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FINANCIAL NEWS

Contributions:		
December 10 th & 11 th	\$	7,968.85
Last Year	\$	8,958.00
Capital Campaign:		
Building Fund Donations:	\$	
December 10 th & 11 th	\$	31,115.00
March 1st to Date	\$	417,231.54
Pledged	\$	1,098,513
Needed for Church	\$	2,600,000

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PASTORS' PAGE

From the Pastor,

First of all it is my pleasure to welcome Father Arnold Miller to Saint Mary's. Father Miller is here to help me as I take a partial Medical Leave to get through all of the treatments for my hemocromatosis. It is great to have him here. Father Miller will be living in the house we own at 26th and Ellis Avenue. He will be doing all of his own cooking and so invitations to dinner would be well received as well as opportunities to meet all of the parish members. Father Miller will be working a lot with the youth of the parish as well as doing a number of other things which I have not been able to get to.

I also want to thank all of those who worked so hard of all of the festivities for First Communion last weekend for the Hispanic community, who worked on the celebration of the Our Lady of Guadalupe, and on the Parish Penance Service. So many people do so many great things here.

Next Sunday is Christmas. Masses will be at 5 p.m. On Saturday which is the regular Family Mass for Christmas. There will be Mass in Spanish at 7 p.m. Midnight Mass will be at midnight. On Sunday morning we will have just one Mass in English, at 10 a.m., and one Mass in Spanish at 12:30.

I hope this last week of Advent will be a time of special holiness for all of us.

Peace,
Fr. Tom Faucher, Pastor

Primeramente, me da un gran placer extender la bienvenida al Padre Arnold Miller ahora que esta aquí en Santa María. El Padre Miller esta aquí para ayudarme mientras tomo una ausencia por prescripción medica mientras me hacen tratamientos para mi condición de hemocromatosis. Estamos encantados con su presencia aquí. El Padre Miller va a vivir en la casa que tenemos en la esquina de la calle 26 y la calle Ellis.

El va a cocinar por si mismo así es de que si gustan invitarlo a comer, su invitación seria bien recibida y seria una buena oportunidad para conocer los miembros de nuestra comunidad. El Padre Miller trabajara con los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia y también trabajara en otros aspectos de la iglesia que yo no a podido hacer por mi enfermedad.

También les comparto mi gran agradecimiento a los que trabajaron arduosamente en las festividades y preparaciones de primeras comuniones la semana pasada y los que coordinaron las festividades de la Virgen de Guadalupe y a los que prepararon para el servicio de reconciliación. Aquí en Santa Maria tenemos a muchas personas buenas que hacen muchas buenas obras para el bien de la comunidad.

El próximo domingo es Navidad. Las Misas se celebraran a las 5 de la tarde el sábado, esta es la misa familiar. Habrá Misa en Español a las 7 de la noche. Finalmente habrá Misa de media noche. El domingo por la mañana solamente tendremos una Misa en ingles a las 10 de la mañana y una Misa en Español a las 12:30.

Espero que esta última semana de Adviento sea un tiempo de bendiciones para todos nosotros.

Paz,
Padre Tom Faucher, Párroco

La tradición de celebrar la Navidad fue traía a México por los españoles. Antes de su establecimiento en la región, los pueblos Mayas y Aztecas tenían ya sus propias celebraciones de invierno. Tuvieron que hacerse concesiones y ajustes para que los indígenas aceptaran la fe católica. Pero en esencia, podemos decir que la Navidad es una celebración del cumpleaños de Nuestro Señor Jesús. Celebramos "Las Posadas" precisamente para prepararnos a conmemorar dicho acontecimiento. Las Posadas son una novena que termina el 24 de diciembre, que es la Noche Buena.

Las Posadas son una dramatización de la búsqueda de hospedaje por parte de San José y de la Virgen María, a quienes llamamos "Peregrinos", en su viaje de Nazareth a Belén para cumplir con el censo, como lo dicen las Escrituras. A partir del 16 de diciembre, una familia del pueblo o barrio, escoge una noche para recibir a quienes "buscan Posada". La última se celebra el 24, antes de la Noche Buena.

Por primera vez vamos a celebrar una Posada en nuestra iglesia. Escogimos el martes 20, a las 7 de la tarde. Empezará en el templo y terminará en el gimnasio. Venga a celebrar con nosotros la Posada parroquial.

Su amigo y servidor,
Padre Jesús Camacho

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Traditionally in México, Christmas was a tradition brought to the area by Spaniards. Before the immigration of settlers to the area, there were Maya and Azteca communities that held their own winter celebrations. There have been many concessions to accommodate the previous beliefs of the Mexican traditions and ease the acceptance of the new faith of Catholic religion by the inhabitants of the region.

Essentially, Christmas for Mexicans is a celebration of the Nativity. This means the birthday of Our Lord Jesus. In order to prepare for the day of symbolic commemoration, we have the "**Posadas**". These celebrations are a "Novena" or nine days before the 24 which is the "**Noche Buena**" or "Holy Night".

These Posadas are an enactment of looking for lodging of St. Joseph and Virgin Mary, called the Pilgrims going to Bethlehem for the census according to the Scriptures. In Spanish we call them "**Los Peregrinos, San José y la Virgen María**". Each family in a neighborhood will schedule a night for the Posada to be held at their home, starting on the 16th of December and finishing on the 24th on Noche Buena.

For the first time ever, we are going to host one of these Posadas on the 20th of December at 7:00 p.m. The first part will be held in the church, while the second part will be held in the gym. Please come and join us!

Your friend and servant
Fr. Jesús Camacho



SUNDAY READINGS December 18th

First Reading:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Second Reading:	Rom 16:25-27
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Gospel Reading:	Lk 1:26-38

Reflections

1. *Relate an experience when you were expected to do something that you thought would be impossible.*
2. *Speak of a time when you felt troubled or fearful.*
3. *What experiences in your life have led you to accept things at face value?*



Scripture Readings December 19th – December 25th

MON.	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
TUE.	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
WED.	Sgs 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
THU.	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
FRI.	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
SAT.	Is 62:1-5; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
SUN.	Is 52:7-10; Jn 1:1-18

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

Date/ Fecha	DESCRIPTION (DESCRIPCION)/PLACE (LUGAR)
Sun. Dec. 18	• 9:30 a.m. – Angelo McKay Baptism (Deacon Petzak)
Mon. Dec. 19	• 7 p.m., Reconciliation Service – St. John's
Tues. Dec. 20	• 9:30 Staff Meeting • 7 – 9 p.m., Las Posadas (details in Fr. Jesús' letter on the "Pastor's Page") • 7 p.m. – Reconciliation Service – Our Lady of the Rosary
Wed., Dec. 21	• 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Giving Tree Gifts (Gym) • 6 p.m., Hispanic Christmas Party (Gym) • 7 p.m., Parish Council Meeting (Rm. B) • 7 p.m. Reconciliation Service – St. Mark's
Thurs., Dec. 22	• 7 – 8:30 p.m., Bob's Choir • 7 p.m., Hispanic Committee Meeting
Fri., Dec. 23	• 10 – 11 a.m., Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Mass (church) • 12 p.m. – Office Closed • 6 p.m. – Anniversary Mass (Fr. Jesús)
Sat., Dec. 24	• 5 p.m. – Family Mass • 7 p.m. – Spanish Mass • 12 a.m. – Midnight Mass
Sun. Dec. 25	• 10 a.m. English Mass • 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

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,

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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.

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.

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@stmmarysboise.org.

BINGO UPDATE

December 22nd and 29th are St. Mary's School Alumni nights 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!

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.

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.

ST. MARY'S 2006 CALENDAR

Our St. Mary's calendar from Cloverdale has again given us some printing difficulty. Please note that the calendars will be reprinted and be ready for distribution in early January. Thank you for your patience.

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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 bread. Beer, wine, soft drinks and 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!



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@svdpid.org with any questions.

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

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL....

Employment Opportunity: The St. Vincent de Paul FreeMed Program now has an opening for a part-time paid coordinator. This is an ideal job for a person who wants to help the less fortunate, has management skills and business experience. For more details call Margo at 573-4504 or e-mail your resume to margosvdp@aol.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store News:

Service others this holiday season: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores are looking for volunteer groups to help sort and tag clothing, toys, and other goods. 3-12 people with 20 people max. Families with children are welcome. Groups of children age 9 or older with adult are also welcome. Call Hope Ryan 853-4921 opt 4 or email hoperyan@svdpid.org

The SVdP Thrift Stores are putting together "pillow packs" for Sanctuary. In each pillow pack is: one pillow, 2 pillow cases, 1 sheet, 1 pair winter gloves, 1 winter hat, a scarf, 2 pair warm socks plus a voucher to SVdP Thrift Stores and a bus pass. Also needed are blankets! Please donate any of these items to any of the Boise or Meridian Thrift Stores.

"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

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

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

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