



# 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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 4, 2024

## Beloved people of God,

I know that you have been longing to know where we are headed as a parish. On my part, I have also been struggling to understand how things have been in the parish. It is a gradual learning process, I know. It is time to speak in order not to leave you in the dark or allow rumors to begin to spring up.

First, I would like to let you know that we are thinking seriously about our continued spiritual growth as individuals and as a parish. To this end, we have planned a parish retreat as we gradually approach the holy season of Lent. The retreat will be on Thursday and Friday, March 21st and 22nd. The details of the retreat will be communicated to us in due time.

Secondly, I inherited some maintenance needs, which the Parish Council in conjunction with the Finance Council, the maintenance committee, and I have been closely looking at to figure out how best to start. These include, but are not limited to the church roof, the external walls of the Church building, the family center, the landscape, and the rectory. These we will take one at a time.

Coming into our church one sees a wonderful edifice that has stood the test of time—a church built with class, paying attention to details of Catholic architectural design, a masterpiece as far as church design is concerned. However, without any prejudice to my predecessors, I would like to observe that Jesus is at the center of our life and worship. This fact was taken into consideration in the original design of our Church with the Tabernacle at the very center that it may be the center of focus and attraction. We have agreed that it is time to return the Tabernacle to its proper place.

To do this, because the Tabernacle is not a piece of furniture that could be moved around at will, we are taking time to look at the details of what needs to be done. We have plans before Easter to let everyone in the community know what we plan to do in an open parish meeting.

Thirdly, St Mary's Parish School: several efforts are being made to maintain and improve different aspects of the life of the school, especially in making sure that it does not lose its Catholic character. The strategic planning committee is working hard to develop plans for sustainability and growth for the school.

Kindly keep us in your prayers, and do not hesitate to let us know your ideas about what we are doing. Every opinion is highly respected.

Fr Ben.

Jesus approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her, and she waited on them. (Mk 1:31)



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## This Week at St. Mary's Church

Mon.	Feb. 5	8:00 am Mass (Int. Alaura Scott) 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm Pinochle 6:30 pm Holy is His Name Bible Study
Tues.	Feb. 6	8:00 am Mass (†Doug Mayer) 4:30 pm Adoration & Confession 5:30 pm Mass (Int. Tom & Karen Ambrosi) 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee
Wed.	Feb. 7	8:00 am Mass (Ann Marie Schwartz) 9:00 am St. Zelig Martin Mom's Group 6:30 pm Genesee Mass 7:00 pm RCIA/OCIA
Thurs.	Feb. 8	8:00 am Mass (†Deacon Rick Bonney) 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fri.	Feb. 9	9:00 am School Mass 10:30 am Mass at Paradise Creek of Olympus 2:30 pm Open Youth Room MS/HS
Sat.	Feb. 10	8:00 am Mass 8:45 am Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm CWL Dance

## 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-Thurs. 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, February 4th

Religious Education @ 9:15 am

Youth Group—Open Gym @ 1:30 pm

### Saturday April 20th

New date for Lock-In due to scheduling conflicts

### Saturday April 27th

Confirmation at All Saints in Lewiston

## KCs Super Bowl Breakfast

February 11, 2024 9am-12:45pm

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus (Fr. Cataldo Assembly 182) will be hosting their annual Super Bowl Breakfast at the St. Mary's Parish Center in Moscow. The breakfast will be a fundraiser for the Moscow Food Bank, Care Net of the Palouse, and the St. Mary's School Foundation. The menu will be pancakes (a choice of blueberry or plain), eggs, and ham.

## Movie Night

All are invited to the Family Center Library on Saturday, February 3rd for a Movie Night! We will be showing "The Secret of Nimh (G)" at 7pm. Popcorn will be provided. Bring your own camp chair and/or blanket for cozy seating. The Great Hall will be open and available for those who would prefer to play board games and chat. Brought to you by St. Mary's Parish School and Family Faith Formation.

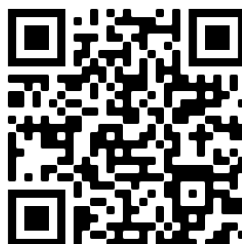
## Safe Environment Workshop

There will be a Safe Environment workshop on Saturday, February 3rd from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Sign up with Jenny at the office.

## Seven Sisters

There is a women's prayer group starting at our parish for our priests. We will offer prayer for them in the form of Holy Hours, using a simple structure by the Seven Sisters Apostolate, an international ministry, that has at least one group in every state and several countries! Want to learn more? Contact: Jenny Morrison 208-659-5450.

## Online Giving



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### Sacrificial Giving: January 2024

Budgeted Offertory Income: \$25,173.20

January 7: \$ 7,378.87

January 14: \$ 4,813.56

January 21: \$ 6,462.56

January 28: \$ 4,760.56

January Offertory Income: \$23,415.55

*Our Offertory Goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is \$318,000. At 59% of the year, we have received 61.40% of our annual goal. Thank you!*

### St. Mary's School

St. Mary's School had a great week celebrating our Catholic School. We received a STEM grant from Vitalant from the Blood Drive that was done in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus a few weeks ago for \$2000. Our service projects were very successful, and we are donating to St. Vincent de Paul and Heifer International. We had Mass at the School on January 25th and Early Childhood students were able to attend. Members of the Student Council were the prayer leaders for Mass on February 2nd for the Presentation, and we also participated in Adoration that day. Also, St. Mary's School would like to thank the CWL for all the baked goodies they donated to our bake sale.

### KCs Super Bowl Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Council 1397 thanks you for your support for the Pennies from Heaven Breakfast we held on January 20. We raised nearly \$1200 to support the Idaho Pennies from Heaven fund.

### Ash Wednesday—February 14th

Please put your dried palms in one of the baskets at church or the Family Center by Sunday, February 11. They will be burned and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday.

### Seniors

Our next time to gather is Wednesday, February 7 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. It's the week before Lent starts – so we can party with a game day. Bring your favorite game and, if you want, a goodie to share. There will be coffee, tea, cookies, all sorts of goodies and fellowship. And don't forget to mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 7 at 1:00 pm. Hope you can come and bring a friend!

### KC Sausage for Sale

Links, patties, and bulk still available for sale for \$6/lb. Stop by the office to make a purchase.

### Healing Mass w/ Bishop Peter Christensen

All Saints Catholic Church in Lewiston  
February 22, 2024 at 7pm

### Catholic Women's League Dance & Social

Featuring Jon, Rand, & The Band  
Saturday, February 10th 7-10pm  
Entrance by donation  
St. Mary's Family Center  
Adults only

### New St. Mary's Faith Story Ready to Read!

Did you know our parish community has a Faith Story web page? Please take a look! It is located on St. Mary's main home page. As a parish family, this is a place where we can publicly come together to share the good news—how the Lord is working in our lives and to praise and give Him thanks. If you have a story to tell, please contact Lisa Ormond at [l\\_ormond5@pacbell.net](mailto:l_ormond5@pacbell.net). Stories can be anonymous and any aged writer is welcomed. Lisa is available to answer questions and help.

### Scam Emails

Many people have been receiving scam emails from "Fr. Ben." Please know that he would never ask you for anything via email. If you have any reason to think he might need you, please call the office or send him an email at [father.smpm@gmail.com](mailto:father.smpm@gmail.com). Thank you.

### Coffee Social

Please join us after both Sunday Masses.

### Baptism Invitation

Baby Roy Shisler will be baptized at the 11:30am Mass. A reception will follow at the Family Center. The Shisler Family invites you to attend.

### Please Join Us in Prayer

- ♦ ***For the repose of the souls of our loved ones:*** David Clark, Mary Ann Moser, Doug Mayer, John Rector, Deacon Frederick Joseph Schmidt, 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,.
- ♦ ***For our friends and family:*** Alaura Scott, Debbie Meshishnek, Carlton (C.K.) Brown, Amy Scott, Scott Troka, Kim Squires, Jill Rinaldi, Linda Nickels, Martha Bieker, Bettina Gilbert, Leona Ahles, Fr. Gabriel Morales, Eileen Brady, Dick & Doris Gludt, Terry Bielenberg, Arlene Stoddard, 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 February.***



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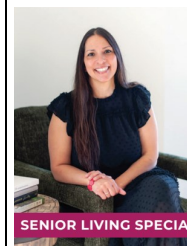
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