

Magnificat

*My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.*

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WE WALK BY FAITH INTO THE DIACONATE GENE & SHARRON FADNESS



I'm thankful to have been asked to write the journey Sharron and I are on toward possible ordination to the Diaconate. I'm thankful because it gives me an opportunity to thank God's people at Saint Mary's Parish for their prayerful support. Saint Mary's Parish also pays a portion of my tuition through the four-year Servant School program, and I also wish to thank you for that.

As I write this, we have just completed a ceremony with Bishop Michael Driscoll where seven other men and I were accepted into Candidacy for ordination, which is the step one takes just before the second year of studies. Another group of men were

accepted as Lectors, the step taken at the beginning of the third year of formation.

During this special Mass on Saturday, Aug. 28, the Gospel reading was from the 25th Chapter of Saint Matthew, the parable of the servants who were given talents. The parable is most appropriate for those seeking to serve God and the church, so much so that I originally thought that this was a special reading chosen specifically for this Mass. But, no, this was the reading for the worldwide church for that day. And it sums up, perhaps more than any other passage of Scripture, a major reason behind our decision to pursue serving the church and God's people in this way. Everyone -- every ONE -- has been graced with natural talents. Why have we been given them and what are we to do with them? Permit me to briefly go WAY back in time.

In high school, I was envious of the kids who could handle a basketball, a football, a baseball bat, with ease. Athleticism came naturally to some of these kids. Yet, I struggled even though I loved sports. And then there were the kids who were musical. I tried that, too. Boys' choir and piano lessons. Nope, not musical.

A teacher and coach, knowing how much I loved sports, asked if I would keep the game books and shot charts for the basketball team. When the game was over I was to call in the statistics to the sports desk of the newspaper and they would write the game story. The next day, when I would read the newspaper's recount of the game, I was more than once frustrated at the way it was reported. I asked the sports editor if I could write the article instead of submitting just the statistics. He agreed and, I must admit, he was amazed at the result.

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Thus, began a career in journalism. Finally, something that came easy to me! But even those graced with talents must cooperate with God to become even better in those areas where we've been gifted. The writing evolved, from writing about games to news and eventually using my writing skills to share my new-found faith. Those essays turned into public speaking engagements and later into communion service homilies and even eulogies at family funerals. God was helping me to use the gifts He gave me to help others.

A few years ago, Saint Mary's along with other parishes in the valley, participated in the diocese's "Called By Name," program where parishioners submitted names of people we believed God was equipping to fill certain ministries or positions. A number of people said I should consider the diaconate. Sharron and I considered it and prayed about it. Wives are an equal part of the decision-making and later participate with their husbands in ministry. We decided not to pursue it at that time, but to continue praying and seeking over the next year.

During that year, I thought a lot about how much I've been blessed by God. One of the greatest blessings was going with Sharron to the Good Samaritan Home to take the Eucharist and conduct a communion service. I also was teaching confirmation for a second year at St. Mary's. In both of these instances, the greatest reward came from the residents of the nursing home and some of the teen-agers at confirmation. There's nothing quite like holding the hand and praying with a woman hours before her death. And there's nothing quite like a young person telling you his faith in God and in the church has been enriched by our sharing.

Certainly one can do all these things without being ordained. But, up to this point anyway, I continue to feel that God is asking my wife and me to take this extra step. Whether I am ultimately ordained remains in God's hands. The classroom experience, the papers, my internship at the women's prison south of Boise, my mentoring group and the guidance I have received from my spiritual director have made this experience extremely worthwhile no matter the outcome. This experience will help me to better use the talents God has given me in whatever way He sees fit.

I am extremely grateful to my faith-filled wife who has been such a support to me. During the first year of the program, wives must take the same classes and do the same reading and writing their husbands do. This was a huge leap of faith for Sharron, but she succeeded magnificently. I was the one up late at night trying to get my homework done on time while she was upstairs asleep, already having completed her assignments.

I'm also thankful to the Diocese of Boise, Bishop Driscoll, our Servant School director, Deacon Richard Kulleck, and the Saint Mary's pastoral staff for their support. I would encourage any couples or single men at Saint Mary's who feel they may be called to this ministry to pray about those promptings and speak with Deacon Kulleck.

We all have gifts. They are truly gifts; talents that have been graced to us to be used for blessing the lives of others. Don't bury your talent! And thank you for helping me not to bury mine.

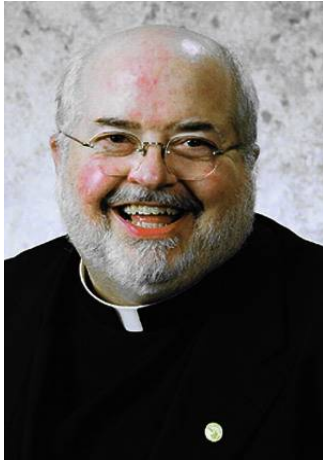
MUSIC MINISTRY INVITATION

By Patty Gabica Haas



Saint Mary's Music Ministry is gearing up for our new season. We are fortunate to have two wonderful choirs serving in our parish. The "traditional" choir serves at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday liturgy. Rehearsals are each Thursday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Our "contemporary" choir serves during the 10:45 a.m. Sunday liturgy. Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Both choirs are open to interested persons of high school age and up. Bishop Kelly students can participate and earn community service hours for their participation. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, please contact Patty Gabica Haas at abeslari@cablone.net or by phone at 322-7010.

PEOPLE WHO ARE SAINT MARY'S: FATHER DENNIS DAY



I like to say I was born in a small town in southwestern Idaho, Boise, at Saint Alphonsus Hospital as was my father before me. I was born on the first of June. My parents were Fred and Ethel Clare Day. I have a younger sister, Molly Kimmel, who lives in Spokane.

Saint Mary's was my grade school from 1956 – 1964. As a child I just did regular stuff and my favorite memories are all about summer.

I always wanted to be a priest since before I went to grade school. Don't remember a time when I didn't want to be a priest. Oh, I wanted to be other things too (a fireman-priest, a pilot-priest, a scientist-priest) but being a priest was always part of it. I knew that my parents encouraged me and that they would be proud and happy for me to become a priest. My home and my parents were probably the major motivating factor in my becoming a priest. And it made life easy. When you have a life goal like that, you do the things that help achieve that goal and avoid the things that don't.

I was ordained at Saint Mary's on June 2, 1976, the only one to be ordained for the Diocese of Boise that year.

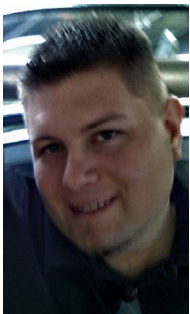
The retreat before my ordination was particularly memorable. It really helped prepare me for my priestly ministry. Bishop Treinen *made* me go to it. He was a pretty wise bishop.

What did you most enjoy about Saint Mary's? My school days and the Benedictine sisters during my growing up years were enjoyable. The sisters were wonderfully committed women and a real inspiration!

What has been most difficult as a priest in the Diocese of Boise? Getting it all done!

Come visit me in Sandpoint! See Saint Joseph's, our new church here. It's only about 500 miles due north of Saint Mary's.

Please Welcome Andrew Jones, Saint Mary's New Math and Science Teacher!



Beginning this fall, there will be a new face in the Saint. Mary's School teaching crowd. Andrew (Drew) Jones will be joining our school as the new 8th grade homeroom and Algebra and Science teacher. We feel truly blessed to have found Mr. Jones. God was truly at work helping find the perfect candidate. Principal Marianne White said her ideal teaching candidate would have a strong Math and Science background, be a unique presence for the upper grades and have a lot of enthusiasm. Not only does Mr. Jones possess all those qualities, his life connects to our school in such a wonderful way!

Andrew Jones is an Alumni of Saint Mary's school. He attended Sacred Heart and then moved to Saint Mary's for 7th and 8th grade. But it gets even better. His grandmother, Charlene Childers (Thatcher) was a student at Saint Mary's the first year the school opened. Andrew, his brother Nic and his mother are also Bishop Kelly graduates. And on the day Andrew received the call from Saint Mary's offering him the teaching position, he was at lunch with his Grandmother, talk about a tearful, joyful moment!

Mr. Jones has a Bachelor's of Science in Multi-Disciplinary Studies with a Minor in Geology from Eastern Oregon University (but he is a serious BSU fan). Please welcome Mr. Jones to our school community. We know his talents will bring wonderful opportunities for our students and school!

"This is not just what I went to school for, but it is what I have been waiting for. It feels good to be back. It feels right." Drew Jones



St. Mary's Parish School

B O I S E, I D A H O

ANNUAL SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL REVIEW 2009 - 2010 Part I

By Marianne White, Principal

Catholic Identity

Saint Mary's School is a place where students, staff, parents, and the church community live their days as Christians who love Jesus. We model ourselves after Christ's disciples through prayer, kind deeds, loving words, and hard work. We are blessed to be able to begin our day with prayer. Before the teachers greet their students, they gather around the statue of the Blessed Mother to offer prayers of praise as well as taking the opportunity to pray for their families, students, and the larger Saint Mary's community. The teachers then join their students and parents to pray together through song before beginning the school day. Saint Mary's students demonstrate their commitment to their faith by planning and participating in our weekly school mass and designating the type of offertory gifts that will be shared (time, treasure, food bank, Corpus Christi House, etc.). As an example of how students live their faith, they have participated in helping the larger Boise community by gathering blankets for the homeless, raking leaves for neighbors, donating mittens to underprivileged children, and raising money for the Haitian Relief Fund. Every Saint Mary's class "adopts" a Homebound Friend from the community to pray for, send cards to, and visit throughout the school year. We then honor our "friends" with a special Mass and luncheon at the end of the school year.

Stewardship

Last year Saint Mary's School focused on Stewardship activities. As a school we hosted numerous stewardship opportunities, within our parish, the Treasure Valley, and throughout the world.

- Haiti Earthquake fund drive, student generated, netted \$500 for Food for the Poor.
- Salt and Light Radio Donation
- Penny war to support Year of the Priests, donation given to John Vianney Society, for Seminarian supplies.
- Rake up Boise, Saint Mary's School students, staff, and parents participated, note this activity was completed on a snowy day in October.
- Glove drive for Corpus Christi House
- Blanket drive for Sanctuary House resulting in 75 blankets.
- Monthly donations of canned food were collected for the St. Mary's Food Bank.
- Monthly donations of personal items were collected for Corpus Christi House.

Stanford University's EPGY St. Mary's Educational Partnership

Stanford University's Education Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY) in conjunction with Saint Mary's School offers online courses in mathematics and language arts for elementary, and middle school students. These courses have grown from over 40 years of research at Stanford University. In addition, the mathematics course has fully-differentiated curriculum models suitable for gifted students.

The course provides students with an individualized learning experience optimized to their rates of learning. Using a sophisticated motion system, the software takes students who demonstrate ready mastery quickly through each concept. Since each student works at his or her own pace and level of understanding, each student can be challenged to improve. Over time, students solidify their understanding of mathematical concepts and increase their ability to solve problems.

Features of the course contributing to student success include:

- Active learning that keeps students engaged in the course material
- Differentiated instruction to accommodate individual differences
- Efficient instruction leading to a high number of exercises completed each session

- Continual review and assessment that identifies and addresses gaps in student understanding
- Concept-by-concept presentation of instruction to encourage student focus and attention to detail.

The EPGY Course Sequence makes it possible for St. Mary's School to extend our differentiated curriculum to meet the educational needs of our most advanced students.

During the 2009-2010 school year, Saint Mary's fully implemented this program for our students. A total of 29 students (the limit is 30) participated in Mathematics and Language Arts & Writing course offerings. These courses were offered before school in the Technology lab with a proctor. Participating students ranged from Kindergarten to 8th graders.

Spring MAP scores for those participating students showed marked improvement in the course area, with the majority of students exceeding their MAP goals for the year.

Saint Mary's School Marketing

Saint Mary's School's capacity for enrollment is approximately 254 students. Throughout the past years there has been a drop in enrollment. There are varying reasons for the decrease in enrollment. The reality is that Catholic schools must adapt and evolve in order to remain open and successful. The traditional methods for driving enrollment and ensuring retention no longer apply.

While there are varying factors contributing to the decreased enrollment including an influx of private and charter schools in the community; and the devastating economic conditions, it was imperative that Saint Mary's School develop a formal Marketing plan to ensure the school is clearly positioned and more visible within the community, be clearly identifiable for the strengths that set it apart from the other Catholic and private schools, have the primary communication vehicles executed in the most professional and comprehensive manner possible, and focus on the **key** strategies and tactics that have an impact today on enrollment and our current student's growth and development.

A donation from the Creegan Foundation allowed us to hire a Marketing Director for the period of ten months. With this donation, a formal marketing program was launched in November 2009 specifically to address enrollment. The marketing program included employing a marketing director and developing a comprehensive strategic plan.

Marketing Results to date

Open House brought 22+ people. Resulted in 4 new enrollments to date.

School inquiries are currently strong.

Fundamentals put in place:

- New website created.
- Ads, Open Houses, Collateral developed and implemented
- Direct Mail created.
- Updated registration packets for more uniform look and ease of use

General school image is positive based on feedback from parents, some teachers and others in community.

ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE

COOKIE LADIES COMING TO SCHOOL

Rita Brilz, head cookie baker for our parish, called Marianne White, principal. Rita decided that the cookie sales this year will be donated to Saint Mary's School saying, "I specifically earmarked these funds toward the Saint Mary's School Scholarship fund!" she said.

This is terrific news. I hope when you see the Cookie folks in the back of the church that you support their endeavors. In addition, if YOU are a baker, the cookie folks could use cookie donations because they often sell out.





RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST ABORTION HEALING WEEKEND RETREAT

"...the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the suffering and afflicted. He has sent me to comfort the broken hearted." Isaiah 61:1

What is Rachel's Vineyard?

A referral service sponsored by Catholic Charities of Idaho, 1501 Federal Way, is available for you or a friend if hurting from an abortion. Confidential healing help is available by a toll free hotline, 1- 866-7495. Also see www.HopeAfterAbortion.com. *Rachel's Vineyard* is open to anyone in need regardless of their faith background. Call to begin the healing process.

Identify Feelings

Without a doubt, abortion can be one of the most traumatic experiences in a person's life. Often with an abortion, it seemed the only solution at the time.

Feelings of sadness and confusion are common, not only for the woman who undergoes an abortion, but also for the man involved, relatives or friends. The pain of loss may be manifested in emotional or spiritual difficulties: anger, grief, anxiety, guilt, depression, nightmares, isolation, panic attacks, relationship difficulties, psychological numbing, preoccupation with becoming pregnant again, re-experiencing the abortion, sense of alienation from God and the Church.

Help Is Available

Rachel's Vineyard is here to reach out to those hurting emotionally and spiritually after involvement with abortion.

Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential hotline for you to talk with someone about your experience. If you desire, you may also have access to:

- A referral to a professional counselor specially trained in abortion issues
- A referral to a priest or minister, sensitive to your particular needs, who can assist you in spiritual healing
- On occasion, religious or other group events may be offered

BOISE HEALING WEEKEND RETREAT

If you have been wounded by the act of abortion...or someone dear to you has struggled with the spiritual and emotional aftermath of abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on our upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, November 5th-7th, at Nazareth Retreat Center in Boise, sponsored by Holy Apostles Catholic Church.

Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.

For more information, contact Gerry & Susan Guzman, 938-9797 or gsguzman@msn.com or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Return phone calls are handled with discretion.

CAPSTONE MISSION OCTOBER TRIP! **Building A Better Life for Tijuana Orphans & The Poor**

Capstone Missions will be traveling to Tijuana on October 23-30, 2010 for a mission trip.

We have a lot of projects and need many helping hands. If you have ever considered giving a week of your time in service to the Lord, this would be an excellent time to participate in an amazing experience.

If interested, please E-mail trips@capstonemissions.org or call 208-733-1187.

**SAINT MARY'S
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CONFIRMATION
CELEBRATIONS
2010**



**SAINT MARY'S PARISHONERS ARE INVITED TO
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November 5,6,7**



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CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY

<http://www.nacsdc.org/about/about.shtml>



Who We Are

Catholic Divorce Ministry is the ministry of the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics, Inc., working since 1974 to create a network of support for families experiencing separation and divorce. CDM speaks to the Church with the united, collective voice of separated and divorced Catholics. Through our Central Office, conferences, member groups, ministry leadership training, resources, and liaisons with church and civic organizations, CDM has substantially improved the entire family's experience of divorce by addressing the religious, emotional, financial, and parenting issues relative to separation, divorce, and remarriage. Because we're also a U.S. IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations and membership dues may be tax deductible.

What We Believe

We, the members of Catholic Divorce Ministry, North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics, reach out to our brothers and sisters and their families in the United States, Canada, and other countries, who experience the pain of separation and divorce.

We believe that the Church has a rich treasury of people, scripture, tradition, and pastoral ministry on which it can draw to serve its members whose marriages end in divorce. We strive to lay open this wealth and make known Christ's abundant love so that all who suffer from separation and divorce might experience healing, reconciliation, and new life.

We also recognize that separated and divorced people, through their vulnerability, suffering, courage, faithfulness, and patient endurance bear witness to Christ and his redeeming grace in the world. They are not mere recipients of the Church's compassion; they are, as well, ministers of that compassion.

What We Do

We dedicate ourselves to the following:

- To search out those who have left the Catholic Church because of separation or divorce, and those who are in irregular marriages following divorce, and to work toward their reconciliation
- To foster the spiritual and emotional recovery and development of those who separate, divorce, or remarry
- To promote the formation and continued development of local support groups and peer ministry
- To serve as a major resource to dioceses, parish clergy, and religious and lay leadership in the areas of divorce ministry training and distribution of publications
- To consult and maintain liaisons with organizations, individuals, and institutions whose purposes are similar to those of the NACSDC
- To welcome separated and divorced persons of other faiths who request our support
- To be a united voice to the Church on the needs of today's separated and divorced families.

History

The Early Years:

The Divorcing Person in a Responding Church

"Good Catholics don't get divorced." This simple statement is an accurate description of the spoken words and inner attitudes that were common in our church prior to the establishment and growth of the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics.

So great was the power of the above statement that thousands of divorcing Catholics were left with what they believe was their only one alternative - namely to slip quietly out of the Church, convinced that there was no point in turning to what had been once their "home" for support and practical assistance. While many may have asked themselves why the Christian community did not seem to care about their deep hurts, most were too hurt or too fearful of further rejection to approach those who might have offered pastoral care... *More information at http://www.nacsd.org/about/late_years.html*

The Later Years
A Responding Church Calls the Divorced Person to Leadership

The efforts of Father Jim Young, Paula Ripple Comin, the NACSDC Board of Directors, and numerous lay and religious leaders in the 1970's brought a dream of a divorcing person in peer-to-peer ministry to reality. By the early 1980's, support groups were established in most dioceses in the United States, Canada, Guam, and even as far away as Ireland, Australia, England, and New Zealand.

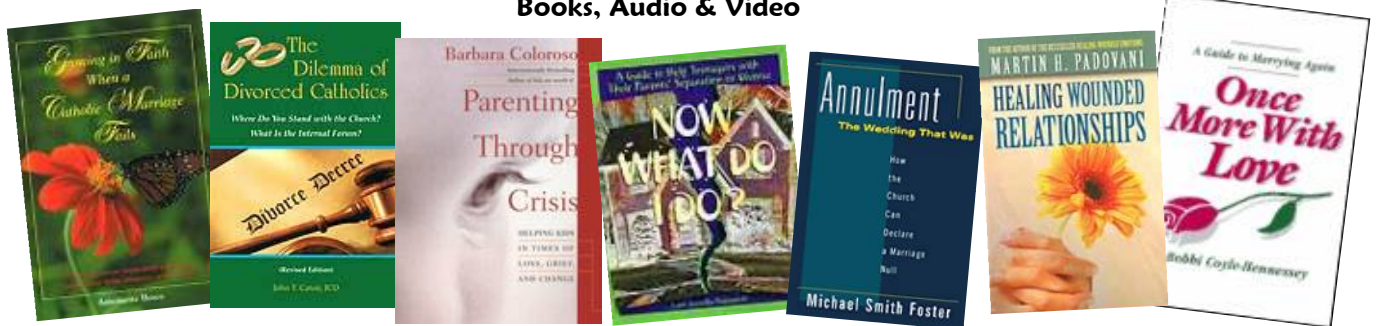
Simultaneously, leaders in the Church, including Bishops, parish staff, religious educators, Family Life personnel, and Tribunal staff were convening to address the needs and concerns of those experiencing separation and divorce. Nudges from enthused and informed laity prompted Bishops to write pastoral letters about the long overdue and much needed ministry to divorced Catholics, and to participate in special "homecoming" Masses and programs for those who felt "unchurched," alienated, excommunicated, or unwanted... *More information at http://www.nacsd.org/about/late_years.html*

The 1990s

The nineties found many families, parishes and dioceses experiencing financial concerns. As a result, many Family Life Offices were closing, much of the diocesan support diminishing. The divorce recovery ministries were the hardest hit. In the few dioceses that kept their Family Life Offices, the offices were given added tasks. This meant several ministries had to be eliminated or minimized. The Divorce Recovery groups once again felt abandoned by the church. As a result, the divorced individual found support locally, either in their own parish church or other local divorce recovery group... *More information at <http://www.nacsd.org>*

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PROMISE OF PENTECOST

By Elizabeth Fulgaro

**Friday, September 17th
&
Saturday, September 18th**



**Hosted at
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During Pope Benedict's visit to Portugal and the site of Fatima in May 2010, he spoke of a new need for evangelization. The world needs Jesus as almost never before. He encouraged all of us to adopt a more direct way of evangelizing in the largely secularized societies in which we live (this includes countries that used to be Christian which now may be Christian in name only but not according to their way of life.) He challenged Portugal to stop acquiescing in a kind of silent surrender as the Catholic faith is marginalized and even ridiculed. This is our challenge in the United States as well.

But before we march forward with good intentions we need to remember what Jesus' said to His disciples. Truly He gave them the great commission to go and make disciples of all men. (*Matt. 28:19*) However, He also cautioned them not to go forward with this mission until they had received the Holy Spirit from the Father. (*Acts 1:4-5*)

God is unchanging. If the disciples were to wait rejoicing until His power come upon them from on high, then so must we. If we ask Jesus, He will ask the Father to send more of His Spirit that He might guide us and empower us to do the evangelization work mandated for such a time as this.

Yes, we have received the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation. Indeed He lives in us. But just as the apostles received the Holy Spirit when Jesus breathed on them on the evening of His resurrection (*John 20:21-22*), they received more of the Holy Spirit, specifically power to accomplish the mission they had been given when they waited on Him and sought Him in the Upper Room. (*Acts 2:1-4*)

It is time for us to return as to the Upper Room and seek more of Him for the glorious work which lies ahead. We can do nothing without Him!

This September Boise will host a two-day event called "The Promise of Pentecost". It will facilitate pressing in for more of the Holy Spirit: become more aware of the movement of the Holy Spirit; learn to recognize how the Holy Spirit works in the life of the Church and in your personal life; discover what gifts the Holy Spirit has given you and how to use them; experience a deeper prayer life.

Come be part of "The Promise of Pentecost" as we seek more of Him, praise Him and wait as if in the Upper Room with others, expecting an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as His response.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. see, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.

For more information contact, Thersa Cordileone, treweb@cableone.net, (208) 345-1729.

The Promise of Pentecost



*Get ready for a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit!
 Become more aware of the movement of the Holy Spirit.
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 in the life of the Church and in your personal life.
 Discover which gifts the Holy Spirit has given YOU
 and how to use them.
 Experience a deeper prayer life.*

The *Promise of Pentecost* is a powerful **Holy Spirit Seminar** coming to Boise given by a team from the Diocese of Oakland (California), including retreat master and author Fr. Jim Sullivan. The Promise of Pentecost is for all those interested in growing in the faith and in the Holy Spirit and will be held at St. Paul's Student Center on the BSU campus September 17 and 18, 2010.

Schedule

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| Friday, September 17 | 6:30-7:00 PM | Registration |
| | 7:00-9:30 PM | Seminar |
| Saturday, September 18 | 8:30-9:00 AM | Gather, worship music |
| | 9:00 AM-12:30 PM | Seminar |
| | 12:30-2:00 PM | Lunch |
| | 2:00-4:30 PM | Seminar |
| | 4:45 PM | Mass & pot luck supper |

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PRAYER FOR HEALING OF SELF IMAGE

Dear Lord,

Touch your precious daughters and sons with your ever surrounding and engulfing grace to see themselves as you see them, loving and giving men and women with hearts of compassion. Compassion that comes from the heart of Jesus who loved us with such deep passion that He died on the cross for each of us. Had there been only one of us, had he or she been the only one, Jesus, you would have allowed and received the torment, scourging, rejection, terrorizing...death just for her or him to know life in Your holy name.

I ask that at this moment, you make Your presence within each one known so strongly that none can doubt it. Break the lie each carries, that of being of lesser value than others. Shatter it like a glass goblet fallen on a marble floor. Let each hear the sound of the total shattering. Grace each to claim the truth that that view of self is a lie inflicted upon each by the evil one who seeks to keep each from realizing their value to you just for who they are; the evil spirit that keeps each one from becoming all that Father has created them to be.

Lord, release the pain of carrying the thorniness of that lie. Let tears wash away every sliver of the thorn. Then let each feel and see the crown of flowers you place upon their head, around their heart, as a sign that each is a diadem in Your crown; that each is a precious daughter, a precious son of a King and worthy, oh, so very worthy, of all the wondrous love the King has to offer.

Keep each safe from the anger of the evil one who would seek to snatch away the new found joy and truth. Smash him down into the nether world. Bind him to Your cross to remain obedient to Your will for You have power over him and have given us the power to bind him in Your most holy and powerful name. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, You are the One. You are the power. You are the glory forever and ever. Amen. Hallelujah! Praise God.

PRAY ALWAYS IN EVERY NEED

A Collection of Inspired Prayers

By Joanne Lechner

Magnificat

The purpose of **Magnificat** is to provide parish news and a forum for communication within Saint Mary's Catholic Community. This newsletter is E-mailed bi-monthly to all households who have registered their E-mail address. If your household has E-mail and you didn't receive the **Magnificat** or a notice it can be read Online, please contact magnify@cableone.net and register your E-mail address.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN'S INVOLVEMENT AT SAINT MARY'S



Knights of Columbus

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.
on the First Thursday of the
month in the Parish Center.

If you are 18 and older, please call
Grand Knight, Roland Krueger,

336-1355,

with your questions
or if you would like to join.

Reel Men's Prayer Group

Meets every Friday mornings at
6:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

Spaghetti Dinner Coming!