December 19, 2021

WELCOME TO HOLY APOSTLES C A T H O L I C C H U R C H

Fourth Sunday of Advent

<u>Mass Schedule</u>: Weekdays 8:45am* & Tuesdays 5:45pm Saturday 5pm Sunday 9am, 11am*, 1pm & 6pm **Live Streamed*

1pm Mass on Sundays is a mask required Mass for all with social distancing.

Reconciliation : Saturdays 3:30-4:45pm & Tuesdays 6:15pm This worship aid is provided to assist you in your prayer and participation. Please plan to take it with you at the conclusion of Mass.

Fr. Vitalis Onyeama, SMMM., Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Chinedu, SMMM., Parochial Vicar



No matter your present or past status in the Catholic Church, no matter your current family or marital situation, no matter your personal history, age, background, race or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved at Holy Apostles Catholic Church.

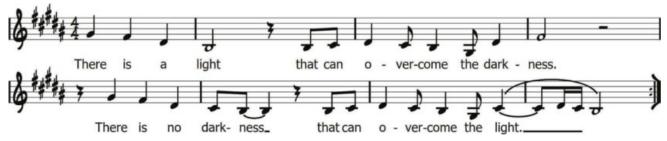
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HOLY APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 19, 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Isaiah 45: 8

Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew, let him descend from the clouds like the rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Savior.

Opening: THERE IS A LIGHT (Spirit & Song # 107) Cyprian Consiglio © 1992 OCP



Creator of unfailing light, give that same light to those who call You. May our lives proclaim Your goodness, our voices sing Your praise forever!

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true light of the world.

Give us courage, strength and grace to build a world of justice and peace.

May the light of the Holy Spirit dispel the darkness of our times. Turn our hatred into love, our wars into the peace we so desire.

PENITENTIAL RITE

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,

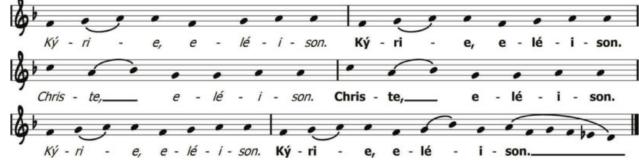
that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.





1st Reading: Micah 5: 1-4a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 80 Music: Jake Ineck 2011



2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

CAROL OF THE BELLS ALLELUIA Music: from Carol of the Bells by Wilhousky/Leontovich; Text: T.Bolduc, S. Ringler, T. Smith © 1998 Troubadour Productions



Wisdom of God, show us the way, come then O Lord, do not delay. Break every chain You are the Key, You are our hope, come set us free. Lift up your hands, lift up your voice, join in the dance, hearts will rejoice. People of God, silent no more, sing out your song, "Jesus is Lord!"

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 39-45

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

- God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
- For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow for these words) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became Man.
- For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
- He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
- I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



Offertory: CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT (BB # 67) Text: Latin: 9th Century; Music: Chant, Mode IV; Refrain: Jake Ineck © 2013

Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray You hear us when we call. In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,

You came, O Savior, to set free Your own in glorious liberty.

Let the skies shine forth and show Your love; Let Your Spirit descend like dew from above. The heavens declare the glory of Your light, Creator of the stars of night.

When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but not in splendor bright, Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild. At Your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call You Lord.

Come in Your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day; Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe. To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three-in-One, Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Preparation of the Gifts

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Invitation to Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you. Priest: Lift up your hearts. Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. ALL: And with your spirit. ALL: We lift them up to the Lord. ALL: It is right and just.

HOLY HOLY (SANCTUS) Mass XVIII

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis. Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

MYSTERY OF FAITH Heritage Mass, Owen Alstott © 1988, 2009 OCP

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

(Priest: Deliver us, Lord we pray...) ALL: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD Mass XVIII

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (2x) Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Isaiah 7: 14

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son. His name shall be Emmanuel.

Communion: HOPE IS DAWNING Text: Based on Psalm 39:7; 119:8; Lamentations 3:26; Music: Aaron Keyes, Johnny Parks, Matt Maher, and Michael Gungor © 2010 spiritandsong.com; Thankyou Music; worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. By Capitol CMG Publishiing); CCLI Song # 5444481

Open up the skies and rain the heavens down, the heavens down;

Father open up the skies and rain the heavens down on us.

Open up our eyes to see Your glory found, all around; Jesus, open up our eyes to see Your glory's all around.

We are longing, hope is dawning, Heaven's falling, come Lord Jesus.

Open up our hearts to say, "Have Your way, have Your way;" Spirit, open up our hearts to say, "Won't You come and have Your way."

I see the Lord on his throne. No one stands but Christ alone.

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING (Breaking Bread # 78)

Text: based on Isaiah 11:1, trad. German carol, 15th Cent. Music: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesange, Cologne, 1599. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came, a flower bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, this Rose I have in mind, With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender, with sweetness fills the air, Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

Closing: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL (Breaking Bread # 38)

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6 para. in Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Processionale, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height

In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them That trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory over the grave.



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Pastor's Christmas Message

Celebrating God's love at Christmas

My dear brothers and sisters, members of Holy Apostles Catholic Church, it is Christmas. It is all about God's love shown to us in the mystery of incarnation. Yes, we must celebrate this love with gratitude, joy, and peace in our hearts.

The mystery of Incarnation is intrinsically and intimately connected to the saving plan and act of God. He became "God with us" divinizing our humanity with His divine nature, for "human nature as He assumed it was not annulled, by that very fact it has been raised up to a divine dignity in our respect too. For by His Incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man." *Gaudium et spes no. 22.*

God's supreme act of love is seen in the mystery of the Incarnation. Christ's Incarnation is the humblest relational event and the manifestation of God's love to humanity. (Phil. 2:6-8) At Christmas, we celebrate God's love; we meditate on it and are invited to live this love of God in our world. This love is pure, unconditional, sacrificial, and infinite.

I sincerely thank all of us for contributing to the Jolly Project (our "bring joy to families/individuals in need" project). We have, by this act of Charity, shared the love of God to those in need. We are one family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022. May the blessings of God be with you now and always.

Fr Vitalis Onyeama, SMMM



December 2021 Parish Calendar

December 24 Christmas Eve

6:00pm Mass 8:00pm Mass-Mask & Social distance required 10:00pm

December 25

Christmas Day Midnight 10:00am NO 5:00pm Mass

December 26 Holy Family

9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 1:00pm Mass-Mask & Social distance required 6:00pm Mass

December 31

New Year's Eve Adoration 6:00pm Mass 7:00pm

January 1st Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 10:00am 5:00pm



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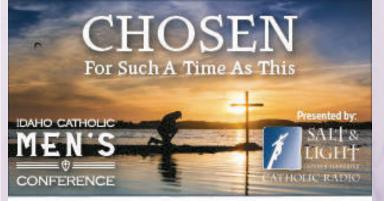
The Diocese of Boise is looking for a Finance Administrative Assistant to assist the Finance Department in timely completion of tasks, handling routine correspondence and calls, and providing clerical assistance and handling accounts payable.

Details on the job can be found on the Diocesan website. Please fill out a job application form found at https://www.catholicidaho.org/human-resources

send with your resume to clawrence@rcdb.org

Chuck Lawrence Director of Finance 208.350.7510 clawrence@rcdb.org





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ST. PAUL'S, NAMPA & ONLINE JANUARY 29, 2022

Mass with Bishop Peter Keynotes by: Fr. Don Calloway Deacon Adam Curtis Matt Harte

Registration is NOW OPEN at IdahoCatholicMen.org & 208.484.0898

JOLLY PROJECT

As a community, we are dedicated to sharing HOPE and JOY during the Advent and Christmas seasons!

For the Jolly Project this year, Holy Apostles is reaching out to help those who are in need from our parish community.

To make a donation to the Jolly Project, or for more info, go to www.holyapostlesmeridian.net/jolly



St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho 2021 AVENUES FOR H

Avenues for Hope Campaign runs from December 9th through December Avenues for hope Campagn runs from December 9th through December 31st. This annual event is sponsored by the Home Partnership Foundation of the Idaho Housing and Finance Association. The purpose of the campaign is to assist non-profits like St. Vincent de Paul to raise funds to help families and individuals avoid homelessness. Donations to St. Vincent de Paul go toward funding Home Visit and Assistance Programs. Our work would not be possible without you. Help Us Help Others this coming year!

MAKE A DONATION!



ONLINE: Credit Card www.svdpid.org/avenues-for-hope

MAIL CHECK: SVdP Admin Office 5256 W Fairview Ave, Boise 83706

Parent info meeting



If you have a high school student planning to be confirmed in the spring, come to the parent info meeting. Either the 12th or 19th, you do not have to come to both meetings.

PUBLIC ADORATION DURING ADVENT **DECEMBER 1, 8,15 AND 22**

In the church from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

- ♦ 2:00pm Exposition
- ♦ 3:00pm Divine Mercy
- ◆ 4:00pm continue Silence
- ♦ 5:00pm Rosary
- ♦ 6:00pm Benediction

Advent is a time of preparation to the birth of Our Lord Jesus; let us spend time in adoration.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

New training December 19 at 2:15 pm December 20 at 3:45 pm January 9 at 2:15 pm January 15 at 1:00 pm

Year End Contributions:

If you are planning to make a Year-End

Contribution that you wish to appear on your 2021 Contribution statement, it needs to be in the parish office by 12/30/21 (the parish office is closed on 12/31/21) or put in the collection basket by 12/26/21. If you are mailing in your contribution, it must be postmarked on or before 12/31/21. You can also contribute using our Online Giving site located on our website under "Give Online". If you have any questions, contact Lisa in the parish office at 888-1182 ext 3003, or at llawrence@holyapostles.net. Thank You!





READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mary couldn't wait to visit her much older cousin, Elizabeth, up in the hills of Judea. Both of them were expecting babies. Each of them knew that the birth of her child was a special event that could only happen because they trusted God. Your own mother trusted that God would give you life in this world. Both Mary and Elizabeth watched their children grow up to do good things. You can grow up to do good things too, if you trust in God.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to trust you and to remember that you are the reason we celebrate Christmas. Amen.

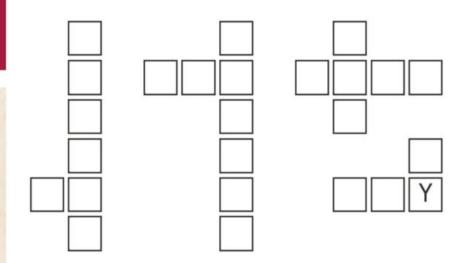
MISSION FOR THE WEEK

You belong to a larger family than just the people in your home. See how many of your relatives you can name before you visit them at Christmas. When you do see them, wish them "Merry Christmas!"

KIDS CORNER

Fit the following words from today's gospel into the empty squares below.

The infant in my womb leaped for joy.





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New to Holy Apostles?

Welcome, we are delighted you are here! Please visit our website at: <u>http://www.holyapostlesmeridian.net</u>

for the most updated Parish information including parish registration and ministry information.We look forward to welcoming you to the Parish!

<u>Parish Office Hours</u> Monday–Friday 9-5pm, Closed 12-1pm Tuesdays closed from 9:30 –11:00am

Holy Apostles Parish Staff

To email Parish Office Staff and Directors, use person's first initial & last name@holyapostles.net

208-888-1182

Bookkeeper: Lisa Lawrenceext-3003
Data Entry/Registrar: Mary Ossenkopext-3004
Facilities Manager: Dcn David Shackleyext-3023
Music Director: Jake Ineckext-3020
Parish Communications Mgr: Megan Humkeyext-3027
Parish Nursing Director: Monique Kilroy, RNext-3008
Pastoral Associate of Liturgy (Weddings, Funerals):
Kathy Rayburnext-3011
Pastoral Associate of Ministries:
Sandra Carranzaext-3009
Receptionist: Marlene Biekerext-3001
St. Ignatius Catholic School

Faith Formation Contacts

Becoming Catholic:
Mary Waxext-3007
PREP (PreK-5 th gr RE, VBS):
Office Hours (Rm 107) Mon-Wed 10am-12pm /1pm-5pm (or by appt.)
Jennifer Severanceext-3022
Amy Urianext-3017
Energizers (6-8 th gr):
Alex Street ext-3026
Ablaze (High School Ministry) & Confirmation:
Rusty Bangext-3025
Catholics Returning Home:
Kathy & Deacon Steve Rayburnext-3011

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Hours Mon, Wed, Fri: 1pm-4pm & Thurs: 5:30pm-7pm Contact: 208-995-6697

Columbarium Niches are available for Holy Apostles parishioners. Contact: Lisa 208-888-1182, ext. 3003

FORMED.org FREE access for parishioners at: https://holyapostlesmeridian.formed.org

Idaho Catholic Register Delivered to your mailbox with a \$20.00 check to the parish and may be put in the collection basket.

Prayer & Faith Ministry Contacts

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Contact: Cat Russell 208-870-9524 Or Cathy Wiegand 208-230-5700

Anam Cara (Spiritual Direction) Providing spiritual direction to parishioners. Contact: Catherine Wolfer | 208-371-5956

Centering Prayer Meets Tuesday at 10:45am on zoom during pandemic. Contact: Catherine Wolfer | 208-371-5956

Healing Prayer Communion Service Monthly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7pm in the church. Contact: Dcn David Shackley | 208-888-1182 x3023

Prayer Chain If you need prayer for any reason or want to join: Email Monica Anders at holyapostlesprayer@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Meets the 3rd Saturday, 10am. All welcome willing to knit, crochet and pray for others. Contact: Marcia Stokoe | 208-887-1829

Reel Men (Men's Faith Group) Meets Tuesdays, 6am. All men are invited. Contact: Curtis Chatterton | 208-861-5236

Veteran's Prayer Group Meets 2nd Friday of each month, 10:30 am. Contact: Sam D'Orazio | 208-871-1652

Women's Prayer Group Meetings are Fridays at 9:30am. All women are invited. Contact: Judy Huston | jhuston@ctcweb.net

Service & Support Ministry Contacts

Council of Catholic Women Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month. Details at: <u>https://www.holyapostlesmeridian.net/ccw</u> Contact: Sandy McClurg | sandymcclurg724@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

Details at: <u>https://www.meridianknightsofcolumbus.com/info</u> Contact: Dave Cereghino, Grand Knight | 208-890-7561 farwestdave@icloud.com

Legion of Mary Meets Mondays, 6:30pm; Thursdays & Fridays, 9:30am Contact: Eva Pera | 208-888-7823

Parish Nursing & Pastoral Visitors

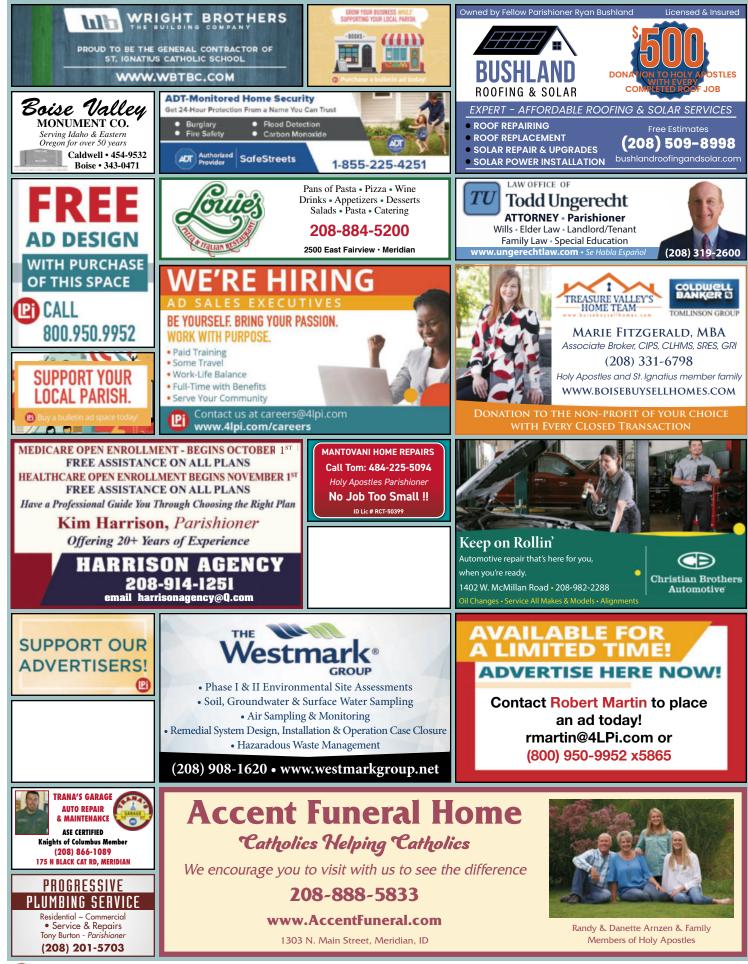
Details at: <u>https://www.holyapostlesmeridian.net/nursing</u> Contact: Monique Kilroy, RN | 208-888-1182 ext. 3008

Prison Ministry Contact: Mary K Denton | 208-887-1734

Quilters Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10am. Contact: Elaine Kriete | 208-866-8526

Human Life and Dignity Meets 2nd Thursday, 7pm. Supports ALL endeavors for life & dignity. Contact: Jo Anne Wortman | 208-378-7473 Rosary Makers Meets Thursdays, at 9:30am Sept-May. Contact: Cora Fischer | 208-376-0397 Usher/Greeter/Lock-up Contact: Chuck Roberts | 208-941-2294 Randy Mcbride |

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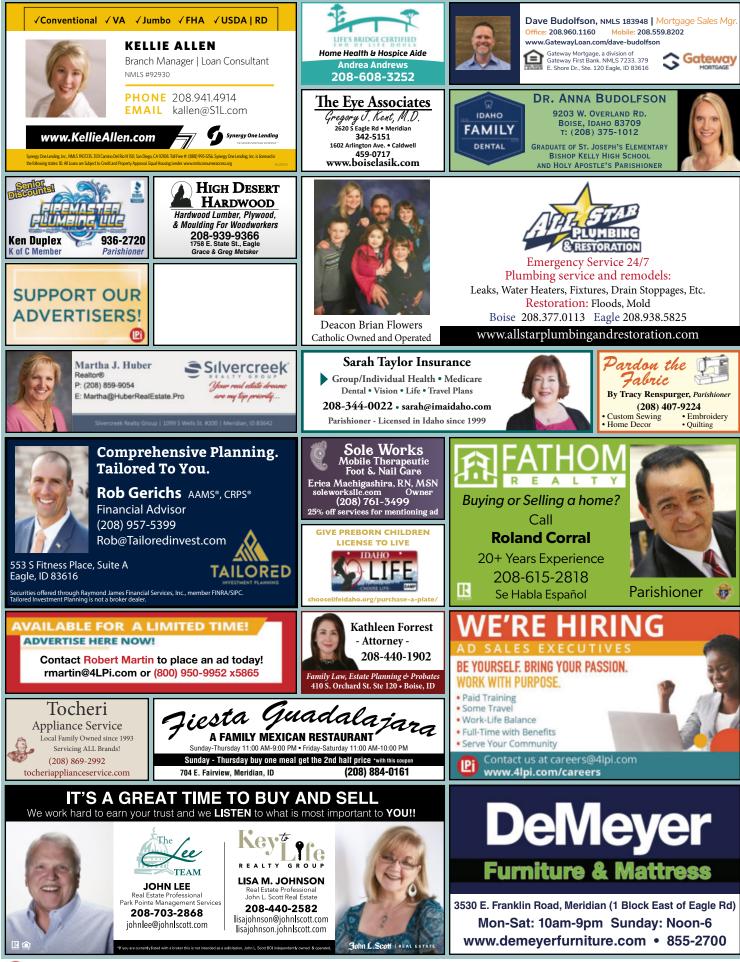


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