

THE SPIRIT OF SAINT BERNARD



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A Letter from Fr. Mike

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving Day. We give thanks for freedom, opportunity, abundance and many other blessings we enjoy in our great nation. But let us remember in prayer the millions of people across the globe whose lives are riddled with repression, injustice, helplessness, danger, deprivation, heartache and pain. And let us back our prayers with action, with doing whatever we can to promote justice and relieve suffering.

During these days of the holiday season—a sacred and joyous time of the year—we adore our Lord and Savior who became one of us and reflect on the blessings of the New Year. It is time to participate and share in the special liturgies with our parish family and to cherish and enjoy wonderful times with our families and friends.

There will be some variations in our Mass schedule for the weekends of Christmas and the New Year. This year Christmas Day falls on Saturday and the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph follows on Sunday, December 26, 2010. Because Christmas is a Solemnity, if Mass were to be celebrated on Saturday evening it would be that of Christmas and not of Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family. We have not scheduled the usual Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm on Christmas Day evening. On a night when families gather at homes for

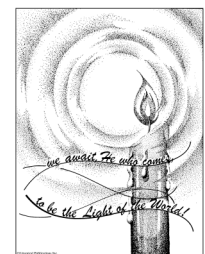
Also, it would be very difficult to find sufficient liturgical ministers (altar servers, musicians, lectors, etc.) Saturday, January 1, 2011 celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, which in 2011 is not a holy day of obligation because it falls on a Saturday. We have specially scheduled Mass at 10:00 am on New Year's Day morning to celebrate the Feast of the Mother of God. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord follows on Sunday, January 2, 2010. Epiphany outranks the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Therefore, the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday evening, January 1, 2010, is the Mass of the Epiphany or in other words, the anticipatory Mass for Sunday.

We have tentatively scheduled a parish pilgrimage to America's largest outdoor shrine, the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, in Belleville, Illinois, on **Wednesday, May 18, 2011 through Friday, May 20, 2011.** The month of May is traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother and the Most Blessed Mother. We would leave the parish following the 8:30 am Mass on Wednesday morning and travel by a very comfortable motor coach to Belleville, planning to arrive at the shrine in the late afternoon. We will spend the two nights at the hotel located on the shrine grounds.

Upon arrival we will check into the hotel and then have a welcome and orientation by the shrine personnel. On Thursday morning, we will have a rosary devotion at the Lourdes Grotto followed by a tour of the devotional areas. Before lunch, we will celebrate Mass together and then after lunch we will travel by our motor coach the short distance of 15 minutes to Saint Louis to visit the beautiful Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis and view the largest collection of mosaic art in the world. We will return to the shrine for dinner and then a spiritual talk later in the evening. On Friday morning we will celebrate Mass, have breakfast and then receive a blessing and depart for Madison. We anticipate the total cost to be \$245.00 for single occupancy and \$175.00 for double occupancy which includes transportation, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, one lunch and two dinners at the shrine. We need 35 participants to make use of the motor coach feasible. If you think you might be interested in joining this parish pilgrimage, please call Gloria at the Parish Of-

fice, 249-9256, ext. 221. If we have enough participants, more information will be forthcoming.

As a precaution, especially during the flu and cold season, we recently installed two automatic, hands-free Purell hand sanitizers for the use of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Before coming into the sanctuary, the ministers will place their hands under the sanitizer and then proceed to the back of the altar for the distribution of Holy Communion.



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

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

December Session:

Missionaries & Crusaders

Sunday, December 5,

11AM-1PM

Monday, December 6,

6 PM – 8:00PM (bilingual)

This time period clearly illustrates that the Catholic Church saved Western civilization. Through the dedicated studiousness of monks, thousands of ancient manuscripts and classics of literature were preserved. Charlemagne’s emphasis on education and art not only saved but also built up the patrimony of Western civilization. Today, through art museums, libraries, and the Internet, we have access to more cultural riches of the past than any generation before us. In what ways have you endeavored to appreciate and learn the classics of Western civi-

zation? How can you grow in your appreciation for the Catholic heritage that has been handed down to you?

January Session: Weak Leaders & Schism

Sunday, January 9, 11AM-1PM

Monday, January 10, 6PM-8PM

During this time period, the Black Death ravaged Europe, killing men, women, and children by the thousands. Despite the great risk to their own lives, priests and religious rushed to bring the comfort of Christ to the sick. We must approach all things with the virtue of prudence, but there are times when we are called to take a chance or even make some sacrifices. Are you willing to sacrifice your own welfare to bring Christ to those in need? How have you helped those who are ill and in need of care? Do you visit the sick to lift their spirits?

Join us once a month for a light meal on either Sundays 11AM-1PM or Mondays 6-8PM (age appropriate groups- and bilingual groups on Monday night).

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

New Adult Opportunities for Sharing Faith

Sharing Sunday Scriptures

Sharing Sunday Scriptures is a Bible study to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. The group will meet with Sr. Marcia on Tuesdays, 11:00 am—Noon in Room 1 of the Parish Center.

Peace and Justice Reading

Group- Sunday - Contact Rich Bogovich at 244-6903 for which book to read.

RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults- For any adult seeking information about the Catholic Tradition and a great review for any one. Monday 6-8PM 1 to 3 times a month. Call for a calendar and topics.

Young Adult opportunities for faith sharing (18yrs-39yrs). 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 a 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 249-6961

Facebook page- St. Bernard Youth facebook page.

Website: 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 Sr. Marcia, Youth and Family Minister, (249-7288) ganehls@yahoo.com, or Meghan Stern, Commission Chair and GOF Planning Team.

Youth Ministry

YOUTH GROUP

The St. Bernard Youth Group is growing and having fun as they learn about their faith. They made 250 gift tags for the “Little Drummer Boy Giving Tree” that the St. Vincent de Paul Society sponsors for the parish. At each meeting we have been learning about heroes of the faith. Each time we meet one of the youth leads us in prayer and they are proud to do so. On **December 13, 2010** they will be caroling in the area around the church, and collecting donations of canned foods to be donated to others in need.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

On November 14, 2010 the students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation attended a Mass at Im-

maculate Heart of Mary parish along with Confirmation candidates from the east side parishes. This was a chance to meet others who will be confirmed with our parishioners at St. Dennis Parish on **March 12, 2011**. We are proud of our youth who are inviting their friends to come and learn to know Jesus better. We have three tracks of Confirmation candidates: one group of 11 students in their second year of preparation that meets on Sunday evenings once a month. Another group of first year students who meet on the same Sunday evenings once a month. A third group of high school students and young adults are in an accelerated RCIA group that meets with Geri Nehls weekly. Some of the students confirmed last year have returned to sponsor their friends in this format.

What a gift for our youth to witness.

A rEVOLution (of Love)

The Newlywed Game: Sacrificial Love Style

Sunday, January 23, 2011—7:00-8:30 pm

St. Andrew Church—Verona, WI

Panel to include Phil & Alison Hetue (newly-married couple) and Bill & Joy Exner (married for over 30 years.)

Cost: FREE. A free-will offering will be collected at all events.

Who: All high school students & parents are encouraged to attend. Register online at www.madisondiocese.org/youth.

A rEVOLution (cont'd.)

Questions: Please contact Andy Galvin at 821-4517 or Sarabeth Bowe at 838-9797. Refreshments will be served.

A Revolution of Love is a three-part series dedicated to sharing Pope John Paul II's teaching of Theology of the Body with the 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! Main Event! Two Talks!

This series is co-sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Madison, Christ the King Parish, McFarland;

St. Christopher Parish, Verona; St. Patrick Parish, Lodi; Holy Mother of Consolation Parish, Oregon; St. John the Baptist Parish, Jefferson; and personal donors.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL RALLY

at Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells, February 4-6, 2011. **Popple will be there.** (aka two super sweet young Catholic guys are going to be joining us for the weekend. You don't want to miss out on their love for Jesus & the Church, some inspirational stories, humor and a lot of good music—including kazoo playing.)

Jesus will be there in the celebration of the Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as an opportunity for Reconciliation. **You should be there too.** This year's theme for the Rally, based off of the

Sunday Readings for the weekend, is *SHINE: Humble Yet Confident*, and we are excited to talk about our role in the world to be salt and light. In addition to Popple, who will be giving keynote talks, the Camp Gray staff will be present, there will be numerous awesome workshops, lots of good food and at least 200 of your closest Catholic friends staying at this hotel/waterpark with you!



SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL of MINISTRIES

Minutes

Rich Bogovich Chair; Sue Richgels Vice Chair; Recorder will be a rotation position; Members Present: Andy Milkowski (trustee), Margie Christoph, Nancy Smith, Fr Mike, Don Lawler, Rich Bogovich, Phyllis Daggett, Kurt Hermsen, Carol Doran

Excused: Michelle Eisenrich (trustee), Janet Sausen, Ken Sosinski

The following occurred during the Pastoral Council Meeting:

- ◆ Sue Richgels offered to provide the opening prayer for the meeting in January.
- ◆ Minutes for the May and September meetings were approved after a correction at the end of each, that Margie Christoph took the minutes in May and Don Lawler in September.
- ◆ Father Mike's report covered the new crèche and four items from the Administration Commission meeting: The need to remove trees from the Church tower, the approval of plans to renovate two restrooms, consideration of remodeling two suites in the rectory, and the need for some replacement of very old wiring in the gym.
- ◆ Following up on the 30-minute all-commissions discussion earlier that evening, the Council decided to change the name of Leadership Night to Time and Talent Night, and that the staff will select parishioners to offer testimonials about their Leadership Night experiences and motivations, to be presented at the end of Masses in January.
- ◆ Three Council members who are on the "Green Team" exploratory committee reported on their meeting an hour before the start of Leadership Night. The committee will dialogue with the Women of St. Bernard's, and it will meet again on Tuesday, December 14 to plan an "audit" of ways in which the parish is already environmentally friendly.

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.

Two-Minute Commission Reports:

Administration

- ◆ Remove trees from Church Tower—Pending.
- ◆ Redo bathrooms in front of church (Atwood Ave. side)—estimated cost is \$29,000.
- ◆ Rectory suites—two are unusable now, combining into one apartment—pending.
- ◆ Parish Center Gym rewiring—meeting this week.

Human Concerns

- ◆ Farmer's Market, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison does it. Need four parishes to do it as one. St. Bernard's would be the sight.
- ◆ Green Team will meet on December 14, 2010 with the Women of St. Bernard regarding costs of Styrofoam products.
- ◆ Peace & Justice Book Club meets on November 21, 2010 and December 19, 2010.
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul is doing better after Mike Hoffman's talk after Masses.

Parish Life & Community

Commission

- ◆ Will be having ballroom dance classes again after the first of the year.
- ◆ Christmas gift to children of the parish has been decided.

Liturgical & Spiritual Life Commission

- ◆ Ordered a workbook for parishes from USCCB. We should receive it in January 2011.
- ◆ Organ Voice Project 98% completed.
- ◆ Margie & Sue on for GOF December 5 & 6
- ◆ Josh & Michelle are on for January 9 & 10
- ◆ Springtime Ministries Fair date needs to be set.
- ◆ Leadership Night ideas for attendance to increase.

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Religious Education

- ❖ Discussed the worship components of the December GOF session with representatives of the Liturgical Commission. A walking activity for the kids was described.
- ❖ The Commission discussed options for improving the meal experience for the adults whose primary language is Spanish.
- ❖ **ALL Ages GOF**; Movie Nights



ST. BERNARD PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Help Needed: St. Bernard's needs knitters or people that crochet, regardless of age or experience level; or anyone who would like to learn, to be a part of our new *Prayer Shawl Ministry*. The ministry provides handmade shawls or similar items to parish members who: *may be suffering from an illness, are struggling with grief due to a recent loss, or who may have other problems associated with advanced age.*

The shawls are meant to represent the prayers of our parish family here at St. Bernard's. After the shawls are completed, Fr. Mike will bless them before they are given out.

Our group will meet once a month for one-hour to work on the shawls. For those who may not be able to attend the monthly meetings, you can certainly participate in this ministry by knitting or crocheting in your own home. The patterns and instructions will be provided. We would like to begin this ministry in **January 2011**. The exact day of the week and time will be determined at a later date.

For more information, please contact Connie Hultman, St. Bernard Pastoral and Bereavement Minister at 249-9256 ext. 229 **before Friday, December 3, 2010.**



NOTES FROM KEN

Favorite Hymns—*Fairest Lord Jesus*

I'm starting this series on the history of church hymns that corresponds with our GOF history theme. This month the hymn is *Fairest Lord Jesus*, a modern version of *Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*. Both hymns remind us that for all the beauty of this world, we are not truly fulfilled until we find our rest in Jesus.

Fairest Lord Jesus is sometimes called the Crusader's Hymn, as one legend says it was sung by Germans who went on the crusades. Most histories say it is better to associate the hymn with followers of John Hus. If this is correct, it is ironic then that Jesuits found and published the hymn in the 1600's.

We still sing this hymn occasionally. It has been updated with a modern arrangement, but the words are basically unchanged.

FAIREST LORD JESUS

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.*

2010 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

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The end of the 2010 calendar year is fast approaching. To take advantage of a tax deduction for all 2010 contributions to Saint Bernard, the following guidelines are offered:

- ⇒ All non-mailed 2010 contributions must be received by Saint Bernard Parish no later than **December 31, 2010**.
- ⇒ All mailed 2010 contributions sent to Saint Bernard Parish must be postmarked by **December 31, 2010**. Any contributions hand-delivered or postmarked after December 31,

2010 will be posted to your 2011 contribution record.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING

St. Bernard will offer the Rite of Anointing the Sick and Those Advanced in Age at the regularly scheduled 8:30 am Mass on **Friday, December 10, 2010**. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner will take place on **Saturday, January 22, 2011**. Meals will be served from 5:00-6:30 pm. Come enjoy some good company and some really great food!



Women of Saint Bernard

BABY JESUS SHOWER

The Women of Saint Bernard have postponed their annual Baby Jesus Shower. It will NOT be on December 4, 2010.

The Women of Saint Bernard annual Baby Jesus Shower and Appreciation Breakfast will be held on **January 8, 2011**. Details coming soon!

COOKIES FOR SANTA...

NO, COOKIES FOR SALE!

On the weekend of **December 11-12, 2010**, following all the Masses, the Women of Saint Bernard will be having their annual Christmas Cookie Sale. So, get out your spatulas and sprinkles...we are asking for 5 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies. **Cookies can**

be dropped off in the Church Hall on Friday, December 10, 2010 between 4:00-6:30 pm. Please make sure your container is labeled. Empty containers can be picked up in the Church Hall after any Mass the weekend of the sale. If you have any questions please call Mary Ann Haack at 249-5018 (after 6:00 pm). Happy baking!



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

Following this year's theme for GOF Church History, we are offering *Family Movie Nights* with popcorn in the Parish Center. Two different showings: 6:00 pm will feature a cartoon about a saint and at 7:00 pm we will feature a PG rated movie for older children and adults. Here are the upcoming movies that

will be shown:

Friday, December 31, 2010

6:00 PM Mary and 7:00 PM The Fourth Wiseman

Friday, January 28, 2011

6:00 PM Juan Diego and 7:00 PM Thomas More

Friday, February 25, 2011

6:00 & 7:00 PM Song of Bernadette (Cartoon & real life)

Friday, March 25, 2011

6:00 PM St. Patrick and 7:00 PM St. Therese

Come and enjoy a good movie and good company!

Advent Reconciliation Services, Masses, Etc.



St. Peter Parish, Madison

Tuesday, December 14 @ 7 pm

St. Dennis Parish, Madison

Wednesday, December 15 @ 7 pm

St. Bernard Parish, Madison

Sunday, December 19 @ 3 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monona

Monday, December 20 @ 7 pm

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ST. BERNARD'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2010

Christmas Eve Masses will be offered at the following times:

4:00, 6:00, & 9:00 pm

Caroling and special music will be offered prior to these Masses starting 15 minutes before each Mass. A Service of Lessons and Carols will be offered prior to the 9:00 pm Mass, starting at 8:15 pm.

Masses on Christmas Day will be at:

8:00 & 10:00 am

There will be no 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 25, 2010.

WELCOME!

Michael Ciparik, Jr.

Griffin Dorschel

Emmanuel Gaschignaro

Kathleen Held

Melvin & Sandra Hoger

Mary Hughes

Elizabeth Knudsen

Mark Maerz & Jamie Annable

Theresa Marshall

Gloria Obodozie

Timothy Patanella & Deborah Eddy

Renee Wake

**St. Bernard's welcomes you and
your families!**

BAPTISMS

Samuel Augustus Rusch

Jasilene Mariana Perez

Ryleigh Erin Clark

Brecken Andrew Wiegel

Marian Elisabeth Good

David Crane Hasted III

Jordan Tre-Von Imhoff-Fox

Morgan Shae Gutbrod

Colin Joseph Girton

Samuel Charles Reinders



REST IN PEACE

Timothy Q. Affolder

Arlene M. Aide

Louise Uselman

Prayer for Advent

Dear God,

as an Advent candle is lit

*in joyous anticipation of your Son's
nativity,*

*remind us always of the reason for
our joy.*

*As the purple of the candles stand
for both penance*

and atonement for sin,

*give us the grace to do penance for
our wrongs,*

and to love Christ,

*whose sacrifice atoned for the sins
of the whole world.*

*But just as the rose candle stands
for joy in the midst of suffering and
expectation,*

*give us the joy of your Son, Jesus
Christ,*

*who came into a world that had so
longed for its Savior,*

*and made the angels themselves
sing with joy at his birth.*

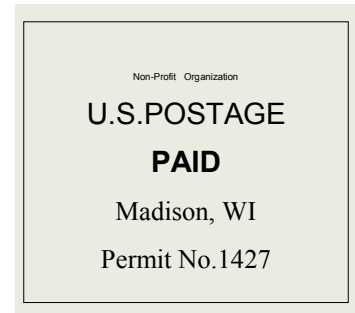
Amen.

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Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5 PM
Sunday at 8 & 10

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Youth & Family Minister, ext. 232 stb-ym@charterinternet.com
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Pastoral & Bereavement Ministry/Respite Care and Befrienders, ext. 229
or 318-2122
Parish FAX – 244-3773 Website: www.stbernards.net



Breakfast with Santa

MEET US IN THE GYM
2438 ATWOOD AVENUE
MADISON WI

Time: 9 am– 11 am

**The Women of St. Bernard,
Knights of Columbus and the St.
Bernard Preschool would like to
invite you to Breakfast with
Santa. The preschool children
will sing at 9:15 and 10:15. Two
tables will be set up with art and
craft activities for children of all
ages.**



***LOTS OF FUN
ACTIVITIES!***

Date: Saturday Dec. 11th

Free Pancake Breakfast!
**Bring Your Own Camera for a
Picture With Santa Claus!**