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PASTORS' PAGE

From the Pastor:

This weekend we have our Commitment Sunday as part of this second phase of our Fund Drive for the renovation of the church. It is very much my hope and prayer that it will be very successful.

Last week one of our more senior parish members wanted to speak with me about the drive. She said she wanted me to say to the people of the parish that almost without exception, all of the parish has enjoyed a church, rectory (now an office), school, and convent (now the parish center), which they have never had to pay for. Until we started this campaign two years ago it had been 47 years since St. Mary's had a fund drive to build anything new on our property. Everything we have we owe to those who came before us.

We should be very grateful to those who came before us. I can remember that in 1957 when the church was renovated at the order of the new Bishop James J. Byrne, my parents made some real sacrifices to make a donation to the church. They had also contributed to the building of the second floor of the school two years earlier. Everyone did that and it was those people who made St. Mary's what it is today.

Now it is the turn of all of us today to carry our part of the load. Please be generous today in the renewal of your pledge or the making of a new pledge.

Peace,
Fr. Tom Faucher, Pastor

Del Párroco,

Este fin de semana es el domingo de compromiso a la campaña de recaudación de fondos para la renovación de la iglesia. Mi esperanza y mi oración es que sea una campaña con gran éxito.

La semana pasada una señora de nuestra parroquia hablo con migo sobre la campaña para decirme que es tiempo que los demás de nuestra parroquia tomemos la iniciativa de renovar nuestra iglesia. Me recordó que hemos aprovechado el beneficio de la iglesia, de la **casa** del párroco (que es hoy la oficina parroquial), la escuela y el convento (que es hoy el centro parroquia el o la "casita"), y nunca hemos tenido que pagar por estos beneficios. Hace dos años que comenzamos esta campaña y fue la primera vez en los últimos 47 años que tuvimos una **campaña** para renovar la iglesia. Todo lo que tenemos se lo debemos a todos los antepasados.

Debiéramos estar muy agradecidos a todos los que hicieron el esfuerzo y sacrificio de tiempos pasados para tener la iglesia que tenemos hoy. Recuerdo que en el año 1957 cuando la iglesia fue renovada porque la ordeno el Obispo James J. Byrne, mis padres hicieron sacrificios para hacer una donación a la iglesia. También donaron dinero a la escuela 2 años antes para fincar el segundo piso de la escuela. Los que contribuyeron en ese tiempo lo hicieron para tener la iglesia de Santa Maria como la vemos hoy.

Ahora nos toca a nosotros hacer los sacrificios necesarios para realizar este proyecto. Por favor sean generosos en su promesa a contribuir una nueva donación o una promesa a pagar otros 2 anos a la campaña de recaudación para la renovación de nuestra iglesia.

Paz,
Padre Tom Faucher, Párroco

Durante el tiempo de Adviento/Navidad, la Campaña Católica por una Reforma de Inmigración (CCIR) quisiera acrecentar un poco su conciencia sobre la inmigración. Desde el añ pasado, CCIR ha trabajo intensamente para educar a la comunidad católica sobre los beneficios que aportan la inmigración y los inmigrantes; y buscar al mismo tiempo una reforma migratoria para los 12 millones de indocumentados que viven en nuestro país. Con la reciente aprobación de una ley sobre la construcción de un muro de 700 millas en la frontera entre México y los Estados Unidos, agrega un reto más a nuestra tarea. Como afirmó el cardenal Theodore McCarrick: ..."antes de cambiar nuestra leyes, debemos cambiar también nuestras actitudes, incluyendo las que aquellos de nuestro mismo rebaño". Al comenzar un nuevo año litúrgico con el Adviento, esperamos que la inmigración sea un tema natural junto con el de la luz que llega a disipar las tinieblas.

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Lecturas: Zef 3:14-18a; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18. El profeta Zefanías da un mensaje de esperanza al invitar a Jerusalén a alegrarse porque la salvación sea acerca. Dios la traerá consigo. Habrá seguridad y Jerusalén estará segura. No hay por qué desanimarse o tener miedo. La seguridad, la paz y el gozo de los inmigrantes encontrarán su fuente de presencia divina al lograr su residencia en este país. En vez de temor, que haya confianza en el Señor. La presencia del Señor traerá transformación; y todo prejuicio, enemigos, desgracias y desaliento desaparecerán. En lugar de esas miserias, el Señor traerá gozo y amor. Estas son buenas noticias porque somos un pueblo de esperanza. Como cristianos tenemos un mensaje de esperanza para tantas personas que enfrentan deportación, expulsión y discriminación en este país. San Pablo les dice a los filipenses que se alegren porque el Señor está cerca, que la oración es necesaria y que la paz reinará. En el Evangelio, Juan Bautista anuncia la buena nueva de la venida del Señor. Advierte a los responsables de cuidar nuestras fronteras que lo hagan con justicia y generosidad. Así que, según san Juan, para quienes esperan la venida del Señor es una buena nueva y causa de alegría. Mantengamos la confianza de nuestra campaña por una reforma comprensiva de inmigración. Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, prepararse para la venida del Señor quiere decir atender al necesitado y actuar con justicia. (Extractos de "Materiales de Adviento 2006" de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago).

Su amigo y servidor
Padre Jesús Camacho

During this Advent/Christmas season, the Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform (CCIR) would like your help in heightening the awareness of immigration. Since last year, CCIR has worked incessantly to educate the Catholic community on the benefits of immigration and immigrants, and seek immigration reform for the 12 million undocumented immigrants living in our country. With the recent passage of the Fence bill, which calls for the construction of a 700-mile fence between Mexico and the USA, we are challenged more than ever to continue with our task. As Cardinal Theodore McCarrick stated, ..."before we can change our laws we must also change attitudes, including those of many of our own flock." As we start the new liturgical year with Advent, we hope that immigration is a natural theme for the Advent season along with the arrival of light in the midst of darkness.

Readings: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18. Prophet Zephaniah gives a message of hope as he encourages Jerusalem to rejoice because salvation is near. God stands in her midst and will deliver her. Security will be restored and Jerusalem secured. There is no need of fear or discouragement. Security, peace and joy of the immigrants will find their source of divine presence taking up residence once more in the borders of this country. We need not fear, let us trust in the Lord. The presence of the Lord will bring transformation, with all judgment, enemies, misfortune and discouragement being banished. In place of these miseries, the Lord will bring joy, exultation and love. That is the good news to all of us because we are people of hope. As Christians we have a message of hope to so many people facing deportation, expulsion, discrimination from this country. Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because the Lord is near, that prayer is necessary and that the peace of God will reign. In the Gospel John the Baptist announces the good news with the coming of the Lord. He warns those responsible with the security of our borders to act with justice and generosity. Thus, according to John, all who look forward in hope, the coming of Jesus is good news and the cause for our rejoicing. Let us keep up the hope for our campaign on immigration comprehensive reform. My brothers and sisters in Christ, preparing for the Lord means caring for the needy and acting with justice. (Excerpts from "2006 Advent Materials," Archdiocese of Chicago).

Your friend and servant,
Padre Jesús Camacho



SUNDAY READINGS December 17th

First Reading:	Zep 3:14-18a
Responsorial Psalm:	Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Second Reading:	Phil 4:4-7
Gospel Reading:	Lk 3:10-18

Scripture Readings December 18th – December 25th

MON.	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
TUE.	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
WED.	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
THU.	Sgs 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
FRI.	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
SAT.	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
SUN.	Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Contributions:	
December 9 th & 10 th :	\$8,337.00
Last Year:	\$7,968.85
Current Standing of St. Mary's Building Campaign:	
Total Needed for Church Renovation:	\$3,000,000
Less – Cash in Savings (Nov. 30, 2006)	\$1,293,651
Includes Nov., 2006, Donations	\$29,684
Includes Nov., 2006, Expenses	\$43,373
Less – Pledges Remaining To Be Paid	\$402,047
Less - Paid Construction Costs to Date	\$58,520
= Remaining to be Raised	\$1,245,782

ACE-TV News...Workshops in Sacraments (Tom Vitrano) and the Book of Revelation (Fr. Hugh) begin in January; info on the website, www.AdultCatholicEd.org.

Interfaith Sanctuary is a collaboration of people of faith and conscience who have joined together to shelter individuals who are experiencing homelessness. Last winter, shelter was provided to over different 300 people. This year we are averaging 65-70 individuals per night. There are numerous ways people can show their support of Interfaith Sanctuary's efforts on behalf of the homeless: donate supplies (instant soups that come in bowls, packets of hot chocolate, snacks, hot cups, toilet paper, cookies/baked goods, socks, gloves, personal hygiene items, etc.); volunteer at the shelter (info@interfaithvolunteercenter.org); financial gifts (checks can be mailed to The Interfaith Alliance, PO Box 15893, Boise, ID. 83715 – specify Sanctuary Account). For more information, call Marcie at Catholic Charities of Idaho (345-6031).



Christmas Wish List...

In this season of giving, Birthright of Boise needs your help. They are currently in need of the following: crib size blankets, winter baby clothes (up to 12 mos.), and money for advertising. If you can help, please contact them at 342-1898 or stop by their office near St. Mary's at 1101 N. 28th. Thank you. <http://birthright.org>

Please welcome Don Lieske (Saint Theresa's region) & Rod Jaskowiak (Saint Michael's region) to our Pastoral Council. I appreciate their willingness to serve on the Pastoral Council & I look forward to their participation in our meetings & activities over the coming years.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Your marriage is sacred and deserves renewal. Take the opportunity to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend February 23 – 25, 2007, at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, ID. To register contact Greg and Jessica Haas at:

registration@wwmesnakeriver.org or call 208-378-6851.

CALENDAR – CALENDARIO

Sun., Dec. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookies for the New Church Sale! After 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses (Gym) • 7:30 p.m., Divine Liturgy (Byzantine Rite) (Church)
Tues., Dec. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 p.m., Legion of Mary (Rm. C) • 7 p.m., Special Mass for those who celebrated First Communion and/or Confirmation at St. Mary's
Wed., Dec. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 a.m., Student Mass • 7 p.m., Parish Pastoral Council (Buffalo Rm.) • 7 p.m., Comité Hispano de Santa Maria (gimnasio)
Thurs., Dec. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 p.m., Tom Sheehan's Christmas Party for Children (Gym) • 6:30 p.m., Bob's Choir Practice • 7 p.m., RCIA (Rm. B)
Fri., Dec. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Office Closed • 12 p.m., Centering Prayer (Church) • 8 p.m., Prebautismales (salón b)
Sat., Dec. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 a.m., Bautizos (iglesia) • 11 a.m., Al Anon (Rm. A) • 2 p.m., Quinceañera • 5 p.m., Mass • 7 p.m., Misa
Sun. Dec. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 p.m., Family Christmas Mass • 12 a.m., Christmas Midnight Mass

CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP

Spiritual gifts and family life: Parents are called to stand in the place of God in their families. What many parents don't realize is that they have been specially equipped to do so, in part by the sacramental graces of marriage and in part by gifts of the Holy Spirit given to all Christians at Baptism. How can you discern the gifts that God has given you for the sake of your family? How can you help to discern the gifts God has given to your children?

Coming to Sacred Heart on January 26 & 27 will be a two-day program, the Called & Gifted

Workshop that will teach about the gifts of the Holy Spirit that all Christians have been given and that are already at work in our lives. Call Carol at Sacred Heart (344-8311) for more information. Register by e-mail at

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cmcgee@sacredheartboise.org. Registration forms are in the Parish Office and Church Narthex.



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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES IN SPANISH

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

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>.

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.

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.

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 7, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Bishop Kelly High School 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 or children 6-10 yrs old, or \$30.00 per family. Children 5 and under are free. Plan to attend this fun family event!

Bishop Kelly High School has an opening for a bus driver morning/afternoon routes, approximately 2-3 hours per day. Start date will be 1/2/07. A CDL license is required. Send letter of intent and resume to Bishop Kelly High School, 7009 Franklin Road, Bois, Idaho 83709.

PLATICAS PREBAUTISMALES

Las próximas juntas prebautismales se llevarán acabo el 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

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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 **Tom Heffner (Allstate)**. See Ad, back page.