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PASTORS' PAGE

From the Pastor:

This is the bulletin for both the 4th Sunday of Advent and for Christmas. I am filled with thanks for all the people who made this Advent so special, especially those who worked on the special Masses for the celebrations of the sacraments here in our parish church.

I give special thanks for Father Jesus Camacho and Father Arnold Miller who have done such a wonderful job this past year. I thank our deacons, Bill Petzak and Francis Hess, without whose guidance, presence and hard work the parish would not be what it is today. I thank my staff, Marisela Baca, John and Nancy Krueger, Meg Lawless, and the many volunteers who help them at the office for doing such a great job. I thank Isabell Yale and all of those who work so hard on one of the jewels in our crown, the Food Bank. I thank Marianne White, Bob Chapman, the school staff, teachers, students, parents, and the School Governing Board for giving us and giving Boise one of the finest schools to be found anywhere.

I thank all of those involved in religious education at all levels and in both languages. The amount of work they do is only known by God and God will reward it in abundance.

I want to thank the lectors, servers, Karen Kelsch, Bob Parsley, musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and the Liturgy Committee for all they have done and continue to do to help us pray better. I thank the Parish Pastoral Council, the study group putting together the new Development and Finance Council, and all the other committees and boards of the parish.

In a special way I thank and give praise to God for our Hispanic Community and all the gifts they continue to share as part of the Saint Mary's family. God blessed us greatly when he decided that the Hispanic Parish for the city would be ours.

Thanks to all of those who have been working on the efforts for the renovation of the church and a new school. It has been a long hard road, but we are very close to our first great success. I thank Clay Neesham and all of those who have worked with him on the raising of money. I thank our great architects, especially Art Albanese, Mike Simmons, John Kvapil and Phil Dosser who are providing us with such beautiful plans.

Most of all I thank God for you the parishioners of Saint Mary's. This has been a very hard year for me because of my health. But by your prayers and encouragement I am getting better and you will be seeing much more of me in the year to come. It is an honor to be the pastor of Saint Mary's.

God's peace to all, and Merry Christmas.

Peace,
Fr. Tom Faucher, Pastor

Hace algunos años, en una de las clases de preparación a la Primera Comunión, pregunté a los niños qué harían si les pidieran que prepararan todo para el nacimiento del Hijo de Dios en la tierra. Palabras más palabras menos, respondieron que primero escogerían a la mujer más rica y bonita para que fuera la mamá; al hombre más importante e influyente para que fuera el papá; la casa más grande y más lujosa para que naciera; una cuna preciosa, de seda y los pañales más finos y perfumados; llamarían a todos los periódicos y canales de televisión para que estuvieran presentes, etc. etc. No cabe duda de que los caminos de Dios no son nuestros caminos y la manera de pensar de Dios es infinitamente diferente de la nuestra (Is 55,8-9). El Hijo de Dios se hizo un niño en una sociedad donde los niños no importaban. Nació en un lugar casi desconocido, no en una cuna sino en un pesebre; no en una casa sino en un establo; no frente a las cámaras de televisión sino frente a unos animales; no de una mujer rica y de un padre importante sino de una jovencita desconocida y humilde y del misterio del Dios omnipotente. ¡Un Niño nos ha nacido! ¡Un Niño se nos ha dado! Recostado sobre las pajas de un pesebre se encuentra el Salvador del mundo. ¡Qué caminos tan maravillosos como misteriosos los de nuestro Dios! ¡Feliz Navidad!

Su amigo y servidor
Padre Jesús Camacho

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SUNDAY READINGS

December 24th

First Reading:	Mi 5:1-4a
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Second Reading:	Heb 10:5-10
Gospel Reading:	Lk 1:39-45

Scripture Readings

December 25th – December 31st

MON.	Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
TUE.	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
WED.	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
THU.	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18
FRI.	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
SAT.	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
SUN.	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

FINANCIAL NEWS

Contributions:	
December 16 th & 17 th :	\$7,832.00
Last Year:	\$7,339.00
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

In this season of Boise needs your



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giving, Birthright of 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>

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.



St. Mary's Parish Office will be closed December 22nd through January 1st. We will pick up the mail during the week and deposit any money that applies to the 2006 tax year.

CALENDAR – CALENDARIO

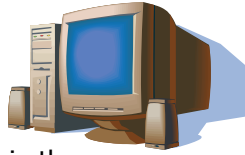
Sun., Dec. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 p.m., Family Christmas Mass • 12 a.m., Christmas Midnight Mass
Mon., Dec. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 a.m., Christmas Mass • 12:30 p.m., Misa de Navidad
Tues., Dec. 26	Parish Office Closed
Wed., Dec. 27	Parish Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 p.m., RCIA (Rm. D)
Thurs., Dec. 28	Parish Office Closed
Fri., Dec. 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Office Closed • 12 p.m., Centering Prayer (Church) • 7 p.m., Stephenson/Smith Wedding
Sat., Dec. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 a.m., Al Anon (Rm. A) • 11:30 a.m., Timothy Michael Arendt Baptism • 2:30 p.m., Morgan/ Maynard Wedding
Sun. Dec. 31	Feast of the Holy Family Regular Mass Schedule
Mon. Jan. 1	10 a.m., Mass

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VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR DATA INPUT



St. Mary's Food Bank needs a volunteer to enter client information in the Food Bank database (software and training will be provided). The work can be done at the Food Bank, or on your own computer.

If you enjoy using a computer, and have approximately an hour and a half a week to volunteer, please call Isabell Yale at 850-6818. This is an ideal volunteer opportunity for someone who would like to work at home.

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

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.

ARE YOU PART OF THE "IN" CROWD YET?

Hey, senior-high youth, you're not fully "in" until you've been fully initiated! Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation into the Christian life. Through confirmation, one "confirms" his or her baptism and is particularly empowered by the Holy Spirit to mature in faith and defend that faith in the world. Learn what you believe,

why you believe it and be empowered to live for Christ! Senior-high youths who have not been confirmed are urged to contact Gene Fadness (890-2712) or Mike and Sharon Burke (389-9663). Classes are scheduled to begin on Jan. 7 at St. Mary's. See you there!



We would like to thank everyone who made cookies to sell at last Sunday's coffee hours. This month we made \$427 to add to the building fund. The "Cookie Lady" and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

The guests and workers of Corpus Christi House wish to thank the St. Mary's Catholic Community for their generous donations on "Undie Sunday." We have been using these gifts to bring comfort into the lives of our guests. God grant you the graces that you need to continue serving the least of his loved ones. Henry Krewer

Thanks to all those who assisted in cleaning the church for this special advent season. The pews and kneelers were cleaned and the floor cleaned and waxed. Also many of the song books have been repaired and cleaned.

CREANDO UN AMBIENTE SEGURO EN ESPAÑOL

Empleados que necesitan 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.

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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.

SAVE THE DATE!!! –

Capstone Missions will be having their 2nd Annual Crab Feast and Silent Auction at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome, ID on February 2, 2007. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 pm followed by a fabulous dinner from 7-9 pm. The evening will be filled with great food, raffle, and silent auction, all to support a great cause. To purchase tickets, contact Molly Bullock at 208-938-5909 or Carol Brown at 208-658-4491 or they will be available at the door. For more information on Capstone Missions, visit our website at www.capstonemissions.org.

RENOVATION UPDATES

- A town hall meeting for our neighbors was successfully conducted on December 18th. This is a requirement of acquiring a building permit.
- All soil test and sight surveys have been completed.
- Preliminary meeting conducted with the Boise Planning and Zoning group was held on December 14th.
- Still searching for a temporary location for the Food Bank while we're under construction.
- We've received lots of interest in acquiring the Rectory but no one has submitted a proposal.
- We are working with the architects to get everything ready to submit to the City for a conditional use permit; the meeting is scheduled for February 5th.
- We will, along with our architects and builder, be attending the next Building Commission meeting in January for final approval on the Design and Development phase of our project.

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.



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 **Dominos Pizza**. See Ad, back page.