

Adult Education

- Beginning Jan 3, 2012 Risen Christ will hold adult education on Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30PM. This will run weekly into March.
- We will use Fr Robert Barron's video project Catholicism to guide us.
- Participant Study Guide available, \$34.95. If 20 or more are ordered a 15% discount applies. The book Catholicism by Father Robert Barron is also available for \$27.95. Discount of 15% if more than 20 are ordered.
- Call the parish office to register, for info, and/or order. Order dead-line: Dec 20.
- Babysitting provided if volunteers come forward.

**Office Closed
Dec 23 thru January 2**

Foot Clinic

This month the Foot Clinic will be at Risen Christ on Dec 20, 9AM to 1PM. Sign up on the sheet on Health Ministry Bulletin Board. Sign up soon there are only 5 openings left Questions, call Linda, 484-5256.

Adult Volunteers Needed

Two or three adults needed to assume responsibility for assuring youth volunteers are available for parish events. Involves scheduling & supervision of youth during events. Requires Safe environment training. Call Linda Van Buren, 484-5256.



Christmas Mass Schedule
 Christmas Eve Mass, 4 & 8PM
 Christmas Day Mass, 9AM

Advent Reconciliation Service
 Dec 20 St Mark's

Los Posadas

- Posada is Spanish for lodging or accommodation.
- Las Posadas is a time of prayer & song in preparation for Christmas. Join us for Las Posadas with song & prayer as we journey with Joseph & Mary to Bethlehem 7PM on Dec 16, 20 & 21.

Thanksgiving Food Box Project
 Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for food boxes, donations, & helping hands. 137 boxes from Risen Christ.



Giving Tree

- This annual custom is a great opportunity to expand & link Christmas giving to people in need.
- Wrap or place gift in a gift bag or envelope. Attach tag.
- Return gifts no later than Dec 18.
- Gifts will go to people in need: Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services, Heifer International, SHIP (Supportive Housing & Innovative Partnerships; housing for people in recovery), St Vincent de Paul, Corpus Christi House, Terry Reilly Health Clinic.

Risen Christ Website

See what's going on at Risen Christ. Check out the calendar on the parish website at www.risenchristboise.org.

Parish Events

- December**
- 19 - RCIA, 7PM
 - 20 - Foot Clinic 10AM-NOON
 - 20 - Las Posadas, 7PM
 - 21 - Las Posadas, 7PM
 - 21- RCIC, 6PM
 - 22 - Reconciliation & Adoration, 6PM Mass, 7:30PM
 - 23-Jan 2 - Office Closed
 - 24 - Christmas Eve Mass, 4PM & 8PM
 - 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 9AM

Religious Education

- December**
- 18 - Blessing For First Eucharist & Confirmation, 10:30 Mass
 - 18 - Preschool-Grade 3, 12-1PM
 - 18 - Grade 4-Grade 12, 6:00-7:30PM
- December 25 thru Jan 1**
NO CLASS - ALL GROUPS

Stewardship - A Way of Life

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

From July 1 to November 30	Actual	Budget
* Parish Income	\$ 219,150	\$ 271,986
**Parish Expenses	\$ 244,771	\$ 271,986
* Income includes Sunday and Mortgage Payment collections		
** Expenses include Parish Operating Costs and Mortgage		

Detailed Religious Ed, Youth Ministry Info

Questions/to volunteer call Mark,
362-6584 ext 410
Afternoon Session, Preschool - Grade 3
Evening Session, Grades 4 - 12

Great Job & Thank You to all who were able to help out the Diocesan Refugee Ministry by donating diapers & wipes to those in need this Christmas season. You did a fantastic job reflecting the light that Christ continually shines on us.

Confirmation Meeting Jan 8th , 6-7:30PM with a special guest speaker.

There will be **NO Classes** from Dec 25 - Jan 1.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Religious Ed and Youth Ministry team!!!

Dates to remember

- Dec 18 Religious Ed & Youth Ministry Las Posadas
- ICYC March 9, 10 & 11, 2012
- April 13, 6-8PM First Eucharist Retreat
- April 14, 5PM Mass First Eucharist

Women's Group's Series of Speakers on Prayer

The third session in the prayer series is Tues, Jan 10 at 7PM in the social hall. Listening to Stillness in Meditation will be explored by two guest speakers—Frances Harris will share her experience with Guided Meditation, and Marjorie DiLorenzo of Nazareth Retreat Center will tell of her experiences with Taize prayer. Please join us. For more info contact Julie Bennison at jben7298@cablone.net.

Congratulations
to the children that received the
Sacrament of Reconciliation for the
first time on Tuesday the 13th.

Around Town

Taize Prayer

- Taize Prayer Services will be held at Nazareth Retreat Center at 7PM each Wednesday during Advent.
- Taize prayer is communal, ecumenical, meditative prayer in the form of repetitive songs, brief periods of reflective silence & scripture readings. All are welcome. For more info call Nazareth, 375-2932 or Nazareth@rcdb.org.

Health News - Health Ministry



Coping with holiday stress & depression. Do something for someone else. Try volunteering to help others. Enjoy activities that are free: look at holiday lights, play in the snow. Be aware excessive drinking will only increase feelings of depression as alcohol is a depressant. Spend the time with supportive & caring people. Reach out & make new friends or contact someone you haven't heard from in a while. Leave yesterday in the past & look forward to the future. Plan to save time for yourself to recharge your batteries. Let others share the responsibilities. O Word of God, you lowered yourself to ransom us, to fill us with wisdom & give us life eternal. All praise, thanks, glory & honor be to you, our perfect God! Health Ministry wishes each of you peace & healthy holiday.

Blood Pressure Screening—Sunday, January 6th
after 8:30 Mass in parish nurse office

Weekday Liturgy Schedule Week of Dec 18th
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30AM
Thursday at 7:30PM

**Eucharistic Adoration,
Reconciliation and Mass**
Adoration & Reconciliation, held each Thurs,
6PM with Mass at 7:30PM. Reconciliation also
available upon request.

Around Town

Christmas With Catholic Refugee Community

The Diocesan Office of Multicultural Ministries invites you to attend a Christmas celebration with the Catholic Refugee Community of Boise at 3PM on Sun, Dec 18 at St Mark's All are welcome. Contact Christy King at cking@rcdb.org or 350-7535 for more info.

Support Interfaith Sanctuary

Interfaith Sanctuary has a one-time opportunity to participate in a grant challenge through the Avenue 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 the most donations over \$100. This offer ends at 11:59PM on Dec 31, 2011. Only credit card donations are accepted through this challenge.

To participate go to: www.avenuesforhope.org. You'll see an Idaho map, select Region 3. Next you'll see an alphabetical listing of organizations—scroll down to Interfaith Sanctuary & select "Donate". Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Thank you for giving to those in need.

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