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Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

LK 21:25-28, 34-36

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Weekend Mass Schedule/

Horarios de Misas en el fin de Semana:

Saturday / Sábado: 5 pm

Sunday / Domingo: 8 am, 10 am, 11:30 am

Spanish / Español 1 pm, LifeTeen 5 pm

Weekday Mass Times: Misa Diaria:

Monday-Friday / Lunes - Viernes: 8:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday/

Martes, Miércoles, Viernes: 12:15 pm

Miércoles (Español): 6:30 pm

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FR. ANTONIO'S CORNER



A Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent

Between Outrage and Hope

An indestructible conviction, since its inception, holds firm the faith of the followers of Jesus, encouraged by God, that our human history is heading toward its final liberation. The unbearable contradictions of human beings and the uncountable horrific actions committed by man in every age must not lead to extinguish our hope in the final victory of God over evil.

The world that sustains us is not definitive. One day the whole creation shall give "signs" that the end has arrived to make way for a new and liberated life, which none of us can think of in the wildest of our dreams or understand it. The Gospels collect a remembrance of Jesus' reflection about the end of times.

Paradoxically, His attention does not focus in the "cosmic events" that may occur at that time. His main objective is to offer His followers a lifestyle model, to live with lucidity the arrival of the end times. The end of history is not chaos, destruction of life, and total death. Slowly, amid light and darkness, listening to the calls of our heart or ignoring what is best in us, we walk toward the ultimate mystery of the reality, which we believers call "God."

We are not to live trapped by fear or anxiety. The "last day" is not a day of

wrath and revenge, but one of liberation. De Gospel of Luke sums up the thought of Jesus with these remarkable words: "when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Only then, we shall really know how God loves the world.

We must revive our trust in God, lift our spirits and awaken our hope. One day the financial powers will sink. The folly plays of the powerful will end. The victims of so many unjust wars, crimes and genocides shall come to experience what real life is. Our efforts for a more humane world will not be lost forever, because we shall see how God creates his Kingdom of Peace and Justice.

Jesus struggles to shake the consciences of His followers. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." Do not live like foolish people. Do not let yourselves be carried away by frivolity and excess. "Be vigilant." Lead a lifestyle with lucidity and responsibility. Never be tired of doing good. Keep yourselves always in constant effort to do good and avoid returning evil with evil.

We must go beyond what seems to be a reasonable human answer to the present day's challenges: "forgive those who kill you, bless those who affront you, and bless those who insult you."



FIVE MINUTES WITH THE LORD *Daily Readings for the Week of December 3-9*

Monday: IS 2:1-5; MT 8:5-11

Tuesday: IS 11:1-10; LK 10:21-24

Wednesday: IS 25:6-10A; MT 15:29-37

Thursday: IS 26:1-6; MT 7:21, 24-27

Friday: IS 29:17-24; MT 9:27-31

Saturday: GN 3:9-15, 20; EPH 1:3-6, 11-12; LK 1:26-38

Sunday, December 9 (spend time with the Sunday readings before Mass)

BAR 5:1-9; PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11; LK 3:1-6

LITURGICAL MINISTERS *for the Weekend of December 8-9*

Lectors:

Sat. 5 pm: Teresa Browning, Marty Holtman
8 am: Patti O'Neill, Charlene Kaufman
10 am: St. Joseph's Students
11:30 am: Mark Geraty, Vee Lehman
5 pm: Daniel Russell

Extraordinary Ministers:

Sat. 5 pm: Team 4
8 am: Team BB
10 am: Team B
11:30 am: Team II

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PARISH CALENDAR: December 2-9

Sunday, December 2

7:25-7:55 am: Rosary
8-9 am: Mass (Mary Lynn Schulz and Baby and Family)
9-11:30 am: Outside Coffee Hour
10-11 am: Mass (pro populo)
11:15 am: Religious Ed (Riffle Center)
11:30am-12:30 pm: Mass (Jerilyn Beake Grizzaffi)
1-2 pm: Mass (Español)
3 pm: Cathedral Docent tours
5 pm: Mass (Clare Ward and Baby and Family)
6 pm: LifeTeen (Riffle Center)

Monday, December 3

8-8:20 am: Liturgy of the Hours
8:30 am: Mass (Eugene Tartell)
9:45-11:15 am: Legion of Mary (John Paul II)
6:30 pm: Bible Study (Queen of Peace)
7-9 pm: Men's Spirituality Group (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Tuesday, December 4

6-7 am: Men's Fellowship Group
8-8:20 am: Liturgy of the Hours
8:30 am: Mass (Yvonne Echevarria)
12:15 pm: Mass (Sarah and Nicholas Rosandick)

12:45 pm: Reconciliation
1-3 pm: Bible Study (John Paul II)
6-6:30 pm: Family Catechesis (Queen of Peace)
6:30-8 pm: RCIA (Cathedral)

Wednesday, December 5

7 am Men's 4th Day (John Paul II)
8-8:20 am: Liturgy of the Hours
8:30 am: Mass (Benefactors of St. John Vianney)
12:15 pm: Mass (Agustin Perez)
12:30 pm: Mens 4th Day (John the Evangelist)
7 pm: Spanish Mass

Thursday, December 6

8-8:20 am: Liturgy of the Hours
8:30 am Mass (Gerald Dee Hulsey)

Friday, December 7

8-8:20 am: Liturgy of the Hours
8:30 am Mass (Fr. Antonio's birthday)
9-11 am: Women's 4th Day (Francis Rm)
10-11:30 am: Moms Playgroup (Catherine of Siena Rm)
12:15 pm: Mass
1-3 pm: Women's 4th Day (Francis Rm)
6 pm: International Rosary

6:30 pm: Vigil Mass—Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7 am: Mens 4th Day
8:30 am: Mass (pro populo)
9 am: Mens 4th Day Prayer Group
12:15 pm: Mass (Sr. Maria Juan)
3 pm: Reconciliation
5 pm: Mass (Craig H.)
6:30 pm: Christmas Around the World (Riffle Center)

Sunday, December 9

7:25-7:55 am: Rosary
8-9 am: Mass (Joe and Linda Black)
9-11:30 am: Outside Coffee Hour
10-11 am: Mass (pro populo)
11:15 am: Religious Ed (Riffle Center)
11:30am-12:30 pm: Mass (Holy Souls in Purgatory)
1-2 pm: Mass (Español)
3 pm: Cathedral Docent tours
5 pm: Mass (Joe Ruhoff Sr.)
6 pm: LifeTeen (Riffle Center)



ADVENT—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION During Advent all the faithful are invited and encouraged to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in preparation for the Christmas Feasts. During Advent confessions will be offered St. John's Cathedral on the following days and times:

- Tuesdays—December 4th, 11th, and 18th
 - * Following the 12:15 pm Mass
 - * 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (this is an “extra” time offered during Advent)
- Saturdays—December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd
 - * 3:00 – 4:30 pm
- A city-wide Liturgy of Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19th, at 7:00 pm in St. Mark's Church, Boise. All the faithful of the City are invited.



FIESTA The Hispanic Community of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist cordially invites all to celebrate the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe December 9, Fiesta at 2 pm in St. Joseph's School Gym. Continuing with the celebration on December 12 in the Cathedral 5:00 am Mananitas (morning praise) and 7 pm Mass. Come celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe!



Please note that the submission deadline for the Christmas weekend bulletin is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14!** Entries can be emailed to sjcathedralbulletin@gmail.com.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRANT AWARDED In late November the Idaho Heritage Trust awarded the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist a grant of \$5,000.00 for the restoration of the exterior mahogany doors of the Cathedral. The restoration of the doors will be undertaken in the months ahead as the construction of the Cathedral's exterior stairs proceeds ahead to completion. The mission of the Idaho Heritage Trust is, "Preserving the historic fabric of Idaho for our State's Bicentennial in 2090 through a program of grants and technical assistance." "This grant comes to [the Cathedral] because the Idaho State Legislature made the funding available to the Idaho Heritage Trust for historic preservation through the royalty payments of our trademarked license plate design." The Cathedral thanks the Idaho Heritage Trust for this support of our community's efforts to properly maintain our historic and beautiful Cathedral for generations to come.



STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN REPORT—Nov. 21, 2018

- 123 donors
- Total Pledged: \$641,305.65
 - * 77.3% of original projected cost of \$830,000.00
- Total collected: \$626,045.36
 - * 97.6% of pledges

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

**BELONG
to CHRIST
HIS Church
& YOUR Cathedral**

WHAT: New Year's Faith Formation Resolution! As we begin Advent—this time of spiritual preparation—we'll be including more news about our new pastoral plan for adult faith formation going forward. We'll be implementing a plan as formulated by the US Bishop's Conference which establishes six "stations" of ongoing conversion. This will not pre-empt anything already in place, but only act as an organizing schematic to help those on their ongoing spiritual journey.

WHY: Every parish needs a plan to "build the Kingdom of God" and the US Bishops have provided us with one. First and foremost it's about deepening our relationships with Christ, His Church, and with those around us in our St. John's parish community.

WHEN: Commences January 2019 to ... (ongoing conversion)

HOW: Every three months we focus on one of the key areas or stations of faith formation that include 1)

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY Saint John's Monday evening Bible Study will begin a 13 week study of Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism, the Pivotal Players" on January 7, 2019. This study will conclude on April 1, 2019. We'll be discussing the significant contributions of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Blessed John Henry Newman, Michaelangelo and GK Chesterton to the Catholic Faith. More information about start and registration materials coming soon. The sessions will begin at 6:30 pm on Monday evenings and will be held in the Queen of Peace room in

the Riffle Center. Register for the course by contacting bradenstauts@gmail.com. The study guide is available at www.wordonfire.org. Go to **Store - Study Programs - Catholicism, The Pivotal Players, Volume 1** and order the study guide (\$19.96 plus shipping)

LITTLE BLUE BOOK Ready to get started already on the New Year's resolution? Pick up one of "The Little Blue Book" of Advent and Christmas that is available this weekend (free while they last) for parishioners. This is a great way to enter into the season of Advent and the gift of

Christ's presence among us. They are in the main entryway/vestibule.

SECOND TUESDAYS What better element to consider during Advent—this time of preparation—than the Old Testament, and who better to share his knowledge about this foundational text of our faith than our very own Fr. Jerry! This parish wide event for Faith Formation about the Old Testament will be Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 6:30-8PM in the Riffle Center. Come for an evening discussion, stay for the company with your fellow faith travelers.

FORMED PICK

Prepare the Way of the King
By Dr. Scott Hahn

Ready Your Heart this Advent

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

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"Just what I needed for this Advent!"
—Leslie H., Veneto, OH

OUR PARISH

FEATURED PARISH MINISTRY: GUADALUPANOS

This week we pray in gratitude for those serving our parish community through the ministry of **Guadalupanos**. Lord bless those who are serving in this ministry with courage and perseverance and grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. Help the men and women of our parish to hear your call to serve our community in a ministry to address their own needs and those of our parish who thirst for your presence.



El Grupo Guadalupano Planeamos actividades para recaudar fondos para la fiesta de la virgen de Guadalupe para el domingo del día 9 de Diciembre y tambine para el dia 12 de diciembre. También apoyamos a aquellas familia que han perdido algún familiar aquí o en sus países de origen, apoyando a dirigir el santo rosario para los días de novenario. Obedientes a escuchar la voz de nuestra santísima madre María como en las bodas de canaa cuando se terminó el vino en aquella fiesta y ella les dijo: "Hagan lo que Él les diga." Para mas informacion ponerse en contacto con luz.barajas1973@gmail.com.

The Guadalupano ministry plans and implements all the activities for the annual feast of the Our Lady of Guadalupe coming up on Sunday Dec. 9th, then on the 12th. They also support those families who have lost a family member here or in their countries of origin, they lead the holy rosary for the days of novena Obedient to listen to the voice of our most holy Mother Mary as at the Canaanite wedding when the wine was finished at that feast and she said to them: "Do whatever He tells you." For more information email luz.barajas1973@gmail.com.

CATHEDRAL HOLIDAY DECORATIONS Please consider joining us in preparing the Cathedral for the holiday season. If you are available on any of the following dates you can email smstephaniemay@gmail.com or call 208-447-9654: December 8, 8-10 am / December 15, 8-10 am / December 22 8-10 am. We appreciate your help!

BLUE HAT ROSARY December 8th Blue Hat gathering will meet at 11:30 a.m. in front of the prayer chapel. We will proceed in together and pray our rosary. We will proceed to Mitzi Aden's for a potluck lunch. Drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by December 3rd. Bring a Christmas ornament for a ornament exchange.

December 15th our Blue hat group will join the Blue Hat group from Holy Apostles at the Nazareth center. Time 5:00 pm for prayer and a prime rib dinner. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Spouses are invited. Please RSVP on December 3rd. Bring an angel ornament to exchange.



Blue Hat have no dues our formal meetings. We pray the rosary together on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Wearing a blue hat to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary is encouraged but not required. Call or text 208-602-6899.



ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT SALE It's that time of year again. Bishop Kelly Juniors will be selling oranges and grapefruit after all masses this weekend, December 1&2 and the following weekend, December 8&9 with delivery December 15&16 . The funds will help to offset the costs of their Service Learning trip to New Orleans to build a Habitat for Humanity home. Donations are also welcome. Thank you.

"St Anthony, St. Anthony please look around. Something is lost and must be found"

One of the poles for the processional canopy used at the Feast of Corpus Christi is missing. It is a 6-foot dark stained pole. In one end there is a threaded metal extension which attaches to the cross. We have 3 of the poles but are missing the fourth. We have the crosses that attach to the poles but we need the fourth pole as the metal attachment pieces are not sold individually. Everyone, please check to see if your group possibly used it for a banner or perhaps it got misplaced. We would really appreciate it if everyone would help to solve this mystery. Contact the office if you find it.

There is also a large black tote with a gray lid that has mysteriously disappeared from the decorating room. It contained artificial fruit and sunflowers that were used for the chapel for Thanksgiving. If you borrowed it or know where it is, please contact the office.



CHILDREN'S CHANCEL CHOIR Choir rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant and Mass are being held on Thursdays, from 5 – 6:30 PM downstairs in the Riffle Center. Healthy snacks are provided and early drop off for socializing and games begins at 4 PM. For more information and to register, contact Diana Pietri or Dr. Raphael Morvant at (208) 342-3511, ex. 108 or email diana.pietri.dpc@gmail.com.



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Looking to make your faith more active?
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This is who and what we are at the Cathedral as we strive to build the Kingdom of God.

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Entre la indignación y la esperanza

Una convicción indestructible, desde su inicio, mantiene firme la fe de los seguidores de Jesús, alentados por Dios, de que nuestra historia humana se dirige hacia su liberación final. Las contradicciones insostenibles de los seres humanos y las incontables acciones horribles cometidas por el hombre en todas las épocas no deben llevar a extinguir nuestra esperanza en la victoria final de Dios sobre el mal.

El mundo que nos sostiene no es definitivo. Un día, toda la creación dará "señales" de que el fin ha llegado para dar paso a una vida nueva y liberada, que ninguno de nosotros puede pensar ni imaginarlo ni en lo más salvaje de nuestros sueños. Los evangelios recogen un recuerdo de la reflexión de Jesús sobre el fin de los tiempos.

Paradójicamente, su atención no se centra en los "eventos cósmicos" que pueden ocurrir en ese momento. Su principal objetivo es ofrecer a sus seguidores un modelo de estilo de vida, para vivir con lucidez la llegada de los últimos tiempos. El fin de la historia no es el caos, la destrucción de la vida y la muerte total. Lentamente, en medio de la luz y la oscuridad, escuchando las llamadas de nuestro corazón o ignorando lo que es lo mejor para nosotros, caminamos hacia el misterio supremo de la realidad, que los creyentes llamamos "Dios".

No debemos vivir atrapados por el miedo o la ansiedad. El "último día"

no es un día de ira y venganza, sino de liberación. El Evangelio de Lucas resume el pensamiento de Jesús con estas palabras notables: "cuando estos signos comiencen a suceder, manténganse erguidos y levanten la cabeza porque su redención está al alcance de la mano". Solo entonces, sabremos realmente cómo Dios ama al mundo.

Debemos revivir nuestra confianza en Dios, elevar nuestros espíritus y despertar nuestra esperanza. Un día los poderes financieros se hundirán. Las locuras de los poderosos terminarán. Las víctimas de tantas guerras injustas, crímenes y genocidio vendrán a experimentar lo que es la vida real. Nuestros esfuerzos por un mundo más humano no se perderán para siempre, porque veremos cómo Dios crea su Reino de Paz y Justicia.



Jesús lucha por sacudir la conciencia de sus seguidores. "Tenga cuidado de que sus corazones no se vuelvan somnolientos a causa de la excitación y la embriaguez y las ansiedades de la vida cotidiana". No viva como gente

tonta. No se dejen llevar por la frivolidad y el exceso. "Sé vigilante". Lleva un estilo de vida con lucidez y responsabilidad. Nunca te canses de hacer el bien. Manténganse siempre en constante esfuerzo por hacer el bien y eviten devolver el mal con el mal.

Debemos ir más allá de lo que parece ser una respuesta humana razonable a los desafíos actuales: "perdona a quienes te matan, bendice a quienes te ofenden, y bendice a quienes te insultan".



ADVIENTO—SACRAMENTO DE RECONCILIATION: Durante el Adviento todos los fieles están invitados a participar en el Sacramento de Reconciliación (la confesión) en preparación para las fiestas navideñas. Habrá confesiones en la Catedral de San Juan Evangelista en las siguientes fechas y horas:

- Los martes—4, 11, y 18 de diciembre
 - * Después de la misa de las 12:15 p.m.
 - * 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (es una oportunidad que se ofrece durante el Adviento)
- Los sábados—1, 8, 15, y 22 de diciembre
 - * 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- Habrá para todos los fieles de Boise una Liturgia de Reconciliación (confesiones) el miércoles, 19 de diciembre, a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia de San Marcos, Boise. Todos están invitados.



FIESTA The Hispanic Community of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist cordially invites all to celebrate the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe December 9, Fiesta at 2 pm in St. Joseph's School Gym. Continuing with the celebration on December 12 in the Cathedral 5:00 am Mananitas (morning praise) and 7 pm Mass. Come celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe!

LOS ENSAYOS DEL CORO DE NIÑOS para la Pageant y Misa de Víspera de Navidad, se están dando los jueves, de 5-6:30 pm abajo en el Riffle Center. Se proveen meriendas saludables. La socialización y juegos para los niños que lleguen temprano, o "early drop offs", comienza a las 4 pm. Para más información o registrarse, puede comunicarse con la Sra. Diana Pietri o el Dr. Raphael Morvant al (208) 342-3511, ext. 108, o vía email a diana.pietri.dpc@gmail.com.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES As you saw, Giving Trees are up and there are still some tags that need to be filled. We are looking to provide nearly 600 gifts to primarily refugee families, single mothers and foster children. We are working with Catholic Charities, Family Advocacy Groups, St. Vincent de Paul, CASA and Baby Steps.

If you have not yet taken a tag, please look for one that speaks to you as you leave the church today. Also, if you have already taken a tag but feel you might be able to take more, please, don't be shy.

This year we are partnering with St. Joseph's School to help support their Scrip Program. If you select a tag off the giving tree for a gift card you can purchase that gift card from the St. Joe's Scrip Program. The Scrip Program allows you to purchase gift cards for over 700 retailers and the school receives a rebate for the purchase. Order forms are available in the back of the church or you can simply drop an envelope with a check made payable to St. Joseph's School and your Giving Tree tag into the collection. Please feel free to order any other gift cards you might need from the St. Joe's Scrip program, check the bulletin for more details. Gifts are due back on December 15th and 16th at all Masses.

For more information on who receives gifts, rules or restrictions that apply to this project, or to become a volunteer and help bring Christmas to our local needy families, please contact Anita at (208)863-8443. Wishing you a blessed and beautiful Advent season. Thank you for your generosity.

Pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks or credit cards. Gift cards are available for over 750 retailers!

Why? To earn money for St. Joe's—at no additional cost to you!

How? Purchase gift cards from St. Joe's at face value. Gift cards have a rebate on them (anywhere from 2 to 16%) We receive an instant rebate for our school.

When? Bring your order form to the parish or school office. Cash and checks only. You can also order online at www.shopwithscrip.com — enrollment code CD92F6F66LL85

Perfect for the Giving Tree!
Questions? Contact Sarah Lynch jslynch03@yahoo.com
or Anita Miller millera@stjoes.com



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GABON ONAK A BASQUE CHRISTMAS



*An Evening of Traditional Basque & American
Holiday Choral Music*

THE BIOTZETIK BASQUE CHOIR

December 5, 2018 (Wednesday) • 6:00 pm

Idaho State Capitol • 2nd Floor Rotunda

DO YOU HAVE YOUR 2019 MEN IN BLACK CALENDAR YET? These unique calendars, a project of St. John Vianney Society, feature 12 Idaho priests, including Bishop Peter Christensen, and are designed to promote vocations and raise awareness of the priesthood. You will enjoy using them every day of the year! Calendars are available for a suggested donation of \$15 and will be available after Masses on select weekends this fall. They are also available in the parish office and at Reilly's Church Supply. All proceeds are dedicated to supporting Idaho seminarians and priests. For more information, call MaryLou at (208) 344-4852 or Judy at (208) 863-9695.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH is seeking a Coordinator of LifeTeen high school youth ministry and Confirmation. 30 hours per week. Must have youth ministry experience. Bachelor's degree preferred. Send resumé to Father Rob Cook

SALT & LIGHT RADIO is seeking a Direct of Finance. It is a part-time paid position, approximately 20 hours per week, with flexible work hours, in a dynamic and growing apostolate and a loving, supportive, family-oriented Catholic environment. Find a complete job description at saltandlightradio.com or contact jobs@saltandlightradio.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children of St. John's Religious Education and St. Joseph's Students who participated in the Idaho Catholic Register Thanksgiving Art and Essay Contest!

2nd Grade Art (Front Page photo)

1st Place: Vivienne Cloyed, St. John's Religious Education

8th Grade Essay

3rd place, Justine Lam, St. Joseph's

5th Grade Art

1st place, Brook Finfrock, St. Joseph's

2nd place, Emerson Lynch, St. Joseph's

7th Grade Essays

1st place: Sofia Kartel, St. Joseph's

2nd Place: David Hupp, St. Joseph's

3rd Place: Elyse Ellingsworth, St. Joseph's

Honorable Mention: Josephine Bieter, St. Joseph's

Kindergarten Art

1st Place: Melina Caloca, St. Joseph's

2nd Place: Aiona Yribar, St. Joseph's

2nd Grade Art

2nd Place: Evan Lauer, St. Joseph's

3rd Grade Art

3rd place: Natalia Parsons, St. Joseph's

6th Grade Essays

2nd Place: Addison Gibbons, St. John's Religious Education

Honorable Mention: Charlotte Keating, St. Joseph's



CELEBRATE Our 3rd Annual Christmas Around the World celebration is slated for **Saturday, December 8, at 6:30pm in the Riffle Center** for Faith Formation. Come and spend a fun family evening together in fellowship, and festivities as we celebrate the universality of Christ's birth with an international flair. Families are encouraged to dress in ethnic attire to share cultural history with your cathedral family.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

INNOVATIVE EDUCATORS! On November 26, Mrs. Kaylyn Schneider and Miss Emily Major's 4th grade classes were featured on KTVB Channel 7 in an "Innovative Educator" segment. The teachers created an interactive, hands-on Thanksgiving lesson to engage their students, bringing a history lesson to life in the classroom. To see the clip, go to <https://www.ktvb.com/video/news/local/innovative-educators-thanksgiving-lesson-keeps-kids-engaged/277-8343197>



There's still time to support the **St. Joseph's Catholic School Education Tax Credit Appeal!** Donation envelopes can be found in the vestibule or simply give online at www.stjoes.com. Once you click on "Make a Donation," you will be directed to a secure site where you can easily contribute to the **Idaho Education Tax Credit**, or make a donation to the category of your choice. The **Idaho Education Tax Credit** lets you support St. Joe's with dollars you would otherwise owe in state taxes. **Idaho offers you a TAX CREDIT of half your gift to St. Joseph's up to \$500 for individuals and up to \$1,000 for married couples filing jointly.** As always, we recommend discussing your specific tax situation with your tax advisor. **Don't delay**—2018 donations must be given by December 31, 2018. We hope you will prayerfully consider giving to the school through this vehicle. Families in our school, and you, will be blessed by this gift. Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish school!

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAIZE PRAYER will be offered at Nazareth Retreat Center, 4450 N. Five Mile Road, Wednesdays during Advent beginning December 5 at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Taize prayer is communal, ecumenical, meditative prayer in the form of repetitive songs, brief periods of reflective silence and scripture readings. For additional information please call Nazareth, 208.375.2932 or email nazareth@rcdb.org. To see a complete schedule of events at Nazareth check out our website at www.nazarethretreatcenter.org



CURSILLO—FEBRUARY 2019 Do you want to get to know yourself better, experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ, and become part of a loving and caring Christian community? If so, Cursillo is for you. Catholics, 18 years of age and older, are able to attend. The men's Cursillo is scheduled from February 21-24, 2019 and the women's Cursillo is scheduled from February 28-March 3, 2019, both at the Nazareth Retreat Center. Interested men should contact Braden Stauts at 208-340-2814 or bradenstauts@gmail.com and women should contact Cecilia Obrochta at 208-890-2066 or amobro82@gmail.com.

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