

Jubilee Year of St. Paul

Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed June 28, 2008 through June 27, 2009 the Jubilee Year dedicated to the Apostle Paul. This Pauline Year gives us the opportunity to explore our faith throughout the year and spread our faith to our families, community, and beyond.

St. Paul's enthusiastic heart and missionary spirit can inspire each one of us to live the conversion of heart to which our Lord is calling us. Holy Spirit Catholic Community will have the opportunity for learning, fellowship, and prayer activities throughout this year to highlight the teachings of St. Paul and reveal his message of intimate love of our Lord.

Our Pauline themes for the upcoming year include:

July/August 2008	The Journeys of St. Paul
September/October 2008	Love Letters from St. Paul
November/December 2008	Contemplative Life of St. Paul
January/February 2009	Conversion of the Heart
March/April 2009	St. Paul and the Sacraments
May/June 2009	Christian Unity

We welcome your ideas for helping our parish celebrate this Jubilee year. We also welcome your assistance! Just give us a call at the parish office (232-1196) and let us how you would like to celebrate the Year of St. Paul.

Stewardship": Buzz Word with Boundless Meaning

"Stewardship" is one of those buzz words we hear bandied around a lot in the Christian community, but perhaps without the kind of definition that adds meaning. You may know that Holy Spirit Catholic Community has initiated a new "Stewardship Committee," but, if you're like many people in the community, you may not have a strong understanding what that committee is supposed to do.

A couple of years ago, I had the privilege of attending a three-day workshop on stewardship at the pastoral life center of the Diocese of Wichita, Kan., a renown center for stewardship training and practice. I must admit, I went to the workshop as an empty vessel, completely ignorant of what the concept of stewardship means, how it might be applied at Holy Spirit, or what it might mean in my own personal life. After hearing first-hand accounts of how stewardship impacted different faith communities around the country in different ways, I began to realize the breadth of what the concept of "stewardship" entails.

Bishop Sylvester Ryan, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Stewardship, notes the broad potential of stewardship in the preface to "Stewardship, A Disciple's Response," the tenth anniversary edition of the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship.

"Stewardship," Bishop Ryan wrote, "is all-encompassing. It provides a place for the simplest individual gesture of kindness as well as stewardship communities working for systemic justice and peace. Stewardship flowing from a personal and communal relationship to Christ holds a particular attraction to people. It is, ultimately, the pull and the power of the Gospel come alive in our times and circumstances."

That's an elegant mouthful. What does it mean to us, the members of the Holy Spirit Catholic Community? Near as I can tell, it means there are a million ways to demonstrate "stewardship," from the simplest acts of kindness, like offering a disabled person a ride to Mass on Sunday, to actively challenging our gov-

ernment to take better care of our poor – and a lot of things in between. The bishops' letter offers these examples of "stewardship":

- Evangelization and witness to the Gospel.
- Catechesis and faith formation.
- Parent stewardship of the domestic church.
- Stewardship of simplicity of life.
- Stewardship for the ecology of the globe.
- Lay witness in the marketplace and institutions.
- Financial accountability in personal and parochial affairs.
- Stewardship of collegiality and collaboration in parish life and ministries.
- Stewardship of social justice and the work for peace.

Here at Holy Spirit, there are many ways to express a sense of stewardship: teaching the faith to our children, working with converts to the faith, active participation in church organizations like the Knights of Columbus and the Council of Catholic Women, taking communion to the sick, supporting our school, and on goes the list.

My job on the Stewardship Committee is to serve as Lay Witness coordinator. That means I'll be asking you to share with the Holy Spirit Community what "stewardship" means to you personally. We are asking volunteers to speak at weekend Masses to share their thoughts about stewardship. Their talks will also be reproduced in the bulletin and newsletter, and on the Holy Spirit web site. We have templates that will help you frame your talk, with dos and don'ts.

Understanding that some parishioners don't feel comfortable standing up in front of an audience, we'll ask others to share their thoughts about stewardship through written mediums, providing articles to the bulletin, newsletter and the web site. The goal of these articles and talks is to inspire others to examine their own lives and determine how they can best apply their own unique gifts in service to God, others and the body of the church.



Update on New Building Process

Like every company or institution that is looking at a major construction project these days, the Holy Spirit Community is dealing with the “sticker shock” that comes with trying to build a new church and school. That has caused some re-evaluation of the phasing of the project, but the project continues to take small steps forward.

Realigning Gathe Road

This spring, the parish entered into a contract with Rocky Mountain Engineering Services to perform preliminary site mapping, design for realigning Gathe Road and off-site sewer design. The city of Pocatello, meanwhile, is engaged in discussions with the private property owner in the Gathe Road area who might be impacted by the realignment of Gathe Road.

“Working with the city in the realignment of Gathe Road is the next logical step toward initiating construction at the site,” said Holy Spirit Pastor Enrique Terriquez. “Once Gathe Road is straightened, we’ll start work on running utilities – water and sewer – to the road. Gathe Road will be sort of a staging area – we won’t run the utilities all the way to our church and school site until we’re further along in the construction process.”

Representatives of Holy Spirit’s Building Committee, Finance Council and the Parish Council met earlier this year to discuss the status of the building projects and to make a recommendation to Father Terriquez on logical next steps. They concluded that working with the city to realign Gathe Road and running utilities to the road was an affordable next step that would increase the value of the parish’s 181 acres. Estimated cost of the road realignment and bringing the utilities to the road is \$1,177,676.50.

Updated Cost Estimates

During the spring planning meeting, parish leaders were updated on the expected cost of the building projects. Site preparation, which includes bringing utilities all the way to the construction site and grading of the pad, are estimated at about \$2.75 million. Construction of a “bare-bones” church, which does not include accoutrements like furnishings or a sound system, was estimated at about \$4.2 million. Cost for a “completed” church building, which would include furnishings, sound system, etc., was estimated at \$5.5 million. That would put the total cost for a “completed church,” including site preparation, at about \$8.35 million.

Currently, the parish has cash and pledges of \$2.4 million from its capital campaign. St. Paul’s chapel has been placed on the market with an asking price of about \$1.7 million. The parish

only intends to use about 40 acres of its 181 acres of property. It is uncertain how much the excess property is worth, but Holy Spirit paid just less than \$1 million for the 181 acres when it bought the land a couple of years ago. A raw estimate, then, is that the parish has about \$4.5 million to \$5 million in cash and assets, although there is no guarantee how much the sale of St. Paul’s or the excess property will actually generate. That leaves a gap of roughly \$3.3 million to \$3.8 million between parish assets and cost of a fully functional new church.

Closing the “Gap”

A number of options for closing that “gap” have been discussed, including instituting a second capital campaign and hiring a full-time fundraiser, but no decisions have been made.

“We are committed to making a new church and school happen, but we recognize this is a long-term process,” said Father Enrique. “We ask for the continued prayers and support of our parishioners, as well as for their patience. A lot of people have put a lot of time, effort and money into supporting the vision of a new church and school. I truly appreciate their efforts.”

Why Are We Committed to This Approach?

We recognize there are a number of newcomers to Holy Spirit Parish who don’t know the background on why the decision was made to build a new church, rather than to continue to utilize the three existing chapels. The issue was studied over a several-year period, and parishioners were surveyed for their opinions on the best way to proceed. The most prominent factors in influencing the study committee, the Parish Council, the Pastor and the Diocese that this is the correct approach were these:

The Vitality Project foresaw the possibility of having only one priest for the Parish and even with the ordination of six new priests this June and more to come there is still the likelihood of this in the near future. According to our Bishop, the Vitality Project is still viable and becomes the road map to be implemented. It is important to note that the Diocese still has only 53 diocesan priests (includes the six who were recently ordained and four working outside the diocese), as compared to 83 just 20 years ago, and that, on average, the diocese loses four priests a year to retirement or other causes. In the mean time, the number of Catholics in Idaho continues to grow. Even if Holy Spirit can maintain two priests, it is difficult when one of the priests is on vacation or out of town for the other priest to maintain the current Mass schedule at three different chapels.

The current chapels are all aging facilities that require a high level of maintenance, and are not as handicapped accessible as we’d like. Building a new, high-quality, energy efficient facility will reduce maintenance and operating costs, and meet handicapped accessibility codes.

Holy Spirit is a united parish that brings together all of the Pocatello/Chubbuck Catholic Community. Having one church building that can accommodate a larger segment of the parish community will further that sense of unity.

We need to begin a long-term plan to accommodate future generations and potential growth within the parish.

Parish Pastoral Council Elections

Elections of new members for Holy Spirit Catholic Community's Parish Pastoral Council will be held at the weekend Masses on October -----. Three new members will be elected to replace outgoing members Paul Yochum, Jennifer Adkison and Ramon Gutierrez who have served on the Council for the past three years. Nominations for new members can be submitted to the Pastoral Office by If you are submitting a nomination for another person, please obtain their permission prior to bringing it in.

What is the origin of Parish Pastoral Councils?

Pastoral Councils were first recommended in Vatican II's *Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops* and the *Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People*. The Policies and Practices manual for the Diocese of Boise states: "In the Diocese of Boise each parish is to have a parish Pastoral Council in addition to the Parish Finance Council. Each pastor presides over it, and through it the Christian faithful along with those who share in the pastoral care of the parish in virtue of their office give help in the fostering of pastoral activity."

What is the Role of the Parish Pastoral Council?

- ◆ The primary work is planning, not implementation.
- ◆ To state and clarify the parish's mission.
- ◆ Develop a vision of the parish's preferred future.
- ◆ Identify the parish's needs; put them in order of importance, study how to meet those needs and make recommendations to the Pastor.

What is the Role of the Parish Pastoral Council Member?

- ◆ Parish Pastoral Council members are a *consultative* group who aid the Pastor in fostering pastoral activity in the parish.
- ◆ To study and reflect on matters of pastoral importance and recommend practical ways to address them.
- ◆ Become familiar with all elements of parish life within a religious framework.
- ◆ Draw all other parish ministries into the big picture creat-



My name is Father Adrian Vazquez, and I am originally from Michoacan, Mexico. I came to the Diocese of Boise eleven years ago. At first, I arrived at the Diocese as a missionary working with the Hispanic youth. Later on, I felt the call to the priesthood and I went back to Mexico and joined the Cristo Rey Seminary in Texcoco, Mexico.

After finishing the seminary, I came back to the Diocese of Boise and entered Mount Angel Seminary, in Oregon. On December 15, 2007 I was ordained as a deacon and on June 5, 2008 I was ordained a priest. On July first, Bishop Michael appointed me as a Parochial Vicar at Holy Spirit Catholic Community.

I am very thankful to Father Enrique Terriquez for allowing me to serve as his parochial vicar. I feel very grateful to

ing a "Vision of the Whole".

- ◆ Provide long-range planning, develop a vision for the future, set goals directed at accomplishing that vision and strategies for achieving those goals.

What is the Pastor's Role in Parish Pastoral Council?

- ◆ To invite a representative group of parishioners to study, reflect upon, and draw conclusions about some aspect of the parish reality.
- ◆ The pastor consults to know his people better and serve them more effectively.
- ◆ To guide the consultation so that it might lead to wisdom, the wisdom that should inform his decisions.

What is the Ministry of the Parish Pastoral Council?

- ◆ To always acknowledge the presence of God in their midst.
- ◆ To aid the parish in the conversion process for a sense of total parish community.

To acknowledge the need to change and to accept the importance of change in a parish's future growth and maturity.

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this community for the welcome you gave me during my very first week to the parish. I feel very fortunate to have my first assignment as a Parochial Vicar here in such a wonderful open community. Serving you as your priest here, I look forward to learning from you as I myself grow in my ministry.

One of the first things I would like to do is to meet you individually. I am open to invitations to your home to meet you and your family as well as you stopping by to see me.

Once again, thank you very much for your welcome. I pray to our Blessed Mother and to St Anthony that I may be a channel of peace, pardon and forgiveness for you and your families.

In Christ, Father Adrian Vazquez