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

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

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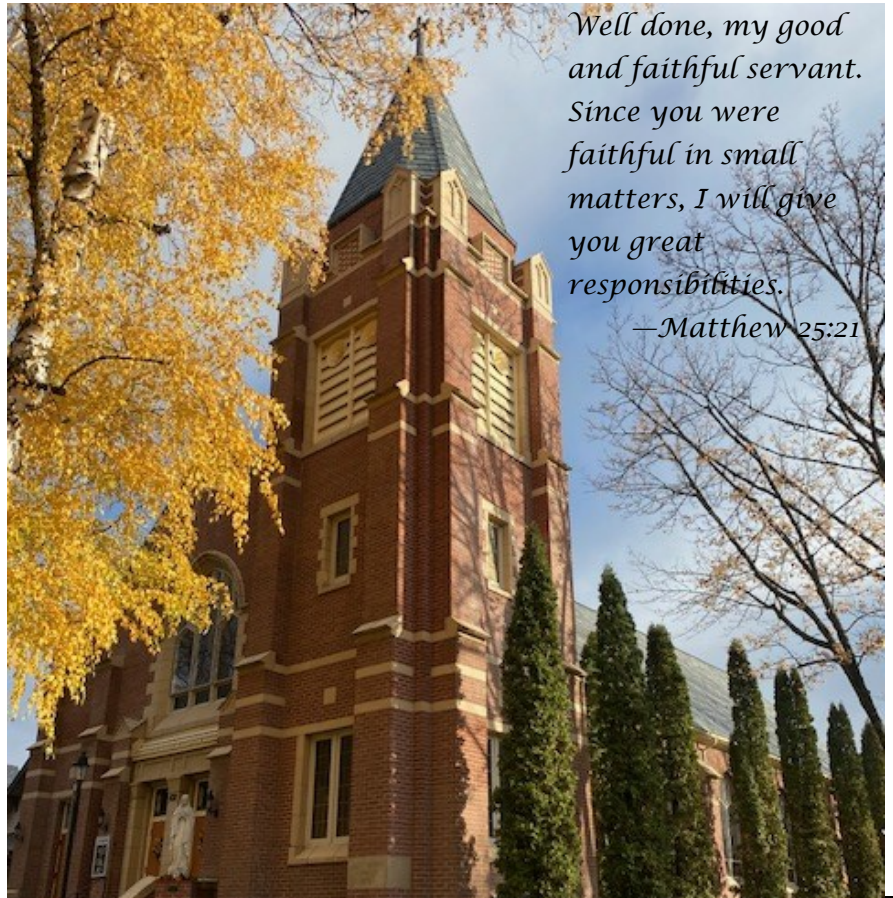
"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1Thes 5:18. The time is here again, the annual season of Thanksgiving. This celebration has different meanings for different people as people have various reasons for which they are thankful. We must, however, not forget that at the root of this celebration of Thanksgiving in America was the gift of generosity by the natives, inspired by God, to early migrants to North America from Europe in the 15th and 16th century. Those natives gave their homes, the crops in their fields, and more to those visitors and with so much love and cheerfulness and for which the recipients were thankful.

Today Thanksgiving has taken a new dimension. In our Christian families, children are taught to always thank the Lord prior to eating with a short prayer and the Sign of the Cross. This custom should be preserved or rediscovered, for it teaches people not to take their "daily bread" for granted but to recognize it as a gift of Providence. The shutdown of gas supply for a few days last week was certainly a wake up call that we should not take all the good things we have for granted. Many realized for the first time that the heat we have in our homes is so precious.

We should become accustomed to blessing the Creator for all things: for air and water, precious elements on which life on our planet depends, as well as for the food that, through the earth's fertility, God offers to us for our sustenance.

It is a time to count our blessings, to name them one by one. It is time to remember special people in our lives. Those who do menial jobs, those who support us with prayers, those who cheer us up when we are bored and those whose works are hard and unrewarding.

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Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.

—Matthew 25:21

This Week at St. Mary's Church

Mon.	Nov. 20	8:00 am Mass (†Sue Schendel) 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm Pinochle
Tues.	Nov. 21	8:00 am Mass (†Geraldine Mary Adams, Thomas Henry Adams, & Edward Totten) 2:00 pm Gospel of John Bible Study 4:30 pm Adoration & Confession 5:30 pm Mass (Int Price & Rhonda Lockard) 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus
Wed.	Nov. 22	8:00 am Mass (†Sue Schendel) 9:00 am St. Zelig Martin Moms' Group 5:00 pm AA 6:30 pm Genesee Mass (†Patricia Funke) 7:00 pm RCIA/OCIA
Thurs.	Nov. 23	Office Closed 10:00 am Mass 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fri.	Nov. 24	Office Closed 8:00 am Mass (†Olga "Honey" Canney) 10:30 am Mass at Paradise Creek of Olympus
Sat.	Nov. 25	8:00 am Mass (†George Driskell) 8:45 am Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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Family Faith Formation

December 3rd

Religious Education 9:15 am

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

Saturday Social

Our next Saturday Social will be after the 5 o'clock Mass on November 18th. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. Hope you can make it!

Blood Drive—Dec. 5th

KC and St. Mary's School blood drive will be on Tuesday, December 5th, from 2:00-6:30 in the Family Center. There are as of this Sunday, just 30 days remaining in which to sign up to give blood through Vitalent.org. Potential donors can either contact Dcn. George, or Joe Fairbanks (Vitalent regional coordinator) at 599-790-0836 for more information.

Genesee Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Genesee Fire Hall on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 8am till noon. They will serve sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, and hash browns as well as coffee and orange juice. Cost is by donation and proceeds will benefit local Catholic scholarships and Genesee's local Coats for Kids program.

Keep Christ in Christmas

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

Story of Faith

Thanksgiving is a sacred time of year to offer gratitude to our Lord through prayer, kindness to others, and with words of praise and joy. Please contact Lisa Ormond at l_ormond5@pacbell.net if you'd like to share a 'Story of Faith' of how God has touched your heart, mind, and life. All stories are welcome! Giving God glory is a wonderful way to celebrate the Thanksgiving season and upcoming Advent.

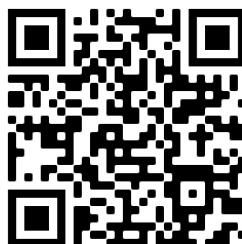
Living Nativity and Celebration

Friday, December 15th 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Walk through the Living Nativity, then join us inside for a Hot Chocolate Bar, Cookies and Crafts! Interested in volunteering? Have Questions?

Contact the office at 208-882-4813.

Online Giving



Scan the Code or Visit:

<https://osvhub.com/stmarysparishmoscow/funds>

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Sacrificial Giving: November 2023

Budgeted Offertory Income: \$25,173.20

November 5: \$ 6,896.00

November 12: \$ 5,514.96

November 19: \$

November 26: \$

November Offertory Income: \$12,410.96

Our Offertory Goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is \$318,000. At 38% of the year, we have received 38.63% of our annual goal. Thank you!

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Thanksgiving reminds us that we are co-responsible for our brothers and sisters so that no one will want for what he needs in order to live. Did you know that millions of people are still living in a condition of malnutrition and too many, especially children, die of hunger annually?

I am particularly thankful to the members of St. Vincent DePaul Society for the great job they do. In no small measure, I thank the donors and crew on our food bank. Donors to the rummage sale, thank you. Everyone who participated in Boxes of Joy this holiday season, especially Jenny for organizing the effort. To all the school families for donating so much food for the Food Bank, thank you. The Knights, we thank you for your great services to the poor. My biggest thanks go to those who distributed space heaters to make sure no one froze during the gas outage. That show of love is unequalled. To all who serve our parish in one way or the other I thank you immensely. Dear brothers and sisters, Thanksgiving season invites us, on the one hand, to give thanks to God for uncountable blessings. On the other hand, it encourages us to commit ourselves concretely to defeat the scourge of hunger.

Remember, there is no better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than to be constantly part of a community that celebrates the Most Holy Eucharist—our biggest thanksgiving. “We give thanks to you oh God and call upon your name”. Ps 75:1

—Father Ben

Thursday 11:30 Mass—Cancelled

Unfortunately the 11:30 Mass on Thursdays has not been well attended. We will discontinue this option moving forward. Mass will still be held at 8am on Thursday mornings.

Milestone Wedding Anniversary

Come to Boise to celebrate your milestone wedding anniversary with Bishop Peter Christensen in our beautifully restored, century-old Cathedral. We invite all couples celebrating their 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or 50+ wedding anniversaries in 2023 to this special Mass and luncheon. Saturday, December 2, 2023 Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Boise, Idaho
Check-in: 10:30 am & Mass: 11 am Registration Required!
Closes Nov. 24 Register at www.catholicidaho.org/events.

Pullman Care Center

The Pullman Care Center is a low income nursing home in Pullman. The residents often have no family or source of income, so your generosity affects them greatly. They are in need of old phones, Kindles, or tablets, that can be used for music or movies and also electric razors for men. Please bring your items to the office and we can deliver. Thank you.

2023 Idaho Catholic Appeal

St. Mary's Moscow

Total Pledged: \$ 60,288
Parish Goal: \$ 57,583
Percent of Goal: 104.7%
Rebate Earned: \$ 2,705
Rebate Received: \$ 0

St. Mary's Genesee

Total Pledged: \$ 9,460
Parish Goal: \$ 7,067
Percent of Goal: 134.71%
Rebate Earned: \$ 2,453
Rebate Received: \$ 2,143

Thank you so much for your generosity and support for the 2023 Idaho Catholic Appeal.

Liturgical New Year's Eve Ball

The Catholic Homeschool Group along with St Mary's Catholic School invite one and all to the first annual Catholic Community Liturgical New Year's Eve Ball on December 2nd from 4-8pm at the St Mary's school gym in Moscow.

A potluck dinner will be followed by a called contra dance. American Contra Dance is a traditional line dance derivative of the old English Country Dance. A caller teaches each dance and then calls the steps as the dance is performed. No experience or partner necessary - if you can move and follow along (or be carried by someone who can), you can take part!

So put on some festive attire, bring a dish to share, and get your family or your friends together to celebrate the start of the New Liturgical Year!

Potluck signup <https://mealtrain.com/51wrgy>

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:** Linda Nickels, Martha Bieker, Bettina Gilbert, Leona Ahles, Fr. Gabriel Morales, Mary Ann Moser, Eileen Brady, Dick & Doris Gludt, Sheryl Evans, Terry Bielenberg, Arlene Stoddard, Deacon George, Randy Osborne, Doris West, Chuck Stoddard, Brad Flodin, & Jessie Shell.
- ♦ **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 November.**

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