospel, that Joseph is awakened by an angel with terrifying news: "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt." Imagine a young family forced to run for their lives in the middle of the night. No time to pack, and no certainty about the road ahead. They became refugees, strangers in a foreign land, living with fear, uncertainty, and poverty. And later when they return home only to discover that danger still lurks, and they must settle in Nazareth, a place with little honor or reputation. Their life was not picture-perfect. It was marked by upheaval, anxiety, and constant change. And yet, through it all, they remained united. Not because they had no problems, but because they faced every problem together with trust in God and love for one another. The Holy Family was holy not because life was easy, but because love guided them through every difficulty.

In the Second reading from the letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul gives us the blueprint for family life: "Put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... And then he says, "Over all these, put on love." Love is the garment that holds everything else together. Paul uses the image of clothing, something we choose to put on every day. Love is not a feeling that comes and goes. It is a decision, a daily choice, a garment we intentionally wear. Family life is to be filled with Compassion when someone in the family is hurting, kindness when tempers flare, humility when pride wants the last word, patience when we are tired or frustrated, and forgiveness when wounds run deep. And then Paul says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." Not the peace that comes from everything going right, but the peace that comes from knowing God is with us even when everything goes wrong. This is exactly how the Holy Family lived. They "put on love" every day, on the road to Egypt, in the uncertainty of exile, in the quiet years of Nazareth.

It is needless to say that today every family knows what it means to face challenges, every family is a mixed bag; with complications but also blessings. Each family has financial struggles, illnesses, misunderstandings, aging parents, children finding their way, marriages tested by stress or silence. The Holy Family understood all of this. They are not distant icons; they are companions on the journey. And they teach us this truth; a family becomes holy not by avoiding problems, but by facing them with love and trust in God. Love in the family may not eliminate hardships, but it transforms them. It may not prevent conflicts, but it heals them. And it may not guarantee perfection, but it guarantees God's presence.

So today, as we honor the Holy Family, let us ask for the grace to "put on love" in our own homes: let this be shown through, a word of kindness instead of criticism. A moment of listening instead of reacting. A gesture of forgiveness instead of holding onto hurt. A prayer together instead of facing struggles alone. As the saying goes, "charity begins at home." May we always remember that family is where we first learn forgiveness, patience, sacrifice, and tenderness. It is where we first learn to love and to be loved. It is where God often speaks most quietly, but most powerfully. May our homes therefore become places where God is welcomed, where love is chosen daily, and where we discover that the same God who guided Mary, Joseph, and Jesus is guiding us too.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SJV Pancake Breakfast



The SJV Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 4 after the 10 a.m. Mass. All donations benefit the many charities supported by the Knights. Enjoy a good breakfast and support local charities.

THANK YOU!

A special "Thank You" to the volunteers who helped prepare the church for the coming of Christ. We are so grateful for your service!

Reconciliation and Confirmation/First Holy Communion classes resume next weekend, **January 4**, in the SJV School library at **11:15 a.m.**

SCHOOL NEWS

As we start another year and reflect on the blessings of the past one, we are truly thankful for your prayerful support! We wish you many blessings in the new year!



St. Paschal Altar Society & Knights of Columbus

The second Tuesday of each month the St. Paschal Altar Society (for women) and Knights of Columbus (for men) have separate meetings in the SP Rectory. Next meetings are Jan. 13. Altar Society meets at noon and Knights meet at 7 p.m. Come join these groups of women and men in service of Christ.

