



July 31, 2011

18th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Congratulations!!



Duane and Cheryl McCrorie who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 12.

Also, to Jim and Donna Coleman who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 7.

Market Ministry Days

If you are the leader of an Adult Education/Formation program in the parish and would like to participate in **August 14th Market Ministry Days** contact Phyllis or Jessica in the Parish Office to reserve space.

Eucharistic Ministers Training

August 6th at 10am or September 11 at Noon
A required "refresher" for everyone (new and current) who want to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at Mass. Also, we will sign up for the Mass you want to serve at & review issues for the new year.

Fasting and Prayer on Fridays

Please join St. Mark's parishioners in fasting and prayer this Friday, **for all families.**

*(fasting = one full meal and two snacks)
 (prayer= Mass, Adoration, Rosary, etc)*



Baptism Class

Saturday, August 13, at 10 am, in Rooms 106 and 107 This is a class that



should be attended by all parents who have children under the age of 6 or have not started the 1st grade and who wish to have a child baptized. To schedule your Baptism you must come to class, no reservations are necessary.

Baptism Sunday

The next Baptism Sunday is August 20-21, for more information contact Deacon Joe Rodriguez at 968-2170 or Deaconjoe05@yahoo.com

Parish Goal—Adoration

One of the parish goals for 2011 is for all families to participate in Eucharistic Adoration. Act Now! We have Holy Hours that will fit any schedule, but below are a few that are more urgent--

Sundays at 8am

Mondays at 3pm, 5pm or 6pm

Saturdays at 10pm or 12am

Most of our Late Night/Early Morning adorers need a partner, so please consider. Many graces!

Please call Linda at 378-9454 to discuss these opportunities or any other time that fits your schedule. Thank you!

Family Liturgical Ministry Training

Family Liturgical Ministry Training will take place in the church on Saturday, August 6th, from 10 am—11 am. If your are interested in being an Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, Lector or an Usher, this training is for you.

EPIC Church History Study Continues

If you have not signed up for the class, but see a topic, or topics, that are of interest to you, you are welcome to join us in the Faith Formation Room on Thursdays at 11:30 AM.



EPIC Church History

- Thursday, August 4 Protestors & Defenders-part 2
- Thursday, August 11 The Catholic Reformation—part 1
- Thursday, August 18 The Catholic Reformation—part2

Faith Formation

Children and Youth need to be registered EACH YEAR for Faith Formation Classes which will begin this fall the Sunday after Labor Day, Sept 11. Registration Forms are in the carpeted lobby area in the turnstile rack on your way to the parish hall. Our Sacramental Preparation programs are a two year process, so please contact our coordinators listed in your bulletin for details. Please let them know if you are interested in serving in faith formation ministry.

Benefits of being a catechist at St. Mark's Faith Formation Classes:

- *You can make new friends – big and little!
- *You live out your baptismal call by being a role model for discipleship- for your own children and others
- *You grow in faith and knowledge as you help others
- *We will baby-sits your children while you teach

Teaching Faith Formation

Teaching in Faith Formation can make a difference in so many lives! From Teresa Barnes, who has been co-teaching pre-schoolers on Sundays with her now confirmed daughter, Samantha, and her mother Jackie:

Although I certainly feel my faith strengthened and enriched when teaching to the little children, it's seeing my Samantha nurture and teach that truly touches my heart. Sam has helped every year along the way for the last 11 yrs. She enjoys teaching the little children and is very tender with them. There have been many times when I have said to myself, that I don't have time, or the energy, or the faith to teach "this year", but then I realize that Sam learns by example and if I am a good steward to the little children she will also learn to be a good steward. Now we have three generations teaching and growing together in the same classroom!

Coming Soon! Registrations for Fall Adult Education Classes

Watch here for more information on: Study of Church History on Monday nights and Study of Corinthians on Friday mornings and more.....



The Time is Now!

If you are planning to be married in the next six months, please contact the Parish Office soon to register for October Marriage preparation class.



Axiom Presents

Fun in the Sun 2011
July 31– Movie Night Showing *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* rated PG. Join us in Donoghue Hall from 7—9 pm

August 13– Tablerock Hike. Please meet us at the Old Penitentiary at 9 am *Call Steph @284-2476 the night before if you need a ride from St. Mark's.

August 28– Movie Night showing *Tangled* rated PG. Join us in Donoghue Hall from 7– 9:30 pm.

Catholic College Students

If you, or a member of your family, are in college and would like to be contacted by the Catholic Student organization on campus, please send the student name and the name of the college to the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

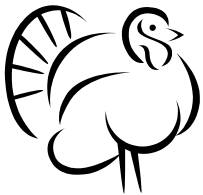


The prophet Isaiah delivers God's invitation to the hungry and thirsty, "Come, without paying and without cost." Such kindness from God calls for a generous response on our part, the response of a grateful heart. As stewards responsible to the Lord for the use of the time, talent, and treasure entrusted to us, we need to heed the Lord's word so we can obey his will. When we do so, we find that when we give back to God, we receive even more spiritual riches.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH:

Cuisine for the Spirit is a "hospitality" ministry that creates a venue for adult parishioners to come together in each other's homes, share a meal, and form relationships. New parishioners, as well as long-time members find being a Cuisine member has also helped them connect to ministries and hear about events at our parish. The dinners take place on the second Saturday of each month from October through May with December off. Consider taking part in this ministry and help St. Mark's continue growing as a parish known for their friendly and hospitable atmosphere. Call Kathy McGinley at 375-8135 to be placed on the 2011-2012 schedule.

St. Vincent's de Paul Conference



St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Mark's is looking for someone to take over the **Thanksgiving Box Program**. Kevin and myself will be glad to train anyone this year who is interested. It isn't a hard project to do and isn't that time consuming plus

you meet a lot of great volunteers that help out the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Also we are looking for people who are interested in serving those less fortunate in our community to do home visits with us. It is a remarkable experience that brings you closer to Jesus Christ. To see the face of the poor is to see Jesus Christ face to face.

Call Joan or Kevin @ 853-2593 if you have any questions.

Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs: Canned vegetables, Canned Fruit and Tuna. Please remember those in need as you gather fruit and vegetables from your garden!



What Every Catholic needs to know about the Bible

Wednesday, August 3, 12:00 noon
in the Faith Formation Room
See you there!

St. Mark's Church Library

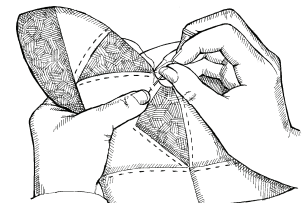
Lives of leaders and humanitarians are so fascinating! The library has many materials that tell stories about Church heroes, like St. James, St. Anne, and St. Martha. Titles of a few of these books are *Sacra Pagina James* by Patrick J. Hartin, a biography about St. Anne entitled, *Anne: The Life of Venerable Anne de Guigne' 1911-1922*, and *Treasury of Women Saints* by Ronda De Sola Chervin which includes biographical information about St. Martha and many other women. These books and others are available for check-out! Come visit the library, Room 108. It is open before and after Mass as well as during regular office hours Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4 pm.



Comfort Quilters

Because of your generosity of donated fabric and batting we were able to donate 100 quilts in the last four months.

Valley View-18 lap quilts
Marion Pritchett- 34 quilts
Hospice- 23 quilts
Veterans' - 10 quilts
St. Al's—15 lap quilts



Thank you for your continued support. All are invited to come join us Monday mornings at 9 am.

Dependable Strengths Workshop

Searching for a job and using the same techniques as everyone else? Come to another Dependable Strengths Workshop on August 12 and 13 (Friday and Saturday)! It's best if you attend the entire two-day workshop, but if need be come when you can. The hours will be 9am-4pm in the Faith Formation Room. Bring someone along who also would like to learn more about job seeking skills and presenting yourself in new ways. Everyone is invited and do not need to be a parishioner of St Mark's. Please RSVP so we know how many to prepare for. Call Phyllis Sawyer at St Mark's parish office 375-6651 or e-mail vita34@aol.com with your name and contact information.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery meets Thursdays 6:15-9 pm at Sacred Heart. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered program that can help people work on their hurts, hang-ups or habits. Celebrate Recovery utilizes the 8 Recovery Principles found in the Beatitudes and a Christ-centered 12 Step program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. We will be starting a Women's Step Study and a Men's Step Study. Contact Randy 602-5667 or Suzanna 724-1535 for info.



Dinner and Benefit Auction

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Capstone Missions will be having their 4th Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction in the Treasure Valley. This year's event will be at the Basque Center in Boise, ID on September 16, 2011. The evening will be filled with great food and entertainment, live, silent and dessert auction, all to support a great cause. Watch your bulletins for more information as the event gets closer. To purchase tickets, make a donation, or donate an auction item, contact Carol Brown at 208-658-4491 or Molly Bullock at 208-863-8786. We will be accepting table reservations so invite your friends and make an evening out of it! For more information about Capstone Missions, visit our website at www.capstonemissions.org

St. Mark's Bridge Group



If you would like to play bridge next fall with the St. Mark's Bridge Group, you are invited to attend a potluck to get acquainted and play some bridge Sunday afternoon, August 21, at 2:30 in Donoghue Hall. For more information and /or to make reservations, please call Jim Bowen at 375-9907.

Attention Engaged and Married Couples:

Strengthen your relationship, trust in God's plan for your family, and discover a healthy method of family planning that is good news for today's modern families. In comparison to hormonal birth control methods, **Natural Family Planning** is medically safe, healthy, low-cost, 99% effective at postponing pregnancy, and honors the dignity of the human person and God's plan for married love. NFP has also been used very successfully to help those experiencing difficulty achieving or maintaining a pregnancy. The next three-class series will be held Sunday Aug. 21, Sept. 18, and Oct. 16 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Family Center, Boise. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so please register A.S.A.P. Please go to www.idahonfp.com or email nfpidahogmail.com to learn more.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul needs your help!

The need for help has tripled this year, and more and more people are calling our help line for assistance.

By donating your gently used items to our thrift stores, we have been able to give out over \$170,000 in free goods to those in need right here in our community, as well as give financial assistance.

So if you have spring cleaning to do, just call our donation pick up line at 853-4921 ext. 2, or drop off your donation at one of the locations listed below, between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm Monday thru Saturday.

6464 W. State St in Boise
2110 Broadway in Boise
213 N. Main in Meridian

We thank you for your continued support, in helping us to help others.

**Legion of Mary
Our Lady of Fatima Rosary**

The Legion of Mary, valley wide, will honor Our Lady of Fatima once again on the 13th of each month until October 13th at St. John's Cathedral (Boise) at 7:30pm and Our Lady of the Valley Chapel (Caldwell) at 7:00pm. We will both say the Rosary and at St. John's will have Benediction as well. Please come and pray with us for world peace.

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