

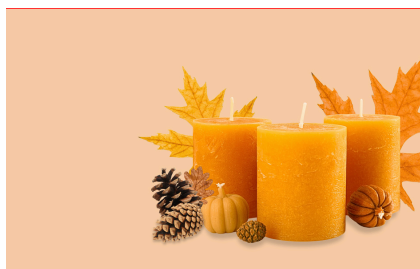


# St. Mary's Catholic Community Newsletter

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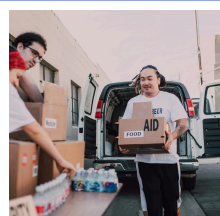
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## St. Mary's Mission Statement:

*Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, we exist to help people encounter and know Jesus Christ, to be healed and restored to a life of joy and peace.*

My brothers and sisters in the Lord. I welcome you to our seventh issue of St. Mary's newsletter. If you have anything you would like to share for the future please send this to St Mary's Business Manager Monica Pittman at [mpittman@stmarysboise.org](mailto:mpittman@stmarysboise.org). Thank you, and may God bless us all this Fall Season. - Fr. John



## Thankful, Grateful, and Blessed

By Monica Pittman

St Mary's continues to flourish because so many people quietly give their time, skill, and love. Each act of service - seen and unseen - strengthens our community and reflects Christ's care for His Church. To name a few:

**Money Counters:** Our money counters who offer a ministry of precision and integrity. Their faithful stewardship ensures that every gift is handled with respect and accountability. Week after week, they show up with diligence and a spirit of service that blesses the entire parish.

**Office Volunteers:** Our office volunteers are often the first faces of hospitality. Whether answering phones, preparing mailings, or assisting staff, they bring warmth and stability to the daily life of the parish. Their generosity keeps our operations running smoothly and joyfully.

**Ministry Leaders and Participants:** To all who serve in parish ministries—from liturgical roles, to outreach, formation and community building - thank you. Your willingness to share your gifts creates spaces where people encounter Christ, grow in faith, and experience belonging.

**School Volunteers:** Our school volunteers enrich the lives of our students and staff through classroom help, event support and countless behind the scenes tasks. Your presence strengthens our mission to form young hearts and minds in faith, excellence, and compassion.

It will be impossible to list all of our volunteer groups and everything they do in one small article, so please, if you volunteer in any way for St. Mary's know you are appreciated and prayed for. Every volunteer, in every role, contributes to the living heartbeat of our parish. Thank you for showing up, for giving generously, and for embodying the love of Christ in practical, meaningful ways. We are deeply grateful for you.

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Jacqueline Cushing

By Janielle Beason



### Celebrating 100 Years of Jacqueline Cushing!

St. Mary's had the joy of celebrating longtime parishiner [Jacqueline Cushing's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday](#) following the 8:30 am Mass on September 27!

Our St. Mary's School children helped make the celebratin extra special with handmade birthday cards, flowers and baloons. [Sixth grader Ariana, who was celebrating her own birthday that day, had the special honor of presenting Jacqueline with the gifts – a sweet birthday-to-birthday moment!](#) Our choir also joined in , leading everyone in singing "Happy Birthday."

Jacqueline loved visiting with the children and shared a little wisdom from her 100 years:

*"Enjoy life and keep praying!"*

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Jacqueline – and happy birthday to Ariana, too! We're so grateful we could celebrate together.

*Happy Birthday*

## Financial Reports for FY 25/26

By Monica Pittman

This issue marks the end of another fiscal year for St. Mary's. Below is a snapshot showing how we did in our various accounts and as always, thank you for your generous and continuous support of our parish!

### Church

| <u>Financials</u>       | <u>July 2025 - June 2026</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Offertory/Contributions | \$ 875,969.95                |
| Total Income            | \$ 998,643.54                |
| Total Expenses          | \$ 945,638.34                |
| Net Income (Loss)       | \$ 53,004.72                 |



### Food Pantry



**St. Mary's Food Bank**  
*No One Should Ever Go Hungry*  
 3890 West State St, Boise, ID 83703  
 Telephone 208 345 2734  
 Email: stmarysfoodbankboise@gmail.com

| <u>Financials</u>       | <u>July 2025 - June 2026</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Offertory/Contributions | \$ 108,063.68                |
| Total Income            | \$ 158,153.94                |
| Total Expenses          | \$ 142,291.05                |
| Net Income (Loss)       | \$ 15,862.89                 |

### School

| <u>Financials</u>       | <u>July 2025 - June 2026</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Offertory/Contributions | \$ 18,882.50                 |
| Total Income            | \$ 1,364,928.73              |
| Total Expenses          | \$ 1,535,948.27              |
| Net Income (Loss)       | \$ (171,019.54)              |



## St. Vincent de Paul

By Mel McClenna



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
SERVING SOUTHWEST IDAHO

**St. Mary's Parishioners Dedicated to Providing the Poor of our Community with a Voice: The St. Vincent DePaul Voice for the Poor Committee**

The second principle of Catholic Social Teaching is Call to Family, Community, and Participation. The family, as a primary community of life and love, is intended to foster human dignity and serve as a building block for society. As Vincentians, our home visits reveal the diverse realities of family life. While tradition often upholds the stability of a two-parent household, necessity shapes families in many different forms – each reflecting resilience, sacrifice, and love amidst hardship. We are called to serve “with humility, love, and a commitment to the person.” We affirm both God’s vision for family and Christ’s compassionate outreach to the marginalized.

Families are the cornerstone of society and a reflection of God’s covenantal love. Many families today are impacted by challenges such as economic instability, sudden injury or illness, generational poverty, or the absence of a parent.

During the second quarter of 2026, our St. Mary’s/St. John’s conference home visitors responded to 161 calls for assistance. We helped 302 adults and children. As needed, we provided clothing, beds and other furniture, household items, and linens. Through the financial support of St. Mary’s and St. John’s parishioners, we spent: \$13, 912.00 to help people remain in their homes; \$6,416.49 to keep the lights on and the water running; \$1,898.23 for auto repairs, bus passes, and gasoline; and \$879.78 in other assistance such as purchasing medicine, eyeglasses, and paying phone bills.

Jesus reached out to the poor and broken, embracing them with love. Our St. Mary’s/St. John’s conference, through home visits, strives to emulate His example by holding fast to the truth of God’s design for the family while offering practical support, prayer, and understanding to those in need. Love, not judgment, defines our approach.



## Campaign Information

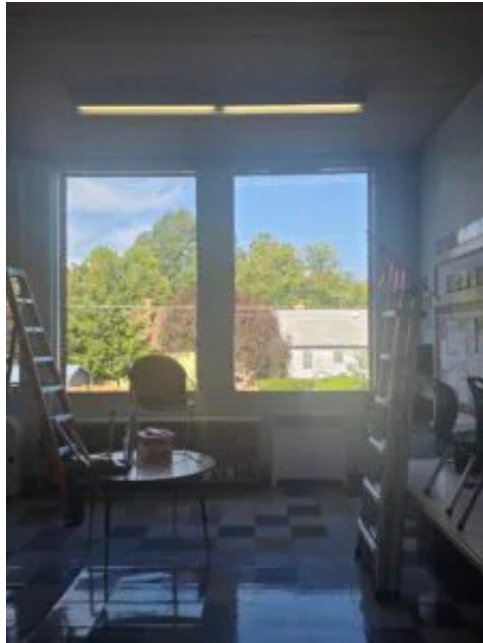
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

BUILDING OUR FUTURE:

TOGETHER IN FAITH – UPDATES



We want to thank you all for your wonderful support and enthusiasm in helping the St. Mary's Capital Campaign reach their 1<sup>st</sup> goal of:



**\$3,000,000.00**

As planned, these funds are already actively being put to work on the incredible updates and changes that continue to improve upon the beauty and show the love that is St. Mary's

- **NEW WINDOWS!** You can see the new windows are in the process of being installed. After 76 years, it was time for some energy efficient, beautiful new windows throughout the school/ education building.
- **NEW AC UNITS!** AC units are being installed throughout.
- **SAFETY!** St. Mary's is always working to make safety of our children, families, staff, and parishioners feel safe, proactive, helpful and efficient. With our newly installed interior and exterior cameras and the new electronic door access - we now can continue to be the welcoming community we all love with modern efficiencies to help serve all.
- **Kitchen in the Gym/Parish Hall!** The kitchen will be receiving an upgrade to a "Warming Kitchen" to better support future events and activity.
- **Church Altar Safety Rails!** Coming soon, new safety hand rails will be installed at the church altar.

*Together, we are truly building our future in faith.*

# St Mary's Food Pantry

## 2025–2026 Impact Report

### Your Support is Making a Difference

Because of the continued generosity of our donors, St. Mary's Food Pantry remains a beacon of light for families and individuals facing food insecurity in North Boise and Garden City.

During the fiscal year ending June 2026, [St Mary's Food Pantry served 6,923 families and provided food to 15,773 individuals, including 4,500 children](#). Behind these numbers are thousands of neighbors who turned to us for help and found a caring community ready to respond.



### Serving Our Community, One Family at a Time

The need for food assistance continues to grow. a new [100 unit low income apartment complex](#) recently opened adjacent to our pantry, bringing many new families into our service area. For these neighbors St. Mary's has become an important source of food and hope.

St. Mary's is also uniquely positioned to serve [North Boise and Garden City](#), particularly following the Salvation Army's move to Meridian. Our pantry continues to answer the call to make sure people in our community have access to nutritious food when they need it most.

### Powered by Remarkable Volunteers



Our impact would not be possible without the dedication of our [60 remarkable volunteers](#). Together they helped sort and distribute [more than 350,000 pounds of food](#) throughout the year.

Our two trucks are on the road [four days each week](#), procuring food from our generous partners and helping keep our shelves stocked for the families who depend on us.

Every box of food represents more than a meal. It represents compassion dignity, and the reassurance that no one has to face a difficult season alone.

### Your Support Makes This Mission Possible

The numbers tell only part of the story.

Your continued support allows St. Mary's Food Pantry to remain present and responsive when our neighbors need us most. Your generosity sustains the mission that brings volunteers, food, community partners, and caring supporters together to serve families throughout our community. Your support came in full force Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at our annual Fall Fundraiser! What a fun night of fellowship, music and fundraising! On behalf of our hard working volunteers we thank you for yet another spectacular turn out to raise money for so many in need!



***Together, we are feeding people in need.  
Together, we are bringing hope. Together,  
we are doing God's work in our community***



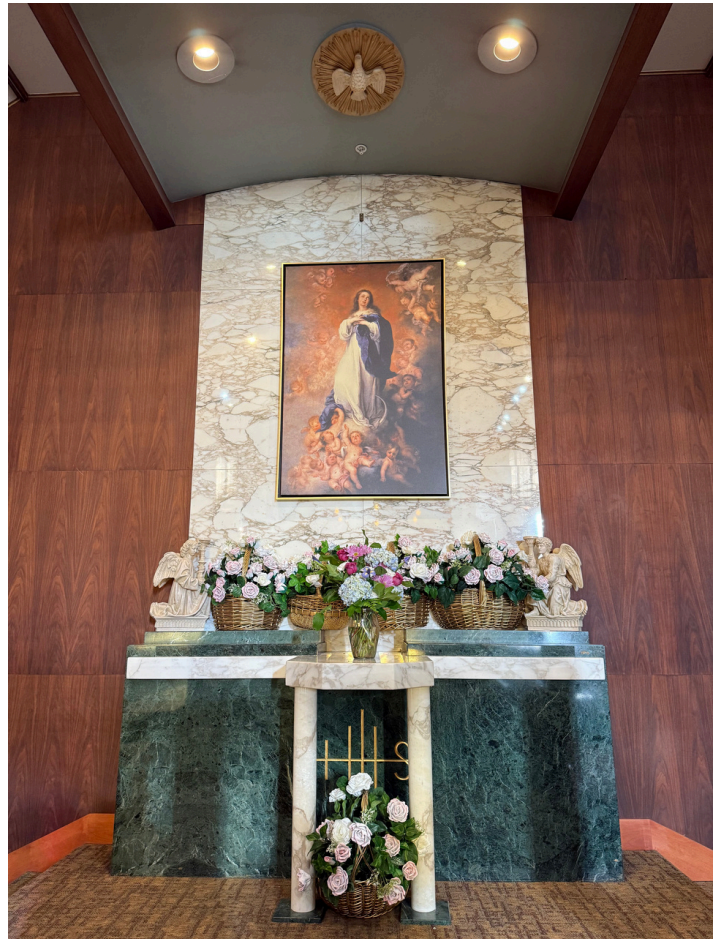
## October – Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary! Mary gave us such a beautiful way to pray. We are asking her intercession, and allowing her to lead us to her Son, Jesus.

Whether you are an old pro at praying the rosary, or a beginner – start praying the rosary and allowing it to work its wonders through prayer, meditation, and community.

Rosary Prayer group meets every Thursday morning at 8:00am in the Immaculate Conception Chapel in the Church – all are welcome to come pray with us.

Rosaries, and prayer guides are available to anyone who needs them.





*St. Mary's Church*

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**Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday, 9–4pm  
Friday, 9–11am  
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays  
Closed

Follow us on social media for  
the latest updates.



StMarysChurchBoise

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