

Feb 2021

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Diocesan Calendar of Events

February

5-6 - COM (Zoom)
6 - Footsteps in Faith
8-12 - Clergy Retreat (Zoom)
18 - Men's Lenten study (7p and 7:30p)
20 - Men's Lenten study (1pm)
23-24 - RDT (Zoom)
25 - Men's Lenten study (7p and 7:30p)
27 - Men's Lenten study (1pm)

March

4 - Men's Lenten study (7p and 7:30p)
6 - Warden's & Treasurers Day
6 - Footsteps in Faith
6 - Men's Lenten study (1pm)
10 - Diocesan Council (Zoom)
11 - Men's Lenten study (7p and 7:30p)
13 - Men's Lenten study (1pm)
12-13 - Women's virtual retreat
14 - Bishop visits Trinity Church, Oroville
18 - Men's Lenten study (7p and 7:30p)
20 - Men's Lenten study (1pm)
21 - Bishop's visit to St. Andrew's, Chelan

April

1 - Men's Lenten study (7p and 7:30p)
2 - Good Friday
3 - [Easter Vigil Service](#) 7pm
4 - Easter
5-11 - Bishop
17 - Regional Gathering Day (zoom)
18 - Bishop's visit to Holy Spirit, Sandpoint

25 - Men's Lenten study (7p and 7:30p)
27 - Men's Lenten study (1pm)
28 - Bishop's visit to Grace Church, Ellensburg

You can find the Diocesan Calendar online at www.spokanediocese.org.

Upcoming

Mar 6th



Footsteps in Faith

4:30pm, the first Saturday of the month

Open to all youth grades 6+ and adult youth leaders

The Youth Leadership Team offers a zoom series for all youth 6th grade and up and adult leaders the first Saturday of each month beginning in November and going for 5 months. It will begin at 4:30 PM on each of those Saturdays. This will be a youth led conversation. The first one will be led by Lenore Hartwig of Church of the Resurrection and Miranda Brown of the Cathedral. Anyone interested can contact John Palarine at johnp@spokanediocese.org to receive an invitation and a link.

Themes:

Mar, 6 – Sharing faith and love

Lent
(Feb 17th-April 3rd)

Men's Formation Lenten Study Groups Weekly Through Lent

Weekly through Lent Our diocesan Men's Formation Team is organizing a special formation opportunity for the men in our diocese during the season of Lent: three virtual groups going through the book of Mark together. The three groups will be meeting weekly during Lent at these times:

- Saturdays at 1pm
- Thursdays at 7:30am
- Thursdays at 7pm

SIGN UP

Mar 6th

Warden's and Treasurer's Day (online) (open to all church leaders)

Save-the-date, 2021 we will have a Warden's and Treasurer Day on March 6, 2021. Please be sure to let other lay leaders and vestry know, and anyone who is interested in learning more about the administrative and financial side of the church. Registration and more information found below:

Mar 12th-13th

[Information & Registration](#)

Women's Virtual Retreat

Our diocesan Women's Retreat will be online this year, and the Women's Formation Team is working hard to create a space for connection and reconnection together, leaning into our theme of Woven as One. We welcome women ages 14+ to join in the fun. Registration is free with donations welcome. Retreat packets will be mailed to those who register by March 5th, so register soon! The retreat will begin on March 12th at 7pm and conclude by 3:30pm on March 13th with ample time for breaks and connection options throughout. Register today

[For more information click here.](#)

[REGISTER](#)

Mar 27

Wintercross

SAVE-THE-DATE, Wintercross will be virtual this year on Zoom on March 27th. Look for registration and information about our virtual Wintercross event for youth in the coming weeks.

BISHOP'S OFFICE NEWS

Heartfelt thanks

Thank you to the outpouring of love and compassion in the wake of my announcement of the passing of my beloved dog Lena. Your blessings and words of peace were uplifting.

Faithfully,
+GMR

Diocesan Easter Vigil

We are so grateful to all of the congregations who responded to the invitation to participate in the Easter Vigil this year. We will have assignments and instructions for your participation out to you by the end of the week. Video submissions of assignments will be due Monday, March 22, 2021.

We are excited to begin this creative project to be shared with the whole diocese.

Please do not forget to come to the Easter Vigil premiere on April 3, 2020 on our Youtube page. Subscribe to us by pressing the Bell icon on our page.

Faithfully,
+GMR

February and March Online Worship

We will continue to offer online worship to the diocese through February and March. To view this coming Sundays worship, or to get a service leaflet or find out more about online worship, head to our [website here](#).

February

- February 7th - 9:00am - Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Spokane
- February 14th - 9:00am - Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Spokane
- February 21st - 9:00am - Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Spokane
- February 28th - 9:00am - Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Spokane

March

- March 7th - 10:00am - St. Stephen's, Spokane
- March 14th - 10:00am - St. Stephen's, Spokane
- March 21st - 10:00am - St. Stephen's, Spokane
- March 28th - 10:00am - St. Stephen's, Spokane

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LENTEN CALENDAR FOR YOUR USE OR TO BE SHARED

Created at St Stephen's for Lent this year. This prints on 8.5x14 inch paper. Some of the simple activities for each day in Lent are Spokane-specific, but can translate well to other locations. Many people deserve credit for this effort, but especially our Baptised for Life team, Elaine Patrick for the overall design and themes, and Margaret Drumm for the illustrations.

[Download](#)

PIVOT FROM PANIC: DEACONS FOR A POST-PANDEMIC CHURCH

Thursday evening, March 4 - Saturday evening, March 6, 2021

A newly designed A3D Conference, all online and affordable at \$65.00!
For all those interested in deacon formation, supervision and pastoral care.

Each diocese envisions the diaconate in a contextually customized way. When the context is in chaos, how do deacon leaders equip our deacons to serve for such a time as this? Join us for an online weekend among your peers in deacon formation and supervision.

[More...](#)

TIPS FOR MAINTAINING COMMUNITY THROUGH EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

In light of the rising number of coronavirus cases and colder temperatures in some areas of the country, we are re-sharing this resource for churches who are exploring fully virtual options again. Explore our [list of online tools](#) including Bible Studies and tip sheets for how to form affinity groups and more.



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