

December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

St. George Catholic Parish

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm & Friday 8:00am to Noon

St. Stanislaus Church, Rathdrum ~ St. Joseph Church, Spirit Lake

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Confession: Saturday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. or by appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception



Parish Council Chairperson: Debbie Ellis 509-991-2816

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Marriage Preparation: Deacon Mike Pentony 425-531-0341

Couples wishing to be married must contact the parish within 6 months of their proposed wedding date. No firm wedding date should be set prior to meeting with the Pastor or Deacon.

Convert Formation (OCIA): 208-773-4715

Knights of Columbus: Jim Beck 208-699-7319

Maintenance Administrator: Steve Gonnella 509-993-1292

Prayer Chain: Marilyn Hunt 208-773-1074

Bible Study: Joan Neary 703-380-9806

Soaring Spirits Widow/Widowers Group:
Colleen Provost 208-691-2486 & Jeannette Fay 208-699-0099

Piece Makers (Quilters): Pat Roland 208-457-9293

Secular Franciscans: Wayne & Marci Woodward
208-981-3791

Holy Family Catholic School: Sue Styren, Principal
208-765-4327

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OUTREACH

St. George's Mission of Charity: 208-773-8599

Pregnancy Support Center: 208-449-8512

Friendship Kitchen: Closed during construction.

Second Sunday of Advent

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Next Week's Readings: December 14, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 (7A)

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! (Matthew 3:2)

Today we meet John the Baptist, herald and forerunner of the Messiah. A man of prayer and fasting, John knew from an early age that God had called him to preach repentance and "to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins" (Luke 1:76-77).

In the Gospel, John appears in the desert and proclaims, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2). For years, he has attuned his heart to God's promptings so he could prepare the people for the Messiah, and now, by the Spirit, he understands that the hour has come! John urges the people to "prepare the way of the Lord," and get their lives in order so they could welcome Jesus and be saved (3:3).

John's words cry out in our wilderness today as well: *Prepare the way for the Lord! Repent, and get ready to welcome God's Son!* Just as the people of John's time flocked to him to turn away from sin and be baptized, we can return to the Lord this Advent. We can seize the opportunity to repent and make room for Jesus in our hearts. Then we'll know the joy of salvation as Jesus releases us from the burden of our sins.

How is God calling you to prepare the way for the Lord today? Don't let anything prevent you from receiving his hope and healing! Open your heart to the tender mercy of God!

Are you burdened by guilt? Are you struggling to love someone? Or are you so stressed or preoccupied that you can't even see your need to repent? Jesus delights to offer you absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He is also present with you right now, wherever you are. He dwells in the sanctuary of your heart, where you can lay bare your sins and receive his mercy. Confess your sins to the Lord today, and you will discover what John knew: Jesus is near; the kingdom is at hand.

"Lord Jesus, I repent of any sin that separates me from you."

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OCIA ~ Introduction to the Sacraments + Baptism and Confirmation

Sessions are on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. George Parish Hall.



December 6th - December 12th

MASS+ INTENTIONS

- 12/6 Saturday: Deloris Kelley †
- 12/7 Sunday: 8:30 - People of the Parish
10:30 - Lillian Beach †
- 12/8 Monday: 9:00 - Arogyamma Madanu †
6:00 - Bertha Doyle †
- 12/9 Tuesday: For Jason & Yvonne Schmitt & Family
- 12/10 Wednesday: For Lucia Sachwitz & Louis Sachwitz
- 12/11 Thursday: For Noah & Christina Corbin
- 12/12 Friday: Erminda Alvillar Garcia †



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Pick for the Week of Dec. 7th

Watch: What is the Immaculate Conception?

Learn: Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Listen: Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego / Catholic Saints

Priest:

Father Sleeva Raju Madanu, Pastor
(For appointments, please call office: 208-773-4715)
Father Bruno Segatta, Sacramental Minister

Parish Liaison:

Jeanni Kaminski, Cell: 208-699-7138

Mass Schedules:

Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday & Thursday

Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass on Sunday

Website: <https://stjosephsl.org/>

St. Joseph Parish Council:

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President: Evelyn Corrigan 208-603-8895

Religious Education Director:

Peggy Vice 843-743-4088

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight:

Steve Skreenock 208-755-2554

God's Gifted Hands Ministry: (Quilters, Knitters, Crocheters) Terry Cravietto 208-659-3304**Prayer Chain:** Kelly Watts 509-947-8957 or kswatts57@gmail.com**December 7, 2025**

November	2	\$ 1,910.00
November	9	\$ 1,043.00
November	16	\$ 1,322.00
November	23	\$ 1,322.00
November	30	\$ 700.00

November Building Fund Donations: \$ 634.00

Building Account Balance: \$ 9,162.51

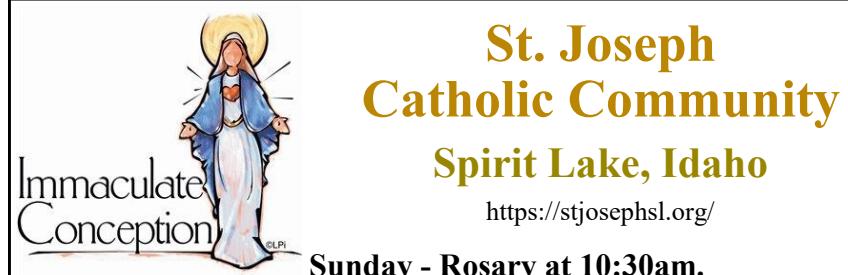
Don't freeze this winter! The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus have wood for sale; split and ready to deliver.

Call Grand Knight, Steve Skreenock
for pricing: 208-755-2554.

St. Joseph Prayer Requests:

Armando Alvarado, Jr.
Dora Alvarado
Dale Daniels
Sara Lessikar
Susie Magana
Asun Morgan
Branden Mills
Mike Ramsey
Michael & River Vincze

Barbara Baird †
Chase Evans
Fr. Arogyam Madanu
Makenna Mattesi
Mary Beth McCartan
Steve Rabello †
Jim Ramsey



St. Joseph Catholic Community

Spirit Lake, Idaho

<https://stjosephsl.org/>

Sunday - Rosary at 10:30am.

The Women of St. Joseph will be selling delicious baked goods at the GGHM Christmas Boutique today. Proceeds will go toward the fund for our nearly completed hall!

**Scrip gift cards will be available for purchase at the Christmas Boutique in December. All proceeds support Holy Family Catholic School. Stop by the table as you enter the Hall to purchase your gift cards (cash or check accepted).

Monday - Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass times are: 8am at St. Stanislaus and 6pm at St. Joseph.

Wednesday - 6:30 OCIA class at St. George's parish hall.

Save these important Advent dates:

Tuesday, December 16th - Youth Group Christmas Caroling at 3:30pm - St. Stanislaus.

Friday, December 19th - Reconciliation Service for all three parishes at 6pm - St. George.

The Christmas Boutique begins today! Come & see our bake sale and handmade gifts from God's Gifted Hands Ministry.



Don't forget the Silent Auction for our fun "All Aboard the Christmas Train" quilt on display.

All proceeds from this auction will go toward purchasing window blinds for the downstairs.

The Silent Auction ends next Sunday, which is the final day of the Christmas Boutique.

The Ministry of the Month for December is MERRY MAKING!

Would you like to join the choir to sing for Christmas Mass? How about volunteering to decorate our beautiful church to welcome the Christ Child? Or make goodie bags for the kids for Christmas?

Sign up on the sheet in the Hall to help make everything merry and bright for our church community!

**Christmas Mass Times:**

St. Joseph's: 11am Christmas Day Mass

St. Stanislaus: 6pm Christmas Eve Mass and 9am Christmas Day Mass
(No Masses on December 26th)



Priests:

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Parish Liaison:

Jeanni Kaminski - Cell: 208-699-7138

Parish Office Post Falls:

Laura Corbin, Office Manager
 Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm
 Friday 8am-Noon
 Phone: 208-773-4715

Mass Schedules:

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
 Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. Wednesday & Friday only

Rosary: Sunday: 8:25 a.m. before Mass.

Confessions: Saturday 5:00-5:45 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Adoration with Benediction: First Friday of the Month
 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Coffee Hour: Every Sunday after Mass.

Headphones for Hard of Hearing:

Saturday Night - Ask an usher
 Sunday Morning - See Mary Hassler

Baptisms: Contact parish office for Baptismal schedule.
 After class is taken, please contact the parish office
 to arrange date and time of baptism.

St. Stanislaus:

Choir Director: Jeri McDevitt 208-819-7733

St. Stanislaus Altar Society: Meets on the 2nd Sunday
 after Mass at the hall.
 Altar Society President: Jeanni Kaminski 208-699-7138

Altar Society Prayer Chain: For immediate needs, call
 Beth Franz 208-819-7904

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight:

Steve Skreenock 208-755-2554

Religious Ed. Director: Maura Gregg 208-416-1012
 and Sandra Guadagnini 208-651-3545

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November	2	\$ 2,989.00
November	9	\$ 1,681.00
November	16	\$ 1,889.00
November	23	\$ 1,783.00
November	30	\$ 2,068.00



Holiday Food Drive
 The holidays are coming so let's remember to take care of the needs of our local community.

Dry goods and shelf-stable food items are always needed, as well as paper supplies, personal hygiene items and cleaning products.

Thank you for your generosity!



St. Stanislaus Kostska Rathdrum, Idaho

Sunday - 8:25am - Rosary.

Faith formation classes after Mass.
 Today is the Christmas Boutique at St. Joseph's. Baked goods sale and handmade gift items for sale, and silent auction for the "All Aboard the Christmas Train" quilt.

Monday - Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are:

8am at St. Stanislaus and 6pm at St. Joseph.

*No Confirmation Class on the holy day.

Wednesday - 6:30pm OCIA Class at St. George parish hall.

Saturday - Noon - Altar Society Christmas Party at the hall.
 Please bring: a dish to share; a wrapped gift for gift exchange; food bank donations: and 2 dozen cookies for exchange (optional).

Advent Save the Dates:

Tri-Parish Reconciliation Service will be on Friday, December 19th at 6pm - St. George.

Youth Group Christmas Caroling on December 16th at 3:30pm - St. Stanislaus.

Christmas Mass Times:

St. Stanislaus: 6pm Christmas Eve Mass and 9am Christmas Day Mass

St. Joseph's: 11am Christmas Day Mass

(No Masses on December 26th)



IT'S TIME FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS.
 THE ENVELOPES AND CONTAINER ARE ON THE BACK TABLE IN CHURCH OR PLEASE GIVE TO JEANNI KAMINSKI OR DEBBIE OWENS OR MARY HASSLER. SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$15.00.



Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the Food Bank at the Knights of Columbus breakfast. You donated over \$800.00 to help the food bank take care of our community neighbors!

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November 5 Income: \$ 5,778.50
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 1,400.90
 November 9 Income: \$ 4,382.24
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 1,151.90
 November 16 Income: \$ 8,524.32
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 1,169.00
 November 23 Income: \$ 4,059.00
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 1,384.87
 November 30 Income: \$ 5,598.00
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 1,254.00



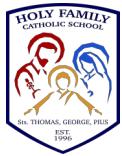
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Scrip gift cards make great Christmas gifts and work for everyday grocery shopping too. Your purchases benefit HFCS at no extra cost to you.



Stop by the school office or see scrip sellers after Mass. It's an easy way to support Catholic education while you shop!

Dine out at Applebee's on December 11th anytime between 11am-9pm. Fifteen percent of sales when you RSVP is donated back to HFCS. RSVP here: www.groupraise.com/events/314444



Get a \$50 discount per brick or tile when you order multiple bricks or tiles!



Find the brochures & multi-brick order forms on the table in the back of the church.



MAKING A PLACE TO GATHER & GROW

As St. George Catholic Church continues to grow, we look forward to the completion of our new Parish Center and Adoration Chapel. You are invited to be part of our efforts to complete this project.

Plans include a brick wall in our new grotto, as well as a tile wall in our new Narthex. These walls will feature customized bricks/tiles.

You may engrave your name or business, family, friend or in memory of a loved one on each of these bricks and tiles.



Bricks will be installed once the grotto is designed and installed. Approximate timeline is Spring 2026. Interior tiles should be installed Spring 2026.

4"x 8" Grotto Brick
 3 LINES, 18 CHARACTERS PER LINE
 Buy a brick which will include your personal inscription
\$350
 *2nd Grotto Bricks 4"x 8" to take home \$50

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\$450

Grotto Brick & Narthex Tile
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 Buy a brick and tile which will include your personal inscription
\$700

***Souvenir Bricks \$40**
 Miniature bricks are made of the same brick materials as our original bricks, but they are a third of the size (1.5" x 3")
Keepsake Certificate \$20
 A brick engraving fundraiser certificate is a great way to remember your commitment to our project.

*Souvenir Bricks and 2nd Grotto Bricks are only available with the purchase of a 4" x 8" Grotto Brick or Narthex Tile.



Sunday: Coffee and donuts after the Sunday Masses.
Join us for a tour of the new parish hall, after all of the weekend Masses!



Parish Office open 9am-3pm.

No Confirmation Class on the holy day.

Tuesday: Parish Office open 9am-3pm.

Wednesday: Parish Office open 9am-3pm.

6:30 OCIA class in the parish hall.

6:45pm First Holy Communion (RCIC) class in the cafeteria.

Thursday: Parish Office open 9am-3pm.
 10am-noon Mission of Charity Office open.

Friday: Parish Office open 8am-Noon.

Next weekend December 13-14, will be our Sweet Shoppe & Craft Emporium, plus the Raffle drawing will be held that Sunday, following the 10:30am Mass. Remember to turn your Raffle tickets in this week. There are still extra raffle tickets on the back table in the church.



The Sweet Shoppe needs volunteers on Dec. 12th and Dec. 13th to price & package the goodies. Drop off your baked donations on Friday (12th) or Saturday (13th) from 9am to 3pm in the hall.

Questions? Call Vicky Houle at 208-699-5066.

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Youth Group Christmas Caroling on December 16th at 3:30pm - St. Stanislaus.



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