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FINANCIAL NEWS

Contributions:

December 3 rd & 4 th	\$	8,827.00
Last Year	\$	10,655.00

Capital Campaign:

Building Fund Donations:	\$	
December 3 rd & 4 th	\$	6,056.00
March 1st to Date	\$	386,116.54
Pledged	\$	1,098,513
Needed for Church	\$	2,600,000

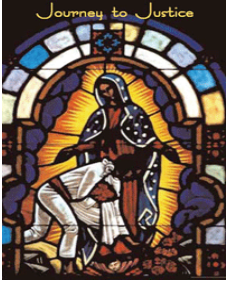
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PASTORS' PAGE

PARISH CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, MOTHER OF THE AMERICAS FESTIVITY.



Prayer for the Journey

Mary, our Mother and our Lady of Guadalupe, we come to you as migrants and pilgrims, passing briefly through this world, as we journey to our true home in heaven. **Show us the Way.**

You were once a migrant too. Guide us along safe paths, protect us from evil, and free us from all fear. **Show us the Way.**

Teach us to welcome the strangers among us - immigrants, migrants, refugees, people on the move -- all sisters and brothers on the journey. **Show us the Way.**

Help us to seek justice for the oppressed, to bring comfort to the afflicted, and to offer hope and healing to all those we meet on the journey. **Show us the Way.**

Help us to recognize that the only path to your Son is the way of justice. Strengthen us to make straight this way before him. **Show us the Way.**

Open our hearts and minds to the suffering of victims of human trafficking, children held in detention, and other vulnerable persons in need of our hope and help in their time of struggle. **Amen.**

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Your friend and servant
Fr. Jesús Camacho

CELEBRACION PARROQUIAL DE LA FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE, MADRE DE LAS AMERITAS.

Oración para el Camino

María, Madre nuestra y nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, venimos a ti como migrantes y peregrinos, en nuestro breve paso por este mundo, de viaje a nuestro verdadero hogar que está en el cielo. **Muéstranos el camino.**

Una vez fuiste migrante tú también. Guíanos por senderos seguros, protégenos del mal y líbranos de todo temor. **Muéstranos el camino.**

Enséñanos a acoger a los extranjeros entre nosotros -inmigrantes, migrantes, refugiados, personas en tránsito-, hermanas y hermanos todos en el viaje. **Muéstranos el camino**

Ayúdanos a buscar justicia para los oprimidos, a llevar consuelo a los afligidos, y ofrecer alivio y esperanza a todos los que conocemos en el viaje. **Muéstranos el camino**

Ayúdanos a reconocer que la única senda hacia tu Hijo es el camino de la justicia. Danos fuerza para ir rectos por el camino que lleva a Él. **Muéstranos el camino**

Abre nuestras mentes y corazones al sufrimiento de las víctimas del tráfico humano, de los niños sometidos a reclusión, y de otras personas vulnerables que necesitan nuestra esperanza y ayuda en sus momentos de adversidad. **Amén.**

Su amigo y servidor,
Padre Jesús Camacho

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SUNDAY READINGS December 11th

First Reading:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
Second Reading:	1 Thes 5:16-24
Responsorial Psalm:	Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
Gospel Reading:	Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Reflections

1. How do you answer the question, "Who are you?"
2. Describe a time when something insignificant to others meant a lot to you.
3. Who has recently helped you to have faith?



Scripture Readings December 12th – December 18th

MON.	Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
TUE.	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
WED.	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23
THU.	Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
FRI.	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36
SAT.	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
SUN.	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:26-38

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S – ESTA SEMANA EN SANTA MARIA

Date/ Fecha	DESCRIPTION (DESCRIPCION)/PLACE (LUGAR)
Sun., Dec. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 p.m. Pinochle Club Potluck (Parish Center)
Mon., Dec. 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 a.m. – Las Mañanitas (Church) • 6:00 a.m. – Spanish Mass (no 8:30 a.m. Mass) • 7:00 p.m. – Mass • 7:30 p.m. – Knights of Columbus (Parish Center)
Tues., Dec. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 a.m. – St. Mary's Mothers Cookie Exchange (Parish Center Basement) • 7:00 p.m. – Reconciliation Service
Wed., Dec. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. - Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – DECEMBER 12 - NEW TIME AGAIN!!!

The Knights of Columbus monthly business meeting will return to its previously standard time of **7:30 PM** on the second Monday of the month. That's tomorrow night! Among other things we will be meeting new members John Cotton, Jerry Helgeson, and Bob Parsley. The meetings will be held at the Parish Center. Questions? - Contact Bill Teske, GK (344-8114) or Nick Wieber, FS (853-0796).

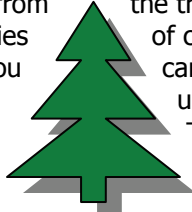
ST. MARY'S MOTHERS COOKIE EXCHANGE

St. Mary's Mothers will be having its annual *Cookie Exchange and Advent/Christmas Social* on Tuesday, December 13th from 9:30 to 11:00 in the Parish Center Basement. Call Trisha with questions, 853-0796.

The **St. Mary's Giving Tree** is being sponsored by the St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women. This year you have two options. You can either take a tag from the tree and buy a gift or gifts to help families of children that attend local schools or you can purchase a gift and bring it unwrapped and place it in the Toys for Tots box.

We ask you to please wrap all gifts from the giving tree and make sure you attach the tag. All gifts, whether for the Giving Tree or Toys for Tots, need to be at the church by Sunday, December 18.

Any questions please call the Melissa Murano at 323-9798 or the parish office at 344-2597.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Fifth Annual: Our Lady of Guadalupe respect-life prayer service. Sunday, December 11, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart Church, Boise. Reception to follow.

Mark your calendars for the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Monday, December 12th starting at 5 a.m. with Las Mañanitas!

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CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Pre-school – sixth graders: Do you want to be in the pageant or choir for the Christmas Eve Family Mass at 5 p.m.? Rehearsal is Friday, December 23 from 10-11 a.m. in the church. Parents, we also need your help with costumes, quick clean up, hospitality, lectors and Eucharistic ministers. Sign up in the parish office, the school office, on the bulletin board in the back of church, or call Meg at 344-2597.

WANTED!! Deacon Hess is looking for individuals who would like to conduct communion services in Nursing Homes, one Sunday per month. Teams of two will be assigned each Sunday to one of the three nursing homes within our parish boundaries. Excellent opportunity for spiritual growth. Training and mentoring provided. Please call Deacon Francis at 344-2597 or email him at propertybyhess@aol.com



St. Mary's is blessed to have one of the finest soloists sing at midnight Mass. If you haven't heard Marcie Beckman at this special Mass, you are really missing an extraordinary event. Please tell your friends and neighbors and join us at 12:00 a.m. on December 24th

LAS POSADAS

Come celebrate Las Posadas on December 20 at 7 p.m. in the gym. Las Posadas is a traditional Mexican way of preparing for Christmas. It traditionally takes place each evening between December 16 and December 24. "Posadas" means "inn or lodging." Las Posadas tells the story of Mary and Joseph's search for shelter as the birth of Jesus grew near. Children and adults reenact the procession for shelter until someone finally welcomes the weary travelers. Once inside, there is reading of scripture, music, refreshments and a piñata for the children.

MISSING EQUIPMENT

Some of the music sound equipment is missing from the Music Sacristy. Please return any of the microphones, cords, adapters, etc. that you might have in your possession immediately. Thank you. Karen Kelsch, Music Director.

Atención todos músicos de la parroquia -- Se busca equipo musical que se encontraba en el sacristán para los músicos. Si ud. Sabe en donde se encuentra este equipo por favor regresen este equipo al sacristán.

OPEN POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Mary's School in Boise, Idaho, is currently seeking applicants for the position of principal for the 2006-07 school year. Candidates must have 3 years teaching experience and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration. Experience as a principal is preferred. Candidates should have or be eligible for an Idaho Administrator Credential. Applications will be accepted through January 23rd, 2006. For information contact: Dan Makley, Diocese of Boise, 303 Federal Way, Boise, Idaho 83705. (208) 342-1311. E-mail: dmakley@rcdb.org.

Position Announcement: Director, Human Resources

The Diocese of Boise is actively seeking a Director for its ministry in Human Resources. The candidate must have a bachelor's degree and additional education appropriate to this position, with PHR or SPHR certification preferred, successful experience in Human Resources, and a deep commitment to the Catholic faith. The Director serves as advisor to the Bishop and other pastoral leaders on human resources issues. Applications will be accepted until December 12, 2005, or until the position is filled. Interested applicants should secure a job description, an application packet and instructions from the Director of Human Resources, Bobbi K. Dominick (208)342-1311 x138 or bdominick@rcdb.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF IDAHO

Did you know: CCI serves all those in need regardless of religion or ability to pay? CCI supports the frail elderly through volunteer assistance; offers a variety of child and youth programs to keep kids in school and avoid risky behavior; provides affordable counseling to individuals and families facing crisis or life transitions; helps immigrants prepare for citizenship and reunite their families; responds to emergencies and disasters; and assists parishes to develop their Christian charitable and advocacy services. Catholic Charities Board and Staff are grateful for all the ways parishioners support our efforts to be the hands and

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voice of Christ to the needy and vulnerable throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS BREAK LACROSSE CLINIC

My congratulations to all the parents that have encouraged their sons to develop the athletic talents that God has given them. On December 28th the Bishop Kelly Lacrosse team and Alumni association will be hosting an introduction to the exciting spring sport of lacrosse. Our purpose is to introduce anyone who has interest in lacrosse to the basics and the fun of this exciting sport. We will do this through demonstration, games and teaching within the gym. We will even have some lacrosse sticks to loan those who don't have one for the 3 hour clinic. And it is FREE.

- Who: Any boy in the Catholic grade schools (no age restriction)
- Where: St. Joe's gymnasium
- When: 10 AM to 1 PM on Dec. 28
- Cost: FREE
- Contact: Bishop Kelly Lacrosse Coach Weeb Martin @ 345-8996

CLARIFICATION, NOV./DEC. MAGNIFICAT – NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMES

New Year's Day Masses will be held at the regular times:

- 8:30 a.m. – English
- 11:00 a.m. – English
- 12:30 p.m. - Spanish

ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK REPORT

Following is a report of the number of people served in November:

Children (0-18 yrs.)	308
Adults (19-60 yrs.)	382
Adults (60+ yrs.).....	28
Total Served:	718
Total Year-to-Date.....	6,981



Thank you to all who so generously contributed to the Food Bank in November! Your contributions helped to feed 230 needy families.

St. Mary's Parish wishes to recognize the men and women, sons and daughters, of our parish who are serving in the Armed Forces. ***Please pray for these people in the armed services who are protecting us.***

Staff Sgt. Jason Anton	Marine Corps
Staff Sgt. Cameron Carpenter	Air Force. Nat'l Guard
Lance Corporal Joseph Gallegos	Marine Corps
Staff Sgt. Amber Hansen	U. S. Army
Captain Tom Hitt	Air Force Nat'l Guard
Sgt. Benjamin Lee	U.S. Army
App. Christopher Mais	U.S. Navy
Lt. Col. William McQuade	U.S. Army
Lance Corporal Jake Thacker	Marine Corps
Shawn Michael White	U. S. Army

BIOTZETIK BASQUE CHOIR HOLIDAY CONCERT

Please join the Biotzetik Basque Choir for an evening of traditional Basque and English Christmas Carols at the fifth annual Choir holiday concert. The free concert will be held at St. John's Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2005.

Biotzetik, which in Basque means "from the heart" was founded in 1986 and is one of only a few Basque choirs in the U.S. The choir is known for its rich harmonies and mostly acapella performances. Comprised of approximately 50 Basque and non-Basque volunteer singers, the choir performs songs in the native Basque language as well as Latin, Spanish and English. During the concert the audience is invited to join in on the more familiar English songs. Following the performance the audience is invited to join the choir for cookies, punch and wine in St. John's parish hall.

Biotzetik will travel to the Basque country in 2006 to perform in concert, as well as participate in workshops to learn a variety of children's songs, folk tunes and concert performance music. Any donations received at the Christmas concert will go toward funding that trip.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December, 2005	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Reader 1	Ann Smedley	Gloria McDonald	Kent Brown
Reader 2	Dominique Clifford	Tom Beckman	Marina Edwards
Priest	Father Faucher	Father Faucher	Father Faucher
Head Eucharistic M - Bread 1	Ray Hoobing	Vic Haus	Ron Caron
Deacon - Alternate - Bread 2	Eileen Hoobing	Joan Haus	Shawnathon Caron
Eucharistic Minister - Bread 3	Rod Jaskowiak	Julie Horras	Betty Collins
Eucharistic Minister - Bread 4	Mary Ann Hogg	Michael Murphy-Sweet	Tony Houston
Eucharistic Minister - Wine 1	Jan Winner	Heidi Oden	Toni Post
Eucharistic Minister - Wine 2	Larry Winner	Mark Oden	Isabel Yale
Eucharistic Minister - Wine 3	Liz Lister	Marilyn Tratz	Karena Whitmore
Eucharistic Minister - Wine 4	Virginia Medek	Kathy Vawter	Leona Howell
Altar Server Cross Bearer	Leah Hahn	Michaela Gerard	John Burlile
Altar Server Candle Bearer	Chantelle Wood	Andy Cieslak	Virginia Jaggi
Altar Server Candle Bearer	Jolie Day	Tierney Ball	Robert Casabonne
Hospitality Captain	Miriam Adams	Gerard Family	Brueck Family

PLEASE NOTE: THE SIGN-UP SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAYS IS POSTED IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS AND SIGN-UP ASAP. THANKS AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL. CATHERINE

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Special thanks go this week to Project Rachel (see Ad below).