



# THE SPIRIT OF ST. BERNARD

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## **A LETTER FROM FR. MIKE**

Our parish life is off to a very good start after the summer break from the usual month-to-month programs and activities. I am very happy to introduce to you two new persons on our pastoral staff. Sister Marcia Vinje, a Schoenstatt Sister of Mary, joins us as Youth Minister and Coordinator of Religious Formation. Gloria Brockman joins us as our Administrative Assistant. While these two women are new to our staff they are certainly not new to the parish. Sister Marcia was raised in our parish and Gloria is a member of our parish and both of their families have life-long ties to Saint Bernard's. We are indeed blessed by God to have Sister and Gloria on our pastoral team and we warmly welcome them!

On the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, following the 5:00 Mass on Saturday and the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses on Sunday, Sister Marcia will share with us her insights on the Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Her presentation will be in church and it will be about 15 minutes in length. Sister speaks from her heart and I know you will enjoy her talk. I am certainly going to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to intensify my own prayer life and I invite and encourage you to join me.

On the first Sundays of the months during the school year, we have our religious formation program, Generations of Faith. Our general theme for this year is Prayer. We gather as a parish family of all ages in the parish center gym following the 10:00 am Mass for a light lunch and prayer and then break up into groups for age appropriate presentations and discussion on the various aspects of prayer.

Over the years, discussions have taken place among religious educators about how best to teach adults, youth and young children about our faith and the traditions we hold as Catholic Christians. In the Generations of Faith model we

embrace at St. Bernard's, we believe there are two essential things that help us achieve our goal of passing on your faith from one generation to the next generation. First, the Scriptures that lie at the heart of our Catholic tradition, that reveal to us the presence of God in the lives and stories of the Chosen People in the Old Testament and stories of Jesus' first disciples in the New Testament, can speak to us at many different generational levels, and can be translated and presented in such a way that both young and old alike can grasp their basic message. Scriptural study deepens our appreciation of God's message throughout the history of humankind according to our personal interests and abilities.

Secondly, we believe we need to be increasingly aware that our Catholic faith is formed, developed and deepened in personal encounters with other believers, in groups small enough to be aware of each member's background and age-related needs. Jesus spoke to his followers in words and stories and images that they could understand and we need to do the same thing. The four Gospel writers presented Jesus' story for their particular communities and, as a parish we are trying to continue this balance, guided by the Holy Spirit.

I invite all of you and encourage you to participate in Generations of Faith, our very important religious formation program. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.



# GENERATIONS OF FAITH

(Aka-Religious Formation)

2009-2010 “Responding in Prayer”

Session One: “We Are Called To Pray”

**Sunday, October 4, 11AM -1PM**

**Monday, October 5, 6PM – 8:30PM**

**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

By now every registered household should have received an information packet with registration form.

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## WHY GENERATIONS OF FAITH?

The U.S. Bishops have directed all Catholic Parishes to make adult faith formation a primary focus. In response, St. Bernard Parish provides this process for the lifelong faith formation of ALL members of the parish. Children and youth participate with adults. “GOF” helps each of us respond to our Baptismal call to be the best Christian disciple we can be.

This year we focus on “Prayer” as the fourth Pillar of the Catechism of the Church. We will explore what the Catholic Church defines as prayer, the importance of prayer in our lives as disciples and some of the rich paths of prayer that enable us to spend time with Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit.

To begin our year, Sr. Marcia gave a talk on Eucharistic Adoration. Each time we have Generations of Faith, we will invite those from our parish who choose not to come to class, to pray for the year of the Priests and vocations as well as the success of our program.

There will be sign-up for ½ hour time slots from 11am to 1 pm on the Sundays and 6 to 8:30 pm on Mondays that we have GOF. If you have questions please call and speak with Geri at 249-7288 ext. 230.

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. MIKE REGARDING THE FLU OUTBREAK

On Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, the members of the Council of Priests met with Bishop Morlino. At this meeting we discussed the seriousness of the H1N1 flu outbreak in Madison and the surrounding areas and what steps we might take to minimize the risks of spreading germs in the liturgical setting. As a Council, we decided that implementing the precautionary steps in each parish should be at the discretion of the pastor.

Here at St. Bernard’s for an indefinite period of time we will immediately:

- 1) Discontinue the reception of our Lord’s Precious Blood from the common cup, knowing that Jesus is fully and completely present under the species of only the bread.
- 2) Encourage people to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.
- 3) Remind people that shaking hands at the Rite of Peace is an option and that the nod of your head and/or a word of greeting is most appropriate instead of shaking hands.
- 4) According to liturgical norms, the holding of hands during the Lord’s Prayer should take place only during Masses for Children. At all other Masses, extending your hands outward in an oration fashion is a proper option.



## 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.

### SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL Pastoral Council met in September 2009 and the following was discussed:

#### Two-Minute Reports:

##### Administration:

- ❖ Parish Offertory Program will be done in October, following the same format as last year.
- ❖ Snow plowing contract was discussed and we will be staying with Homberg.
- ❖ Stewardship Forms for volunteers needed for each month will be placed in the pews once a month.
- ❖ Parish Center renovation project decision will be carried over until January's meeting.
- ❖ New windows will be put in the Rectory.
- ❖ Office computers will be networked with a central server. This will require purchasing additional software and staff training.

Council Members: Carol Doran & Andy Milkowski, Trustee

##### Human Concerns

- ❖ Catholic Charities wants to broaden Care Team Ministry. We will meet September 22, 2009.
- ❖ Identify parishioners volunteering at food pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Store.
- ❖ Talked about funeral luncheon ministry.
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity date will be October 17, 2009.
- ❖ Reviewed Time & Talent Survey. Six to eight volunteers needed.

Council Members: Kay Sweeney

##### Parish Life & Community Commission

- ❖ Commission needs some direction, new ideas and new members.
- ❖ Waiting to decide on parish gift for Christmas 2009.
- ❖ Hospitality Sundays are still happening and seem to bring in a good crowd. These Sundays happen 12 months of the year.

Council Members: Phyllis Daggett & Cathy Scott

##### Liturgical & Spiritual Life Commission

- ❖ Lector guidelines will be inserted in next set of Ministry Schedules.
- ❖ Commission has been asked to read a section of the Catechism on prayer to prepare for Generations of Faith.

Council Members: Mary Ann Haack & Margie Christoph

##### Religious Education

- ❖ The commission brainstormed "big" (ambitious) ideas for Generations of Faith activities for 2009-2010. Geri stressed the importance of year-end evaluation. The commission and Generations of Faith Planning Team will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month that doesn't have a Leadership Night.

Council Member: Rich Bogovich



#### Baptisms- Welcome to the Family

Evelyn Hanson,  
daughter of Peter & Christine Hanson  
Alexander DeMarte,  
son of Anthony & Shannon DeMarte  
Margaux Nadolski,  
daughter of Justin & Jennifer Nadolski  
Dougal Edwards,  
son of Scott & Amber Edwards  
Maxine Loritz,  
daughter of Benjamin & Courtney Loritz  
Blake Schwarz,  
son of James III & Kristine Schwarz

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### **Baptisms**

Isabelle Kalinowski,  
daughter of Donald & Heather Kalinowski  
Josephine Vandervest,  
daughter of Jason & Elizabeth Vandervest  
Juliana Manley,  
daughter of Michael Manley & Alexis Rios  
Tanner Scott,  
son of Daniel Scott & Mary Parisi Scott

### **June 2009-September 2009**

#### **Welcome New Parishioners**

Maurice & Natalie Adams, Craig Argall  
Thomas Berg, Jordan Bricco,  
Matthew Elderbrook, Martha Galston,  
Stephanie Grovesteen, Peter & Christine Hanson,  
Jessica Hause, Ms. Leslie Kuhn, Katherine Low,  
Gary McClain, Jackie Redmer, Catherine Rood,  
Michael Schill, Walter Scott & Leah Holden-  
Corbett, Jason Walker & Leah Cronan

### **Marriages**

Nathan DiPiazza & Katherine Low  
David Dison & Lindsay Knepper  
Paul Getter & Kara Higdon  
Benjamin Seebart & Kathleen Blessing  
Robert Welygan & Nicole Weir

### **“Rest in Peace”**

Catherine E. Hank  
Mary Alice Hippee  
Francis P. Bilek  
Catherine Cassidy  
Marguerite Koessler  
Patrick Byrne  
Bernice Krouse  
Gustave Kast  
Kathryn M. Skroch  
Mary “Pat” Crean  
Margaret G. Kelley  
Jean K Odden  
Keith E. Lawler



### **GLAD TO BE BACK!!**

Hello to you all. I am new to the staff here, but not new to Saint Bernard Parish. I grew up here and received my sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation in this church. It truly is home for me and the seat of many wonderful memories. I attended eight years of school at Saint Bernard, performed on stage every year at the Christmas program, served pancake breakfasts, and loved to participate in Mass every single day.

Now I am back as the director of Youth Ministry and helping out with Family Ministry. Geri and I have known each other and worked together for about 20 years and are so grateful that God has brought us together to work as a team here. My experience is quite varied, from teaching in Catholic schools to directing a small retreat house in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota (yes, there really is a Sleepy Eye!); from running summer youth camps to campus ministry. I have worked a lot with youth, adults, and families in small faith communities through our Schoenstatt Lay Movement and have been active in catechesis on the parish and diocesan level.

Mary, the Mother of God, is my inspiration, my mother, my model, and my guide. Every day I ask her to take over my work and let me help out as much as I can. I am so privileged to live next door to her Schoenstatt Shrine where we meet every day and she forms me ever more into the image of her Son. Just ask me and I will tell you how you can have that same joy.

Please introduce yourselves to me. Faces look familiar but I don't have the names to match yet.

God bless you all and may your love for Jesus and Mary grow every stronger.

*Submitted by Sister M. Marcia Vinje*

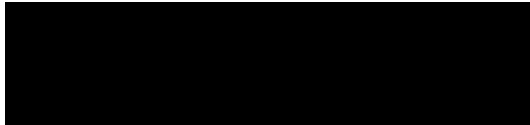
## **YOUTH GROUPS**

The Middle School Youth group will have its first fall meeting on Saturday, September 26, 2009, in the Youth Room in the basement of the rectory, 6:00-7:30 pm.

The High School Youth group will have its first fall meeting on Sunday, September 27, 2009, in the Youth Room in the basement of the rectory, 7:00-8:30 pm.

### **Rosary Bonfire**

All youth and their families are invited to a Rosary Bonfire at Schoenstatt Heights, 5901 Cottage Grove Road, on Saturday, October 17, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The evening will start with the rosary prayed in the Marian Shrine. Then we will have a bonfire with song, stories, and snacks. Let Sister Marcia know who is coming at 249-7288 ext. 232.



### **Fire on the Hill – “Dare-2-Love”**

St. John Bosco Day on October 3, 2009. In today’s world of fear and uncertainty, we are sure of one thing...God’s great Love for us. Jesus has shown us the way by laying down His life for us. Let us Dare-2-Love since the Love of God has been poured out into our Hearts. Come Join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual St. John Bosco Youth Day and Dare-2-Love.

- What:** A Day of Faith & Fellowship Just for Youth
- When:** Saturday, October 3, 2009
- Registration:** 7:45 am – 8:45 am  
Day closes at 6:00 pm
- Where:** Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians
- Cost:** Admission is FREE! Box lunch \$7.00 (Collection at Mass to defray expenses) Please dress for the weather. Day will conclude after 4:30 pm Mass that will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

Contact Sister Marcia at 249-7288 ext. 232 or send in the registration form you received in the mail. Check out [www.holyhill.com/johnbosco](http://www.holyhill.com/johnbosco) to see what it’s all about!



## **WOMEN OF ST. BERNARD FALL BAZAAR**

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**  
**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – Noon**

The annual fall Bazaar is a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and make new friendships. Please consider volunteering one or two hours of your time during the Bazaar and/or assisting with the set up and clean up.

Set up will begin on Wednesday evening, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Clean up occurs promptly at noon on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. **We especially need assistance in both of these endeavors. Can you help?**

Again, this year, we have a variety of booths ranging from a Book Booth, Sweet Shoppe, Jewelry, handmade Jewelry by Rose, Santa’s Workshop, Kids Korner, Country Store, White Elephant, Surprise Package, Crafts and a silent auction “Theme” Basket raffle. Additionally, Santa will be on-site both days!

A continental breakfast will be served on Saturday from 8:00 am until 11:00 am and on Sunday from 8:30 am until 10:00 am. Lunch will be served on Saturday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm and on Sunday from 10:00 am until noon.

Non-perishable items may be dropped off at the Parish Center, Monday through Friday, the week of the Bazaar from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Please label your donations to ensure it is displayed at the proper booth!

Please feel free to contact this year’s chair, Jan Schmelzer at 243-1540 for more information or to volunteer any assistance you are willing to offer.

*Submitted by Jan Schmelzer*



## **WOMEN OF ST. BERNARD**

The Women of St. Bernard have set dates for their upcoming events. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

### **November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Holiday Bazaar** in the Parish Center Gym  
Contact: Jan Schmelzer at 243-1540

### **December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Baby Jesus Shower** (Mass & Breakfast)  
In the Church & Church Hall  
Contact: Phyllis Daggett at 249-7024

### **December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Cookie Sale** after all Masses in the Church Lobby  
Contact: Mary Ann Haack at 249-5018 or  
Jan Rinehart at 223-9146

The Women of St. Bernard will hold their fall meeting on **Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. The agenda includes election of officers and planning for upcoming events. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BOX TO LEAVE ST. BERNARD PARISH!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Bernard Parish in Madison have agreed that the time has come to remove the St. Vincent de Paul's donation box from church property.

Despite the generosity of the parish and the surrounding community in donating much-needed goods through the use of the drop box, problems with inappropriate items left in and around the box led to St. Vincent de Paul's decision. Trash has often been left outside the box, as have large items, such as furniture – best kept out of the elements and donated by calling St. Vincent de Paul for a free home pick-up.

Signage encouraging appropriate donations and treatment of the area around the box has NOT met with success. The box is due to be removed at the end of September.

Donated, gently used clothing, household items, books, furniture, small appliances and other goods stock St. Vincent de Paul's five Dane County thrift stores. Sales of these items provide much of the revenue the Society uses to fund aid to

local people in need, and the Society's stores also provide a great deal of direct assistance to low-income families and individuals.

Contributions of goods from the St. Bernard Parish area to St. Vincent de Paul are still very much needed. Although the drop box at the parish soon will be gone, there remain easy ways to donate.

- Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at **278-2920** for a free home pick-up. Trucks are scheduled to pick up in the Atwood-Schenk's Corners neighborhood on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Bring goods to one of the five St. Vincent de Paul stores in Dane County. The St. Vincent de Paul store nearest St. Bernard Parish is the Society's Madison flagship store at 1309 Williamson St.

For more information about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please visit [www.svdpmadison.org](http://www.svdpmadison.org).

## **St. Vincent de Paul**

### **AN INVITATION TO SERVE**

Are you looking for ways to experience God? It can be difficult. God is a spiritual being. How do you experience a spiritual being?

Members of our St. Bernard's St. Vincent Conference invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in the poor.

Holy Scripture tells us: "The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we saw His glory, the Glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. (The Gospel according to John 1:14)

We see Christ in the poor and when we see Christ we experience God.

You are invited to serve Christ's poor in our parish. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is inviting caring people to assist people needing food, clothing, rent assistance, utility assistance, and other emergency needs. Christ said, "What you do for the least of my brothers you do unto me."

We need people in our conference to visit the homes of those who ask for furniture and bedding assistance to assess their needs. This is person-to-person contact just as Christ did. You will receive training and shadow other experienced home visitors until you are comfortable.

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These visits are usually done on Saturday mornings, but could be done in the late afternoon if the clients are available.

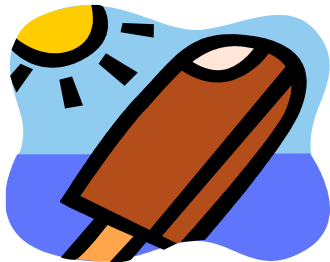
We are also in need of volunteers to help in our food pantry (the largest and busiest in Dane County). Last year we gave out over 1.1 million dollars worth of food. This year the need has been even greater. This cannot be accomplished without hundreds of volunteers giving up a few hours of their time weekly or monthly. If you do not have the time to help, you can help by donating food the first weekend of each month at the parking lot entrance to St. Bernard's.

Our parish's conference holds many events during the year and would like to do more. In order to do this, we need your help. The amount of time you wish to give is completely up to you. If you can help, please call Mike Hoffman at 221-9694.

*Submitted by Mike Hoffman*

### PRESCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

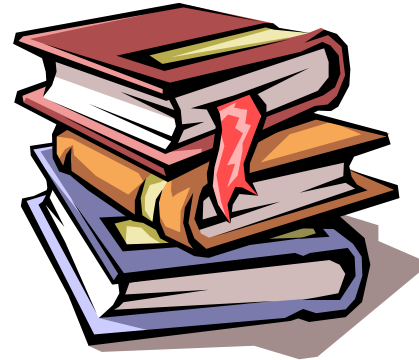
All preschool families are welcome to join us on the **Preschool Playground** on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **6:00-7:00pm** for an ice cream social. Mingle and meet other families on our program.



### PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

On October 16, 2009, the Peace & Social Justice Book Club will discuss *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), an encyclical letter on integral human development in charity and truth written by Pope Benedict XVI and released by the Vatican this past June. Please plan to join us. We meet from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Center. You may request a copy from the parish office or find it online at: [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_enc\\_20090629\\_caritas-in-veritate\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20090629_caritas-in-veritate_en.html). Contact Debbie Schneider at 244-4073 or [schneiderdeb@msn.com](mailto:schneiderdeb@msn.com), for more information.

*Submitted by Debra Schneider*



## A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

By the late John J Cardinal Carberry

Keep them; I pray Thee, dearest Lord.  
Keep them, for they are Thine  
The priests whose lives burn out before  
Thy consecrated shrine.  
Keep them, for they are in the world,  
Though from the world apart.  
When earthly pleasures tempt, allure --  
Shelter them in Thy heart.  
Keep them and comfort them in hours  
Of loneliness and pain,  
When all their life of sacrifice  
For souls seems but in vain.  
Keep them and remember, Lord,  
they have no one but Thee.  
Yet, they have only human hearts,  
With human frailty.  
Keep them as spotless as the Host,  
That daily they caress;  
Their every thought and word and  
deed,  
Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.



# Read the Gospel and Color



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

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Rectory

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Youth & Family Minister, ext. 232	stb-ym@charterinternet.com
Worship and Music, ext. 225	stb-worship-music@chartermi.net

Pastoral & Bereavement Ministry – including Respite Care and Befrienders, ext. 229 or 318-2122

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