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Our pastor, Father Thomas Faucher, is on a partial medical leave from parish ministry. This is to give him time and opportunity to recover from illness. Almost all parish ministry will be done by Father Miller and Father Camacho and our deacons and parish staff during this time. Father Faucher will celebrate or concelebrate some Sunday Masses and preach on occasion, but not on a regular basis. Please keep Father Faucher in your prayers.

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Karen Kelsch 345-1900

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Parish Nursing/Infermera Parroquial

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PASTORS' PAGE

From the Pastor:

God Bless all of you and Merry Christmas!! I hope today and all the days to come are filled with peace, joy and happiness. In a special way I welcome all of you who are visiting or only come to church on special days. You are most welcome.

I want to thank all of those who made Advent and Christmas so special this year. Our parish staff is always a source of amazement to me for their kindness and good will, as well as the excellent ways in which they do their jobs. I thank our deacons, all of the liturgical ministers, including our excellent servers, and of course our musicians.

This year I give special thanks to Father Jesus Camacho [whose ordination anniversary is today, Christmas Day]. As I have been sick so much this fall he has done so much extra work for the parish. Now that Father Miller is here as our parochial vicar Father Camacho is able to leave and take a much needed vacation to visit his family in Mexico.

I thank all of you who have been so kind to me as I have not felt well. I thank you for your cards and letters, and all the Christmas cards and gifts. I know I will not get out an individual thank you for all of them, but know they are very much appreciated.

Most of all I thank the people of Saint Mary's Parish. You are a truly great group of Christian people and I am most fortunate to be your pastor.

Peace,
Fr. Tom Faucher, Pastor

Bendiciones a todos ustedes y Feliz Navidad! Espero de qué paz, alegría y felicidad estén con ustedes hoy y siempre. En una manera muy especial quiero extender la bienvenida a todos los que visitan o que nomás participan en Misa en ocasiones especiales. Bienvenidos.

Muchas gracias a todos los que hicieron el esfuerzo para hacer preparaciones especiales durante este tiempo de adviento y navidad. Nuestro personal de la parroquia siempre es una gran inspiración y siempre llenos de bondad para ayudar a la parroquia en sus varios trabajos. Agradezco a los diáconos, los ministros de la liturgia que incluyen a nuestros acólitos que se dedican a su ministerio excelentemente y claro se incluyen en mi lista de gratitud a los músicos.

Este año especialmente dedico mi gratitud al Padre Jesús Camacho (Quien celebra su aniversario de su ordenación hoy, 25 de Diciembre, día de Navidad). Como a estado enfermo mucho del tiempo este otoño, el me ha ayudado bastante con el trabajo de la iglesia. Ahora que se encuentra aquí el Padre Miller como vicario parroquial, el padre Jesús se va de vacaciones para visitar a su familia.

Muchas gracias a todos ustedes quien me han apoyado con su generosidad durante este tiempo difícil. Gracias por sus tarjetas y sus cartas y todos los obsequios que me han brindado durante este tiempo navideño. Se de que no voy a poder mandar tarjetas de gratitud individualmente pero tengan por seguro de que aprecio mucho el gran detalle que comparten con migo.

Mas que nada gracias a todos ustedes en esta comunidad de Santa Maria. Son en realidad muy buena gente cristiana. Es una gran fortuna para mí ser su párroco.

Paz
Fr. Tom Faucher, Párroco

El jueves 25 de diciembre de 1975, hace 30 años, fui ordenado sacerdote en la catedral de la ciudad y puerto de Veracruz, México.

De estos treinta años, he dedicado más de veinticuatro a tratar de servir al pueblo de Dios en Idaho. Desde 1981 he colaborado en el ministerio sacerdotal con tres obispos: Sylvester Treinen, quien me invitó a venir; Todd David Brown, quien me encardinó a la diócesis de Boise; y el actual Michael Driscoll. He servido en varias parroquias: Blackfoot, Boise, Homedale, Jerome y de nuevo Boise. Son muchos los regalos que he recibido, pero me gustaría destacar los de la amistad, confianza y apoyo, que tanto me han ayudado en mi quehacer pastoral. Por esto, quiero aprovechar la ocasión para compartir con ustedes mis sentimientos de gratitud: primeramente a Dios por haberme escogido para servirlo de esta manera; y también a todas las personas de Idaho. De una manera muy particular al Padre Tom Faucher por su valiosa ayuda y amistad, al equipo pastoral y a la comunidad de St. Mary's por su gran espíritu de hospitalidad, aceptación y apertura para intentar juntos nuevos caminos y más amplios horizontes. Gracias y que Dios se los pague.

Con este sentimiento de gratitud quiero desear a todos ustedes una Feliz Navidad y un Año Nuevo mejor. Que los

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regalos que nos ha traído el Mesías hecho Niño, lleguen ser una realidad en la vida de ustedes y de su familia. Finalmente, quiero informarles que estaré de vacaciones a partir del 27 de diciembre hasta el 27 de enero del 2006. Por favor, pidan por mí y por mi familia.

¡Bienvenido Padre Arnold Miller!

Su amigo y servidor
Padre Jesús Camacho

Thursday December 25, 1975, thirty years ago, I was ordained a priest in the cathedral of the city and port of Veracruz, Mexico.

Out of these thirty years, 24 of them I have dedicated my attempt to service God's people in Idaho. Since 1981 I have collaborated in the priestly ministry with three bishops: Sylvester Treinen, who invited me to come to Idaho; Todd David Brown, who incardinated me in the diocese of Boise; and Bishop Michael Driscoll. I have served various parishes: Blackfoot, Boise, Homedale, Jerome and again in Boise. I have received many gifts, but I would like to highlight those related to friendships, trust and support that have been so helpful for my pastoral work. This is why I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude. First of all to God for choosing me to serve Him in this capacity, and also all of the people of Idaho. In particular I would like to thank Fr. Tom Faucher for his invaluable help and friendship, to the pastoral team and to the community of St. Mary's for their great spirit of hospitality, acceptance, and openness to try new ways to widen our horizons. Thank you and may God reward you abundantly.

With this expression of gratitude I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a better New Year. That the gifts that our Messiah, made a child for us, brought with him become a reality in your personal and family life. Finally, I would like to inform you that I will be on vacation from December 27 to January 27, 2006. Please keep me and my family in your prayers.

Welcome Fr. Arnold Miller!

Your friend and servant,
Fr. Jesus Camacho



SUNDAY READINGS December 18th

First Reading:	Is 52:7-10
Second Reading:	Heb 1:1-6
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Gospel Reading:	Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Reflections

1. *When have your words helped another person see? Where do you find the right words?*
2. *How have you seen light continue to shine in spite of great darkness all around?*
3. *If you accept the Word as love, how does this influence those you meet in your daily life?*



Scripture Readings December 19th – December 25th

MON.	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
TUE.	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
WED.	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
THU.	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
FRI.	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
SAT.	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
SUN.	Nm 6:22-27; Lk 2:16-21

FINANCIAL NEWS

Contributions:		
December 17 th & 18 th	\$	7,339.00
Last Year	\$	8,284.00
Capital Campaign:		
Building Fund Donations:	\$	
December 17 th & 18 th	\$	7,770.00
March 1st to Date	\$	428,698.54
Pledged	\$	1,098,513.00
Needed for Church	\$	2,600,000.00

SOCIAL JUSTICE BROADCAST

"Peace on Earth" is the topic of the Cathedral's monthly Catholic social justice broadcast, which airs tonight—Christmas night—at 8 p.m. and again New Year's night at 8 p.m. on Boise station AM 790. Fr. Henry Carmona is the host.

WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Effective immediately, all Wednesday Masses will be at 8:30 a.m.

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

Date/ Fecha	DESCRIPTION (DESCRIPCION)/PLACE (LUGAR)
Sun. Dec. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 a.m., English Mass• 11 a.m., Spooner Baptism; Arvanitakis Baptism• 12:30 p.m., Spanish Mass Father Jesús Camacho's 30 th Anniversary in the Priesthood – Happy Anniversary, Father!
Mon. Dec. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish Office Closed this week• *10 a.m., Mass
Tues. Dec. 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 a.m., Lister Baptism• 5-6 p.m., 6th/7th Grade Boys' Basketball
Wed., Dec. 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 – 8:30 p.m., Bob's Choir• 5:30 p.m., Bingo - Gym
Thurs., Dec. 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 – 8:30 p.m., Bob's Choir• 5:30 p.m., BINGO - Gym
Sat., Dec. 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 p.m. – English Mass• 7 p.m. – Spanish Mass
Sun. Jan. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:30 a.m., English Mass• 11:00 a.m., English Mass• 12:30 p.m., Spanish Mass

* Reminder – weekday holiday Masses are scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION OF THE TREASURE VALLEY NEWS

Prayer and Spirituality in the Catholic Tradition, an exploration of how Catholics pray—through litanies, rosaries, pilgrimages, music, movement and the Holy Mass. Tuesdays from January 24 - March 21, 7 – 9 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary taught by persons with special expertise and experience in each prayer form.

Introduction to Theology, an overview of the sources, methods and trends in Catholic theology with Fr Hugh Feiss, OSB. Participants can take the class either: a) In Person: on 5 Saturdays, from January 28 – March 11, 10 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at the St. Paul Student Center; or, b) On Line: from your own home over the internet.

Questions? Call 338-6535. Details will be posted on the website soon: AdultCatholicEd.org.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME BACK TO NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS!

Are you a Catholic who has been away from the Church? Are you an adult ages 21-39? We would like to thank you for joining us for the holidays. All adults in their twenties and thirties, married, divorced or single are invited to attend Theology on Tap. It will be

held at Louie's Bar in downtown Boise at 6:30 p.m. for five Tuesdays beginning Jan.31st. It is a time for discussion, beer and socializing. This year's dates and topics:

January 31 - Sexuality and the Priesthood, homosexuality and married priests. Speakers: Fr. Joe DaSilva and counseling professional Milt Klein.

February 7th - Scandals, how did this happen and what is the Church doing about it. Speakers - Bobbi Dominick, former Diocesan director of HR and Darlene Pape, former Idaho representative for Voice of the Faithful.

February 14th - Gender Issues. Speaker TBA

February 21st - Pro-life Contradictions, abortion, death penalty, war, etc. Mia Crosthwaite and Fr. Jairo Restrepo

February 28th - MARDI GRAS BANQUET WITH THE BISHOP. Tickets on sale in January. For more information please call or email: Angela Hummel at 208.713.3055, fluxministry@yahoo.com

RETRouvaille PROGRAM SCHEDULED

Retrouvaille.....Offers help to hurting Marriages. Couples in troubled marriages are invited to explore an option other than simply enduring their pain or getting out of their marriage.

RETRouvaille is a Catholic program geared to rebuild marriages that have become unloving and uncaring, or for couples who are thinking of separation or divorce, but want to try again. The next program at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane will begin on March 17th. Call 800-470-2230 for more information. www.retrouvaille.org.

BINGO UPDATE

December 29th is a St. Mary's School Alumni night at St. Mary's Bingo. All St. Mary's School Alumni are invited to come and play Bingo and visit with other alumni. It is a great way to catch up with old friends and maybe walk away with some cash!

Bingo Gift Certificates are also now available in the school office or at Bingo. They are a great Christmas gift!

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ANNUAL ALUMKNIGHTS 3 ON 3 HOOPFEST

Date: Saturday, December 31, 2005
Place: BK Carley Center Gym
Time: Doors Open at 8:00 a.m. -- Games from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$10 per player

For information call Dave Bruce at 383-7321.

CHRISTMAS BREAK LACROSSE CLINIC

My congratulations to all the parents who 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

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 fhess@stmarysboise.org.

PASTA FESTA AT BISHOP KELLY

Mark your Calendars! It's Pasta Festa! The Bishop Kelly Booster Club invites you to bring your family and friends for a fabulous all-you-can-eat Italian dinner prepared by Chef Lou Aaron and crew! Pasta Festa will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2006 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Bishop Kelly in the old gym. Dinner includes pasta, salad and soft drinks and bread. Beer, wine, dessert will be available at an extra charge. Cost is \$6.00 per person, \$5.00 - seniors, \$5.00 - age 6-10, or \$30.00 per family (children under 5 are free). Plan to attend this fun family event!



FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL....

"When I was hungry..." For the last two months, the Society has been partnering with Community Christian Center in Garden City to start a dining room (soup kitchen) to serve low-income or homeless persons in Garden City and surrounding areas. Please watch the bulletins for opportunities to help. Current Needs: Metal shelving to update walk in freezer, volunteer groups to volunteer for one day per month, families and communities to pledge a fixed monthly amount of money for food procurement. Contact Hope Ryan 853-4921 opt 4 or email hoperyan@svidpid.org with any questions.

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

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January, 2006	5:00	8:30	11:00
Reader 1	Jerry Helgeson	Kent Brown	Rita Franklin
Reader 2	Gloria McDonald	Bob McQuade	Margo Mojica
Priest - Bread 1			
Eucharistic M Alternate Bread 1	Darlene Pape	Michael Murphy-Sweet	Tony Houston
Head Eucharistic M - Bread 2	Rod Jazzkowiak	Sandy Banta	Isabel Yale
Eucharistic Minister - Bread 3	Liz Lister	Kathy Carney	Karena Whitmore
Eucharistic Minister - Bread 4	Virginia Medek	Jim Kelsch	Toni Post
Deacon - alternate - Wine 1	Larry Winner	Marge Davis	Leona Howell
Eucharistic Minister - Wine 2	Jan Winner	Julie Horras	Ron Caron
Eucharistic Minister - Wine 3	Kate Kinsley	Tom Ditter	Shawnathon Caron
Eucharistic Minister - Wine 4	Dave Baumann	Kathy Stephenson	Betty Collins
Altar Server Cross Bearer	Matt Baumann	Xavier Emel	Jade Neace
Altar Server Candle Bearer	Josh Kochaver	Matt Burke	Kate Franklin
Altar Server Candle Bearer	Patrick Travelli	Andy Harrington	Tyler Marron
Hospitality Captain	Joanne Campbell	Dan Appel/Vince Johnson	Billy/Fabia D'Sousa
			Karen Gallegher

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Special thanks go this week to A1 Plumbing & Emergency Rooter (see Ad, back page).