



# THE SPIRIT OF ST. BERNARD

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## A LETTER FROM FR. MIKE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, we begin our annual Lenten pilgrimage with ashes. As we have done in union with our brothers and sisters in Christ down through the centuries, we place ashes on our foreheads as signs admitting our sinfulness and mortality. Lent is a painful reminder to me that I am indeed a sinner and I am very much less than the Christ-like person I want to be. Most of us hunger to change, to transform our lives into what Jesus has called us to be.

Let's let this Lent be a time of cleaning and purification – a time of washing away our sins of selfishness, hatred and mistrust in our lives. As we pilgrimage toward Easter during these Lenten days, may you and I make a genuine spring-cleaning of all of those things and attitudes which draw us away from Jesus and the things of God. May we rise at the end of our Lenten journey to the new life of the Risen Christ.

Lent is a time for all of us to rethink the way we approach our spiritual lives in our day-to-day living. It is an opportunity to reflect on how we set some time apart each day in our busy schedules just for God. To assist you with this, we will again be giving the Little Black Books to each adult parishioner and the Little Purple Books for youth ages 6-12. I invite you to join me in setting aside a time each day to read and reflect on the daily passages of these little books. It is a joy to take up the words of the scriptures and the suggested reflections in these little prayer books. Read them with care. Let this be a united Lenten work in our parish family. Also, during Lent we will have the opportunity after each of the weekend Masses to pray the Stations of the Cross. We will also have additional weekday Masses during Lent on

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:00 am and 8:30 am.

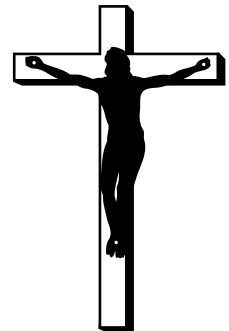
As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, we traditionally fast during Lent. A form of bodily fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. Fasting is symbolic of a change of heart as we turn away from sin and live in fidelity to the Gospel of Jesus.

### ***LENTEN REGULATIONS:***

1. *Catholics who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday and older, are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of lent.*
2. *Catholics who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to age 58, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those days. Obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

May our journey through Lent this year truly be a holy and wholesome spiritual experience for all of us. May it truly set us apart for Jesus.

*In Friendship,  
Fr. Mike*



**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

7:00 am and 8:30 am  
12:10 pm and 5:30 pm

**EASTSIDE PARISHES LENTEN  
RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

March 18 – Immaculate Heart of Mary – 7pm  
March 21 – St. Bernard Parish – 3 pm  
March 23 – St. Peter Parish – 7 pm  
March 25 – St. Dennis Parish – 7 pm

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE DURING LENT**

Mondays – Communion Service  
Tuesdays – 12:10 pm  
Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays – 7:00 & 8:30 am

**TRIDUUM SCHEDULE**

Holy Thursday – 6:00 pm  
Good Friday – 1:00 pm  
Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH**

(Aka-Religious Formation)

2009-2010 “Responding in Prayer”

Theme: Praying Through Lent

**Sunday, March 7, 11AM -1PM**

**Monday, March 8, 6PM – 8PM**

**Gathering** - Share a meal

**Opening** – Music, Prayer and Intro  
Large Group experience

**Going deeper** - Age appropriate groups

**The Sharing** - Large group sharing

**The Sending** - Closing Prayer

**The Celebration** - Participate at Mass

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**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES:**

**JANUARY 19, 2010**

Members Present: Rich Bogovich, Phyllis  
Daggett, Carol Doran, Fr. Mike Hippee, Andy  
Milkowski, Geri Nehls, DiAnne Raczek, Cathy  
Scott, Nancy Smith, Kay Sweeney

Fr. Mike led the council in prayer. Margie  
Christoph will prepare the prayer for the March  
meeting.

The minutes from the November 10, 2009 meeting  
were approved.

Father Mike reported that it was the consensus of  
the Administration Commission to proceed with  
the renovation of the classroom/meeting room  
renovation on the west side of the parish center.  
This is the last phase of the renovation project. The  
two preschool rooms will remain as is.

Father Mike reported on the specifics of the  
upcoming diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal  
(ACA). The Announcement Weekend is February  
27-28, Commitment Weekend is March 6-7, and  
Follow-Up Weekend is March 13-14. The ACA  
goal for our parish this year is \$49,179. Our Goal  
was calculated as follows: FY 2008 reported  
offertory of \$562,282 x 8.7464% = 2010 Goal  
\$49,179. Andy Milkowski and Carol Doran have  
agreed to serve as our parish’s Appeal Co-Chairs.

The Council decided that the responsibilities of  
Secretary/minute-taking would be assigned on a  
rotating basis with Carol Doran being responsible  
for the duties at the March meeting.

The proposed Covenant Book revisions were  
considered and it was determined by consensus of  
the Council that the revisions would be addressed  
at length and decisions made at the March meeting.

*Submitted by Fr. Mike Hippee*

Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 16, 2010

**ST. BERNARD PARISH MISSION  
STATEMENT**

The people of St. Bernard Parish  
Endeavoring to deepen our relationship with God  
proclaim the Good News:

Through prayerful liturgical celebrations,  
education, ministry, hospitality, and evangelization

Provide outreach that meets the needs of our local  
and universal community.

## JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Parish Council met January 19, 2010 and the following was discussed:

### Two-Minute Reports:

#### Administration:

- ❖ Fr. Mike reported that the recent renovation projects for the rectory consisting of the replacement of the patio doors, the front entrance door and the windows, and the repair/replacement of the apartment bathroom have been completed and are paid for. The Women of Saint Bernard generously and graciously gave \$25,000, toward this large renovation project and the parish is extremely grateful.
- ❖ The Commission considered the completion of the final phase of the renovation of the Parish Center that includes the classrooms/meeting rooms on the west side of the building. Daniels Construction submitted a bid of \$68,570.00, that is the exact same cost incurred for the renovation of the classrooms/meeting rooms on the east side of the building in the summer of 2008. This project would be completely paid for from funds in the parish's Memorial Account that were specified for this purpose. There was a consensus of the Commission to proceed with the project late this spring and early summer of this year. The two preschool rooms will remain as they are.
- ❖ Fr. Mike reported on the specifics of the upcoming diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The Announcement Weekend is February 27-28, Commitment Weekend is March 6-7, and Follow-Up Weekend is March 13-14. The ACA goal for our parish this year is \$49,179. Our goal was calculated as follows:  
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Members: John Baggot, Yvonne DeYoung, Carol Doran, Fr. Mike Hippee, Jack Rebholz & Andy Milkowski

#### Human Concerns

- ❖ Easter Baskets – how to involve items for baskets, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am and March 21 – get baskets ready to go.

- ❖ A few different items were added to the Easter Basket list. We will start assembly of the baskets after 8:00 am Mass on March 21.
- ❖ Contracting additional charitable organization for distribution of “baskets.”

Members: Connie Hultman, Sally O'Malley, Kay Sweeney

#### Parish Life & Community Commission

- ❖ Hospitality in March will be the second Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> rather than the third Sunday. This should be put in the bulletin the week before.
- ❖ A Mardi Gras brunch will be held on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a reservation only brunch.

Council Members: Phyllis Daggett & Cathy Scott;  
Members Excused: Gloria Brockman & Mary Ellen Rickert

#### Liturgical & Spiritual Life Commission

- ❖ Lector Guidelines given to lectors in last ministry schedule. Order of Mass handouts have been in place for a couple of months. Generations of Faith planning for February.
- ❖ Assigned members to attend Generations of Faith planning meetings. Planned refreshments for high school Senior Recognition Mass tentatively scheduled for June 6, 2010.

Council Members: Carol Grovesteen, Joan Phelan, DiAnne Raczek, Sue Richgels, Ken Sosinski  
Excused: Josh Bogovich, Margie Christoph, Michelle Eisenrich, Mary Ann Haack, Judy Nelson

#### Religious Education

- ❖ The plans for the February Generations of Faith sessions on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, including the assistance from the Liturgical Commission.
- ❖ Scheduling conflicts looming in the 2010-2011 GOF cycle.
- ❖ Shifting the April GOF dates to the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and making adjustments for May, too.
- ❖ Road trip possibilities for May
- ❖ Assuming that Fr. Andre Pierre, who is still missing in Haiti (he has since been found), will be unavailable on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the Commission will invite the Director of the Catholic Multicultural Center to speak. The Commission agreed to shift GOF dates in April and beyond.

(Parish Council cont'd.)

❖ Extra Commission meeting in February, on the fourth or the 11<sup>th</sup>. Also March 11<sup>th</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> for GOF planning.

Members: Rich Bogovich, Geri Nehls, Dean Matuszak, Sr. Marcia Vinje

Members Absent: Meghan Stern, Ruth Weigel-Sterr



**Baptisms- Welcome to the Family**

Eric Thomas,  
son of Christopher & Christine Morehead  
Lydia Maxine,  
daughter of Brooks & Ann McGrath  
Audrey Elaine,  
daughter of Matthew & Sarah Gonnering  
Madeline Veronica,  
daughter of Wade & Elizabeth Becker  
Clara Aaliya,  
daughter of Lewis Scott & Felisa Forte  
George Charles,  
son of Perry & Bethney Pickhardt  
Piyamon Georgeanne  
daughter of James & Courtney Marschalek  
Anjali Jean,  
daughter of Brandon & Stephanie Ballweg  
Jameson Jerry,  
son of Brandon & Stephanie Ballweg  
Ceclia Marie,  
daughter of David & Emily Zeller  
Cameron James,  
son of Tyler Fleury & Stephanie Johnston  
Nolan Kroll,  
son of Matthew Kroll & Stephanie Johnston  
Adeline Marty,  
daughter of Charles & Stacey Schumacher  
Tennyson Colin,  
son of Colin & Shawn Mehlum  
Claudia Elizabeth,  
daughter of Kevin & Jennifer Apodaca



**New Parishioners – Welcome!**

Derek, Lori, & Ella Berkley  
Christopher & Holly Casson  
Donald J. May  
C. Jason, Stacey & Adeline Schumacher  
Robert Sommers  
Jessica Sznaider  
Katherine Wagner

**Marriages – Congratulations!**

Brian G. Thal & Caryn E. Ziebell  
John E. Casey & Janna L. Richter

**“Rest in Peace”**

David Ackerman  
Robert Behnke  
Anna Castagna  
Margaret B. Hauser  
Colleen Hove  
Dorothy Karasek  
Mary L. J. Phelan



**ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL**

St. Bernard Catholic Preschool will hold an Open House on Friday, March 5, 2010 for all parents and guardians interested in visiting our part-day program. The Open House will run from 9:00 to 10:30 am. To request information please call 249-9256 Ext 288 and Ms. Renee will be happy to assist you.

Current families and parish members are able to enroll for Summer School June 1-25, 2010 and/or for the Fall preschool 2010-2011 starting February 5, 2010. Enrollment is on a first-come-first-sign-up basis. Fall registration is \$20.00 per child.

(Preschool cont'd.)

**For current students:**

Parents may meet with a teacher the week of February 22-25, 2010. Any family who would like to discuss our assessments may make an appointment on any of these days from 8:00-8:20 am or 11:40 am – 1:00 pm. (If interested you must make an appointment with the teacher.)



**ST BERNARD PLAYERS - THE CRUCIBLE**

St. Bernard Players is pleased to announce its upcoming production of *The Crucible*, by Arthur Miller. Written in 1953, *The Crucible* is a true American classic, laden with passionate characters and powerful, riveting dialogue. I was cast in this play in high school and had no idea of the lasting imprint it would leave. Some of the scenes are just flat electrifying and are guaranteed to affect both cast and audience alike. Auditions will take place in the Parish Center on February 22-23, 2010 beginning at 6:30 pm. People auditioning will be asked to read from the script (no monologues are necessary). Performances will be May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 2010 and we will have more information to come about reservations. If you have any questions about auditions please call 608-249-8256 Ext. 227.

*Submitted by: Mickey Reynolds, St. Bernard Players*

***Each of us has the ability to make a difference in another's life***

**ST. BERNARD'S LENTEN "EASTER BASKET" PROJECT**

On our Lenten Journey, here is a wonderful opportunity for you to make that difference. As a parish we are planning to create 200 Easter "Baskets" many of which will be distributed to the needy at the Easter Sunday meal at Luke House. If we have donation items over and above what is needed by Luke House, the excess will be distributed to other organizations in need. During each of the six weeks of Lent leading up to Easter,

we will collect and divide the items below in large baskets to the left of the altar. ***We need people to sign up to help divide items before and after each Mass, plus delivering baskets during Holy Week.*** Please call the Religious Education Office at 249-9256 to sign up! If you are unable to shop for the items, cash donations will gladly be accepted.

**Ash Wednesday, (February 17)**

White crew athletic socks (adult size 9-11)

**Week One ( February 20/21**

Bath Soap (regular size). No hotel size soaps!  
Deodorant (regular size)  
Shampoo (regular size)

**Week Two (February 27/28)**

Bottle Hand Sanitizer and Chapstick/lip balm

**Week Three (March 6/7)**

In original package, a single toothbrush, PLUS a regular size tube of toothpaste AND dental floss.

**Week Four (March 13/14)**

Granola bars, Sandwich Cracker Snack Pack (either cheese or peanut butter) AND raisin OR fruit-roll-ups.

**Week Five (March 20/21)**

Individually wrapped Easter candy

**Week Six (March 27/28) Palm Sunday**

**Special Collection – For Children in Need to be distributed in the community:**

- New markers, crayons, colored pencils and glue
- Treasure box items (Hot Wheels, Stickers, Silly Putty, Play-Doh (small), Nail Polish
- Small craft kits
- Teen books

Easter Baskets will be assembled on **Sunday, March 21, 2010 after both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.**

*Submitted by: Connie Hultman, Human Concerns & Social Justice Commission*

## **VOLUNTEER WITH US...**

### **HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

St. Bernard's Parish is seeking to form a committed group of volunteers to staff one Thursday afternoon and evening a month at the busiest food pantry in Dane County.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) operates the busiest food pantry. During 2009, our pantry provided 80 – 130 families per day five days each week with food valued at more than \$1,200.00. The customer choice model we have implemented at the pantry helps honor the dignity of our clients and all others involved in the food distribution process. The aid we provide is offered without regard to the race, ethnicity or creed of those we are privileged to help.

The hours needed for volunteers on Thursdays are from 1:00 – 7:00 pm. There are several areas needing volunteers during these hours. Stockers are needed from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, hosts and receptionists are needed from 2:00 – 7:00 pm. As a stocker you will prepare items for the shelves, and restock the shelves. You should be able to lift up to 35 pounds and be able to be on your feet for most of the two-hour shift. As a host you will walk with the clients through the pantry, keep a tally of the food points, bag the groceries, and put these groceries in the client's car. If you have basic computer skills and like to talk to people, then you might be interested in being a receptionist. As a receptionist you will serve as the point of first contact for clients, use basic computer skills, and work with a diverse population. There will be training for each of these volunteer positions. We are looking for a committed groups of volunteers from which four to five would volunteer on a yet to be determined Thursday each month from 1:00 – 7:00 pm. If you are able to help our neighbors in need, **please give Mike Hoffman a call at 221-9694** and let him know you would like to help. If we can get enough people to fill the commitment we will proceed to finalize the details. Thank you for your consideration.

*Submitted by: Mike Hoffman*

## **WOMEN OF SAINT BERNARD'S**

The Women of Saint Bernard meet quarterly on the third Thursday of February, May, August, and November from 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 1 of the Parish Center. All women in the parish are welcome to attend. Upcoming events will be a Spring Salad Bar Luncheon and a Summer Garage Sale. For more information, contact Carol Doran at 334-0182.

## **SAINT BERNARD'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS registration is open to all St. Bernard families with children in grades K-5 this school year. We need at least 20 committed families to make this work. "Rome Under-Ground" will be August 16-20, 2010 but registration is due NOW so we can order supplies. We need helpers for all ages. We will offer a day program for children K-5 and if enough people are interested we can do an evening intergenerational session. Call Carol McHugh, VBS Director at 249-6961.

## **PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation candidates and sponsors will gather for a day of preparation on **Sunday, March 21, 2010** at the Parish Center. We will celebrate Mass with the parish at 10:00 am and conclude will the Communal Penance Service, which starts at 3:00 pm.

**Candidates who will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil, April 3 are:**

*Ernesto and Julia Chavez  
Nicole Saunders  
Alison Ouattara  
Kathy and Kelly Guevara  
Carmen Miranda*

**These young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Monona. Please pray for them.**

*Jorge Aguilar  
Ana Avila  
Kelly Avila  
Ava Duren  
Elena Duren  
Helen Rottier  
John Rottier  
Carl Schneider  
Kurt Schneider  
James Strebe  
Kezia Weigel-Sterr  
Elizabeth Wendt*

## YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### LOVE BEGINS HERE 2010

*Love Begins Here* is a great opportunity for youth to serve others right here in the Madison diocese through a summer mission trip program. Our aim is to complete simple home repairs and other mission work within one area at a time, while the youth have the experience of living in a small community and being led through the week by an excited team of young adults who facilitate high energy and authentic Catholic evening programs for the entire group. Faithful to the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church, this program will work to develop young leaders into the saints they are called to be.

The 2010 dates for the mission opportunities are:

- Sunday, June 20 – Friday, June 25: Mission week for high school students entering grades 10-12
- Sunday, June 27 – Friday, July 2: Mission week for high school students entering grades 10-12
- Tuesday, July 6 – Friday, July 9: Mission for students entering grades 7-9
- Sunday, July 11 – Friday, July 16: Mission week for high school students entering grades 10-12

For more information see

[www.madisondiocese.org/lovebeginshere](http://www.madisondiocese.org/lovebeginshere) or contact Sister Marcia at [stb-ym@charterinternet.com](mailto:stb-ym@charterinternet.com) or 249-9256 Ext. 232.

### HIGH SCHOOL LIFE ISSUES RETREAT

The high school youth of Saint Bernard's are invited to a *Life Issues Retreat*, March 26-28, 2010 at St. John the Baptist Parish, Waunakee. The cost is \$50.00, including meals and lodging. For more information or to register for this retreat call Sr. Marcia at 249-9256 Ext. 232 or [stb-ym@charterinternet.com](mailto:stb-ym@charterinternet.com).

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT A SUCCESS!!

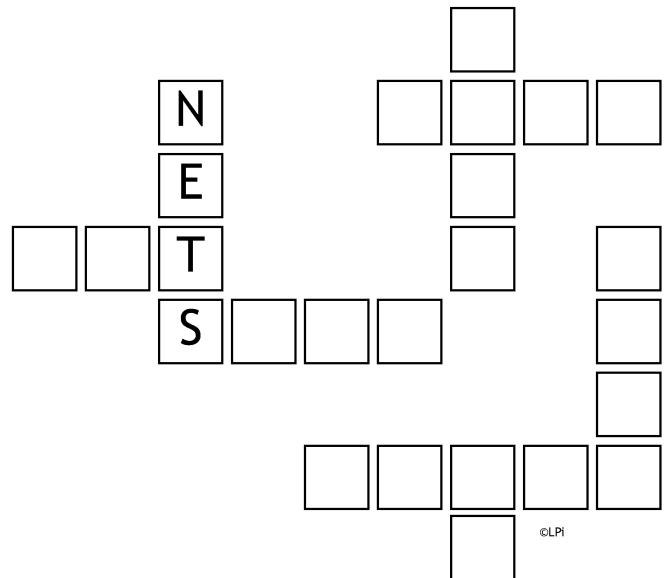
On January 15, 2010, our high school students sponsored a Parents Night Out program here at St. Bernard Parish Center. Twenty-five people took advantage of the evening that brought together children, helpers, and adult supervisors for a fun time. Everyone agreed we should do it again.



### Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**Let your nets down to catch some fish.**



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Madison, Wisconsin 53704

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**Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday at 5 PM**  
**Sunday at 8 & 10 AM**

**Parish Telephones/Email:**

**Parish Administration – 249-9256**

Pastor, ext. 222	stb-pastor@chartermi.net
Parish Administrative Asst., ext. 221	stb-office@chartermi.net
Financial Secretary, ext. 223	stb-finance@charterinternet.com

**Pastoral and Education Ministries – 249-7288**

Catholic Preschool, ext. 228	stb-preschool@chartermi.net
Religious Formation Director, ext. 230	stb-education@chartermi.net
Youth & Family Minister, ext. 232	stb-ym@charterinternet.com
Worship and Music, ext. 225	stb-worship-music@chartermi.net
Pastoral & Bereavement Ministry, ext. 229 or 318-2122	including Respite Care and Befrienders

Parish FAX – 244-3773  
Website: [www.stbernards.net](http://www.stbernards.net)  
Youth Face Book- St Bernard Catholic Youth

**EAST SIDE CATHOLIC ADULT WOMEN'S**  
**FRIDAY MORNING LENTEN RETREAT AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH**  
**Take a break and find out...."When's GOD Gonna Show UP?"**  
with Catholic Author, Columnist, Speaker Marge Fenelon

**MARCH 12, 9:30 AM – Noon with a Lenten Lunch**  
Hosted by St. Bernard, St. Dennis, IHM and St. Peter Parishes

“Marge would be the first to confess that she’s no saint – which, by the way, only confirms my hunch that she’s on the path to holiness! – but she enchants us all with homey, perceptive meditations on the mystery, mercy, presence, and power of God in our day-to-day lives.” *Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan* Marge will have books for sale. For more information go to Marge’s Web site <http://www.margefenelon.com>

**Agenda**

9:00 am Gathering, Refreshments  
9:30 am Prayer and Speaker  
10:30 am Break  
10:45 am Speaker  
Lunch @ Noon: Veggie Lasagna, bread, salad, dessert and beverage  
Cost is \$15.00 (non-refundable)



Please call Geri at the Religious Education Office 249-7288 ext. 230 for more information or registration materials.