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PASTORS' PAGE

From the Pastor:

We have begun the month of December; we have begun the great season of Advent. We have begun our special time of CELEBRATING OUR PAST AND OUR FUTURE as we prepare for our new church building, and we have begun our Fund Drive to help pay for the renovation of our church. This is great time; it is a very busy time.

At all of the English Masses this weekend we will be distributing the special Advent books we have given out the past few years. These are a fine way to help each of us spend Advent growing in grace, growing in Christ. This coming Tuesday is the first of our special Masses for all of those who have celebrated sacraments at Saint Mary's.

I invite all of those who were baptized at Saint Mary's over the last 70 years to come home and celebrate again the specialness of that moment. One of our fine former pastors, Father John Morgan, will be here to be the main celebrant of the Mass and lead us in the renewal of baptismal promises. I already know of a couple of groups of friends who were baptized here who have not seen each other for a long time who are all coming for that Mass to see each other again. If you have friends or family who were baptized at St. Mary's, please call and invite them to attend. Those of us who call St. Mary's home but were baptized somewhere else are also most welcome to come and be part of this celebration too.

We also begin today our Fund Drive for the last of the money we need. With the money from the land we are selling on Castle Drive, we will be able to build the new church with all of our debt covered by pledges, if this drive is successful. Thirty years of hopes and planning have brought us to the point where we can begin to build soon. My goal is that when we finish the church renovation we have either no debt or that the amount of debt we have is covered by pledges. I think that is very possible.

When we finish the church, then we can begin again on the building of a new St. Mary's School, most likely right here on these grounds.

Please get involved this Advent. It is going to be a busy but wonderful time for St. Mary's.

Peace,
Fr. Tom Faucher, Pastor

Con el tiempo de adviento comienza un nuevo año litúrgico. Adviento significa espera de alguien que va a venir. Es un tiempo de esperanza en Jesús que va a venir al final de los tiempos; y es al mismo tiempo una preparación de cuatro semanas para celebrar su primera venida, su Encarnación, su Natividad. Este año el Leccionario nos invita a seguir el evangelio de Lucas y las primeras lecturas están tomadas de diferentes profetas. El hilo conductor de las lecturas del Antiguo Testamento se puede resumir con las palabras justicia, paz y gozo. Por otra parte, el evangelio de Lucas, considerado como el más gozoso, es el que más énfasis pone en el tiempo anterior a la venida de Jesús, con el relieve de las figuras de Juan Bautista y María. La culminación se da en la solemnidad de la Navidad y en el domingo siguiente, que marca la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia.

Su amigo y servidor
Padre Jesús Camacho

Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent means waiting for someone who is to come. It is a season filled with hope in Jesus who will return at the end of time; and at the same time it is a four weeks' long preparation for the celebration of his first coming, his Incarnation, his Nativity. This year the Lectionary includes passages taken from the gospel of Luke and from various prophets. The thread of the readings of the Old Testament can be summarized in the words justice, peace, and joy. On the other hand, the gospel of Luke, considered the most joyful, is one that places the most emphasis on the preparation for the coming of Jesus, underscoring the figures of John the Baptist and Mary. Of course the highest point is the solemnity of Christmas, and the following Sunday, which marks the feast of the Holy Family.

Your friend and servant,
Padre Jesús Camacho

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SUNDAY READINGS December 3rd

First Reading:	Jer 33:14-16
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Second Reading:	1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Gospel Reading:	Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Scripture Readings December 4th – December 10th

MON.	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
TUE.	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
WED.	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
THU.	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRI.	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Lk 1:26-38
SAT.	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUN.	Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

FINANCIAL NEWS

Contributions:	
November 18 & 19:	\$7,674.00
Last Year:	\$5,365.00
November 25 & 26:	\$6,138.50
Last Year:	\$7,161.00
Thanksgiving Offering for Food Bank:	\$305.75
Last Year:	\$464.00
Current Standing of St. Mary's Building Campaign:	
Total Needed for Church Renovation:	\$3,000,000
Less – Cash in Savings (Oct. 31, 2006)	\$1,297,976
Includes Oct., 2006, Donations	\$26,315
Includes Oct., 2006, Expenses	\$20,499
Less – Pledges Remaining To Be Paid	\$435,289
= Remaining to be Raised	\$1,266,735

Advent Days of Prayer... Come away to Nazareth and join us for Advent Days of Prayer. On Wednesday, December 6, Rev. John Donoghue will present, "God Has Favored You" Prayerful Reflections on the Way to Christmas. Fr Donoghue is a retired priest for the Diocese in Boise. Wednesday, December 20, Rev. Jerry Funke will present the Infancy Narratives. Fr Funke is the pastor of St Paul's in Nampa. Both days will begin with gathering prayer at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 followed by lunch. A free will offering will be taken and reservations are requested. Call 375-2932 for more information.

Advent Conference Scheduled... St. John's Cathedral presents "The Family of God" Advent Conference, featuring dynamic National Catholic Speakers and Apologists Rosalind Moss, Jesse Romero

and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. The Conference is on December 8-9 and is for adults and high school teens. The cost is only \$20 and includes lunch on Saturday. Please contact St. John's Cathedral to register over the phone at 342-3511 or you may register online at www.stjohnsparishboise.org.

Come to the Advent Retreat... All women are invited to an Advent Retreat at Nazareth, How Wondrous Are Your Stars of Night, O Lord! **Friday, December 15**, 7-9 p.m. with Dr. Bonnie Vestral (\$10); **Saturday, December 16**, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. with lay and vowed religious women storytellers/prayer leaders, musicians, Mass; meals included (\$25). Overnight at Nazareth (\$25); call Peg 424-8989 with questions or to register.

CALENDAR – CALENDARIO

Sun., Dec. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30, Advent Festival (Gym) 7:30 p.m., Divine Liturgy, Byzantine Rite (Church)
Mon., Dec. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 p.m., Catholic Workers' Mtg. (Rm. B) 7 p.m., Pastorelas (salon D)
Tues., Dec. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30, School Governing Board (Buffalo Rm.) 7 p.m., Mass (for all who were baptized at St. Mary's – everyone invited) 7 p.m., Estudio Biblia (salón B) 7 p.m., Legion of Mary (Rm. C)
Wed., Dec. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 a.m., Golden Agers Christmas Breakfast (Plantation Country Club) 7 p.m., RCIA (Rm. D) 7 p.m., Liturgy Committee (Rm. B) 7 p.m., Pastorelas (salón C)
Thur., Dec. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 p.m., Pastorelas ensallos (gimnasio) 6:30 p.m., Bob's Choir Practice
Fri., Dec. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 a.m., Mass of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) 12 p.m., Centering Prayer (Church) 7 p.m., Mass (for all who were married at St. Mary's – everyone invited)
Sat., Dec. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 a.m., Al Anon (Rm. A) 11 a.m., Flor Rubi Quinceañera (iglesia) 2 p.m., Sandy Hernandez Quinceañera (iglesia)
Sun. Dec. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 p.m., 1st Communion Special Mass 5:30 p.m., Pinochle Club (Gym)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on December 12. Festivities include/Las festividades de la virgin de Guadalupe se celebraran el 12 de diciembre y incluyen el siguiente horario: Mananitas at 5:00 a.m.: Spanish Mass (Misa) at 6:00 a.m.; Hot Chocolate and Sweet Bread at (Pan dulce y chocolate) 7:00 a.m.; Mass (Misa) at 7:00

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p.m.; Meal and Celebration in gym after Mass (convivio despues de Misa en el gimnasio).

Bilingual Mass on December 16th at 5:00 p.m. with a Posada and potluck afterwards.

The Boise Catholic Worker from Corpus Christi House will meet at the Parish House in Rm. B on Monday evening, December 4th from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is Darlyne Pape who will speak on Centering Prayer. This meeting is open to any of St. Mary's parishioners who wish to come.

Thank you!...to all who donated food boxes to the St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food Box Drive. St. Mary's was challenged to donate 125 boxes, but gave 150 (about 40% higher than last year)! Those 150 boxes fed approximately 600 men, women and children this Thanksgiving season. God bless you!

Jerry Helgeson

Help Make St. Mary's Beautiful for Christmas - please consider making a donation to the flower fund for this year's Christmas celebrations!

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

The following three events are planned for December:

- December 3rd, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Advent Festival in Gym Combined With Teen Night
- **(Corrected) TEEN BOWLING** - December 10th, 2:00-4:00 at the **20th Century Lanes, 4712 W. State St.** Please accompany your junior high student to/from event to introduce yourself to me. Chaperones are needed. Please contact Jill at 841-7544. Friends welcome but RSVP needed.
- December 17 meeting in gym 6:00 - 7:30 pm



Volunteers are needed at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores during the holidays! Students – do you have service hours? This is a great opportunity to help St. Vincent's and make the holidays bright for others. Call 853-4921 in Boise or 888-9101 in Meridian.

Thank you to all of you that paid this year's subscription to the **Idaho Catholic Register**. Unfortunately, we still have approximately 350 families that have not paid. We are sure this just an oversight. Please put a check for \$17 to St. Mary's ICR in the mail or in this Sunday's collection basket. Thank you.

Snow Removal Volunteers Needed...St. Mary's sidewalks and steps can be hazardous for our seniors during the winter months. We need a few vigilant and energetic souls to watch the weather and when necessary remove the snow to keep these areas safe and accessible. In the past it has been a rewarding family activity with a focus on sacrifice and service. Volunteers will be organized by the Knights of Columbus. If interested, contact Bill Teske at 344-8114.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Associate for Ministry - St. Mark's Parish seeks a highly qualified, highly motivated and energetic individual to serve as Pastoral Associate for Ministry. The Pastoral Associate for Ministries serves in a key parish management position together with the Pastor and the Pastoral Associate for Administration. This person has oversight as designated by the pastor for the spiritual, liturgical, social, formative and educational aspects of parish life. Interested applicants may secure a job description, an application packet and instructions by contacting Stephanie Raper, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Human Resources, at (208) 342-1311, ext. 124, or via email at sraper@rcdb.org. Completed applications should be delivered or mailed to Diana Tetreault, Pastoral Associate for Administration, St. Mark's Parish, 7960 Northview St., Boise, Idaho 83704. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

Bishop Kelly High School has openings for two full time positions, for the 2007-2008 academic school year: A Speech/ English /Theatre Arts Instructor (beginning January 2007); and a Head Football Coach/Social Studies Instructor (beginning Fall 2007). Current Idaho State Teaching Certificate required. A Screening Committee will review all candidates prior to interviews. The position closing date will be December 8, 2006. Candidates should apply by sending a resume, cover letter, and formal application to: Bishop Kelly High School, Dean Satterfield/Faculty Screening Committee, 7009 Franklin Road, Boise, Idaho 83709.

New tax legislation has made it possible (2006 and 2007 only) for IRA owners 70 ½ and older to make tax-free direct gifts for up to \$100,000 each year from an IRA to qualifying charitable organizations. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact your financial advisor or IRA holder for detailed information about this new legislation.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES IN SPANISH

There will be a Safe Environment class presented in Spanish for parish and school volunteers on December 2nd. The workshop will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (303 Federal Way in Boise) from 10am to 12pm.

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Anyone who plans to attend must call Santiago Robles at 342-1311, ext. 132 or email him at srobles@rcdb.org <mailto:srobles@rcdb.org> to register.

Employees who are in need of a Safe Environment class in Spanish should plan to attend a class scheduled for January 20th at Our Lady of the Valley in Caldwell, from 10am to 2pm. Anyone who plans to attend must call Santiago Robles at 342-1311, ext. 132 or email him at srobles@rcdb.org to register.

CREANDO UN AMBIENTE SEGURO EN ESPAÑOL

Se presentara un taller de Creando un Ambiente Seguro en español el 2 de diciembre para voluntarios de la parroquia y de la escuela. El taller se llevara a cabo en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano (303 Federal Way in Boise) de las 10am a las 12pm. Los que estén planeando en asistir deben inscribirse con Santiago Robles al 342-1311 ext. 132 o enviar un e-mail a srobles@rcdb.org <mailto:srobles@rcdb.org>.

Empleados que necesiten tomar la clase Creando un Ambiente Seguro en español deben planear en asistir al taller que se llevará a cabo el 20 de enero en Our Lady of the Valley en Caldwell de las 10am a las 2pm. Los que estén planeando en asistir deben inscribirse con Santiago Robles al 342-1311 ext. 132 o enviar un e-mail a srobles@rcdb.org <mailto:srobles@rcdb.org>.

Intensive 11th Step Centering Prayer Retreat...

December 7-10, at the Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome. This retreat is for 12-Step members. It deepens our centering prayer practice as a part of a daily 11th Step practice. Costs, including meals & private room are \$225. Contact Grace C. at 208-423-6301 or gracec@safari.myrf.net

Introduction to Centering Prayer

Scheduled... Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Congregational UCC, Nampa, ID. Centering Prayer is a method of quieting the mind to receive the gift of God's presence. Cost: \$25 advance / \$30 at door. Contact: 466-6581.

The Heart of Thanksgiving Is Gratitude - We deeply appreciate your faithful contributions to Corpus Christi House. "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:12. THANK YOU - From all of us!

El grupo al-anon - Es el alcohol un problema en tu familia? El grupo al-anon se esta reuniendo todos los

viernes a las 7 p.m. en la parroquia de San Pablo, en Nampa, y los sábados A las 11 a.m. en la parroquia de St. Mary's, en Boise. Al-Anon es un grupo de apoyo para familiares y amigos de alcohólicos. La asistencia a estos grupos no tiene costo.

PLATICAS PREBAUTISMALES

Las próximas juntas prebautismales se llevarán acabo el 4, 7, 11 y 22 de diciembre a las 8 de la noche en el centro parroquial salón B. Los siguientes datos son muy importantes para bautizar a su hijo/a aquí en su iglesia de Santa Maria.

- 1) Soliciten bautizo al Padre Jesús Camacho.
- 2) Tengan lista el acta de nacimiento de su hijo/a (MUY IMPORTANTE)
- 3) Busquen padrinos que estén casados por la iglesia
- 4) Se pide que los papás y padrinos acudan a 2 pláticas (por lo menos).
- 5) Se celebraran bautizos el 23 de diciembre en la Misa de 7 p.m.

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
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
Major Gregory W. Smith	U.S. Army
Corporal Jake Thacker	Marine Corps
Shawn Michael White	U. S. Army

RENOVATION ACTIVITIES

- Testing conducted for water level and soil stability
- No date on when the city will remove the tree in front of the church.
- Three roses left; if you want them, come and get them.
- Continue to receive lots of interest in purchasing the rectory; need to make a final decision on the buyer by 12/15/06.
- Working closely with the Architects to prepare for the meeting with the City of Boise to obtain our conditional use permit.
- The search is on for a temporary location for the Food Bank and the Parish Offices.

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December, 2006, Ministry Schedule	5:00	8:30	11:00	
Reader 1	Darlyne Pape	Gene Fadness	Rita Franklin	All Ministers please check the schedules in the back of the church for the special masses in December, and sign up for whichever one is convenient. The schedules for Christmas will be posted right after the first of the month.
Reader 2	Gloria McDonald	Roger Vega	Fran Wickham	
Priest - Bread 1				
Eucharistic M Alternate Bread 1	Liz Lister	Marilyn Tratz	Ron Caron	
Head Eucharistic M - Bread 2	Ray Hoobing	Vic Haus	Isabel Yale	
Eucharistic Minister - Bread 3	Eileen Hoobing	Joan Haus	Karena Whitmore	
Eucharistic Minister - Bread 4	Mary Ann Hogg	Mark Oden	Toni Post	
Deacon - alternate - Wine 1	Rod Jaskowiak	Heidi Oden	Betty Collins	
Eucharistic Minister - Wine 2	Virginia Medek	Cathy Stephenson	Carolyn Crook	
Eucharistic Minister - Wine 3	Larry Winner	Kathy Vawter	Margo Mojica	
Eucharistic Minister - Wine 4	Jan Winner	MeriKay Jost	Leona Howell	
Altar Server Cross Bearer	Maria Baca	Hugh Pratt	Lauren Smith	
Altar Server Candle Bearer	Alex Wezensky	Cece Pratt	Kady Brooks	
Altar Server Candle Bearer	Parker Jones	Elizabeth Thometz	Elliot Davis	
Hospitality Captain	Joanne Campbell	Jim McConville/Vince Johnson	Don/Sharon Lieske	

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Special thanks this week to Little Job Landscaping. See Ad, back page.