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**August 19th, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Welcome to

**Saint Catherine's Catholic Church**

PO Box 685

Kamiah, Idaho 83536

935-2130

Website: [saintcatherines.weebly.com](http://saintcatherines.weebly.com)

Rosary 7:30am Sunday

Mass Schedule: Kamiah 8:00 am Sunday

Orofino: Sat. 5:00 pm; Sun 10:30 am

Intentions & Daily Mass

August 19th, Sunday 8:00am

August 20th, Monday 7:45am

August 21st, Tuesday 5:00pm

August 22nd, Wednesday 7:45am

August 26th, Sunday 8:00 am

Confessions are heard on Sundays at 7:30am  
and also by request.

**\*\*PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS\*\***

**BAPTISM/1ST COMMUNION/ RECONCILIATION:**

Preparation for Parents and Godparents is required prior to baptism. Contact Kathy Mincolla/Stephanie Schaff

**MARRIAGE:** The engaged couple needs to complete the formal paperwork with the parish priest prior to setting the date for the wedding. Jim and Vickie O'Leary

are the coordinators for Engaged Couples Education. Call 476-9128.

**Youth Coordinator/Confirmation:** Please contact Stephanie Schaff 935-9199

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?** To register your membership with St. Catherine's Parish, please fill out the parish census form located in the plastic wall rack in the front door entryway and return it to the rectory.

**Adult Education:** Please contact Patty Kries 935-2856

**Master of Ceremony:** Troy Aragon

If you would like Father to say a mass for your intentions,  
there are special envelopes in the back of church.

**Birthdays:** 8/19-Steve Crawford and Melinda Wimer

**Anniversaries:** 8/20-Octavio and Josefina Serecero

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

**August 19th** – Ben, Simon, Gus, and Angel

**August 26th** – Sawyer, James, Mariono, and Henry

Father would like all servers to be at Mass at least 20 minutes before Mass. If you are unable to serve, please call or text Melinda Wimer 935-1834 so arrangements can be made, Thank You!!

### Monthly Income and Expense

June Collection 2018 Income	\$3,069.10
Transfer to Savings	\$455.00
June 2018 Expense	\$4,217.84
	-\$1,603.74

**The final bills for the month of June were received and paid on July 31st. The figures are actual income received and operating cost for June 2018.**

**The Idaho Catholic Appeal** is the one diocesan-wide campaign that serves the needs of our people beyond the boundaries of any one parish. By supporting the work of the 20 ministries funded by the 2018 Appeal, we are able to work in communion toward fulfilling our roles as faithful stewards. We are asking that everyone participate in the Appeal through both a commitment to prayer and a financial gift. If you have not yet made your contribution, please do so today. Every gift is important—and necessary—if our parish and diocese are to continue to effectively serve others.

"Summertime and the living is easy." That's what a favorite old song says. The living may be easy, but often the giving is not. Summer collections often drop significantly in our parish because of vacation travel, sports schedules

and other activities. While enjoying your vacation this summer please don't forget Saint Catherine's.

## *Pope Francis and Preserving the Faith in Children*

Raising children calls for an orderly process of handing on the faith. This is made difficult by current lifestyles, work schedules and the complexity of today's world, where many people keep up a frenetic pace just to survive. Even so, the home must continue to be the place where we learn to appreciate the meaning and beauty of the faith, to pray and to serve our neighbor. This begins with baptism, in which, as St. Augustine said, mothers who bring their children "cooperate in the sacred birthing." Thus begins the journey of growth in that new life. Faith is God's gift, received in baptism, and not our own work, yet parents are the means that God uses for it to grow and develop. Hence "it is beautiful when mothers teach their little children to blow a kiss to Jesus or to Our Lady. How much love there is in that! At that moment the child's heart becomes a place of prayer." Handing on the faith presumes that parents themselves genuinely trust God, seek Him and sense their need for Him, for only in this way does "one generation laud your works to another, and declare your mighty acts" (Ps 144:4), and "fathers make known to children your faithfulness" (Is 38:19). This means that we need to ask God to act in their hearts, in places where we ourselves cannot reach. A mustard seed, small as it is, becomes a great tree; this teaches us to see the disproportion between our actions and their effects. We know that we do not own the gift, but that its care is entrusted to us. Yet our creative commitment is itself an offering which enables us to cooperate with God's plan. For this reason, "couples and parents should be properly appreciated as active agents in catechesis.... Family catechesis is of great assistance as an effective method in training young parents to be aware of their mission as the evangelizers of their own family."

Education in the Faith has to adapt to each child, since older resources and recipes do not always work. Children need symbols, actions and stories. Since adolescents usually have issues with authority and rules, it is best to encourage their own experience of faith and to provide them with attractive testimonies that win them over by their sheer beauty. Parents desirous of nurturing the faith of their children are sensitive to their patterns of growth, for they know that spiritual experience is not imposed but freely proposed. It is essential that children actually see that, for their parents, prayer is something truly important. Hence moments of family prayer and acts of devotion can be more powerful for evangelization than any catechism class or sermon. Here I would like to

express my particular gratitude to all those mothers who continue to pray, like St. Monica, for their children who have strayed from Christ.

The work of handing on the faith to children, in the sense of facilitating its expression and growth, helps the whole family in its evangelizing mission. It naturally begins to spread the Faith to all around them, even outside of the family circle. Children who grew up in missionary families often become missionaries themselves; growing up in warm and friendly families, they learn to relate to the world in this way, without giving up their faith or their convictions. We know that Jesus himself ate and drank with sinners, conversed with a Samaritan woman, received Nicodemus by night, allowed His feet to be anointed by a prostitute, and did not hesitate to lay His hands on those who were sick. The same was true of His apostles, who did not look down on others, or cluster together in small and elite groups, cut off from the life of their people. Although the authorities harassed them, they nonetheless enjoyed the favor "of all the people".

"The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied forms of witness, namely, solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy." All this is an expression of our profound Christian belief in the love of the Father who guides and sustains us, a love manifested in the total self-gift of Jesus Christ, who even now lives in our midst and enables us to face together the storms of life at every stage. In all families the Good News needs to resound, in good times and in bad, as a source of light along the way. All of us should be able to say, thanks to the experience of our life in the family: "We come to believe in the love that God has for us" (1 Jn 4:16). Only on the basis of this experience will the Church's pastoral care for families enable them to be both domestic churches and a leaven of evangelization in society.

*~ Pope Francis ~*

**If you have an announcement for the bulletin please email [chuckwimer@wildblue.net](mailto:chuckwimer@wildblue.net) or call Melinda 935-1834**