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Peg Wuelfing 338-6535

Bishop Kelly Rep/Representante

Bryan Smith..... 853-0909

Building Committee/Comité de Reconstrucción

Bill Clayton 250-7547

Catholic Charities/Caridades Católicas

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Bob Parsley 703-2568

Juan Moreno 378-0415

Benny Garcia 343-8186

Development and Finance Council/Consejo de Desarrollo y Finanzas

Roy Schiele..... 385-9364

Keith Pettyjohn 336-6456

Don Lieske 383-9065

Doug Siron 229-1955

Shirl Boyce 336-9567

Saul Huerta..... 891-2108

Food Bank/Banco de Comida

Isabell Yale..... 850-6818

Hispanic Community/Comunidad Hispana

Juan Jose Mena 703-4917

John J. Creegan Foundation/Fundación John J. Creegan

Cliff Yochum 342-5397

Knights of Columbus/Caballeros de Colón

Roland Krueger..... 336-1355

Liturgy/Liturgia

Catherine Petzak..... 658-8892

Magnificat/Revista Magnificat

Joanne Lechner 344-2782

Music Director/Director Musical

Jake Ineck 703-8313

Parish Events/Eventos Parroquiales

Marci Pape 388-3847

Susan Jones 342-1363

Parish Nursing/Enfermera Parroquial

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Prayer Network/Cadena de Oración

Lenora Brown 376-5446

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Monica Pittman 331-2989

St. Mary's Mothers/Mamás de Sta. María

Trisha Wieber 853-0796

St. Mary's School Governing Board

Bryan Smith..... 853-0909

St. Mary's School P.T.O/ Escuela de Sta. María

Mike Pape 388-3847

Small Church Communities/Pequeñas comunidades de base

Mary Johnson 853-8136

Social Action/Acción Social

Bob Parsley 703-2568

Stephen Ministry/Ministerio de Esteban

Darcy Amburn..... 342-2988

Linda Leonard..... 336-8773

West Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women

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St. Francis.....	Toni Post	378-0446
St. Joan	Genie Calkins	331-7941
St. Juan Diego.....	Frank Casabonne ..	939-6706
St. Michael.....	Rod Jaskowskiak....	385-9893
St. Theresa	John Kralovec	385-7290
St. Sylvester.....	Belva Kerstetter ...	853-0946
St. Winefride.....	Deene Malone.....	375-7412

HISPANIC COMMITTEE/COMITE HISPANO

Coordinator/Coordinador

Juan Jose Mena..... 703-4917

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Alfredo Garibay 371-1612

Secretary/Secretaria

Tere Hernández..... 841-7490



Scripture Readings

February 15—February 21

SUN.	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45
MON.	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
TUES.	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
WED.	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
THURS.	Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
FRI.	Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1
SAT.	Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

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From the Pastor:

In early December I sent a letter out to all the parish about the finances of the parish. It is time for me to make some additional and updated comments on that subject.

When I first arrived at Saint Mary's as pastor, I said that it was not my intention or my style of being a pastor to speak often, if ever, from the pulpit about money. I said then, and I repeat now, that my way of being a pastor is to treat the community as adults. This means simply stating how the parish finances are doing and trust that the people of the parish will respond as needed. This has been a very successful plan so far, and I think it will continue to be so.

In that spirit, I would like to comment on the four main funds of the parish: The General Fund, The Building Fund, Saint Mary's School, and Saint Mary's Food Bank. I would remind all of us that we operate in a fiscal year that runs from July 1 to June 30.

1. For the past few years, our General Fund has run a deficit which has been picked up by our savings. Our original hope was that this year we would turn the page and begin to operate totally in the black. Unfortunately, the economic state of the nation has made this impossible. This creates many problems, as you can imagine.

Saint Mary's operates with the smallest staff of any parish in the area. We have two full-time lay paid employees on the staff and three part-time employees (although all of them work much more than their hours require.) We have two unpaid deacons, both of whom have health problems. We have one priest who is a full-time prison chaplain and also helps at Saint Mary's, and two priests, both of whom are listed as not full time for health reasons. Considering all of that I think we do well.

I am looking at ways to trim our personnel budget. The only way to do that is to increase our volunteers. We need more people to volunteer to work in the parish office and work on special parish projects. What I would also like to find is someone who would be willing to become the "Volunteer Coordinator" for the parish. Please call the office if you can help in any of these ways.

There is really no discretionary spending in our budget. Almost all of our costs are set by the circumstances we live in. Over a quarter of our income goes to subsidize Saint Mary's School and Bishop Kelly High School. The remainder of our costs are for religious education and utilities and other essential services.

Having said all of that, we are looking at a deficit of about \$40,000 this year or possibly even more in the General Fund.

2. The construction of our new church was under budget and ahead of schedule. That is the good news as is the fact that the people of the parish have been wonderful in paying the pledges they made during the financial campaign. The bad news is we had hoped to sell the land we own on Bogart Lane, and we cannot do so in this economic environment. We will have a debt, but at this time we do not know how much. We are also working with the diocese about the interest on our loan.

I want to add that Mr. Patrick Crisler, the Diocesan Finance Officer, and the Diocesan Finance Council have been very helpful and supportive as we have worked on the church and continue to be as we work on the parish debt.

3. Saint Mary's School has worked very hard to deal with the economic downturn. There are families who can no longer afford to send their children to a private Catholic school, but Saint Mary's has found ways to give these families scholarships. There are many things which continue to need to be done for the finances of the school to remain stable, but they are being done. Saint Mary's School needs more money.

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On behalf of the St. Mary's School PTO, I'd like to thank everyone who supported the School by attending last week's annual Breakfast; because of all of you, it was a tremendous success and the Scholarship and Computer Technology Programs at the School benefitted greatly.

I need to thank Albertson's/Supervalu Stores for generously donating everything we needed-until they very graciously offered to provide ALL of our supplies, our annual Breakfast was in jeopardy. Thank you again, Albertson's!!

Thanks again to the Eagle Fire Dept. for loaning us the use of their griddles, thereby saving us the expense of renting some. Please remember these brave firefighters in your prayers.

I want to thank Mike & Sharon Clawson, Brandon & Justin Smith, Joe Mallet, Rhonda & Loren Jalbert, Elaine & John Davis, Bryan Smith, and Fr. Faucher, for all of their help.

As always, my terrific crew of volunteers made everything run smoothly. Thank you all; your willingness to do whatever I asked of you is very greatly appreciated. I want to especially thank those of you who had already fulfilled your service requirements, yet still came down to help out-this is what St. Mary's is all about.

Sam Murano,
Chairman-PTO Breakfast
St. Mary's School

STATIONS IN 2009

Place: Monastery of St. Gertrude
Date/Time: February 27 – March 1, 2009; **Fri.**
7:30 pm - Sun. 1:30 p.m.
Presenter: Meg Sass, OSB

As we struggle with suffering and darkness in our lives, we encounter the same people and circumstances that Jesus met on his journey to Calvary. A contemplative reflection on the prayer of the Stations of the Cross for today. Bring your Bible. Suggested donation: \$160 (single) or \$210 (shared).
For more info or to register: call 208-962-2000 or retreat@stgertrudes.org

FAITH & FICTION:

Doubt-The Play by John Patrick Shanley--will be discussed on Tuesday, February 17th—10-11:30 a.m. Our Lady of the Rosary and Moxie Java Chinden & 50th street same day: 7-8:30 p.m. New comers welcome. For more information call Genie at 331-7941.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



"When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize." Do we value the prize we have in our spouse enough to take time to enjoy it?

Dates: Boise: May 1-3
Spokane: Apr 3-5

Call Jessica and Greg; info or registration 208-378-6851 or registration@wwmesnakeriver.org

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.**

Gy. Sgt. Jason Anton	Marine Corps
Staff Sgt. John G. Carmonne Jr.	Marine Corps
Tech. Sgt. Cameron C. Beck	Air Force Nat'l Guard
Staff Sgt. Carri J. Beck	Air Force Nat'l Guard
Major Grant S. Fawcett	U.S. Army
Capt. James Corrigan	U.S. Air Force
Captain John R. Fawcett	U.S. Army
Major Marne Suttan Fawcett	U.S. Army
PFC Andrew E. Friton	U.S. Army
Staff Sgt. Amber Hansen	U. S. Army
Captain Tom Hitt	Air Force Nat'l Guard
Sgt. Benjamin Lee	U.S. Army
FC6 Christopher Mais	U.S. Navy
Lt. Col. William McQuade	U.S. Army
PV2 Ashley Peachey	U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Gregory W. Smith	U.S. Army
Spec. Adam Schumacher	Army Nat'l Guard
Spec. James Schumacher	Army Nat'l Guard
Corporal Jake Thacker	Marine Corps
Lt. Bernadette Tavelli	U.S. Air Force
Sgt. Shawn Michael White	U. S. Army

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SACRED HEART PRE-SCHOOL - Registration begins February 2nd

Our program will offer your child a chance to grow spiritually, academically and socially. We will provide a stimulating, positive, Christian environment, and provide opportunities to develop a positive self- image, encourage independent thinking, and develop problem-solving skills. We will stimulate interest in the natural world, encourage creativity and give and receive sincere affection.

Our 4-Day program, MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 8:30-11:00, is for children who will be age 4 by September 1, 2009.

Our tuition is \$250.00 monthly plus a \$75.00 Registration/Materials fee. When registering, it is necessary to have your child's birth certificate and current immunization records.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the school. Our number is 344-9738. We look forward to welcoming your child to Sacred Heart Pre-School.

Retiro para mujeres: Vestida en Virtud, Adornada en Gracia en el Nazareth Retreat Center, sábado 14 de marzo, 2009, 9am-4:30pm. Costo: \$25 antes del 7 de marzo; \$35 después del 7 de marzo o en la puerta. El costo incluye el almuerzo y todo material.

¡Nuestros antepasados en la fe nos hablan hoy! Entre las historias de escritura y compartiendo nuestros pensamientos del texto...entre la reflexión silenciosa y meditación guiada...entre la música, movimiento y oración, participantes tendrán la oportunidad de explorar la presencia y verdad de Dios en sus propias vidas examinando las historias del antiguo testamento de Eva, Judit, Ester y Ruth.

Inscripción de antipacion es recomendada. Lo sentimos, pero no abra cuidado de niños. Para mas informes o para hacer su reservación, favor de llamar a Marta Navarro (331-2756) o Patricia Guerrero (345-8894).