



Baptism Class

Saturday, January 14, 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 January 21/22, for more information contact Deacon Joe Rodriguez at 968-2170 or Deaconjoe05@yahoo.com



Coming Home

If you have been away from the church for any reason we invite you to strongly consider "Coming Home". Ask our priests, any of our deacons or call the parish office at 375-6651.



Invite Someone to Church

If you would like to invite a friend, neighbor, or loved one to St. Mark's, there are invitations in the form of a bookmark on the table in the vestibule. Take what you need. All are welcome.



Family Faith

The Feast of Epiphany, celebrated this year on January 8, is also known as "Little Christmas." Many families celebrate the feast of Epiphany, remembering the Wisemen who came to bring gifts to



the Baby Jesus. We can bring gifts to others in "community outreach" as a way to celebrate. How about visiting a nursing home or hospital? Do something together as a family, like taking food to our food bank. The Wisemen represent people from all over the world- Jesus came to be Savior of EVERYONE!

Fasting and Prayer On Fridays

This Friday please join us in fasting and prayer for those suffering with addictions

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

Not Yet Confirmed?

If you are an adult and, for any reason, have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, join us in the Parish Hall on Thursday, January 5th at 7 PM. Contact the Parish Office at 375-6651 if you have questions.



New Translation of the Mass

At the Invitation to Prayer, Father says, "Pray, brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father".

At this point, the Bishop has asked that the congregation STAND and respond.....

"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church"

Join us for **FAMILY APOLOGETICS**

1-2 pm Sundays

Jan 22, Jan 29, Feb 5, Feb 12

Resurrection Room

Easy question and answer format for ages 8-adult (younger kids are welcome with a parent).

Topics include: Scripture, Catholic Beliefs (from the Catechism) and Church History.

Learn quick, short answers to faith questions in an informal setting.

For more information call the Parish Office 375-6651

Food Bank

Special Thanks to: *The Catalyst*

students, for collecting and donating children's pajamas, to the food bank for children in need!



This week the food bank needs: Pork & Beans, Crackers & Pancake Mix.

Family Praise and Worship



Do you enjoy praise and worship music and would like to pass the love of it on to your children? Join us for a fun filled-evening of praise music, prayer, reflection, children's activities and fellowship in a family setting. Single, married, and divorced adults are all welcome as well as teens and children

of all ages. The "family setting" means that infants and toddlers may be roaming about so it won't be "church" quiet. Snacks will be served at the end of the evening. Friday, January 13th, 7:00 – 8:30pm at St. Mark's Church - Donoghue Hall

Sponsored by St. Mark's - "Cultivating Faith-Filled Families" small faith community.

Let Us Celebrate with You!

If you are celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary (or more in five year increments, 55, 60, 65 years, etc.) or are having a birthday (90 and above) we invite you to put an announcement in our bulletin to recognize these wonderful blessings. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Giving Tree

Thanks to all the people who made the Giving Tree project a success. We were able to provide gifts to the needy in our community. This wouldn't be possible without the generosity of St. Mark's parishioners. We made many people smile Christmas morning.



Family Formation

Welcome back to faith formation! This is a reminder that 3r-5th grades will have the whole group parent/child meeting on Wednesday January 11th, and Sunday January 15th at the regular time. We look forward to meeting with you again.

Sacramental Preparation

Required Parent Meeting for First Communion January 18, in Church, 6:30-8pm. Before the meeting is over, we will sign up for one of the four Masses on the weekend of May 5 & 6.

Classes resume Jan 8 and 11. Our first graders learn about John the Baptist. Our second graders begin their immediate preparation for First Communion, We Share God's Love."

Teen Confirmation (8-12 gr) meet for class January 22, 4:30-6pm, "The Gifts and Charisms of the Holy Spirit."

RCIA Family will have a class on the Holy Mass, Jan. 8, 12:30-3 pm.

St. Mark's Church Library



The Library folks wish you a Happy New Year and a blessed Epiphany. In the spirit of light, the Librarian's choice this week is recommendation from Mary Beth to watch the VHS film, *The Scarlet and the Black*, a great story about forgiveness and a

humanitarian priest during World War II. You can find this film and others on the Christmas cart or on the desk near the window in the Library, Room 108. The library is open before and after Mass as well as during regular office hours Monday thru Friday 8:30 to 4. Have a peaceful New Year!

Newly Engaged? Planning a Marriage?

Contact the Parish Office, 375-6651

for information on the next class.

Saturday, February 4 and Saturday, February 11.

7-Steps to Financial Freedom

This very popular class will begin again on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH AT 7 PM.

Contact the Parish Office for registration or

information. 375-6651

Bible Study of James

Started on Friday January 6, at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, January 17 at 9:30 AM

Materials are available

in the Parish Office

or can be purchased at the first class.



RESPECT LIFE will have it's

regular January meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm in Room 103. Everyone is welcome.

SAVE THE DATES

January 14th - Erecting Crosses in front of St. Marks at 10:30 am

January 21st - Life Mass as St. John's at 11 am

January 21st - Life March at Julia Davis Band shell at 1 pm

Coffee Hour Schedule

January 8th Knights of Columbus,

Pancake Breakfast

January 15th CCW

January 22nd Living for Him Small

Faith Community



More Father Robert Barron Opportunities at St. Mark's

Beginning Monday, January 9th at 7 PM

10 week DVD Series on CATHOLICISM

Beginning Wednesday, January 11th at 12 NOON

DVD Series on CONVERSION and FAITH

Blood Drive

There is a blood drive at St. Marks on January 9th from 2-6 pm. If you are interested in scheduling a donation

time please e-mail or call me back with a time that will work for you.



Thanks you so much for being so dedicated to helping save lives, you are greatly appreciated.

New Translation Mass Booklets

We still have a few booklets on the New translation of the Mass available in the parish office.

Bishop Kelly Pasta Festa

Pasta Festa is today, January 8th, 4-7 pm at Bishop Kelly. Chef Lou Aaron will prepare a wonderful meal for the whole family. Friends, food and fun make this annual event worth

attending. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Diana at 871-0764.



To our new Parishioners

Rodney & Jessie Garcia Family

Meg Graham

Mike & Joanna Hahn

Kyle & Shari Kirby Family

Gina Kuckler Family

Christopher & Jennifer Morenas Family

Sean Nihill Family

Jodi Poole Family

Robert & Barbara Turgeon

Estella Brown Family

Jay & Mary Brown Family

Petro Galla & Sennait Gadi Family

Antench Gebregziabiher

Michaele Guley

David & Genie Homco

John-Anthony Larrinaga & Mary Anderson

Victor & Sandra Lemay

Justin & Gayle Root Family

Naite Sherenu

In Response to your Questions/ Comments From your Pastoral Council

Teach Catholicism
Confirm in Grade School
Catholic kids enter a secular world
in college. PREPARE THEM!"

Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the gospel itself. St. Mark's Catholic community is blessed to offer a Catholic School with a curriculum that includes, for each grade level, instruction in the Catholic Faith and regular school Mass. With the permission of Bishop Michael Driscoll, St. Mark's is currently piloting a program to provide the Sacrament of Confirmation in the eighth grade. Students that continue their education at Bishop Kelly High School are required to take 7 credits in Theology. Bishop Kelly also offers school Mass on a regular basis. In all of this we need to remember that education in the Catholic Faith begins long before students are in school and St. Mark's Catholic Community is thankful for adults and parents like you who recognize the huge role they play in assisting students to understand their faith so they might be equipped to evangelize in the world.

Pilgrimage Meeting

There are 4 openings for the pilgrimage going to Italy and Medjugorje March 18-30-call Jon or Jane, if you'd like to go. Fr. Medina is our Spiritual Director.

There will be a meeting for the pilgrims on Sunday, Jan 8 from 1-3:00pm in the Resurrection Room. Call Jane 794-6821 if you have any questions.

Catholic Charities of Idaho

Catholic Charities of Idaho's Boise Family Strengthening Center, 4202 Emerald, offers affordable services for families and individuals. Services include individual, couples, and family counseling; parenting classes; and a depression support group for women. Please call 345-6031 for more information.

Help for Troubled Marriages

Here's hope! "Retrouvaille" is a successful Catholic program that consists of one weekend followed by six sessions. All struggling couples are welcome, even if you're separated or divorced. The next weekend is Feb 3-5, 2012, in Boise. For more information, call Roland & Heidi at 509-690-7354 or go to HelpOurMarriage.com.

Spring Catechetical Training 2012

Date: Jan. 28 St. Mark's, Boise
St. Paul's, Nampa
(English and Spanish)

Time: 8:30---4:00

Topics: Liturgy and Sacraments
The Learner (faith development)
Lesson Planning Part 2

Topics will be presented on 2 tracks,
Level 1 using Echoes of Faith and Level 2 using
Sacred Mysteries by Smolarski, SJ and Open Doors
by Martos.

Presenters: Mike Benton, Sr. Meg Sass, Marcia Ney, Marilyn Reilly and others

Sessions intended for principals, directors of religious education and all catechists. Youth Ministers and RCIA leaders are particularly welcome at this session. Participants may attend at any site.
Lunch donation \$5

If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Meg at msass@rcdb.org or 208 342-1311.

CAPSTONE MISSIONS BENEFIT CRAB FEAST!!!

Capstone Missions will be having their **7th Annual Crab Feast and Benefit Auction** at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome, ID on February 4, 2012. Wine & cheese social will begin at 5:00 pm with a fabulous dinner from 6-7 pm, followed by live, silent, and dessert auction until 9 pm. Tickets are available in advance for \$35. Only limited amounts are available and they go fast!! To purchase tickets, make a donation, or donate an auction item, contact Molly Bullock at 208-863-8786. Invite your friends and make an evening out of it! Table reservations are available by contacting Mary McGeoghan at mary@capstonemissions.org or 208-308-7443. For more information on Capstone Missions, visit our website at www.capstonemissions.org

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