



# The Spirit of Saint Bernard

## A Letter for Fr. Mike

A little girl's parents gave her a weekly allowance in an effort to begin to teach her how to handle money. After several weeks, she asked her mother: "Mommy, is this money really mine?" Her mother looked into her child's innocent blue eyes and said, "The money is yours as a gift."

"Can I spend the money on anything I want?" the little girl then asked. The insightful mom said, "Lindsey, the money is yours to use as you want. All I ask is that you remember who gave you the money in the first place."

That mother was teaching her little daughter that gratitude, in fact, is the centerpiece of all religion.

Our first and foremost encounter with God is wondrous gratitude: gratitude to the very Giver of our lives and all that sustains our lives. A constant spirit of thanksgiving should illuminate every moment of every day, every work we take on, every decision we make. In Jesus, we are given a gift that is ours to share...not own; to give away..not control.

When we come to Mass Sunday after Sunday, the bread and wine speak miraculously and boldly of Jesus Christ...his body, his blood, his presence among us. And yes, it is here that God whispers in our ears, "Remember Jesus Christ." Remember his broken body. Remember his shed blood. Remember that he gave his all for the likes of you and me.

The gift of the Eucharist comes with an important string attached: it must be shared.

In giving you and me his body and blood in the sacrament, Jesus calls us to become this sacrament, to become a Eucharistic people. We become the body of Christ through the humble compassion and joyful generosity we extend to others.

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On the weekend of October 23rd and October 24th, the Diocese of Madison has asked all parishes in the diocese to seriously address our finances as we look to the future. Each parish has been requested to cooperate in the Parish Offertory Program which in essence asks each one of us as parishioners to prayerfully and

realistically examine our weekly giving to our parish.

Each one of our parish households has received a brochure in the mail.

It is important for each one of us to periodically and personally examine our individual commitment to our parish on a financial level. We all know that as individuals, as families and as a parish we must plan for the future. If you are not able to financially support our parish because of financial hardship I am deeply sensitive to and understanding of your situation.

During Masses on the weekend of October 23rd and 24th, each parish household will be asked to make an Offertory commitment. Cards will be provided on which you and I will indicate the amounts that we will give to our parish in the year of 2011. This diocesan sponsored Parish Offertory Program is a vehicle to give all of us an opportunity to

make support of our parish a priority. Our act of giving should be motivated by gratitude, not mandate.

Gratitude is the thread that runs throughout the Sacred Scriptures. My "thank you" to you for being a part of our parish family comes straight from my heart and conveys so much more than those two little words could ever hope to. My gratitude goes as deep as deep can be for your generosity to our parish and for your kindnesses to me. I know that it is not enough to just say "thank you" once in a while. In my quiet moments, I think about you everyday, and I thank God for all of you.



# Generations of Faith 2010-2011

(Aka-Religious Formation)

“Generations of Faith” is for all parishioners and is our core religious formation program. Each year, we offer a theme that follows the Diocesan Standards. This year’s theme is :



## A Journey through Church History

### Next Session: Councils and Conversion

**Sunday, Nov. 7, 11:00 am -1:00 pm**

**Monday, Nov. 8, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm (bilingual)**

#### Agenda

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

“The history of the Catholic Church is the story of our family. It is the epic story of our ancestors in the Faith– the heroic men and women who shaped our civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Knowing this story is crucial to our identity as Catholics. Just as we would uncover exciting and interesting stories of our ancestors through the study of our family genealogy, we can uncover our Catholic past through the study of Church history. Knowledge of our Catholic story helps provide meaning to the present and the present determines the future.”

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

Join us once a month on either Sundays 11:00 am-1:00 pm or Mondays

6:00-8:00 pm (bilingual groups on Monday night)

OR for a weekly intensive class sign up for Tuesday nights for 6:00-8:00 pm. Sign up is necessary so that supplies can be ordered. Call the parish Center 249-7288 ext 230.

Because the whole parish meets once a month, we are able to offer other formation and educational opportunities:

### Adult Opportunities for Sharing Faith

#### **Bible Studies:**

Wednesday 6:00-8:00 pm The Great Bible Adventure (24 weeks).

Thursday 9:30-11:30 pm Study of Matthew (Prerequisite Great Bible Adventure).

#### **Peace and Justice Reading Group-** Sunday - see page 8

**RCIA-** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults- For any adult seeking information about the Catholic Tradition and a great review for any one. Sunday, 11:00 am-Noon or Monday, 6:00-8:00 pm, 1 to 3 times a month. Call for a calendar and topics.

**Young Adult** opportunities for faith sharing (18 years-39 years). See the St. Bernard Young Adult Facebook page for opportunities.

### Youth and Family Ministry

**Kidz Club**– We invite families with children in grades k-5 to a once a month VBS style opportunity. We would like to hear from you as to what day of the week will work for you and your children.

**VBS**– We are planning now for next summer. Let us know if you are interested in helping. Call Carol McHugh at 608-249-6961.

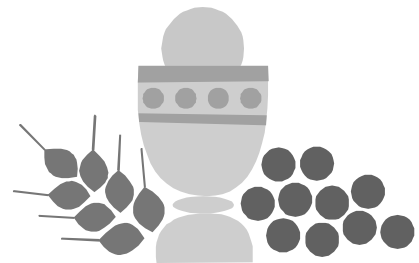
**Facebook pages-** We have two facebook pages one for young adult and one for youth.

**Website:** [www.stbernards.net](http://www.stbernards.net)

We are in need of people who want to share the Catholic faith by becoming a leader in any of these opportunities or join the Religious Formation and Education Commission that meets five times a year to help plan opportunities for the parish.

Please call Geri Nehls , Director of Religious Formation, or S. Marcia, Youth and Family Minister, (249-7288) [ganehls@yahoo.com](mailto:ganehls@yahoo.com), or Meghan Stern Commission Chair and GOF Planning Team

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## Youth Ministry..

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The St. Bernard Youth group is off to a great start. We will be meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month unless there is a conflict with Generations of Faith scheduling. We are planning to go Christmas caroling and help out with some projects sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our focus for the year is to develop leadership among the youth, build community, learn about our faith, and serve our neighbors. Thank you to the parents who are stepping forward to help chaperone the meetings and events.

### *A rEVOLution (of Love)*

A revolution OF Love is a three-part series dedicated to sharing Pope John Paul II's teaching of the

theology of the body with the high school youth of the Diocese of Madison. Each session explores an aspect of love from the perspective of the Church and the true meaning of love. Parents are encouraged to attend to listen to the speakers and engage with the youth. The final session will include a special "parents-only" presentation on Media and the Culture – don't miss it!

**Sunday, November 14, 2010,  
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

"Our Call to Holiness: How to be Authentically Human"

Location: Holy Mother of Consolation Parish – Oregon, WI

Presenter: Father Eric Sternberg  
at all events.



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### WOMEN OF ST. BERNARD

#### FALL BAZAAR

**Saturday, November 13th,**

**8:00 am – 3:30 pm**

**Sunday, November 14th,**

**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



# SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL of MINISTRIES

*Pastoral Council of Ministries is made up of two people from each commission*

## Minutes

### ❖ Selection of Officers

Rich Bogovich, Chair; Sue Richgels, Vice Chair; Recorder will be a rotating position. Members Present: Andy Milkowski (trustee) Janet Sausen, Margie Christoph, Ken Sosinski (staff) Nancy Smith, Fr Mike, Don Lawler

Excused; Carol Dorn, Phylis Daggett, Cathy Scott, Kurt Hermsen, Michelle Eisenrich (trustee)

Fr. Mike's report included the acceptance of the 2010-11 budget. The budget is in the black and congratulations was given to all parish council members for their prudent use of the parish's resources.

❖ Minor expenditures include organ, replacing cook top in the rectory, replacing two refrigerators in the gym with one refrigerator and one freezer.

❖ Major expenditures include renovation of the restrooms on the Atwood Ave side of the Church.

❖ Ministry fair will be postponed until a later date

### New Business

❖ Discussion of a Parish Green Team and how St. Bernard will make better use of our resources.

❖ Discussion about adding diaper drive to the already existing parish drive. Caution was discussed as to asking for more than the parishioners can give.

❖ Leadership Nights and lack of attendance/participation was discussed. More discussion at the next Leadership Meeting on November 16, 2010.

### **Two-Minute Commission Reports:**

#### Administration

❖ Budget Review ❖ Discussion of restroom renovation

❖ Welcome to Randy Roden—New member

❖ Leadership night organization and structure

Chair: Fr. Mike Council Members: Janet Sausen

## Human Concerns

❖ Discuss "Green Team" environmental meetings once a month to educate the parish

❖ Habitat for Humanity Aug 21: 3 people helped

Next project will be in Spring

❖ Diaper drive was suggested by a parishioner

❖ Peace and Justice book club doing well (2yrs)

Chairs:

Council Members: Nancy Smith

## Parish Life & Community Commission

❖ Ballroom dance classes had a great turnout.

Future planning is underway.

❖ Discussion of Easter egg hunt

❖ Discussion of children Christmas Mass gift.

❖ Next Planning meeting is Oct 11 at 6:30 PM Parish Center room 5.

❖ Welcomed new Member: Heather Fuller.

Chairs: Don Lawler

Council Member: Don Lawler

## Liturgical & Spiritual Life Commission

❖ Senior High School recognition Mass went well. Next year Mass set for June 5th

❖ Changes to Roman Missal Nov 2011

❖ New Mass Settings being composed

❖ Training for New Liturgical Ministers is complete

❖ Children's Music camp went well.

❖ Working on Generations of Faith Prayer

Chair : Joan Phelan

Council Member: Margie Christoph

### 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.

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## Welcome

### Baptisms- Welcome to the Family

#### Baptisms

Elizabeth Ann Olson  
Ryne Ann Washa  
Brody John Thomsen  
Harlowe Fay Thomsen  
Evan Dennis Vondrum  
Noah John Pacubas  
Cameron Frank Krenz  
Jason Wayne Smith  
Mikayla Frances McQueeney  
Ella Marie Berkley  
Amelia Agnes Wurz  
Tatem Randreya Wilson  
Graham Daniel DeThome  
Anthony John Eckel  
Connor Michael Denham  
Veronica Rose McGrath  
Adalyn Carnie Casson  
Kathy "Gloria" Gueverra  
Kelly "Gloria" Gueverra  
Miranda Marie Torres  
Isaac Casey  
Alison Anne Quattara  
Nicole Marie Saunders  
Jameson Paul Stein  
Evelyn Laura Lubcke  
Callum John Hopp  
Ethan Alexis Pelayo  
Jonathon H. Esparza-Condon  
Kristopher Esparza-Condon  
Frank A. Penning  
Sabrina Jane Krueger  
Matteo Douglas Miota  
Charlotte Emily Gross  
Blaise Cosmin Dobrescu  
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### Liturgy of the Word for Children 3 years – 2nd grade

Over the past ten years, "Liturgy of the Word (LOW) for Children" has transformed into what it is meant to be- Liturgy of the Word. It is not preschool story and craft time. It has the same components that the Adult assembly experience. It is not to be seen as a 9 month school year program. Just as the adults gather each week for Mass, the children are called to gather each week too.

The Commentator calls the children ages 3 to 7 years old to the back of church (Atwood Ave) for their sending rite. The children join Fr. Mike in the back (Atwood entrance) **and are part of the Procession to the Altar. They continue with their Leaders/leaders to the Holy Family Room.** As Father Mike prays the opening prayer with the assembly, the leader prays an opening prayer with the children in their worship space. Then, just as the larger assembly listens to the Old Testament reading and responds with a Psalm, the children also experience the same reading with a song response. We all stand to welcome the Gospel with the Alleluia or appropriate seasonal acclamation. The children listen to the Gospel and then with the help of the adult leader they have a chance to "Open the Word" by discussing what it meant to Jesus and what it means for them today.

As the larger adult assembly profess the Creed and offer the Prayers of the Faithful, children experience this in words that make sense to them. Many times in LOW for children, the Baptism Promises are used as a way to pray the Creed together.

The children return to the greater assembly at Offertory time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. At Communion, they are invited to come forward to receive a blessing from Father. (They should cross their arms across their chest to indicate a blessing.) **Reminders:** We need to remind and inform parents of children 3 -7 years old (Second graders who have not received Communion) that all are welcome to participate, but we really need you to be on time and have the children gather with Father Mike in the back of Church for the procession with the Adult leaders to their space. Children **should not** be waiting at the door of the connector for the group.

A parent or older sibling may accompany a child who is unsure once or twice but Father hopes that they will feel comfortable so you can hear his homily.

If you happen to come **late to Mass**, we prefer that you do not send your child because it causes distractions to the Assembly. But you may pick up a flyer after Mass at the entrances of Church.

#### **We need your help as Leaders and helpers.**

*Children need to attend a RE Program 1 year prior to preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Liturgy of the Word for Children is not a RE Program, it is Liturgy.)*

## Flu Shot & RCIA Process

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Once again Home Health United will be giving flu shots to people that have not had the opportunity to get one yet. They will be here in the parish on **Sunday November 14, 8:00-11:30 am, in Room 4 of the Parish Center** (during the Women of St. Bernard Bazaar). The vaccination fees are as follows: \$30.00 injectable, \$32.00 FluMist® (intranasal). They will accept the following payment methods: cash, check, MasterCard, VISA, Medicaid (bring your Forward Card and a photo ID with you)

and Medicare Part B. Please bring all Medicare insurance cards, including Medicare Advantage Plan cards, and a photo ID with you. Not all Medicare Advantage plans are accepted. Home Health United is a non-profit organization. For public clinic schedule updates call 608-276-7597.



### RCIA PROCESS

Where do you begin? Well, you just begin from where you are now!

Many adults entering the Catholic Church, or those just thinking about it, follow a process known as the RCIA—the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The RCIA process has several distinct stages. These Catholic RCIA stages are a good model of faith development itself, so this article will fit you whether or not you're actually in the RCIA process.

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## Baptisms Cont'd. & Weddings

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Elizabeth Rose Appleton

Jeremy Alden DeLeon

Mary Helen Rohlwing

Brennen C. McKail

Frances Rosemary Kuehn

**Congratulations to all of the  
Parents & Godparents!!**

### WEDDINGS

*David Lutz & Kaozong Moua*

*Steven Konkol & Kelly Drummond*

*Hans Gunderson & Heather Mosley*

*Boyd Tubbs & Suzanne Barofsky*

*David Perkins Jr. & Melissa Cyze*

*Nicholas Lubcke & Carrie Rindal*

*Jacob Parrish & Nicole Saunders*

*Stephen Fecteau & Paige Hutchison*

*Alejandro Sandoval & Ruby Robles*

*Brett Jondle & Lisa Wyngaard*

*David Halsted & Mary Statz*

*Alexander Keppel & Jessica Hause*

*Keith Wales & Margaret Yacobozzi*

*Casey Thayer & Leslie Kuhn*

*Kyle Peters & Amanda Donahue*

*Timothy Conrad & Catherine Hank*

*Michael Minton & Heather Endres*

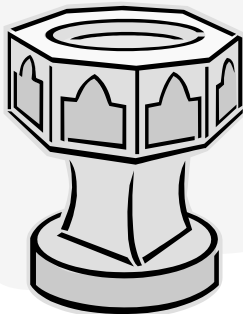
*Robert Reed & Aimee Van Fossen*

*Daniel Varriale & Katie Masino*

*Jay Robaidek & Lenee Kruse*

*Thomas Simmons & Emily Orser*

*Terrance Daniels & Kimberly Shea*



## Confirmation Preparation & Traveling Chalice Program

The preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year process at St. Bernard Parish. Young people in grades 7-11 can begin the preparation. Besides participating in the Generations of Faith program, candidates meet on the third Sunday of each month, 6:30-8:00 p.m. In addition to these regular classes, they will have sessions with their sponsors and participate in a retreat.

Our youth will be confirmed in spring with the Confirmation candidates from the other east-

side parishes at St. Dennis Church. The whole group will get together on November 14 to meet one another and celebrate the liturgy together.

### TRAVELING CHALICE

The purpose of the Traveling Chalice Program is to encourage families/households to pray for vocations as a family, and to promote vocations within the family. Each week one family/household will get to take home the Chalice and Paten. The family will have the chalice for one week to remind them about praying as a family for vocations. The first man to become a priest from St. Bernard's will receive

this Chalice and Paten. A guide will also be given to the family and this will be yours to keep, so that you can continue praying for vocations.

We are hoping to have fifty-two families/households sign-up to cover a full year. If your family would be interested in participating, please. Call Ken, Gloria, or Fr. Mike at 249-9256 between 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.



### REST IN PEACE

*Margaret Breunig*  
*Anna Castagna*  
*David E. Ackerman*  
*Robert Behnke*  
*Dorothy Karasek*  
*Henry A. Busch Jr.*  
*Gerald W. Cotter*  
*George E. Stankevich*  
*Helen M. Rupp*  
*Oscar W. Brabender*  
*Marcella Koch*  
*Magadalene Berg*  
*Theodore G. Alt*  
*Donald G. Widen*  
*Beatrice M. Hagan*  
*Judith A. Wipperfurth*  
*Agnes Ivy*  
*Elizabeth Mentzer*  
*Marie E. Attia*

*Dorothy K. Tiedt*

*Gaspar Tantillo*

*Eugene M. "Brownie" Brown*

*John A. Gundlach Sr.*

*Raymond C. Zeier*

*Thomas M. Reilly*

*Jean Marie Reiners*



### RCIA (Continued)

**INQUIRY:** the initial period before you decide to enter the Catholic church. You're asking questions and checking it out, but aren't yet ready to commit.  
**CATECHUMENATE:** those who decide to enter the Church and are being trained for a life in Christ are called catechumens, an ancient name from the early Church. In this stage, you're developing your faith and are being

"catechized" - learning catechism, or the basic points about the Catholic faith and life.

**PURIFICATION & PREPARATION:** The church will help you focus and intensify your faith as you prepare to commit your life to Christ and be received into the Church at Easter. If you're following the RCIA process, you'll go through a beautiful series of Gospel-based meditations during Lent, which is the time frame of this period.

**INITIATION** itself, the culmination of the whole process! Reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass, where you'll receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. (If you've already been Baptized, you won't be Baptized again.)

**MYSTAGOGY:** after reception into the church at Easter, this period lets you reflect and learn more about the mysteries of the Mass and the sacraments that you now participate in fully.



