

Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers,
Lectors, Sacristans, Greeters

5:00 p.m. ~ Saturday ~ December 24

Sacristan:

EM: Christmas Eve
See Sign-Up Sheet

Lector:

Greeter:

12-MIDNIGHT MASS

10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday ~ December 25

Sacristan:

EM: Christmas Day
See Sign-Up Sheet

Lector:

Greeter:



CHRISTMAS SIGN-UP SHEET ON BOARD

December 19 ~ 25

Happy Anniversary

Andy & Wendy Kaschmitter ~ 20

Happy Birthday

Maria Johnston, Nicholas Slichter,

Bailey Vanderwall ~ 19

Eliana Edwards ~ 20

Noah Kaschmitter ~ 21

Marie Franco, Kristie Frei ~ 22

Maggie Chmelik, Katherine McDonald,



PARISH EVENTS

Dec. 31 ~ SPP Parish Dance 6:30 pm ~ TENTATIVE

Saturday Mornings ~ 7 - 8am ~ Parish Men's Bible Hour

Wednesday Evenings ~ 7:30 - 9pm ~ Men's Basketball

Saturday Mornings ~ 8:30 - 10am ~ Men's Basketball

Sunday Evenings ~ 6 - 7pm ~ Adoration of Our Lord

Your Church Support Last Sunday ~ \$3,564

Needed weekly to meet the budget
~ \$3,800



Christmas

Our current English term can be traced back to at least 1123 and in one of the Old English spellings appears as *Cristes maesse*, which by 1568 clearly meant "Mass of Christ," that is, the celebration of His birth. By the sixth century the annual feast day was almost universally celebrated on the twenty-fifth of December (the exception still to this day being the Church of Armenia). Speculation about the correct birth date originates in the early third century when Clement of Alexandria suggest May 20. The date of December 25 is marked for Christmas in the Philocalian Calendar, which represents Roman practice in the year 336 (*natus Christus in Betleem Judeae*).

Scholars speculate that the selection of December 25 was aimed at replacing the pagan winter festival dedicated to the "Unconquered Sun" (*Natalis Solis Invicti*). In the Eastern part of the Church, the feast of the Epiphany, celebrating Christ's Baptism on January 6, was later connected to the Nativity (in the fourth century). By the sixth century most of the East had adopted the December 25 date.

...Catholic Encyclopedia

Catholic Christmas Traditions

Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226AD) created the Christmas crèche or nativity set to help people who might never have a chance to visit the Holy Land and see Bethlehem in person. Typically, the manger is set up a day or two before Christmas and on Christmas Eve; all the figures are placed inside except the baby Jesus, which is carried in and placed in the manger during the procession at midnight Mass when the crèche is blessed.

The pope has a custom in Rom of blessing the images of the baby Jesus which the youngest child in each home brings to Mass at the Vatican on Gaudete Sunday (third Sunday of Advent). They then go home and wait for Christmas when the infant can be placed in the family nativity set at home.

...Catholicism Answer Book

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~ Come, Lord Jesus ~



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{Thursday morning ~ bulletin deadline}

Sts. Peter & Paul School ~ 983-2182

Principal ~ Teresa Groom

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**New Parishioners ~ Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
Welcomes You !**

If you have just moved here, please contact Father Brad Neely 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. **We seek to meet and greet you!**

Weekend Mass Schedules

Sts. Peter & Paul, Grangeville

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart, White Bird

9:00 a.m., Saturdays

Holy Trinity, Nezperce

10:00 a.m., Sundays

Wed @ 6:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday mornings, after Mass during Holy Hour

Saturdays, 4:00 p.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

Parish Rosary

Before Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 5:05pm / Sunday ~ 7:35am

RCIA

Call Carol Yalbuw ~ 983-9249

Kim Frei ~ 983-0482

(Sept.-Easter) ~ Each Tuesday~7pm~Pentecost Rm.

Prayer Chain

Dolores Billups ~ 983-1927

Funeral Dinner Chairperson

Lenore Hill ~ 983-1264

Eucharistic Adoration

✦ Every Sunday Evening ~ 6-7pm

✦ Last Sunday of the month:

Led by Youth Group

✦ Every First Friday 5am ~ 5pm

✦ Other Fridays:

1 hour after morning 8:25am Mass



Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 18, 2011



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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday ~ 17 5:30 p.m.
†Bill Cox ~ Bettie Cox
9:00 a.m. ~ White Bird

Sunday ~ 18 8:00 a.m.
Parishioners Needs
10:00 a.m. ~ Nezperce Mass

Monday ~ 19 8:25 a.m.
Communion Service

Tuesday ~ 20 8:25 a.m.
†Sylvester Winkler ~ His Children

Wednesday ~ 21 8:25 a.m.
†Jim Frei ~ M/M J.D. Lauer
6:30 p.m. ~ Nezperce Mass

Thursday ~ 22 6:30 p.m.
†Tony Haener ~ Mom & Dad

Friday ~ 23 8:25 a.m.
†Hilda Chapman ~ Slichter Family

Saturday ~ 24 5:00pm
Christmas Eve Mass
7:30 p.m. ~ Nezperce Christmas Eve Mass
12:00—Midnight Mass

Sunday ~ 25 10:00am
Christmas Day Mass

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**Eucharistic Adoration &
ONE LAST OPPORTUNITY
BEFORE CHRISTMAS
For Extended Hours of Confession:**

Sat: Dec 17 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Sun: Dec 18 5:00pm – 7:00pm



Come Early ~ Pray The Parish Rosary
Saturday ~ 5:05pm and Sunday ~ 7:35am.

Sunday Evening Eucharistic Adoration 6pm—7pm
Find peace, open your heart, listen to Our Lord.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday ~ Christmas Eve
5pm Mass ~ SPP Parish
7:30pm ~ Nezperce
12:00 Midnight Mass ~ SPP Parish

Sunday ~ Christmas Day
10am Mass ~ SPP Parish

“Catholics Come Home” Program

Sts. Peter and Paul will be offering a “Catholics Come Home Program,”— a 5 part series on these dates:

2012 Tuesday dates:
Jan 03; — Jan 10; — Jan 24;
Jan 31; — Feb 07.
7:00pm-8:30pm



Fr. Brad asks that everyone in the parish extend a **personal invitation** to those they know who would benefit from this program. Consider accompanying your friends or family to this very informative program.

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Women’s Study Group The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Led by Fr. Brad
Fridays, 12:00noon to 1:00pm
Pentecost Room – Parish Center
Starting: Friday, Jan 06:

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Pentecost Room ~ Parish “Gift Center”

Our parish has ready the **beginnings** of a very nice gift center which is located in our Pentecost Room. Please call the office if you need to purchase a gift – 983-0403.



2012 Contribution Envelopes

- Look for these in the vestibule of the church.
- **IMPORTANT ~ PLEASE**, take a 2012 pack only if your name appears on the upper right hand corner of the pack. Numbers are designated. Please do not take someone else’s pack.
- If your name doesn’t show up, please contact the parish office at 983-0403.

Thank you all for your support of your parish’s needs. Your tithing, in thanksgiving for many blessings from God, is very important to continue **HIS** work.

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Bonus CD for Christmas- "THE CHRISTMAS & EASTER STORY"

Excerpts from the
Truth & Life Dramatized Audio Bible.
Listen, learn & share!



Holly

The use of holly as a religious tradition and Christmas decoration originated in northern Europe. There it was called the “holy tree.” Because of its appearance it became associated with the burning bush of Moses and Mary’s burning love for God. The red berries and prickly points also became symbolic of the crown of thorns and the bloody death that the Christ Child would eventually suffer.



Poinsettia

The poinsettia with its scarlet leaves, now of many hues, came from Mexico where it grows as a shrub. The blooms at Christmastime, and Mexicans called it “flower of the Holy Night.” It was brought to the United States by the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851) who had them grown in his greenhouse in South Carolina. Eventually, they were named after him. Only since 1920 have they become potted plants. Poinsettias are now associated as much with Christmas as lilies are with Easter.



...Catholic Customs and Traditions



FOR NEXT WEEKEND ~ CHRISTMAS ATTENTION: LECTORS, SACRISTANS Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

Please sign up for our Christmas Masses, assuring Fr. Brad that Mass needs are in order. The sheets are on the vestibule bulletin board. God’s Blessings To You. **There are few names so far.**

You Need A Ride To The Christmas Masses

The Knights would like to help anyone who needs a ride to Mass during the winter. People to contact will be: Bob Ackerman @ 983-1325, Greg Schumacher @ 983-3913 or Rob Groom @ 983-0847.



Parish Cookbooks

Approximate Cost = \$15.00 each

You can purchase these from the parish office or the school office. Want to reserve yours, call the parish office at 983-0403.

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Respect & Reverence For Our Lord’s Home

We kindly ask that when you leave your pews after Mass you replace all books back into the book holders and leave the pews neat and clean. *Thank you.*

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Thank You

Mr. Clarence Joerger has been leading our Rosary that is being prayed before our Sunday morning Mass. We thank him for his past service to Our Lord and parish.

We now thank Dolores Billups for consenting to be the parishioner who leads this Rosary. God’s blessings to you both.

If you would like to take a turn, please call the parish office.

