

Sts. Peter & Paul Church

625 Lake Street * Grangeville, ID 83530 * 983-0403

Dec. 25th, 2016 ~ The Nativity of our Lord

Christmas Day Birth of Our Lord Jesus



New Parishioners ~ We seek to meet and greet you!
We invite you to **register at the church office** during office hours, or fill out a registration form that can be found online at our parish website. Though a rather simple act, registration is a sign of one's commitment and responsibility to the parish. In practical terms, registration allows the parish to know how many families live in the parish. It also provides an official record of your membership and is essential for participation in parish programs and sacraments.
Welcome One and All!



*Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,
Lectors, Sacristans, Greeters, MC's*

January 7 ~ Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sacristan:
MC: Marilyn Forsmann
Lector: Lynette Lothspeich-2872
EOM: Bob Ackerman -1325
Tracy Baune -1780
Altar Servers: Gabe Ackerman
Jared Lindsley
Gift Bearer:
Greeter: Pat Hagen -1617
Rosary: Judy Carson -1415

January 8 ~ Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sacristan: Donna Forsman -1286
MC: Colby Canaday -1792
Lector: Adrian Ramirez -0387
EOM: Donna Forsman
Ron Frei -0482
Altar Servers: Joseph & John Uhlenkott
Gift Bearer: Amador Perez & Yadira Rojas
Greeter: Cecilia Rojas
Rebecca Kaschmitter
Rosary: Donna Kopczynski
507-780-1559

Father leaves January 8th for vacation. It is **essential** that all people who serve at the weekend Masses are in attendance at their assigned Masses. New priests unfamiliar with our church, should be able to come in and celebrate Mass knowing all positions are being served. These are Father John's concerns.

December 26 ~ January 1, 2017

Happy Anniversary

Leon & Sheryl Ann Slichter ~ 28
Michael & Erin Blinn ~ 30
Raymond & Shelly Dempsey ~ 30
James & Laurie Rockwell ~ January 1

Happy Birthday

Steve Green ~ 26
Rodney Barger ~ 27
Jeffrey Blackmer, Cindy Daly, Rick Mager ~ 29
Colby Kennedy ~ 31

HALLISSEY TOURNAMENT ~ 54th YEAR

It's time to start preparing for the 54th Annual Hallissey Tournament. This Catholic basketball tourney is for 7th & 8th grade boys and girls. At Sts. Peter & Paul we take a parish team, which includes both students from our school and those attending CCD.

To begin planning, we need to know how many teens are interested in going to the tournament. Coaches are needed, as well as a person to coordinate the trip and fundraising. To register a player, and/or volunteer as a coach or coordinator please call Teresa Groom at the home 983-0847.

Church Cleaning for January 2017

**Penny Stuiwenga ~ 0849
Tammy Lorentz ~ 0801
Judy Long ~ 0149
Nancy Walker ~ 1310wk
Eddie Lustig ~ 5471

Thank you so much ladies for all you do.

Fr. John Gathungu

Parish Administrator
208-451-3797 Cell
jgathungu@gmail.com

Deacon Don Sokolowski ~ 983-2646

Candelaria Ramirez ~ Parish Secretary

Parish Office:

Ph: 208-983-0403 / Fax: 208-983-0115
office@stspeterandpaulparish.org
Hours 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri.
{Thursday morning ~ bulletin deadline}

Sts. Peter & Paul School ~ 983-2182

Leslie McDaniel ~ Principal
lmcdaniel@myspps.org
Penny Stuiwenga ~ Secretary

Weekend Mass Schedules

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday ~ No Mass
Tuesday ~ Mass ~ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday ~ Mass ~ 8:30 a.m.
Thursday ~ Mass ~ 6:30 p.m.
Friday ~ Mass ~ 8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart, White Bird

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Trinity ~ Nezperce:

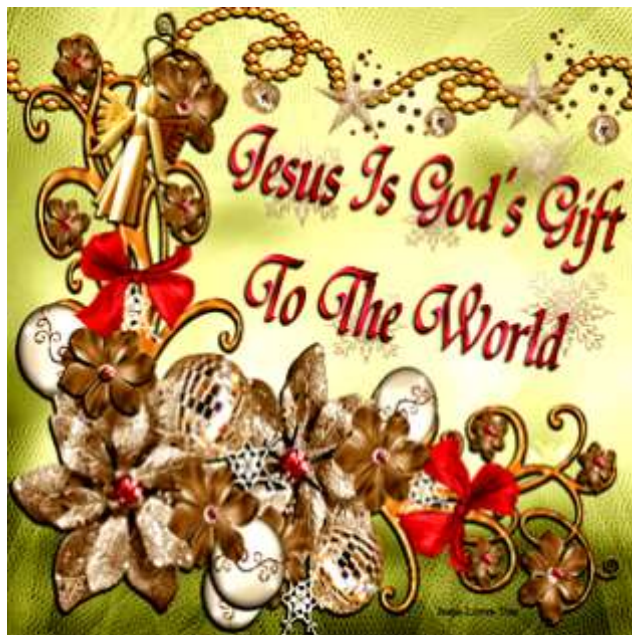
Contact Michelle Koepf
mmkoepf@gmail.com ~ Ph. 208-937-2325

Holy Trinity, Nezperce

Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.
Fridays: 6:30 p.m.



Merry Christmas To One and All!



THANK YOU
to everyone who
took the time and effort to
decorate the church
for this Christmas.
It is simply beautiful
and our parish so appreciates
all your love, care and concern
for this holy season and your church.

“Prairie Pro-Life is Hosting the **Vigil for Life**
Holy Hour on the
Feast of the Holy Innocents,
Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 7:00 pm
at St. Mary’s Church, Cottonwood.
This is in reparation for those little ones
being martyred by abortions;
as was those in the time of Christ.”
(Please come for a night of
prayer and singing).

“I want to wish you all a very
Merry Christmas.
What a great season, and I hope you
enjoy family and friends,
and that the Lord
touches your life very deeply.
Remember Jesus is coming and He
is here and we need to celebrate
that in a big way.
Merry Christmas.”

Bishop Peter Christensen’s Christmas Message

“For today in the city of David a savior has been
born for you who is Christ and Lord.” ...Lk2:11

The German theologian Gerhard Lohfink in his
books on Christology (*Jesus of Nazareth and No
Irrelevant Jesus*) emphasizes time and time again the
concept of “today.” For Lohfink, the preaching and
practice of Jesus is this “now,” this “today,” that gives
the gospels such urgency. The kingdom of God is
now; repent and believe today; salvation is taking
place right under our nose.

As we celebrate the nativity of our Lord we might
ask how, in this moment, is Christ being born within
us and our world? If Gerhard Lohfink is correct, is
the birth of Jesus happening now, today?

In our hymn “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” we
sing; “Good Christian men, rejoice / with heart and
soul and voice; / give ye heed to what we say: / Jesus
Christ was born today. / Ox and ass before him bow /
and he is in the manger now. / Christ is born today! /
Christ is born today!” *Now! Today!*

When nations cease their wars and live in peace,
when life is chosen over death, when love governs
our hearts and our families, when justice is done to
one and all, when truth is told and deceptions end,
when freedom conquers slavery, when.... In these
moments and in whatever place, Christ is born and we
rejoice. ...Advent & Christmas Reflections

PARISH EVENTS

Coffee Hours

Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day! No Coffee Hour
Jan. 1, 2017 ~ Ramirez Family

SPP School

Jan. 3, 2017 ~ School resumes, usual time

Parish

Dec. 24 ~ White Bird Mass 9:00 am
Dec. 24 ~ Children’s Christmas Mass 4:00 pm
Dec. 24 ~ Nezperce Vigil Christmas Mass 7:00pm
Dec. 24 ~ Grangeville Vigil Mass 9:00 pm
Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Mass 8:00 am
Jan. 4, 2017 ~ Next “Basics of the Catholic Faith”

New Year ~ 2017

Giving Back to God After He Has Given To You

- ◆ Please look for your new 2017 contribution envelopes that are placed in our church vestibule.
- ◆ Deadline for end of year tax donations to your parish is before **NOON** on Friday-Dec. 30th. The last deposit will be made at noon. Thank you for your support.
- ◆ The 2017 parish calendars have arrived. The liturgical church year info is very helpful. Take one home.
- ◆ When Father John is on vacation, it is **SO VERY IMPORTANT** that all our Sacristans, Lectors, EM’s, Altar Servers, etc be sure to be in attendance at their assigned weekend for the priests who are coming to fill in. The priests coming here need assurance that we, here at SPP Parish, will be ready to help them at Mass while Father John is gone.
- ◆ Consider serving in some way at your parish weekend Masses in the New Year. You are needed. Please call the parish office.

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of the Christian life. (CCC)

December Masses

Saturday ~ 24 ~

9:00 a.m. **Sacred Heart Chapel Mass**
4:00 p.m.~ **Christmas Children’s Mass**
7:00 p.m. ~ **Nezperce ~ Vigil Christmas Mass**
9:00 p.m. ~ **Christmas Vigil Mass**

Sunday ~ 25 ~Birth of Our Lord ~“Baby Jesus”

8:00 a.m. **Christmas Mass**

Monday ~ 26 ~

8:00a.m. Liturgy of the Hours - Morning Prayer

Tuesday ~ 27 ~

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours - Evening Prayer
6:30 p.m. **Mass** † Carl Frei ~ Debbie Frei

Wednesday ~ 28 ~

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours - Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. **Mass** † Rick Frei ~ Barb Arin Frei
5:15 p.m. **Holy Trinity Mission Mass ~ Nezperce**

Thursday ~ 29 ~

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours - Evening Prayer
6:30 p.m. **Mass** † Louise Hooper Anniv.
~ Richard Hooper

Friday ~ 30 ~

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours - Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. **Mass** † Chad Frei ~ Emalia Frei
5:15 p.m. **Holy Trinity Mission Mass ~ Nezperce**

Saturday ~ 31 ~

9:00 a.m. **Sacred Heart Chapel Mass ~ White Bird**
Mass † Christine Winkler
~ Her Children
5:30 p.m. **Mass** † Helen Nuxoll
~ Blanche Rockwell

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**Reading Scripture is not simply information. It
is formation ~ God is shaping our thoughts and
feelings through these words.**
...Little Blue Advent Booklet

Thank you to everyone who has made our
Christmas Masses so meaningful.
Choirs, Accompanists, Altar Servers, EM’s,
Lectors, MC’s,