

Welcome!

St. Mark's Catholic Community

Let us "Officially" welcome you!
Registration Forms are available in the Parish Lobby.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

Linda Naugle Coordinator 954-7513

Parish Office

Monday through Friday 8:30 am-4 pm
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www.stmarksboise.org

Parish Office Staff

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Prayer Chain

St. Mark's has a prayer chain that prays for the needs of all and would like to pray for you. If you need prayer for any reason please call Janet Clark at 377-4789, or the parish office at 375-6651, or email pray4ustoday@gmail.com

Rosary Devotions

Rosary for Peace and Evening with Mary
Monday at 7 pm (Adoration Chapel)

Parish Schools

St. Mark's Elementary 375-6654
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Robert Wehde, Principal

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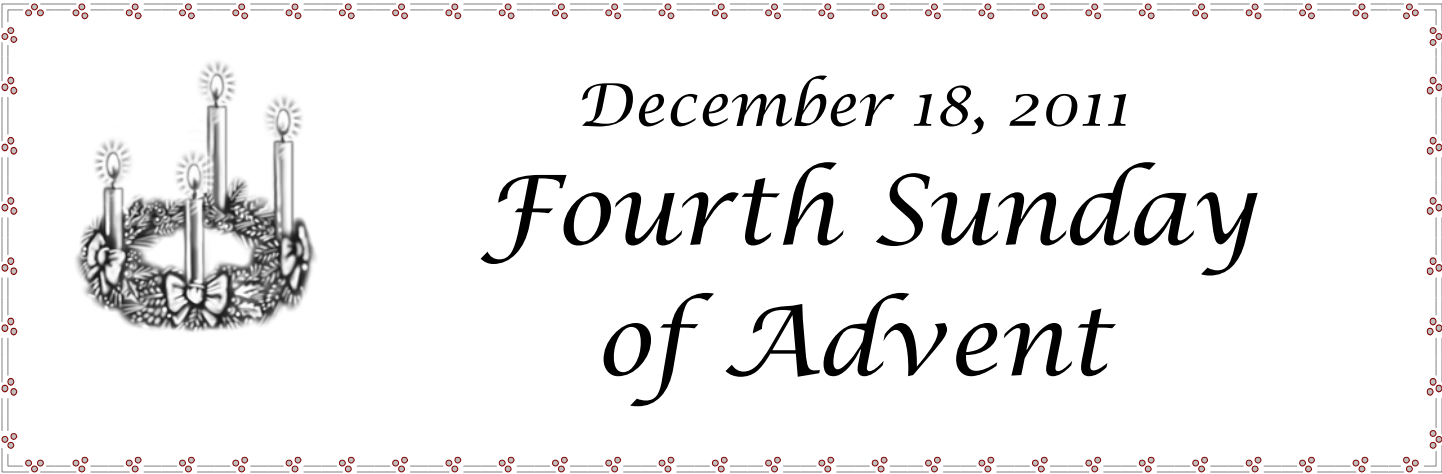
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Council of Catholic Women

Cathy Kirk 375-2349

Food Bank

Teresa Taylor 327-0345



December 18, 2011 Fourth Sunday of Advent

*May the Lord bless us all.
I hope to see you early January 2012
Father Bruno Mgaya*



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.



Advent and Adoration

Eucharist Adoration is a great way to prepare for Advent and Christ's return. The act of coming to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament echoes preparation of coming to adore the Lord at the nativity and His second coming. We currently have a need for scheduled adorers on-


- Sundays at 8am
- Tuesdays at 5am or 11am
- Wednesdays at 2am (vacant, please help!)
- Fridays at 7am
- Saturdays at 12am
- Plus numerous nighttime adorers need a partner

As always, there are Holy Hours available to meet any type of schedule, so please call Linda at 954-7513 to discuss the time that is perfect for you!

Advent Reconciliation Services- 7 pm

December 19: Sacred Heart, Emmett

December 20: St Mark's



Christmas Eve Masses
4:30 pm, 7 pm and Midnight
No Reconciliation Service available on December 24
Christmas Day Mass- 11 am
Vietnamese Christmas Mass- 2 pm



Our Parish Holiday Office Hours

December 23 and 26	Closed
December 27-30	8:30am- Noon
January 2	Closed

"A Guide to The New Translation of The Mass"

This booklet is available in the Parish Office for \$2. This booklet will help you understand that changes to the Order of Mass - the words reappear in every Mass from the Sign of the Cross at the beginning to the dismissal at the end. It helps to explain why the new translation of the Mass is being issued and how it will affect our worship and includes a reference card that you can use to follow the Mass.

St. Mark's School - Bus Driver Needed

Applications for driving the St. Mark's School bus for the afternoon bus route

(approximately 3:00-4:15) are being taken. Applicants must

have an exemplary driving record and possesses/be willing to obtain a DCL (commercial driver's license). Interested parties should contact the School Office @ 375-6654. Applications may be obtained at either the School or Parish Office.



Sacramental Preparation


1st and 2nd graders will be enjoying a Christmas Season Break until classes resume on January 8 and 11, in the New Year 2012.

RCIA Family's next class is on the Mass, January 8.

Teen Confirmation candidates meet next for "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit" on January 22.

We thank all of our volunteers in faith formation ministry for their wonderful service and dedication.

Merry Christmas



Coffee Hour Schedule

No coffee hours on Christmas Day, December 25 and January 1, New Year's Day. January 8, Knights of Columbus will have a pancake breakfast.

Collection for Those in Need

We will be placing "bins" in the hallways and the Parish Lobby to collect:

Peanut Butter and Jelly
Mittens
Scarves
Hats
Socks
Pajamas



For your convenience, bins will stay in place until Monday, December 19th.

Recipients of your donations will be:

St. Mark's Food Bank
Participating Foster Families
Sanctuary
Copus Christi House

On-Line Donations

Reminder that your donation must be received by the parish by December 31st to be included on your contribution statement.

If you would like to make an on-line donation, the Diocese is now able to accept these donations. The donor can select the parish or school's general or building fund donation. The following link will get you to the proper page: <https://www.catholicidaho.org/en/AboutUs/Giving/Pages/ParishSchools.aspx>. If you have any questions, please contact Diana or Terri at the parish office.

Congratulations to Carlito and Mely Zaragoza who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 23rd.



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)

7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free

This is a seven-week class to learn about personal Finance Management from a Catholic perspective.

Participants learn what scripture says about managing money and learn to do it more effectively.

**The next class will begin Tuesday, January 10th
at 7 PM in Room 103.**

If you have questions or would like to register,
please contact St. Mark's Parish Office at 375-6651

Thank You



Thanks to those who helped with Fran Lange's funeral luncheon. Callers Jeanne Logosz and Betty Bieker and to those who served Rosie Mews, Joyce Walker, Alice Forte, Judy Schwehr, Carol Brophy, Dee Becker, Linda Arkoosh and Paula Karpan. Also thank you to all those who brought food.

Planning a Wedding?

Marriage Preparation class is scheduled for:

Saturday, February 4th
Saturday, February 11th
9 AM – 4 PM

Both days are required.

For information or to register call
the Parish Office at 375-6651

Vietnamese Masses

There will be no Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, January 1. The next Vietnamese Mass will be at 1 pm on January 22. The regular schedule for the first Sunday of every month will resume on Sunday, February 5, at 1 pm.

Coming January 6th "Friday Night at the Movies"!

St. Mark's invites you to our first monthly "family movie night" in Donoghue Hall. The January movie will be "**Joseph of Nazareth**", the first feature film on the story of the man, a simple carpenter, to whom God gave the most daunting task ever - to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah, to be the father and protector of this Holy family, and would be the man closest to Christ

- To see a preview, you may go to: <http://www.ignatius.com/Products/JNA-M/joseph-of-nazareth.aspx>
- Doors open at 6:30, movie (105 min.) **begins at 7:00 pm.**
- There will be a 10 minute intermission at mid-movie.
- This DVD is suggested for ages 10 and up.
- A separate viewing of children's movies for ages under 10 will be provided.
- Free admission (donations accepted).

Free popcorn provided as long as it lasts!

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR
QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS
From your Pastoral Council

“Turn on Mikes so we can hear.
Some of us do not hear well to begin with”

Microphones sometimes run out of battery power or simply malfunction during the celebration of the Mass. We will remind Father Steve, our Deacons and visiting Celebrants to do their best to make sure they are in working order before Mass begins and to use the AMBO when all else fails. On a related note there are listening devices, for use by anyone in need of hearing assistance, in the back of the church.

Rides Needed

English-speaking Refugee mother and two daughters (from the Collister/State St. area) need a ride to and from Mass on Sundays. Please call Betty Brigante 375-7613.

CDs: Prayer, Reflective, Contemplative music CDs available in the parish office at no charge "**Whispers**" and "**Reflections**" by Mary Lantz. Any questions: 484-4377 or lantzfamily5@msn.com



STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS ARE IN

We have 1831 registered households at St. Mark's.

Commitment forms were received from 616 households. 1139 individual members have committed to one or more ministries. 332 are interested in one or more "new" ministries. The total number of ministry positions committed to is 2834.

Compared to last year:

There were 1811 registered households at St. Mark's.

495 households completed forms. 885 individual members made commitments. 201 individuals were interested in one or more new ministries. The total number of ministry positions that were completed to the same date of comparison was 2329.

A big **"THANK YOU"** to all who committed to being active members of our parish. You are the ones who create the life within. It is through you that we are able to be visible in the world in service to others. You are proclaimers of God's Word through your actions in His Holy Church. May God bless you abundantly for living His truth.

Did you forget? If you have not yet completed your annual stewardship commitment form, it isn't too late. Our goal is always 100% participation.

Also, please do not be discouraged if you have not yet received a call from anyone regarding your desire to serve. Due to technical difficulties in compiling the different ministry lists, the ministry leaders only recently received your contact information. Please accept our apologies. If you do not receive a call by January 1, call Val Allen @ 375-6651x108.

Around the Valley

Psalm the School of Prayer

The Great Adventure Series Scripture Study

Sacred Heart Faith Hall

Mondays at 9:15 AM

January 9 – March 19

Contact Carol McGee for registration information
344-8311

Catholicism

(Series by Father Robert Barron)

Risen Christ Catholic Church

Tuesdays at 7 PM

March, January 3 through March 6, 2012

- and -

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Second Saturday of Every Month

Through July, 2012

Capstone Missions is hiring!

Capstone Missions, Inc., a Catholic faith-based grassroots organization of Idaho missionaries which have been serving the poor in Tijuana for 14 years, is currently recruiting a part time Director of Development responsible for a wide variety of tasks and the organization of an active volunteer network. For more information, contact: Colleen Crozier at 208-324-4257 or crozier1@cableone.net or go to our website at www.capstonemissions.org.

Support Interfaith Sanctuary

Interfaith Sanctuary has a one-time opportunity to participate in a grant challenge through the Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge. Your gift of \$25 or more qualifies Interfaith Sanctuary for grants up to \$5,000. Special funding opportunities will be given to those organizations with most the donations over \$100. This offer ends at 11:59 pm on December 31, 2011. Only credit card donations are accepted through this challenge. To participate go to: www.avenuesforhope.org.

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