



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Located at the Corner of First & Polk in Moscow & 138 Jackson St. in Genesee

Rev. Benjamin Onyemachi, SMMM, Pastor Rev. Anthony Ujagbo, Parochial Vicar

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023**

Collection Announcement

Perhaps you've noticed, in the past few weeks, some changes going on with how the Collection is presented after the Procession of the Gifts during Mass. The Diocese of Boise has directed parishes to take the contents of the collection directly and immediately away from the Eucharistic Table after it's been blessed. This isn't an arbitrary decision, but a directive in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, or GIRM, the document that describes how Mass should be done in every parish. Here's the passage of the GIRM in question:

73 The Preparation of the Gifts

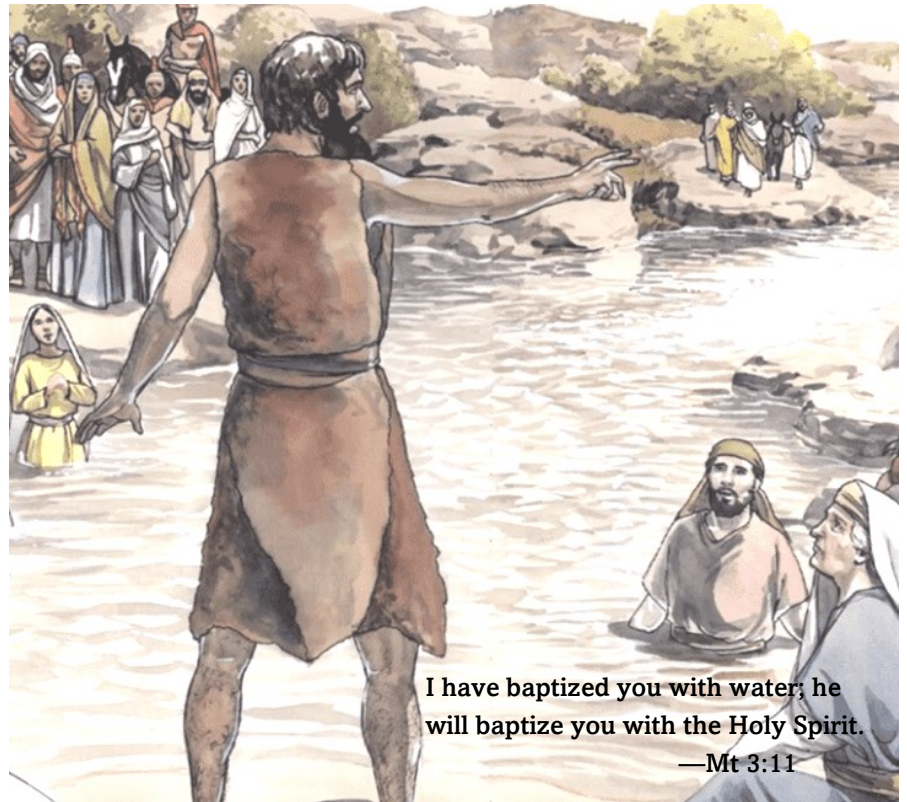
https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc_con_ccdds_doc_20030317_ordinamento-messale_en.html#C. The Liturgy of the Eucharist

It is praiseworthy for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful. They are then accepted at an appropriate place by the priest or the deacon and carried to the altar. Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as in the past, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still retains its force and its spiritual significance.

It is well also that money or other gifts for the poor or for the Church, brought by the faithful or collected in the church, should be received. These are to be put in a suitable place but away from the Eucharistic table.

So, the Hospitality ministers have been asked, after taking the Offering, to place its contents in an envelope, seal it, bring it forward for the blessing, and then place the envelope directly into the safe in the sacristy. We admit that it's taken a while to figure out how to best follow the directives of both the Vatican and the Diocese, and that at times it has seemed chaotic and even disruptive. We appreciate your patience as we work out the details about how best to navigate this new situation.

Thank you, everyone, for your patience and understanding as we've been figuring it all out. Please, as you leave Mass, thank our Hospitality ministers for their service to our community. They always provide us with a welcome smile and warm presence. Thank you!



**I have baptized you with water; he
will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**

—Mt 3:11

This Week at St. Mary's Church

Mon.	Dec. 11	8:00 am No Mass 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:30 pm St. Anthony Slice of Heaven (High School) 1:00 pm Pinochle 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
Tues.	Dec. 12	8:00 am Mass (†Gloria Kenne) 2:00 pm Gospel of John Bible Study 4:30 pm Adoration & Confession 5:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm St. Mary's School Christmas Musical
Wed.	Dec. 13	8:00 am Mass 9:00 am St. Zelig Martin Moms' Group 6:30 pm Genesee Mass 7:00 pm RCIA/OCIA
Thurs.	Dec. 14	8:00 am Mass (†Amelia Turk) 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fri.	Dec. 15	9:00 am School Mass 10:30 am Mass at Paradise Creek of Olympus 2:30 pm Open Youth Room 5:30 pm St. Mary's Living Nativity
Sat.	Dec. 16	8:00 am Mass (†Amelia Turk) 8:45 am Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm Young Adult Social

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening—5:00 pm
Sunday Morning—8:00 & 11:30 am
Genesee—9:45 am Rosary @ 9:15 am
Rosary—Mon-Fri. 7:40 am Fri. 8:35 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—8:30 am
Tuesday—4:30 pm
Sunday (Genesee)—9:15 am.

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Family Faith Formation

Sunday, December 10th

Religious Education 9:15 am

MS/HS Youth Group 12:45 p.m.

Monday, December 11th

HS St. Anthony's Slice of Heaven Pizza

Living Nativity

Friday, December 15th 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us at the Family Center for hot chocolate, cookies and crafts.

And a walk through the Living Nativity!

St. Mary's School Christmas Concert

Tuesday, Dec. 12th, is our Annual Christmas Concert and Play at the Nazarene Church beginning at 7pm. This year's play is "Miracle on Main Street" and our students are so excited to share this evening with our extended community. Be sure to invite friends and family to the show!

SMMM Mission Appeal

Thank you everyone for your generous gifts to the Congregation of the Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy, the religious order that Fr. Benjamin, and several other priests in our Diocese, belong to. Together with Genesee, we were able to collect \$3,890. Thank you for your generosity. If you would still like to donate, please write SMMM on the memo line of your check or use this link to donate online: <https://osvhub.com/stmarysparishmoscow/giving/funds>. Thank you!!!

Christmas Mass Schedule

When planning your Christmas celebrations please be mindful that both Christmas and 4th Sunday of Advent are Holy Days of Obligation. Therefore, it is necessary to attend Mass twice.

December
24
Sunday

**4th Sunday
of Advent**
Choose One

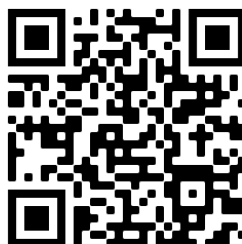
- ☐ 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil
☐ 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
☐ 9:45 a.m. Mass (Genesee)

December
25
Monday

**Christmas
Day**
Choose another One

- ☐ Christmas Eve at 4 p.m.
☐ Christmas Eve at 9 p.m.
☐ Christmas Day at 10 a.m.
☐ 9:45 a.m. (Genesee)

Online Giving



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Sacrificial Giving: December 2023

Budgeted Offertory Income: \$31,466.53

December 3: \$ 7,585.63

December 10: \$

December 17: \$

December 24: \$

December 31: \$

December Offertory Income: \$7,585.63

Our Offertory Goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is \$318,000. At 44% of the year, we have received 44.70% of our annual goal. Thank you!

Youth Fundraiser

Catholic Youth will be having a fundraiser this Sunday, December 10th. Stop by the Family Center after Mass to look at the beautiful, imported, hand-made Italian and Bethlehem rosaries, as well as a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets and other jewelry. Purchase online at: www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/ shop (use the code MARYMOSCOW at checkout). We appreciate your support!

Young Adults Social

Catholic Young Adults, grad students and young professionals. Come enjoy food, games, and build gingerbread houses on Saturday, December 16th at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Catholic Family Center. Please bring a snack and/or game to share. For any questions, please contact Terah Bennett, 509-597-7079.

St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please have them call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help them celebrate Christmas.

Blood Drive

Thank you for your donations last week. We still need 6 more pints to qualify for the \$2000 STEM grant for St. Mary's School. Use the link below to donate blood in the next couple of weeks.

https://northeast.vitalant.org/LP=28?drive_code=10053211&division=WEST@ion=SPK

Gifts for Baby Jesus

The Liturgy Committee is once again sponsoring "Gifts for Baby Jesus" to support mothers and babies at Palouse Care Network. Suggested donations include winter clothing, teething toys, pacifiers, newborn outfits, bath towel sets, and new bottles. They also need baby lotion, baby shampoo, thermometers, nail clippers, baby wipes, diapers (most needed sizes 3-6), and diaper bags. Leave your donations at church, or drop them off at the office. Thanks for your generosity!

Calling All Carolers!

Do you like to sing Christmas carols? We will be caroling for the Live Nativity here at St. Mary's Church on Friday December 15. Weather depending we will be outside or inside. Please email your contact info to Cynthia at music.smpm@gmail.com to be included in a group.

St. Mary's Mission Statement

St. Mary's Catholic Church is a faith community bonded by the love of God. We encounter Christ in the Sacraments and in sharing the Word of God, witnessing to His mercy through kindness, compassion and forgiveness. Our unity is deepened by practical charity, education, and service, after the example of our patron, Mary, Mother of God.

Seniors

It is time to party again – this time for Christmas with a "white elephant gift exchange." Our next Senior Get-Together will be Wednesday, December 20th from 1-2:30pm. We will play some games, and then exchange our special gifts. Everyone is invited. Bring a snack to share and your wrapped gift to exchange.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas cards for \$8/box. Available at the Family Center while supplies last.

Coffee Social



Please join us after both Sunday Masses.

Donuts, coffee, and community!

Sign up to volunteer in 2024!!

Please Join Us in Prayer

- ♦ **For the repose of the souls of our loved ones:** Margaret Joyce, Amelia Turk, Olga "Honey" Canney, Sue Schendel, Patty Funke, Sister Lillian Repak OSU, Sennoi Roth, Phil Mohan, Dave Hutton, Rodger Pedersen, Terry Dahmen, Alice Hall, Joe Ulliman, Sr. Mary Forman, Ellie Olesen, Harold Grassl, Conor Richards, Fr. Sean Caulfield, Leslie Wilson, Norma Bailey, Fern Bielenberg, Deborah Evans.
- ♦ **For our friends and family:** Amy Scott, Scott Troka, Kim Squires, Jill Rinaldi, Linda Nickels, Martha Bieker, Bettina Gilbert, Leona Ahles, Fr. Gabriel Morales, Mary Ann Moser, Eileen Brady, Dick & Doris Gludt, Terry Bielenberg, Arlene Stoddard, Deacon George, Randy Osborne, Doris West, & Chuck Stoddard.
- ♦ **For our Diocesan Seminarians:** Joshua Tennyson, Ian Willnerd, Nathan Ribb, Nicholas Sower, Monico Heredia, Connor Brown, Ryan Olenick, Zachary MacKeller, Joseph Patti, Christopher Din, Ronald Onyekwelu, Leonardo Guillermo Gutierrez.
- ♦ **For all married couples celebrating an anniversary in the month of December.**

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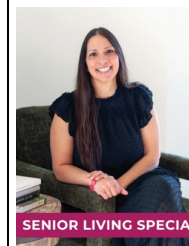
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