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HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR !!

PARISH NEWS: Sacred Heart Church, Klamath Falls

On November 12th, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Klamath Falls hosted a concert featuring the Richie Nav band. The band consists of three brothers (Richie, Mike, and Brian), a sister (Amelia), and a cousin (Ricky) - all of the Navarrete family. The Navarrete family is very involved with their home parish of Blessed Sacrament in Ontario, leading music at both Spanish Masses, and performing at events such as Blessed Sacrament's Centennial Celebration this past summer. Since the formation of the band, they have been traveling and putting on concerts, and have even cut a CD.

The concert was a cooperative effort between Sacred Heart and a non-denominational Christian church in an effort to provide a fun and wholesome event for the youth. At the beginning of the concert, Mike, the band's bass player, told the crowd that by the end of the night they would be on their feet...and they were! Everyone there was up on their feet and dancing. There was even a dance contest for a free Richie Nav t-shirt. A good time was had by all. Father Rogatian commented that the group was very animating, and he would "highly recommend them to other parishes with youth programs." Katie Beaubien, Sacred Heart's youth minister said, "Richie and I went to school together, so it was great to be able to bring him and the band down here and promote their music, as well as provide an awesome concert for our youth. I can't wait to bring them back."

To listen to the music of Richie Nav, visit their website at www.richienav.com.



Left to right:
Mike Navarrete,

Katie Beaubien, Richie Navarrete, and Brian Navarrete

PARISH NEWS: St. Katherine Church, Enterprise

St. Katherine's Catholic Church in Enterprise, held its first Annual Cookbook Sampler. The Women's Guild introduced its newly completed cookbook in style with a "Cookbook Sampler" event offering attendees actual tastes of some of the recipes.

The event was held on November 12th, at the Parish Hall and the \$15.00 admission price included a copy of the cookbook as well as the delectable samples. The event also featured door prizes and a silent auction table with ten baskets to choose from. Andrea Rodriguez put together the beautiful baskets which raised over \$200.00.



The hall was decorated in beautiful fall colors. The food was arranged on the table with custom place cards directing you to the page of the book and the name of the contributor. There were 45 different items presented from the cookbook, which included desserts, hot dishes, appetizers, breads, relish, punch, and much more.

Kim Moore, the president of the Women's Guild, said the gathering provided fellowship with the community by giving them an opportunity to taste the recipes in the cookbook. The ladies of the guild worked very hard and are proud of the end result.

Thanks go to all who so generously prepared their wonderful dishes, served on the decorating committee, sales, and cleanup to make the event a success.

Special thanks to Joleen Heath for putting together the book and sales. To purchase a cookbook contact Kim Moore at the St. Katherine parish office at (541)426-4008. The cost is \$11.00 plus shipping and handling.

REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP SKYLSTAD: The Feast of the Holy Family and Marriage

The Feast of the Holy Family is usually celebrated on the Sunday between Christmas and the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Since both of those feasts are on Sunday this year, the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on Friday, December 30. Since the concern of the Church has always been about strengthening marriage and family life, I would like to reflect on ongoing efforts in this regard.

The USCCB (The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) a few years ago decided to focus their efforts on five main priorities for the Catholic Church in the United States. They are: strengthening marriage and family life, faith formation, the dignity of the human person, cultural diversity, and vocations to priesthood and religious life. In many ways, the WWME (Worldwide Marriage Encounter) movement embodies all five of the major goals of the USCCB. What is involved?

Basically the WWME weekend is a short course on communication for good marriages. The movement has spread worldwide and in my judgment is one of the finest examples of how lay leadership has been of tremendous assistance and gift to the Church. I have been involved with the movement for over 30 years as a team priest and two years as cadre priest (one who assists with the training of couples and priests to present weekends). The movement is self-supporting and has constantly had the focus of reaching out to other parts of the world where such support is needed.

WWME weekends are not for troubled marriages but good ones. Every marriage has room to grow and develop and so the focus is on good marriages with the intention of helping the couple grow in their relationship. Incidentally, there is also a very valuable movement associated with WWME called "Retrovaille" (literally means reunion) which is for those who are experiencing marital difficulty. Both movements have scheduled gatherings here locally. The next Retrovaille in the Bend area (Redmond) will be on the weekend of March 16-18. The next WWME weekend at Pilot Butte will be on April 20-22.

We live in a rapidly changing world. Even in my later years of priesthood and a life as a bishop, I need to continue to search out areas of growth and conversion in myself. I would encourage every married couple also to look at their relationships as opportunities for growth and a deeper appreciation of spouse and the presence of God in their lives. Again and again, I have seen great examples of transformation and the wonderful inspiration of couples who continue to discover the mystery of their sacrament of marriage.

In both WWME and Retrovaille experiences, team couples with a presenting priest lead the weekends. In many ways the experience is an example of peer ministry at its best. I have always been deeply inspired by the tremendous generosity and commitment of couples involved in both movements whose only desire is to assist others.

Information and contact information can be found at: www.wwme.org and www.retrovaille.org

REFLEXIONES DEL SEÑOR OBISPO DON GUILLERMO SKYLSTAD: Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia y Matrimonio

La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia se celebra generalmente el domingo entre Navidad y la fiesta de la Solemnidad de Santa María, la Madre de Dios. Ya que estas dos fiestas caen en domingo este año, la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia se celebra el viernes, 30 de diciembre. Dado que la preocupación de la Iglesia siempre ha sido fortalecer el matrimonio y la vida familiar, me gustaría reflexionar sobre los actuales esfuerzos en este sentido.

La USCCB (Conferencia de los Estados Unidos de Obispos Católicos) hace unos años decidió concentrar sus esfuerzos en cinco prioridades principales para la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos. Estas son: fortalecer el matrimonio y la vida familiar, formación en la fe, la dignidad de la persona humana, la diversidad cultural, y las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa. En muchos sentidos, el movimiento Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial encarna los cinco de los principales objetivos de la USCCB. ¿En qué consiste?

Básicamente el fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial es un curso corto sobre la comunicación para un buen matrimonio. El movimiento se ha extendido en todo el mundo y en mi opinión es uno de los mejores ejemplos de cómo el liderazgo laico ha sido de gran ayuda y un don para la Iglesia. He estado involucrado con el movimiento por más de 30 años como sacerdote de equipo y dos años como sacerdote cadre (personal para la formación de parejas y sacerdotes presentadores de los fines de semana). El movimiento es autosuficiente y no ha dejado de llegar a otras partes del mundo donde se necesita ese apoyo.

Los fines de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial no son para matrimonios con problemas, sino para matrimonios que quieren crecer y desarrollarse en su relación como pareja y como familia. También hay un movimiento muy valioso asociado con EMM llamado "Retrovaille" (literalmente significa reunión), que es para aquellos que están pasando por problemas matrimoniales. Ambos movimientos tienen fines de semana a nivel local. El Retrovaille siguiente en la zona de Bend (Redmond) será el fin de semana de marzo 16-18. El fin de semana próximo Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial en Pilot Butte será en abril 20-22 estos son en Inglés; el fin de semana en español será en los primeros de abril desafortunadamente Retrovaille todavía no lo tenemos en Español pero se está trabajando en eso. Vivimos en un mundo que cambia rápidamente. Incluso en mis últimos años de sacerdocio y la vida como obispo, tengo que buscar áreas de crecimiento y de conversión en mí mismo. Yo recomendaría a todas las parejas casadas también a ver como andan sus relaciones y darse una oportunidad de crecimiento y una apreciación más profunda de su conyugue y de la presencia de Dios en sus vidas. Una y otra vez, he visto grandes ejemplos de transformación en estos fines de semana.

THREE KINGS - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:

Epiphany, from the Greek word *Epiphania*, meaning "revelation" is based on the biblical story that tells of the Magi or Three Kings - Caspar (or Kaspar or Gaspar), Melchior and Balthasar - who saw a bright star on the night Christ was born and followed it to Bethlehem. There they found the Christ child and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold symbolizing a gift worthy of a King, frankincense symbolizing prayers rising to heaven with the smoke from the frankincense and myrrh the ointment used for preparing the body for burial. Three gifts worthy of Jesus Christ who is King, Priest and by his death and resurrection our Savior. The legendary visit would later give rise to the custom of gift giving at Christmas. The Feast of the Epiphany, today traditionally observed on January 6, goes by various names in different cultures, i.e., Little Christmas, Three Kings Day, or Twelfth Night, which remains the official end of the season's "Twelve Days of Christmas" counting from Christmas evening on December 25 to the Epiphany on January 6.



An interesting custom that has arisen is the marking of the door lintel with the Magi's blessing to commemorate the feast of the Epiphany. The markings, with slight variations, appear as 20 CMB 12. This is not only put (with chalk) on the lintel of the front but, if desired, also on inside doors. It serves as a yearlong reminder of Christ's birth.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to Rev. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil, in La Pine. Father Jose was ordained to priesthood on January 28, 2002.

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our Priests and Bishops. Please keep them in your prayers.

PARISH NEWS: St. Patrick, Heppner

The Children of St. Patrick Parish in Heppner celebrated All Saints' Day this year with a Children's Mass. Grades pre-school through sixth began the Mass by singing "When the Saints Go Marching In" and then carried in banners of the Saints. Four children were dressed up as Saint Juan Diego, Saint Therese of Lisieux, Saint Maximilian Kolbe and Saint Padre Pio and read to the congregation about their lives. Saint Padre Pio even displayed his wounds of Jesus Christ. All of the students participated in the Mass and after Communion, the little ones sang, "This Little Light of Mine" and "Jesus Loves Me". Everyone enjoyed the special Mass and the children learned not only about the saints, but also about the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE: Prineville Conference

The store in Bend has moved to 63176 Nels Anderson Road. Call (541) 382-7805 for directions. Store hours: Tuesday-Friday 12-5 pm and Saturday 10-4pm.

PARISH NEWS: Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston

Over the past 20 years or so, the members of Our Lady of Angels Parish have been providing aid to a farming village in Peru through a Mission being run by Father David Johnson. Father David had formed a friendship with the former Pastor of Our Lady of Angels, Father Francisco Vallejos, (also known as Father Paco).

As a result of this friendship, parishioners had an opportunity to learn about the people of Peru and how great their needs truly were. Many parishioners wanted to donate money to Father David's Mission so the church opened an account in his name to facilitate handling the donations. Children competed in CCD classes to fill their classroom jars with "Pennies for Peru". To this day, offertory envelopes still come in marked "for Father David".

Over the years concerned parishioners visited Father David at his Mission in Peru. First, Dan and Chet Dufault, and then David and Anna Rademacher, made the difficult journey which can result in altitude sickness for those who cannot easily adapt to the change. These parishioners returned with photos, keepsakes, and many stories of how grateful the people are for the gifts they have received. They shared these mementos with members of Our Lady of Angels and took it upon themselves to organize a huge effort to gather items needed by the village. Items such as clothing, vitamins, building materials, tools, baby equipment, diapers, bedding, and much more were loaded into a 40 foot container and shipped off to Peru. Father David and the entire village were overwhelmed by the gift and the level of generosity.

Father David has made trips back to Our Lady of Angels to visit with parishioners and to express his most sincere gratitude. The response to his visits was the desire of the parishioners to send another container. This donation filled a need for vehicles for transportation, such as four wheel all terrain vehicles, extra tires, bicycles, etc. Because the village had received so much, they wanted to share what they had and expand their aid to the surrounding areas, bringing the Word of God with them.

About a year ago, parishioners Randy and Tammy Smith went to Peru to visit Father David and learn more about his Mission. They wanted to see firsthand what the needs of the community were. Upon their return, the Smiths began working on filling another container with household goods, tools, and other basics. They worked to encourage not only parishioners of Our Lady of Angels Parish, but also members of the community, to donate as well. Their efforts were successful as a third 40 foot container was recently shipped to the Mission. As Randy Smith stated, "It's just one farming community helping another".

Anyone wishing to help Father David Johnson with his Mission in Peru can send checks to Our Lady of Angels Church in Hermiston with Father David - Peru, on the note line.

PARISH NEWS: St. Peter Church, The Dalles

On the feast of Christ the King, November 20th, St. Peter's Church in The Dalles held a Eucharistic procession. The pastor, Father Charles Nnabuife, presented the idea to the parish and older parishioners remembered such occasions from many decades ago, while younger residents found the idea an entirely new concept.

Father Charles and the Sisters of Our Lady, Mother of Perpetual Help headed the process of planning, while Jamie Bailey, the Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister for the parish, researched such processions on the Internet. She also helped prepare the children in religious education by teaching them the prayer, "O Sacrament Most Holy."



More than 300 people turned out for the three-mile walk. Accompanied by a Mariachi band, there were eight flower girls, five attendants, a deacon and three acolytes, who led the procession with the priest. Many children came with their parents and walked the entire path.

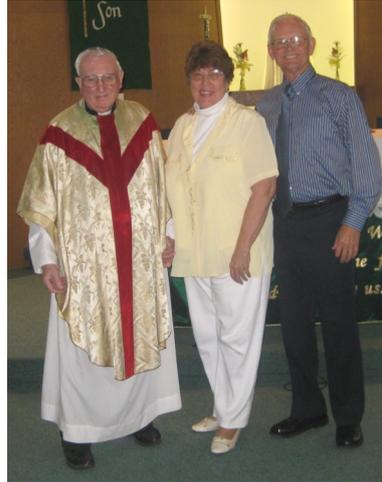
In addition to instilling a deeper understanding of Christ's Kingship and bringing the parish members closer together, there was an opportunity for evangelization when Catholics addressed community members' questions about the procession. Plans are already in place to repeat the tradition for next year.



Leading the procession, Father Charles Nnabuife holds the Monstrance during the three-mile walk.

PARISH NEWS: St. Patrick Church, Heppner

Dick and Sharon Jones, parishioners of St. Patrick parish in Heppner, recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary by renewing their Marriage vows at Mass on Sunday November 20th. There was a reception in the Parish Hall which was attended by their children, grandchildren and many friends.



Dick and Sharon were married at the Ascension Church in Portland on November 18, 1961. They Moved to Heppner in 2004, where they are both active as catechetical teachers in the religious education program and are Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

PARISH NEWS: St. Francis of Assisi Church, Bend

Adam Aaro, KPTV Newscaster, emceed the St. Francis of Assisi's Fifth Annual Christmas Faire, Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 19th in the Catholic Center. The dinner was served by the Knights of Columbus.

Children under 12 enjoyed shopping at the Kids' Dollar Store to purchase gifts for friends, siblings, parents and grandparents leaving with armfuls of neatly wrapped packages ready to give. The children also enjoyed crafts and playing at the Kids' Fun Room while their parents perused the special "deals" at the numerous silent auction tables and the tables loaded with items for sale. Six wonderful raffle items were given to six lucky ticket holders. The evening also included a bake sale prepared by the parishioners.

Many individuals and businesses contributed to the success of this annual event which was well attended by the parishioners of St. Francis Parish.



Father Bernard D'sa with his first-ever plate of Spaghetti. "It was good," he said.

