

"Let those who visit here be blessed with joy, love and peace!"

New Parishioners ~ We seek to meet and greet you!

If you are new to our community, please contact **Father Mariusz Majewski** at 983-0403. We ask you to complete one of our registration forms, which are on the vestibule bulletin board, and just drop it in the collection, or come visit the parish office.

Welcome

Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers,
Lectors, Sacristans, Greeters

December 28 ~ 5:30 pm Saturday Mass

Sacristan: Deacon Don Sokolowski

EM: Deacon Don

Lynn Dufur

Tesse Pineda

Lector: Teresa Groom

Greeter: _____

Rosary-5pm _____

December 29 ~ 8:00am Sunday Mass

Sacristan: Deacon Don Sokolowski

EM: Deacon Don

Penny Stuiivenga

Jana Frei

Lector: Mike Frei

Greeter: Bettie Ruzicka

Rosary-7:30am..... _____

EM's & SACRISTANS~NOTE CHANGE

***The Meaning of the
Advent Wreath.***

The wreath represents **God's eternity**. The **first candle** also called the Prophet's candle, signifies the hope of Jesus' arrival. The **second candle** or the Bethlehem candle, is a reminder that God appeared to them in a humble manner. The **third candle** also called the Shepherd's candle, represents the joy that Advent is more than half over. The **fourth candle** or the Angel's candle, symbolizes peace and the message of good news. The **light of the candles** reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives.



December 23 ~ 29



Anniversaries

Leon & Sheryl Ann Slichter ~ 28
Lawrence & Dorothy Wassmuth ~ 29

Birthdays

Maggie Chmelik, Judy Salisbury ~ 24
Steve Green ~ 26
Carol Frei ~ 27
Jeff Blackmer, Booker Bush, Cindy Daly
Rick Mager, Yvonne VonBargen ~ 29

***Diocesan Finance Department MEMO
END OF YEAR GIFT-TAXING RULES***

The **Diocesan Finance Department** has instructed this office on **end of year tax donations:**

- 1. If your intentions are to make a 2013 donation to SPP Parish for tax purposes, please remit your gift into the parish office before Tuesday-December 31st by noon. The last deposit will be made for 2013 by 12:30pm.**
- 2. If you mail in your gift, and it is post-marked before Jan. 1st, 2014, it can be posted for 2013.**
- 3. BUT if your gift comes in after January 1st (by hand to the office or is postmarked in 2014), it must be posted to the new year-2014, regardless of when the check was dated.**

The Parish Office will be closed from Dec. 23rd-Monday through January 5th. Sheryl will be in to do the bulletin on the 26th and for last minute end of year tax donations & deposit on Dec. 31 until noon. Last 2013 deposit will be made then. Emergencies-call 983-0248.

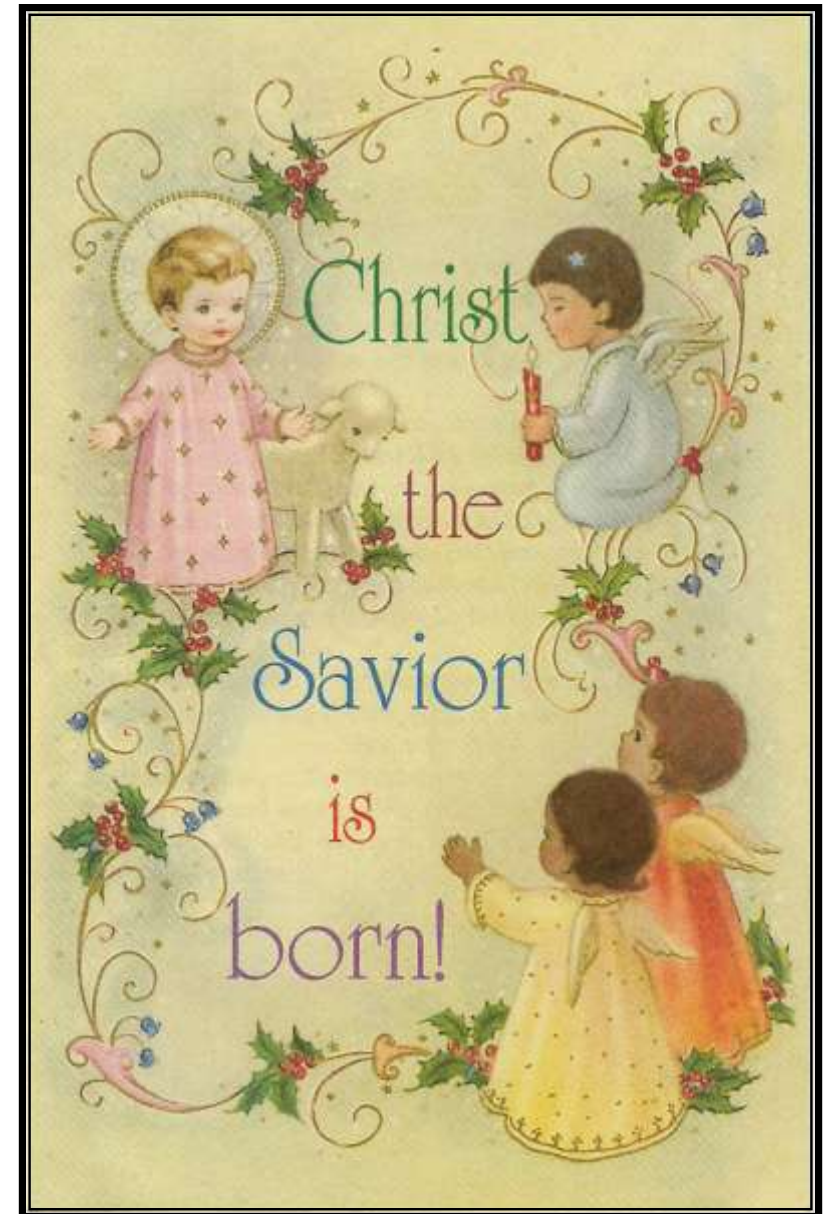
***Merry Christmas Everyone
& a Blessed New Year!***



Sts. Peter & Paul Church

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*December 22, 2013 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Week*



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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Liturgy of the Hours

Saturday ~ 21
 7:00 a.m. *Advent Mass honoring Our Lady*
 5:30 p.m. †Richard Lothspeich ~ M/M Kurt Lothspeich

Sunday ~ 22
 8:00 a.m. For our parishioners needs

Monday ~ 23
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours - morning prayer

Tuesday ~ 24 *Christmas Eve Masses*
 4:00 p.m. ~ Children's Mass
 †Justin Dempsey
 6:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Church - Nezperce
 8:30 p.m. †Tony Haener ~ Mom & Dad

Wednesday ~ 25 *Christmas Day*
 Midnight Nativity of Our Lord Jesus
 10:00 a.m. ~ Christmas Day Mass
Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday ~ 26
 6:30 p.m. NO MASS

Friday ~ 27
 8:25 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday ~ 28 *Feast of the Holy Innocents*
 5:30 p.m. †Cathy Sokolowski ~ Blanche Rockwell

Alert: Incense at Christmas Masses.
 Christmas Eve
 4pm—No Incense
 8:30pm—With Incense
 Christmas Day
 Midnight—No Incense
 10:00am—With Incense



Lectors for Christmas Masses ~ Please Note:
 4:00 p.m. —Vigil Mass Readings
 8:30 p.m. & Midnight Mass
 Readings for Mass during the night
 10:00 a.m.—Readings for Mass during the day

New Years Day
January 1- Solemnity of Mary The Mother of God
 8am ~ Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
 10am ~ Mass at Holy Trinity - Nezperce

“ Jesus ~ is the gift that perfectly fits the size of every heart. ”

Father's Schedule

- Men's Every Saturday Morning Bible Study ~ 7am
- Youth Group Mass ~ First Sundays ~6pm.....Jan. 15
- Women's Fridays Bible Study ~ NoonJan. 10
- Nursing Home Mass ~ 10am.(Caroling).....Jan. 15
- "Thursdays with Father" Class ~ 7pmJan. 16
- SPP School's "First Weekend" Saturday ~ Mass5:30pm~Feb. 7

Meetings:

- Youth Group ~ 7-8:30pm~ Sunday.....Jan. 12
- Women of SPP ~ 7pm ~Tuesday.....Jan. 14
- Parish Council ~ 7:15pm ~ Thursday.....Jan. 9
- Knights of Columbus ~ 7pm ~ Tuesday.....Jan. 21
- School Board ~ 5:30pm ~ ThursdayJan. 16
- Finance CouncilDates decided by members

YOUTH GROUP

Dec. 22 & 29.....Christmas Break.....NO CLASS
 Jan. 12 ~ 7-8:30pm.....Class

COFFEE HOUR ~ SUNDAY ~ Dec. 22

- Chairlady: Andrea Howe (507-0686):
- Other dates: Dec. 29

**ALL PARISH CHILDREN INVITED!
 COME SING, PRAISE & WELCOME**

**Children's choir @ 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

**Last practice for all our parish children is: Monday-Dec. 23-

SERVERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS MASSES. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE VESTIBULE, SO FATHER IS ASSURED THAT ALL POSITIONS ARE FILLED.

Your Parish Support
 Last Weekend ~ \$3,623
 \$3,808 needed weekly to meet the budget.



A Blessed and Beautiful Christmas is wished to one and all!

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Christmas Holly

Its bright green leaves and red berries, well into the cold season, make holly right for Christmas, but its symbolism is much deeper. For the early Christian it was not only reminiscent of Moses' burning bush, but prophetic as well: in the face of Christmas sentimentality, it foretells, with its prickly points and drops of blood-like berries, **Christ's crown of thorns. According to ancient legend, its berries were once yellow, but were stained permanently red by Christ's blood, since it was used to fashion the Savior's crown of thorns.** (Maybe this is the reason for the superstition that holly, if brought into the house before Christmas Eve, would provoke family fights.) Holly's symbolic roots go deeper still, into the subsoil of the Roman culture. They would send holly, in a gesture of friendliness and good will, to friends during the mid-winter feasts. Later, Northern Europeans hung it on doors as a symbol of shelter for the wood spirits.



...Catholic Customs and traditions

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Oplatki

Among people of Slavic ancestry and still today among many Poles in the United States, the father of the family solemnly breaks wafers made of wheat flour, *oplatki*, on Christmas Eve. He distributes them to those present as a symbol of love and peace. These pieces are then shared with wishes for luck, health, and happiness.

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**Food Bank Sunday ~ Feeding God's hungry.
 January 4 & 5**

This Holy Season ~ Remember Them

"Lord hold our troops in your loving hands Protect them as they protect us. Bless them & their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. In Jesus name, Amen.



“It's a Wonderful Time of the Year”

Our parish THANKS all of the caring people who help keep our parish forging onward and upward. Our wonderful pastor-Father Marius, Deacon Don, our Women of Sts. Peter & Paul group, our Knights of Columbus group, our various committees: liturgy, decorating, parish council, finance council, school board, Communion to the Shut-Ins “angels”, our choirs and accompanists, our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, our grounds maintenance keepers, our electrician, our maintenance couple, AND anyone who donates...time, talent and tithing and treasure to our precious parish.

God's Great Blessings To You All!

