

Team Notes...

I have been ill for the past three weeks getting over a bout of pneumonia and bronchitis. During some of my down time I had the opportunity to feel sorry for myself. And then I remembered the poor and the homeless in our community and realized that as ill as I was; I was sheltered, warm, cared for and safe. I also thought of the story of the widow who gave all she had to the Lord. The story goes something like this:

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury... A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents.

One of the scribes on his way to make his rather large contribution saw what she had done. He then changed direction went over to her and quietly handed her the money that he was going to contribute to the temple treasury.

Yes, I know that is not how the scripture reads and that is not what happened.

BUT, I can imagine what Jesus would have said if he had witnessed such an action.

They are on our streets, hungry and cold. But, we don't always see them. They seek help from those around them but we often can't hear them call. Some are single parents caught in the chain of poverty with no way out. Some have mental problems, or abuse alcohol or drugs or one another. We hope it is not true, especially here in our

town but, sadly it is reality. They sit in jail or on shiver in the snow, need medicines they can't afford and they are often forgotten, unloved, alone and hated.

The story of "the widow's mite" is not just about sacrificial giving. It is not just a call to give more. It goes far deeper than that. Jesus condemns not only the hypocrisy of the scribes but he condemns the hypocrisy of a way of life that allows those who have been given much to fail to see or to hear or to help those who have little. It is a rejection of the forces in our society in which so many live with little or no hope.

Our world is full of people who live without hope. Our world is full of people who need us to change direction and give ourselves to them in service. So let us change direction – let us

pray and help and look and see and hear and listen and ask God to help us bring hope and love and peace to the world around us.

May we generously help with:

Saint Vincent's
Christmas Baskets
The Soup Kitchen
FreeMed
Shepherd's Inn...

I can imagine what Jesus would say if he saw such action.

Love, Joy and Peace

Deacon Rick



Notas del Equipo...

He estado enfermo durante las tres semanas pasadas saliendo de una neumonía y bronquitis. Durante el tiempo que estuve enfermo tuve la oportunidad de sentir lástima por mí mismo. Y entonces me acordé de los pobres y las personas que están sin hogar en nuestra comunidad y me di cuenta de que aunque así de mal como estaba, estaba protegido, cálido, cuidado y seguro. También pensé en la historia de la viuda que dio todo lo que tenía para el Señor. La historia va algo así:

Jesús se sentó frente a la tesorería y observó cómo la gente ponía dinero en la tesorería... también una viuda pobre llegó y echó dos monedas de poco valor.

Uno de los escribas al hacer su contribución más grande vio lo que ella había hecho. Luego cambió de dirección se le acercó y en voz baja le entregó el dinero que iba a contribuir a la tesorería del templo.

Sí, ya sé que la Escritura no dice así, y que no es lo que pasó.

PERO, puedo imaginar lo que Jesús habría dicho si hubiera sido testigo de tal acción.

Están en nuestras calles, con hambre y frío. Sin embargo, no siempre los vemos. Buscan la ayuda de quienes les rodean, pero a veces no pueden oír su llamado. Algunos son padres solteros que se encuentran atrapados en la pobreza sin alguna salida. Algunos tienen problemas mentales o abusan del alcohol o las drogas o el uno al otro. Esperamos que no sea cierto, sobre todo aquí en nuestra ciu-

dad, pero, lamentablemente es la realidad. Están sentados en la cárcel o en frío de la nieve, necesitan medicamentos y no pueden pagarlos y que a menudo son olvidados, sin amor, y odiados.

La historia del "óbolo de la viuda" no se trata sólo de dar con sacrificio. No es sólo una llamada a dar más. Va más allá de eso. Jesús no solo condena la hipocresía de los escribas, sino que condena la hipocresía del modo de vida que permite a aquellos a los que se les ha dado mucho que no vean, oigan, o puedan ayudar a aquellos que tienen poco. Se trata de un rechazo de las fuerzas en nuestra sociedad en la que muchos viven con poca o ninguna esperanza.

Nuestro mundo está lleno de personas que viven sin esperanza. Nuestro mundo está lleno de personas que necesitan que cambiemos de dirección y entreguémonos a ellos en servicio. Así que vayamos y cambiemos de dirección - vamos a orar y ayudar, ver y mirar, oír y escuchar y pedir a Dios que nos ayude a llevar esperanza, amor y paz al mundo que nos rodea.

Podemos ayudar generosamente con:

Canastas Navideñas de San Vicente
La Cocina
FreeMed
Shepherd's Inn .

Puedo imaginar lo que Jesús diría si viera tal acción.

Amor, Paz y Algeria

Deacon Rick



News & Notes

—You “R” our FRIENDS! If you read the Advent letter you recently received you might have noticed it was addressed to My Fiends and Parishioners. Oh for want of an “R” in that line. Of course it should have read to My Friends and Parishioners. Only five people proofed the letter, next time we will make it six. Sorry for any confusion this caused.



—**Adult Education subject this week is:** “Sacraments, including an introduction with focus on Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist”. Held at CTK Hall on Wednesday 7:00pm. The full schedule of classes will be found in the vestibule of the Church.

—**Idaho Falls Rosary Makers**, December 1 in the Guadalupe Room from 10:00am to noon. Come and learn to make chain or cord rosaries. For more information call Gene or Doris Rieth at 522-0718.

—**Annual Membership Drive: Holy Rosary School Endowment Foundation.** The Holy Rosary School Endowment Foundation (HRSEF) was incorporated as an Idaho Non-Profit Corporation in 1984 to promote the long-term financial security of Holy Rosary School. Thanks to the contributions of many people interested in supporting Catholic School Education in Idaho Falls, the assets of the HRSEF are now around \$530,000. Interest and dividend earnings in Calendar Year (CY) 2008 enabled a HRSEF contribution of \$12,479 to Holy Rosary School for School Year (SY) 2009-2010. It is time for your annual support! Annual membership in the HRSEF costs \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 for a family (married couple). All monies donated, including membership fees, are tax-deductible. Parishioners will receive a mailing concerning this request during November. Please contact Lyle Dolven (523-0239) or Bob Anderl (522-1980) if you have questions.

—**If you would like to donate goodies to be included** in the care packages, please drop them off after Mass on the weekends of Nov. 28 or at the Parish Office, attention Marie Tracy. Please make sure your packages are clearly marked "For College Care Packages." Questions? Please call Mary Erwin at 881-9083.



—**St. Vincent's ingathering is next weekend.** We are in need of pork & beans, chili, canned vegetables, and pinto beans. Thank you for your continual support.

—**RESOURCE CENTER;** During the CTK church closure due to the heating system, the resource center will be opened for business the first Sunday of each month after the 9:00am and before the 11:00pm mass. It will be open from about 10:15am until 11:00am starting the first week in December. This should allow people to shop after the 9:00am mass and before the 11:00am mass. Depending on the business response during the next few months, operating hours may be adjusted.

Noticias para la Comunidad

— "**La Eucaristía es el corazón de la Iglesia.** Donde la vida eucarística prospera, allí la vida de la iglesia florecerá". - Papa Juan Pablo II el Grande. La adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, es todos los jueves de 9am a 7 p.m. Si usted se ha comprometido a tomar una hora santa: ¡GRACIAS! Recuerde por favor escribir sus iniciales junto a su nombre en la carpeta negra en la entrada del Rosario Santo.

—**Los programas de Educacion Religiosa** de la comunidad catolica de Idaho Falls; cordialmente le invita a una noche en Belen, viernes 18 de Diciembre de 6 a 9p.m. en el salon parroquial de Cristo Rey. Esta es una actividad familiar en la cual usted viajara hacia la noche en la que nacio nuestro Salvador. Venga y experimente la alegria de esta noche tan especial. Para mas informacion o si le gustaria ser parte del equipo de planeacion. Favor de contactar a Marilou Hart al 524-0116 extencion 19 o mhart@ida.net.

—**Bautismos;** Las clases serán en el salón de Cristo Rey, el 23 de Diciembre a las 7:00pm.

Educacion Religiosa de Primaria

Calendario:

(10:15 y 11:15 en el Santo Rosario o 4pm a 5pm los lunes en Cristo Rey)

—No habra clases el Noviembre 29 y 30

IMPORTANTE: Por favor no deje a sus ninios afuera cuando los trae a la doctrina. Entre al edificio cuando lo traiga y cuando venga por el.

—Favor de mantener a nuestros estudiantes en sus oraciones a medida que ellos continuan su jornada de Fe y se preparan para recibir los sacramentos de la confecion y de Primera comunión.

Jr. High Educacion Religiosa

Calendario de Junior High:

—Diciembre 7 y 14 a las 6:30-8:30 Cristo Rey

—Candelas de Adviento a la venta! Los jóvenes de Junior High estarán vendiendo candelas y guirnaldas de adviento después de misa el 21 y 22 de Noviembre. Todos los papas que quieran ganar un crédito para Jam pueden ponerse en contacto con Mary Haley al 524-0116 extensión 12. Por favor háganse la vida más fácil y apoyen a los jóvenes comprando sus cosas de adviento.

» ❧ *Thank You* ❧ «

Please support and thank our Advertiser of the Week for bringing you this bulletin:

**Thomsen Stephens
Michael J. Whyte**

—**Christmas Baskets**-IFCC is again teaming up with First Presbyterian church, under the leadership of St. Vincent de Paul, to provide food and gifts to the area poor in the annual Christmas Basket Program. Interviews were held earlier this month—the only requirement being income levels below Federal Poverty Guidelines. Now it is your opportunity to help! Red, green and white tags are hanging up in the back of the church. Each tag has a request for a “need” and a “want” for a specific child. Take one, or more, and fill the request to the best of your ability. Return the tag with your gifts-unwrapped-to: HR church on weekends, the Church Office during the week or call Betty (522-1980) or Peggy (523-2188).



—**"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will blossom." - Pope John Paul II the Great.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, every Thursday 9am to 7pm. If you have committed to taking a holy hour: THANK YOU! Please remember to initial next to your name in the black binder at the back entrance of Holy Rosary.

—**If you have a college freshman or new recruit** to the armed forces, we would like them to receive a care package from the Idaho Falls Catholic Community during December. We need their address information no later than Nov. 24 (phone Mary Erwin, 881-9083 or e-mail mtracy@ida.net) .

—**In one of our newest CDs, Fr. Frank Pavone**, national director of Priests for Life, gives us three powerful homilies discussing the critical life issues, such as abortion, embryonic stem cell research, contraception, and more. Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision, credits Fr. Pavone as the catalyst that brought her into the Catholic Church. Pick up your copy from the church entryway rack.



—**Be an Angel! Sunday, December 6 at the HR Parish Hall** from 9am to 2pm there will be a BirthRight Angel breakfast to raise funds for BirthRight of Idaho Falls. The Knights of Columbus are preparing the breakfast. BirthRight believes is the **right** of **every** pregnant woman to give birth and the **right** of every child to be **born**. We offer person to person help — giving love, understanding, and emotional and practical support to every pregnant woman who requests it. Tickets will be sold at the door, \$5/person and \$20/family. Santa and live music will be there for entertainment. Questions? Contact Cyndi Garnier at 881-4745 or Robin Villarreal at 552-2115. Donated baby and layette items are welcome!

Mass Intentions:

November 30 Patrick Frost+
 December 1 Patricia Nardell♥
 December 2 Jessica Fleischman+
 December 3 Dana Jennings+
 December 4 Amy Schnetzler+
 December 5 5:00pm Nedra Bledsoe+
 7:00pm Olympia Ramirez, Galvin Acosta y Francisco Olvera+
 December 6 9:00am Bobbie & Al Stephens+
 11:00am Marie Howlett Reine+



Grupo de Jóvenes

—El grupo de Jovenes te invita a que te reúnas con ellos, todos los viernes de 7:00pm a 9:00pm en el salón de Cristo Rey.

Noticia de High School

Calendario:

—**Nov. 29** Grupo de jovenes de high school/Clases de Confirmacion/Estudio de Biblia
 —**Dic. 6** Grupo de jovenes de high school/Clases de Confirmacion/Estudio de Biblia
 —**Dec. 13** Grupo de jovenes de high school/Clases de Confirmacion son su padrino/ Estudio de Biblia

Programa de Misas de Adviento

Todas las Misas en la iglesia de Santo Rosario

Adviento y Temporada Navideña Jueves en la Tarde

– Diciembre 3, 10, 17 y enero 7

7:00 pm Misa

Diciembre 8 – Inmaculada Concepción (No es Día de Obligación)

8:15 am Misa de Escuela Bilingüe

12:10 pm Misa Ingles

7:30 pm Misa Bilingüe

Diciembre 12th – Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

6:00 am Mañanitas Español

7:00 am Misa (Mass) Español

7:00 am Misa Español Mud Lake

8:30 am Misa Español Roberts

Diciembre 15 – Servicio Penitencial de Adviento

7:00 pm Salón de Cristo Rey

Diciembre 18- Una noche en Belen

6:00pm Salon de Cristo Rey.

Knight's Corner

Idaho Falls Council 1663, Ron Fernandez 524-3152, Grand Knight, George J. Keller Assembly 187, SK Roy Bartholowmay 745-0492, Faithful Navigator

Council Meeting: Dec 1, 8:00pm

Assembly Meeting: Dec 08, 8:00pm

Council Meeting: Dec 15, 7:00pm, Social, 8:00pm, Meeting



—Confirmation classes for adults 21 years and older in English will start on January 10. Register at the parish office.

—Latin Mass, according to the 1962 ROMAN MISSAL, Will be offered on Sunday, December 6, at 3:30 pm. Confessions begin at 2:30 pm. There will NOT be a potluck this time.

—The Thursday Bible Study group meets every week at CTK hall from 1 to 3pm. Fr. Jairo is doing the book of Revelation.

—The MOMS playgroup (Mothers offering Mutual Support) is meeting for the school year. Come play and visit with us. For more information call Anita 521-2403.

—The Religious Education programs of the IFCC Cordially invite you to “A Night in Bethlehem.” on Friday December 18th from 6pm to 9pm at CTK Hall. This is a free family community activity that will have you travel through time to the night our Savior was born! Come taste, feel, and experience the excitement of the most Holiest of nights. For more information or if you would like to be a part of the planning team. Please contact Marilou Hart at 524-0116 ext 19 or mhart@ida.net



—Are you financially unable to get your prescriptions? Call FREEMED at (208) 528-6337, to see if we can help. We are a non-profit organization that helps low-income people get medications for free or at minimal cost. Are you on Medicare? Do you need help with your Medicare Drug Plan? We also offer our services to Medicare eligible people; information about the different Medicare-D plans, enrollment and change of company in Medicare-D and Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) for Medicare-D, and troubleshooting. If you have questions about the program, call us. We help hundreds of people every year.

Elementary Religious Ed.

Elementary School schedule:

—No classes on November 29 & 30

IMPORTANT: Please do not drop your children off outside and leave. Children must be brought into the building with a parent and picked up in the building by a parent.

—Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue their Journey of Faith and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Jr. High Religious Education

Junior High Schedule:

—December 7 6:30-8:30 CTK

—December 14 6:30-8:30 CTK

One more thing. Please don't forget to pay your Religious education dues. It is now late so it is \$35, but we will accept whatever you can pay. As of right now less than half have paid. We are partially self supporting and it is important that parents show they value teaching the Catholic faith to their kids by paying this small fee. Thank you Mary Haley

High School News

High School schedule:

—Nov. 29 HS Youth/Confirmation Class/Bible Study

—Dec. 6 HS Youth/Confirmation Class/Bible Study

—Dec. 13 HS Youth/Confirmation Class "with Sponsor"/Bible Study.

Retreats

—Worldwide Marriage Encounter; "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all." Attend the next Marriage Encounter weekend. Dates: Salt Lake City Ut. Feb 19-21, Boise Id Mar 5-7. Call Jessica and Greg; info or registration 208-378-6851 registration@wwmesnakeriver.org.



—No Room in the Inn! December 4 – 6, 2009 Friday 7:30 pm - Sunday 1:30 pm. Presenter: Sr. Bernadette Stang, OSB Where does Jesus experience finding “no room in the inn” today? Do we recognize Him when He knocks at our inn? Suggested donation: \$165 (single) or \$220 (shared). Includes meals and lodging. For more info or to register: call 208-962-2000 or retreat@stgertrudes.org Do you live in the area? If so, call 208-962-2000 and ask about our special commuter rate.

Advent Mass Schedule

All Masses In Idaho Falls at Holy Rosary Church

Advent & Christmas Season Thursday Evenings – December 3, 10, 17 & January 7

7:00 pm Mass

December 8 – Immaculate Conception (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

8:15 am Parish & School Mass Bilingual

12:10 pm Mass English

7:30 pm Mass Bilingual

December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:00 am Mañanitas Spanish

7:00 am Misa (Mass) Spanish

7:00 am Misa Spanish Mud Lake

8:30 am Misa Spanish Roberts

December 15th – Advent Penance Service

7:00 pm CTK Parish Hall

December 18th – “A Night in Bethlehem” Family Activity

Looking for a place to share your time and talents?



—**Want to help, but cannot commit to much time?** The Martha group is perfect for you! It is an email help chain that sends out a plea for people to do one-time, small projects. Examples are, doing a few hours of typing, making an appetizer for a special event, one day of painting etc. The group organizer sends out an email with the request, all you have to do is respond if you can help — really easy! If you would like to be on the email chain, please call Natalie Black at 529-1085.

—**Come help us make a joyful noise!** We're always looking for additional musical help, and if you are willing to share your time and talent please contact the IFCC Music Coordinator, Ann Boehmer at 589-0567 or come up after mass and talk with the musicians.

—**Attention Mass Ministers!** If you have been trained as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server for all English speaking Masses and have not been on the monthly schedule and would like to be, please contact the following people: Pam Jones (Eucharistic Ministers) pajones@cableone.net ; Mike Whyte (Lectors) mwhyte@cableone.net or 528-6410; Tony LaRosa (Altar Servers) 522-9820 or larotony@gmail.com. ***This would also pertain to those who haven't been trained in any ministry who are interested.*** If you have questions regarding the Sunday, 5:00pm HS Mass schedule, contact Marie Tracy, 524-0116, ext. 18 or mtracy@ida.net. For Spanish Masses please contact Deacon Alvaro Ponce, aponce@ida.net. The monthly ministry schedule will be posted on the website (www.ifcatholics.net).

—**Looking for a way to serve our parish** without a long term commitment? Please join our **Martha Group!** We match volunteers with one time opportunities to use your talents in service of the Idaho Falls Catholic Community. All we need is your e-mail! When a project comes up we send everyone the information and if you would like to help, you respond, if you can't help, don't respond. That's it! For more information or to add your e-mail please call Natalie Black 529-1085.