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FINANCIAL NEWS

Contributions:

November 26 th & 27 th	\$	5,365.00
Last Year	\$	5,763.00

Thanksgiving Donation to St. Mary's Food Bank	\$	464.00
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Capital Campaign:

Building Fund Donations:	\$	
November 26 th & 27 th	\$	3,697.00
March 1st to Date	\$	383,757.54
Pledged	\$	1,098,513

Needed for Church \$ 2,600,000

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PASTORS' PAGE

From the Pastor:

This week we celebrate the patronal feast of the parish, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The formal name of our parish is "Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception." There was some talk in the beginning of calling the parish "Immaculate Conception" but Father Creegan thought that Saint Mary's just sounded a whole lot better.

Masses will be at 8:30 Thursday morning [which will be the school Mass as well] and at 7 p.m. in the evening. The following week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, December 12th, and also have our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 13th.

In regard to my health, it is becoming obvious that I need to do more to get better. As you know I must have some regular bleeding as well as physical therapy. My health has reached a point where it is affecting the running of the parish. I have therefore asked for, and have been granted by Bishop Driscoll, some additional help. We will soon be receiving a new parochial vicar or associate pastor.

Father Arnold Miller is a priest of the diocese who has been away on sick leave and is returning to the diocese. He will be here at Saint Mary's until at least June. Arnie is delightful and will fit in well. He is scheduled to arrive either just before or just after Christmas. He will live in the house on Ellis Street where Father Velez lived.

While Father Miller is here I will be on a partial medical leave of sorts. I will still be here and I will still be pastor, but I will spend time doing what I need to do to get better physically (and hopefully spiritually as well.) Father Camacho will continue to be here except for his January vacation.

Let us pray that all of this works out well.

Peace,
Fr. Tom Faucher, Pastor

Esta semana celebramos el día de nuestra santa patrona, la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción. El nombre completo de nuestra parroquia es "Santa María de la Inmaculada Concepción". Al principio se propuso que se llamara iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción pero el padre Creegan quiso que se llamara Santa Maria.

Las Misas se celebrarán a las 8:30 el jueves en la mañana (se combinara con la Misa de los estudiantes) y a las 7 de la noche. La semana siguiente celebraremos la fiesta de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el lunes 12 de diciembre y también tendremos nuestro servicio de Reconciliación durante este tiempo de Adviento se llevará a cabo el martes 13 de diciembre.

En relación a mi salud, es muy evidente que necesito hacer algo para mejorarme. Como les he compartido anteriormente, tengo que pasar por un tratamiento donde me sacan sangre para que mi sistema haga sangre nueva y también terapia física. Mi salud ha llegado a una etapa en que está afectando mis responsabilidades como párroco de la iglesia. Por esta razón le he pedido al obispo Michael Driscoll que me permita recibir más ayuda en la parroquia y me ha autorizado esta ayuda. Tendremos un vicario parroquial o lo que se llama un asistente del párroco.

El Padre Arnie Miller es un sacerdote de la diócesis que ha estado fuera de la diócesis por razones médicas, pero regresa aquí a la diócesis y estará en nuestra parroquia de Santa María hasta el mes de junio. El Padre Arnie es una persona muy encantadora y sé que se acomodará muy bien aquí en nuestra parroquia. El padre llegará el 15 de diciembre y vivirá en la casa donde vivía el padre Velez, que esta ubicada en la calle Ellis.

Durante este tiempo, yo estaré recibiendo tratamiento médico. Me quedaré aquí y seguiré siendo el párroco; pero tomaré tiempo para mejorarme físicamente (y espero que también espiritualmente). El Padre Jesús también seguirá aquí, excepto durante sus vacaciones en el mes de enero.

Oraremos para todo esto resulte bien.

Paz,
Padre Tom Faucher, Párroco



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Adviento es tiempo de espera alegre y de preparación. Es un tiempo de conversión, pero no con terror, angustia y tristeza, sino con confianza y alegría. Se anuncia un mundo nuevo. Las figuras centrales del Adviento son Juan (el Bautista) y María. Ambos anuncian y dan paso a la luz verdadera.

Si durante nuestras vidas, y ahora en el Adviento, nos preparamos para esa salida del sol que es Jesús, entonces sus rayos iluminarán nuestras vidas y, como lo predicaban los profetas, nuestra soledad se convertirá en alegría, nuestra noches de insomnio se volverán noches de descanso, nuestros pecados serán sólo un recuerdo lejano y nuestras vidas medio vacías las viviremos en plenitud. Seamos como niños y esperemos, preparados y con anticipación, la llegada del regalo de Dios, Jesucristo, su propio Hijo.

Su amigo y servidor,
Padre Jesús Camacho

Advent is a time of joyful waiting and preparation. It is a time of conversion, but not out of terror, anguish, or sadness, but of trust and joy. A new world is announced for us. The central figures of Advent are John (the Baptist) and Mary. Both announce and give way to the true light.

If during our lives and now during Advent, we prepare for the rising of the sun that is Jesus, then his rays will shine in our lives and, as the prophets indicated, our loneliness will turn into joy, our wakeful nights into restful ones, our sins will be but distant memories and our half-empty lives will be lived in their fullness. Let us be like children and wait, prepared and with anticipation, the coming of God's gift, Jesus Christ, God's own son.

Your friend and servant
Fr. Jesús Camacho



SUNDAY READINGS December 4th

First Reading:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Second Reading:	2 Pt 3:8-14
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
Gospel Reading:	Mk 1:1-8

Reflections

1. *How are you preparing for Christ's coming?*
2. *Describe a time when someone brought you news that changed your life.*
3. *Describe an experience when you prepared for a special someone coming into your life.*

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

Date/ Fecha	DESCRIPTION (DESCRIPCION)/PLACE (LUGAR)
Mon., Dec. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 p.m. – Catechist Meeting (Room B) 7:00 p.m. – Hispanic Committee Meeting (Room D)
Tues., Dec. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 p.m. – RCIA (Room D) 7:00 p.m. – Spanish Bible Study (Room B)
Thurs. Dec. 8	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Holy Day of Obligation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 a.m. – Mass, St. Mary's Students (Fr. Camacho) 5:30 p.m. – BINGO (Gym) 7:00 p.m. – Mass (Fr. Faucher)



Scripture Readings December 5th – December 11th

MON.	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
TUE.	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
WED.	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
THU.	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Lk 1:26-38
FRI.	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
SAT.	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SUN.	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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.

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

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

As Catholics, we all have faith, but do we live our faith? St. Mary's Parish can help you live your faith and share it with others. Through the St. Vincent de Paul conference at St. Mary's, we can help families in need in our own neighborhood. The need is great, the workers are few. Please help. Please contact Bob Parsley, 703-2568.

PINOCHLE CLUB POTLUCK!

Our Pinochle Club Christmas potluck will be December 11th at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Center! New members are always welcome. For questions call Molly 345-5286, or Marilyn 342-3480.



ST. MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN PROPOSED

A meeting for a proposed new soup kitchen in St. Mary's Parish has been scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at 9 a.m. It will be held at the Christian Community Center in Garden City. For more details, Please call Bob Parsley - 703-2568.

CLARIFICATION, NOV./DEC. MAGNIFICAT

The "thank you" to Bishop Kelly students on Page 12 should read:

BISHOP KELLY STUDENTS

Thank you for your food drive for Boise parishes. You provided St. Mary's Food Bank with food through the end of this year!

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

ADOPT-A-STUDENT PROGRAM

St. Mary's School mission is to provide parents the opportunity to choose a Catholic education for their children. We strive to be an affordable option for all families.

The Adopt-A-Student Program helps provide tuition assistance to families and enables St. Mary's to offer services to a diverse socio-economic population.

We rely on the help of generous donors to fund this program. The Idaho Education Tax Credit Program lets the donor who supports the Adopt-A-Student Program and itemizes their deductions, deduct the amount of their contribution on their Federal Income Tax Return as well as on your State Income Tax Return.

For more information please take information provided in the back of the church or call the school. You may also call Bob Chapman, School Business Manager at 345-1558.

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SMALL LOT NEEDED

Medically retired priest needs a small lot (reasonably priced) to place a newer single wide mobile home in the Treasure Valley. Call Father Pat Dennis at 323-4587 if you can help. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS: SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

December 10 - Holiday Bowl, Food & Donation Drive - 20th Century Lanes located at 4712 W State St. is encouraging bowlers to team up for tournament play. Tournaments are at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Smoke-free and family friendly; bring a non-perishable food item, new children's book or holiday gift to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Look for the "We Help People" truck. There is a \$15 registration fee. Call 342-8695 for more information.

Shop smart this holiday season by buying your decorations, gift basket contents, and gifts at St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores! Many items are new and in original packaging - find great stuff, save a load of dough! Stores are located at 2110 S. Broadway, 6464 S. State St. or 213 N. Main in Meridian. Open 9:30am - 6:00pm Mon-Sat.

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

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.

Bishop Kelly Pancake Breakfast:

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2005
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Place: Bishop Kelly High School.
Cost: All you can eat - \$4 adults; \$3 children and seniors; \$15 per family.

The Bishop Kelly Booster Club would like to invite everybody out for pancake breakfast. Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee. Santa will be on hand with his elves to talk with the little ones about their Christmas wish list! We will be selling "BK" wear for your last minute Christmas Gifts and the girls' softball team will be selling their beautiful Christmas trees! Come join us for a morning of food and fun!

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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 Cloverdale Funeral Home (see Ad – back page of bulletin).