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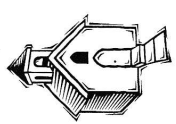
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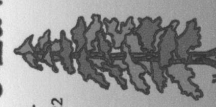
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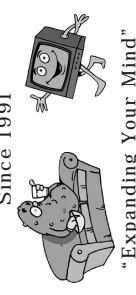
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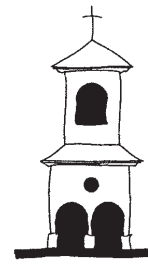
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- Mass: Sunday, noon
- Confession: Sunday, after Mass
- Baptisms : Third Sunday of the month
- Office phone: 365-4320 (Sacred Heart)
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April 29, 2007 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

PASTOR'S CORNER

Next Sunday, May 6, at Sacred Heart we will have a baptism, First Communion, and a wedding. This will be the third wedding celebrated at Sacred Heart this year, and this year also there will be an extraordinary number of children receiving their First Communion. Meantime, at St. Jude, we celebrate Lawson Hoene's baptism today; this year we began HALO, a whole new youth ministry open also to non-Catholic youth; we also started the Pueri program, for children, also open to non-Catholic children; and notice how many parish children leave during my homily for them to receive a special teaching on the Scriptures. This year we have also embraced the orphans at Obregon, in Mexico. It all shows that both faith communities, St. Jude and Sacred Heart, are alive and well, and in both places we are doing our best to serve children and youth, and, in so doing, supporting family life.

— Fr. Marcellus

STEWARDSHIP

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much." —Luke 12:32-48

Collection for April 22 \$ 363.05
 (Amounts reported do not include restricted funds)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today: Baptism of Lawson Hoene during Mass. Reception in Pep Hall following Mass.

ST. JUDE BIRTHDAY CORNER

May 3: Katie McInally.

May 5: Gary Hester.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kans for Kids Report: We recently received at check for \$202.56 from our can recycling project. This was for 422 lbs. of aluminum cans collected over the past 18 months. The money will benefit our HALO program. Please keep bringing in those cans! The collection point is the blue Ford Ranger parked behind the church each Sunday. Please bag your cans. Thanks!

Idaho Catholic Appeal: Plan to contribute generously to the ICA that makes it possible for the Diocese of Boise to function. ***St. Jude's assesment for this year is \$3,775.00.*** If each of our registered families donates \$100.00 to the ICA, we will come very close to meeting this goal. In the past, we have only met our assesment due to the generosity of two families, each of who have had to scale back their ICA donations due to family circumstances. It's time for YOU to step up to the plate and help our St. Jude community meet this goal! ***Our amount collected for the ICA to date is \$1,697.50.***

YOUTH

In 1986, Pope John Paul II initiated the World Youth Days (WYD) celebrated in alternate years, each time in a different city anywhere in the world. The WYD are well attended by youth from around the whole world. What perhaps most Catholics do not realize is that many of the youth that enthusiastically participate in the WYD are not Catholic, not even believers. Please read some details below. —*Fr. Marcellus*

"The young people who flock in large numbers to WYD are very different in their origins and beliefs. Whether they are Catholics by birth, newly converted, agnostics, or New Age followers, they all share the same desire to search for happiness and the meaning of their existence. They are in search of points of reference, and they show their need to be instructed, guided and to receive clarification on the intellectual, moral and doctrinal levels. Although some of them are distant from the Church, they accept that the teachings of the Pope are demanding and unwavering because they recognise him as a true father who takes care to guide them along the paths of life, and who also knows how to listen to them, encourage them and love them.

These young people generally know very little about their faith and live cut off from their Christian roots because their parents have not always considered religion as a precious heritage that they should transmit to them. Many of these young people have never been baptised nor have they received religious instruction. A large number of them have suffered from the separation of their parents and have grown up in broken families. They know what it is to be lonely. As they are young, they want to believe in happiness and cannot accept the bitter fruit of scepticism and despair that comes with an aging society, full of doubt and fear.

These young people wish to be engaged in working for others, and they see that voluntary service is a special way to deepen one's faith. They respond to the distress of humanity, but they cannot be satisfied with a humanism without God. These young people feel distant from a Church that they feel is more concerned with its internal organisation than in the well-being of humanity and the fundamental questions of existence. They are disappointed by the Church when they have the impression that it is abandoning its reasons for belief and hope. However, young people love

the Church when it joyfully gives witness of its faith." —Report on WYD, by Rev. Francis Kohn, Head of Youth Section, Pontifical Council for the Laity; Rome April 13, 2003

"In young people the Church sees herself and her mission to mankind: with them she faces the challenges of the future, aware that all humanity needs to be rejuvenated in spirit. This pilgrimage of the young members of the people builds bridges of brotherhood and hope between continents, peoples and cultures. It is a journey which is always in action, like life, like youth." —Pope John Paul II, in his Letter to Cardinal Pironio concerning WYD, Vatican City, May 8, 1996

Feeding Each Other

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves."

Bubba the Baptist

Each Friday night after work, Bubba would fire up his outdoor grill and cook a venison steak. But, all of Bubba's neighbors were Catholic.... And since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Friday.

The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The priest came to visit Bubba, and suggested that he become a Catholic.

After several classes and much study, Bubba attended Mass.... and as the priest sprinkled holy water over him, he said, "You were born a Baptist, and raised a Baptist, but now you are a Catholic."

Bubba's neighbors were greatly relieved, until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood. The priest was called immediately by the neighbors, and, as he rushed into Bubba's yard prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement.

There stood Bubba, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat and chanted: "You wuz born a deer, you wuz raised a deer, but now you a catfish."