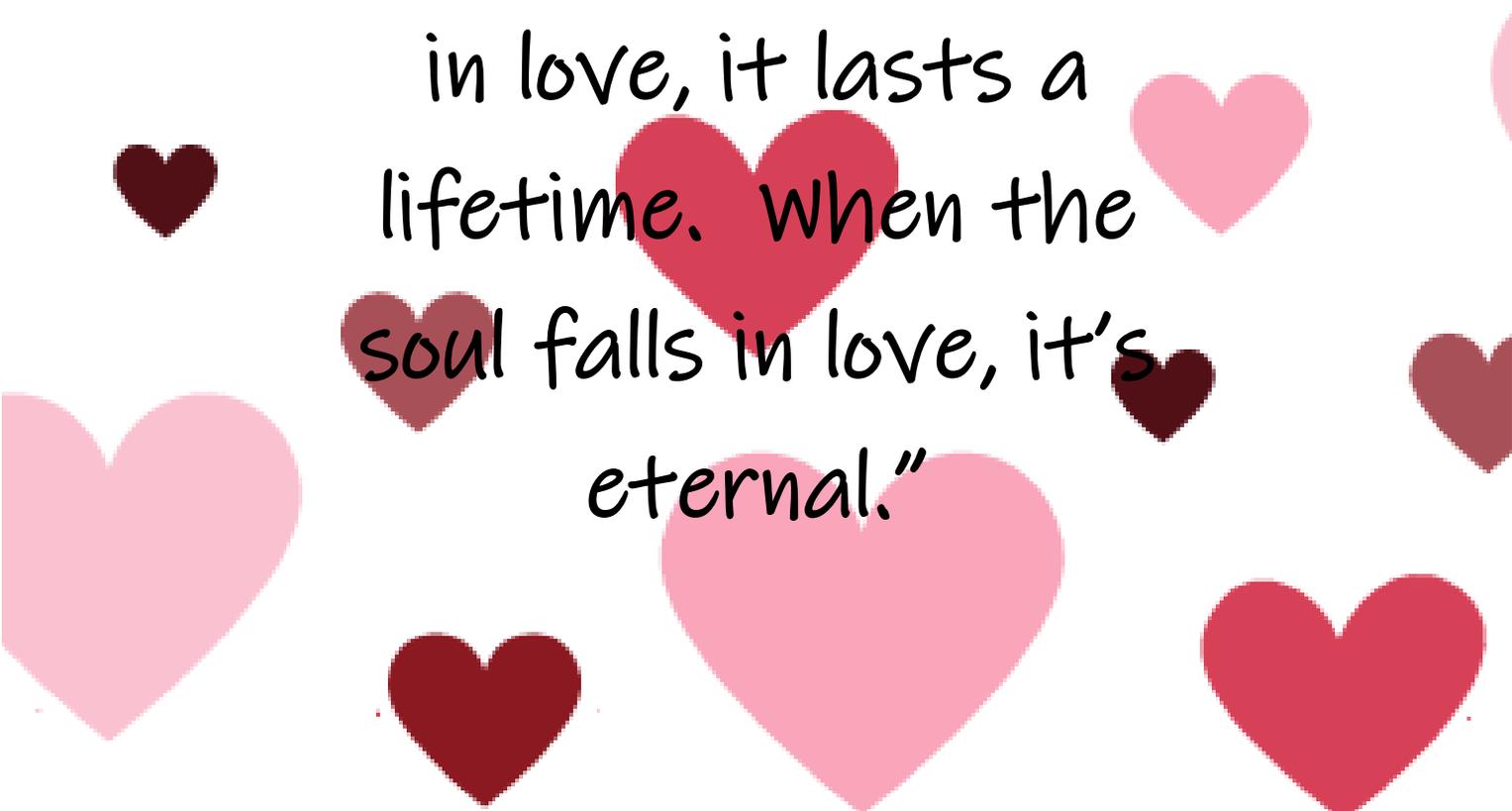


# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 14-15, 2026 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“When the mind falls  
in love, it’s temporary.  
When the heart falls  
in love, it lasts a  
lifetime. When the  
soul falls in love, it’s  
eternal.”



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*“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.*

*Preach the gospel to all people.”*

# Parish Calendar

## Sunday, February 15

Religious education classes 11:15 AM  
OCIA class 11:15 AM

Handcrafted Olivewood Sale (before & after Mass)

## Monday, February 16

President's Day Holiday - Office closed

## Tuesday, February 17

No Daily Mass

Faith Formation: The Kingdom Yet to Come 10:00 AM

Book Club 1:30 PM

Faith Formation: The Kingdom Yet to Come 6:30 PM

## Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30 AM

## Friday, February 20

Share the Word (explore the Sunday readings) 9:00 AM

## Saturday, February 21

Health & Wellness Class 8:30 AM

## Sunday, February 22

Religious education classes 11:15 AM  
OCIA class 11:15 AM

**Dr. Byrd Wheelchair Breakfast 11:00 AM**

KOC Food Collection

**First Reading** Sirach 15:15–20

**Responsorial Psalm** 119:1–2,4–5, 17–18,33–34

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:6–10

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:17–37

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom, none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

—Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



**Sunday's Coffee & Donuts Ministry** after the 10:00 AM Mass is a great opportunity for fellowship and welcoming new faces. We are looking for **two additional** parishioners to team up on a few scheduled Sundays to pick up donuts from Yokes and assist with serving after Mass. If you can help, please contact the parish office at **509-466-4991**. Thank you!

INCOME	Budget/week	Actual/week
Envelopes	\$ 3,385.00	\$ 1,410.00
Plate	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,589.00
Online gifts	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,180.87
Building Fund		\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,616.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,179.87</b>
Kids' collection		\$ 18.05

### Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor  
Joe Schroeder, Deacon  
Jeannie Saccomanno, Office Manager  
Bill Ryan, Facilities Manager  
Emily Busch, RE Coordinator  
Sydney Wilson, Youth Minister  
Mary Green, Admin. Assistant

### Parish Council

Kira Busch | Michael Grieshaber, Chair  
Paul Hittson | Lara McHenry  
Ellen Stoner | Joe Winkler

### Finance Council

Joleen Cooney | Ric Gaunt | Jim Novello  
Richard Vann | Joyce Woodard

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM  
Sunday 10:00 AM  
Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM  
**Reconciliation—Wednesdays**  
9:00—2:00 PM  
**Adoration—Wednesdays**  
9:00—2:00 PM

February 14-15, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Sacristans/Lectors

Sacristans - Saturday, February 14 - Rebecca and Patrick C.

Sacristans - Sunday, February 15 - Tim and Deb K.

Lector - Saturday, February 14 - Pete T.

Lector - Sunday, February 15— Jean S.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 14 - Mary F. and Peg E.

Sunday, February 15 - Bob P., Anita A., Scott C., Natalie S.

**The Knights of Columbus Council** at St. Joseph's has decided to cancel **ALL** future Saturday night spaghetti dinners due to the low number of attendees, which were mostly Knight families.

We want to thank those parishioners who did dine with us over the past year. —Tim Kitt, Grand Knight



## 2026 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Knights of Columbus will conduct weekly food collections during the five weekends of Lent. There will be no collections on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

The food and cash donations received will be donated to the North County Food Bank in Elk.

The Knights thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Novena of Grace

St. Aloysius Parish, Spokane

February 23—March 3, 2026

The theme for the 98th Annual Novena of Grace is **“The Call to Relationship”**, centered on the various ways we engage in our relationships to God, others and ourselves.



Prayer service Monday—Saturday at **12:15**

**PM.** Novena Masses Monday—Friday at **5:30**

**PM.** Each prayer service and Mass will include praying out loud the community's various Novena prayer intentions and individual blessings with the relics of St. Francis Xavier.

## Valentine's Day And The Secret of the Heart

According to the Nuremberg Chronicle, St. Valentine was a priest, perhaps a bishop, who was martyred around the year 269. The details of his life are limited, but he was a real person: both a Roman catacomb and an ancient church are dedicated to him. Also, in A.D. 496, Pope Gelasius declared February 14th as a day to remember his martyrdom.

Under the reign of Claudius the Cruel, men were failing to join the military in sufficient numbers. The emperor believed that men were too attached to their wives and families, so he banned all marriages. St. Valentine defied this order and continued to perform marriages in secret. Valentine was arrested and condemned to death on February 14.

Even if the historical St. Valentine has little to do with the popularity of the current holiday, the desire to give and receive love is a fundamental aspect of the human person. As Viktor Frankl, psychologist and concentration camp survivor, observed: I saw the truth. . . that love is the ultimate and the highest goal to which man can aspire. Then I grasped the meaning of the greatest secret that human poetry and human thought and belief have to impart: The salvation of man is through love and in love.

— Victor Fankl, Man's Search For Meaning

There is deep spiritual significance to the meaning of “heart” in Scripture. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2563) offers this reflection: The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant.

So this Valentine's Day, sign your cards and give your heart-shaped candy boxes and roses to your friends and loved ones with sincerity of heart, and know that truly you will be giving the gift of yourself. — The Magis Center for Spirituality

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14—St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, February 15— Geri Comstock+

Tuesday, February 17— *No Daily Mass*

Wednesday, February 18— Eleanor Sears+

Saturday, February 14—St. Joseph Parishioners



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