



THE SPIRIT OF ST. BERNARD

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A LETTER FROM FATHER MIKE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we come to the end of the parish's fiscal year, I thank you most sincerely for the many, many sacrifices you make to support our parish so that we can offer quality worship services, religious formation programs for the enrichment of our faith, and provide adequate care for our buildings, grounds and equipment. I say most sincerely that my job in the area of the financial management of our parish is almost worry-free and that is because you are so very cooperative and generous. I think I am the most blessed pastor in the Diocese of Madison to be at Saint Bernard's.

We have several projects for the physical well-being of our parish during these spring and summer months. The concrete wall facing parts of the back of the church parking lot has been recently removed. In the past the wall has been the source of problems with graffiti and to offering shelter for questionable activity. With the wall gone the campus is now wide open and appears more user-friendly. Sometime this summer, the disintegrating or decomposing concrete walks in the church/rectory courtyard will be replaced. We are also looking into replacing the dry-rotting four parish center kitchen/storage area windows.

The major project we are facing is the renovation of the entire Parish Center roof. The City of Madison code requires that the roof be replaced rather than just roofing over the old roof because it has already been re-roofed one time over the original roof. The building code does not allow for more than one re-roofing. We are in the process of obtaining bids for the project. The total cost proposed for the project will include the renovation of the roof, disconnection/re-connection costs of the roof top mechanical equipment and a contingency for unforeseen expenses. The funding for this project will be paid for from our parish's

investment account. The Administration Commission and the Parish Council unanimously approved the Parish Center roof renovation at their May 17th meetings and after we have received the bids we will request Bishop Morlino and Diocese of Madison Building Commission for their approval. If approved, the project will take about two months for completion during the summer months.

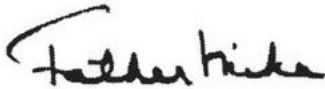
Our Saint Bernard's Festival in the Park is fast approaching—Sunday, June 26th, from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. If you have not already returned your raffle tickets, please do so as soon as possible so that you have a chance at winning one of the many great prizes. The proceeds from the raffle are a very important part of the festival's financial success. Please think about what you're going to bake for our festival bake sale. The bake sale is a very popular booth at the festival and we need your special baked goods to make it successful. Plan to set aside June 26th to enjoy the fellowship of parishioners and neighbors, delicious outdoor grilled sandwiches and refreshments, entertaining music in the "beer garden," and fun festival games. It is a fun day for one and all!

At Easter time, many parishioners very generously contributed to our church flower/decoration fund in memory and/or in honor of deceased and living loved ones. The fresh flower arrangements that adorn the altar each weekend throughout the year, the special decorations at Easter and Christmas, and the many summer plants in the pots in front of the church on Atwood Avenue are made possible through donations to this fund at Christmas and Easter time. Thank you very much.

Sister Marcia Vinje will be leaving our parish this June and traveling to New York City in August where her community has assigned her to ministry at Our Lady of Pity Parish. Sister has wonderfully served us in youth and family ministry and we will miss her. There will be a void in my

life because she was a very special member of our parish staff. As she answers God's call to serving in her new parish, we embrace her with our love and prayers and wish her very well. There will be a reception for Sister after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses on Sunday morning, June 5th.

May the peace and love of Jesus be with you and yours.



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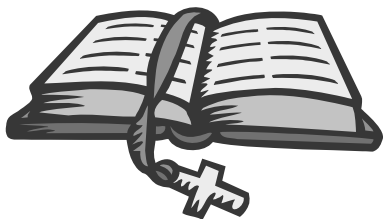
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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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TIME AND TALENT NIGHT

May 17, 2011 – 6:30 PM

New Business:

- ❖ It was announced that Sr. Marcia Vinje, Youth and Family Ministry, will be leaving St Bernard Parish. She has accepted an assignment from her congregation to serve a parish in New York City on Staten Island. It was further announced that Emily Kuh has been hired to carry on the Youth and Family Ministry in our parish.
- ❖ An updated form to be used for scheduling an event at Saint Bernard Parish was introduced.

After the form is completed, it is to be submitted to our parish administrative assistant. If there is a conflict with the scheduling request, it will need to be worked out with the contact person for each event.

Commission Reports:

Administration Commission

- ❖ Vegetation in church tower will be removed within 2 weeks
- ❖ Removal of concrete wall at back of parking lot to be completed by May 19, 2011
- ❖ Replacement of Parish Center roof approved
- ❖ Replace deteriorating concrete sidewalks in Rectory courtyard
- ❖ For the future: replace Rectory carpeting and Parish Center kitchen windows

Members Present: Carol Doran, Jack Rebholz, Janet Sausen, Msgr. Mike Hippee, Yvonne Marie

Council Members: Carol Doran & Janet Sausen

Human Concerns & Social Justice Commission

- ❖ Looking into future dates for Habitat For Humanity
- ❖ Green team still exploring the switch to biodegradable cups and plates
- ❖ Saint Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday was a success
- ❖ Exploring volunteer trip (www.some.org) to Washington DC for SOME (So Others Might Eat). Kurt Hermsen did this trip in 1995.
- ❖ For the future: Green Team will meet on June 14, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Members Present: Tim Zeier, Kay Sweeney, Nancy Smith, Kurt Hermsen, Mike Hoffman

Council Members: Kurt Hermsen & Nancy Smith

Liturgical & Spiritual Life Commission

- ❖ Discussed Roman Missal changes including participation in Diocesan workshops offered this summer – decided to attend
- ❖ Reviewed possible worship aid for weekend Masses
- ❖ Reception for High School Senior Recognition will also include reception for Sr. Marcia's farewell – decided on food to bring
- ❖ Discussed Generations of Faith for fall
- ❖ For the future: Implementing changes in the Roman Missal

Members Present: Sue Richgels, Joan Phelan, DiAnne Raczek, Carol Grovesteen, Margie Christoph, Ken Sosinski

Council Members: Margie Christoph & Sue Richgels

Parish & Community Life Commission

- ❖ Easter Egg Hunt went very well even with some 'kinks' to work out.
- ❖ Hospitality Sundays run throughout the calendar year unless another church celebration would take priority.
- ❖ For the future: August picnic details need to be discussed and decided.

Members Present: Phyllis Daggett, Cathy Scott, Gloria Brockman

Council Members: Phyllis Daggett & Don Lawler

Religious Formation Commission

- ❖ Discussed Youth and Family Ministry programs transition from Sr. Marcia to Emily Kuh – got to know Emily
- ❖ Looked at 'year in review' feedback forms from parishioners
- ❖ Discussed the challenge to increase attendance and involvement in religious formation activities
- ❖ Discussed how to best blend the religious formation staff with its volunteers

Members: Sr. M. Marcia Vinje, Meghan Stern, Dean Matuszak, Geri Nehls, Emily Kuh, Jane Lang, Ruth Weigel-Sterr, Rich Bogovich

Council Members: Rich Bogovich & Vacancy

Next Time and Talent Night: September 20, 2011
(Only the Pastoral Council meets in July 2011)

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 17, 2011 – 8:00 PM

Parish Council Minutes

Members Present: Rich Bogovich (Chair), Kay Sweeney (Vice-Chair), Carol Doran, Janet Sausen, Kurt Hermsen, Nancy Smith, Margie Christoph, Sue Richgels, Phyllis Daggett, Msgr. Mike Hippee, Ken Sosinski

Members Absent: Don Lawler, Andy Milkowski (Trustee), Michelle Eisenrich (Trustee)

Guests: Cathy Scott, Troy Sterr, Ruth Weigel-Sterr

Prayer: Led by Rich Bogovich

Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved January 18, 2011 and March 15, 2011 meeting minutes as written.

Father Mike's Report

Cement wall removal and Parish Center roof replace need to be done. All costs will be covered by our investment account. Necessary removal and repairs approved by all.

Old Business

Financial program discussion tabled (second time). Don Lawler, who was to do some research on the matter, was not present.

New Business

- ❖ Concern was raised at the Religious Formation Commission meeting about paid/volunteer staffing at Generations of Faith and other special program events to help activities run more smoothly. Rich Bogovich and Fr. Mike will talk to Geri Nehls and report back to the Council.
- ❖ Sr. M. Marcia Vinje has been asked by her congregation to take a religious education position in a suburban New York City parish in August 2011. She will be leaving Saint Bernard Parish on June 8, 2011. We will miss her and the contributions she has made here.
- ❖ Emily Kuh will be our new Youth Ministry Coordinator. Tentatively, she will begin in the fall semester. Welcome aboard, Emily.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: July 19, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Rectory Holy Family Room. The 2011-2012 budget will be presented and discussed. A social gathering will follow.

Submitted by: *Nancy Smith*



ADMINISTRATION

2011 DIOCESE OF MADISON ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

During the Masses on the weekend of March 26th and 27th, we had the opportunity to make a pledge to support the work of the Diocese of Madison. Many parishioners made a one-time commitment or a pledge payable over five months to the appeal. Our gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) support diocesan ministries, education and services and assure a strong future for the Diocese of Madison and our diocesan family. Our parish goal is \$49,778.00 and, of this date, our parishioners have pledged \$46,543.45 of which \$29,338.45 has already been paid. We have pledged 94% of our goal and paid 59%. Congratulations and thank you for your generous response to the ACA appeal. If you have not already done so, you may make a contribution to the ACA through our Parish Office.

LITURGICAL & SPIRITUAL LIFE

NOAH'S ARK TRIP

Saint Bernard Parish has scheduled the annual trip to Noah's Ark Family Park in Wisconsin Dells for **Thursday, June 23, 2011**. The group will be traveling to the park in individual vehicles and must enter the park as a group. The group will be leaving the Saint Bernard parking lot at 8:00 AM and return at 6:30 PM.

Flyers and permission slips are available in the church entrances and in the Parish Center. The cost for the trip is \$15.00 for parishioners and \$17.50 for non-parishioners. This cost includes a light lunch provided by Noah's Ark. Please register with the Parish Office by June 22, 2011.

We plan to leave our personal belongings at the same pavilion we reserve every year. We will also be able to bring food into the park with us. Drivers/chaperones are needed for the trip.

SUMMER CHOIR AND BELL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

Saint Bernard's will once again be offering a summer choir and handbell program for elementary and middle school youth. Rehearsals will be offered on Wednesdays at 5:15 PM as an after work option (also normal choir time during the

school year) and on Friday mornings at 10:00 AM. Rehearsals will start on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 and Friday July 29, 2011. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ken Sosinski in the Parish Center at 249-7288 ext. 225 to register for this program or to call with questions.

THE ROMAN MISSAL IS CHANGING

The Mass prayers as we know them will be changing on November 27, 2011 (the First Sunday of Advent). To prepare for this change, the Diocese is currently offering a free workshop, "The Revised Roman Missal". Liturgy Committee members, liturgical ministers, cantors, choir members and teachers are especially encouraged to attend; however, all who wish to learn more about the upcoming liturgy changes are invited to participate.

A registration form is available in the Parish Office. It can also be found on the Diocesan website at www.madisondiocese.org, click on Ministry > Workshops > Liturgical Catechesis > Workshops & Retreats. Madison area workshops will be offered on June 7, 2011 (St. Maria Goretti, Madison at 7:00 PM), July 19, 2011 (Bishop O'Connor Center, Madison at 10:00 AM) and July 19, 2011 (Sacred Hearts, Sun Prairie at 7:00 PM). For more information, contact Ken Sosinski at 608/249-7288 ext. 225. The United States Council of Catholic Bishops also has a section in their website, <http://usccb.org/romanmissal/>, dedicated to the upcoming changes to the Roman Missal.

BAPTISMS

Beckham Alexander, son of Hugo & Maria Avila
Jeweliana Diane, dau of Joseph & Kristin Lukasik
Arianna Lynne, dau of Andrew & Elizabeth Fitzpatrick
Callum Warren, son of Chad & Anne McClure
Walter James, son of Blair & Jamie Schmitz
Justin Maurice Cass, son of Larry Buckley & Mary Anna Cass
Renia Marie Buckley, dau of Larry Buckley & Mary Anna Cass
Nero Leon Jefferson, son of Terrell Jefferson & Mary Anna Cass
Inri Camila Solano Ramos, dau of Alfredo Solana Rodriguez & Dulce Solan Alveraz Ramos
Erin Kelley, dau of Heath & Amy McAllister
Dawson Thomas, son of Todd & Dana Hendricks

MARRIAGES

Erin Lynch & Michael R. Samikkannu
Michelle Blaschak & Matthew Kuffa

REST IN PEACE

Norbert N. Baun
Valerie M. Hager
Clemens J. Slepke
Joan Mary Pyre
Shawn Thomas Doyle
Dorothy Marie Zelzer



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

RELIGIOUS FORMATION GETTING READY FOR THE FALL – REGISTER NOW!

Generations of Faith is one of Saint Bernard's ways to answer the U. S. Bishops' directive that calls Catholic parishes to make adult faith formation a primary focus. All ages are welcome to attend this program. Working on a seven year cycle and adding topics as "The Bible Timeline" and "Church History" we cover the Four Pillars of the Catholic Catechism: Creed, Liturgical Life, The Life of Christ and Prayer.

This year our program will focus on "Leading a life worthy of the Gospels". Through prayer, reading and discussions at the appropriate age level we will learn more about 'the double commandment of love of God and neighbor.' It is—in the moral message—a hierarchy of values which Jesus himself established. "On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets" (Mt 22:40). The love of God and neighbor, which sum up the Decalogue, are lived in the spirit of the Beatitudes and constitute the *magna carta* of the Christian life proclaimed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount." (General Directory for Catechesis [GDC] #115) (See also GDC #85, 97, 104, 108.)

"Conversion to Jesus Christ implies walking in his footsteps. Catechesis must, therefore, transmit to the disciples the attitudes of the Master himself.

The disciples thus undertake a journey of interior transformation, in which, by participating in the paschal mystery of the Lord, 'they pass from the old man to the new man who has been made perfect in Christ.' The Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus takes up the Decalogue and impresses upon it the spirit of the beatitudes, is an indispensable point of reference for the moral formation which is most necessary today. ...The moral testimony, which is prepared for by catechesis, must always demonstrate the social consequences of the demands of the Gospel." (GDC #85).

We hope to add a service/outreach component to this year's study. We look forward to your joining us in the fall. There will be two study sessions for each month. These study sessions begin on October 2, 2011 at 11:00 AM and October 3, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Everyone in the parish should have received the study registration form in your registration packet. Please send this form in prior to June 10, 2011.

In the registration packet you will also find other formation opportunities for all ages. Last year we offered 26 different opportunities at our parish and several Diocesan opportunities. This year, as part of our formation, we are encouraging you and your children to participate in religious formation weekly. The formation schedule will look like this:
Week One: Generations of Faith
Week Two: Kidz Club for children K through 5th grade, sacrament preparation for Reconciliation, Youth group middle school and high school meetings, RCIA
Week Three: Sacramental preparation for Confirmation and Reconciliation, Baptism of children
Week Four: Service project for Youth, RCIA

Each week there will be Liturgy of the Word for Children 3 years old through 2nd grade at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Other adult formation opportunities are offered weekly starting in September. Please check your registration packet for details.

If you did not get a registration packet in the mail you may pick up a packet in the entrances of church or call the Parish Center at 249-7288 x230

so we can check your address and then mail a packet to you.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

*Are You Expecting? -- **Baptism** information*

“As the first of the Sacraments of initiation, Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to live in the Spirit and the doorway which gives access to the other sacraments.” (CCC 1213) “Parents are obliged to see that their infants are baptized within the few weeks of birth.” (Canon 867)

We recommend that prior to the birth of your child, you start to take this preparation seriously by coming to Mass and choosing godparents. Prior to contacting Father Mike to set a date for baptism, parents are asked to register and participate in a preparation class, which is held on the third Monday of the month. Both parents should attend. Godparents are also welcome to attend. We love to see and meet your children, too.

Parents are requested to be members of Saint Bernard Parish and participate at weekly Mass as well as the life of the parish. Parents who are actively involved in the parish and have attended a previous class are not required to attend again; however, they are welcome if they wish.

*Are You Seeking Confirmation? -- **Confirmation** information*

The Saint Bernard Confirmation process is a two year preparation period. Parents are invited to set up an interview with the Director of Formation anytime after your child has completed 7th grade and attending our Religious Formation program one year prior to the interview. It is expected that those seeking Confirmation live as part of the community and participate in Mass, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, Generations of Faith, youth group gatherings and Confirmation classes without exception. It is also expected that the families are involved in areas of parish life.

SUMMER WELLNESS CLASS

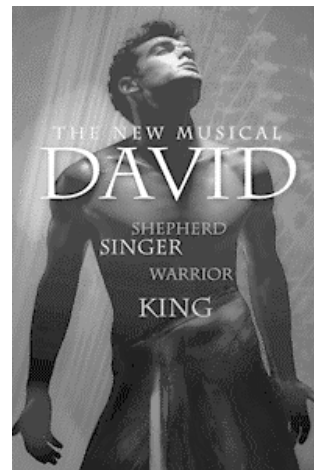
Saint Bernard Parish is offering a Summer Wellness Class on Monday evening. The book being used in this class is “Your Whole Life” by Carol Schowalter. The focus of the class is Living with Christ: Mind, Body and Spirit. Each evening we pray together, reflect on the readings from the

week before and take a walk or do some kind of movement. The class started in mid-May; however, it is never too late to join us. Anyone may join the class at any time. It meets from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM in the Parish Center Room 1. Guest speakers covering a variety of topics will join the group throughout the twelve-week program. The topic for the weekly class will be in the bulletin. Please call Geri at 608/249-7288 x230 or email her at ganehls@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

JOIN US TO SEE “DAVID” AT THE FIRESIDE

Saint Bernard Parish has tickets to see “DAVID” (a musical) at the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson on **Thursday, July 28, 2011**. If we have 20 or more people we will be traveling by bus. Cost is \$82.50 per person, which includes the show and the bus. We will leave at 4:45 PM and arrive back at Saint Bernard at approximately 11:15 PM.

Your payment in advance will hold your non-refundable ticket. Please make your check payable to Saint Bernard Parish and mail to Saint Bernard Parish Center, c/o Geri Nehls, 2438 Atwood Ave, Madison WI 53704-5605. You may also drop your payment off at the Parish Center or put it in the collection basket. It will get to the office.



YOUTH MINISTRY

SR. MARCIA’S FAREWELL

It has been a joy to minister here at Saint Bernard Parish over the past two years. I will treasure the experiences and memories, especially meeting so many wonderful people. I have grown to love the youth that have witnessed to me of their thirst for Jesus and their willingness to commit their lives to

him. I have had so many new experiences that will serve me well as I move to another parish in Staten Island, New York. If you want to give me a farewell gift, I ask you to welcome Emily Kuh as the new youth minister and show her the warmth and love of St. Bernard Parish. God bless you all, and may Mary keep you under her mantle,

Sister M. Marcia

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Bishop Robert C. Morlino confirmed our youth on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at Saint Dennis Parish in Madison. Over 100 young people from the parishes of Saint Bernard, Saint Peter, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Dennis were received into full communion with the Catholic Church.



We extend our congratulations to our youth: Maria Avina, Rogelio Avina, Raul Castillo, Cinthya Covarrubias, Brenda Covarrubias, Mirlette Orozco, Ivan Orozco, Tyler Sandmire, Alexis Solache, Edwin Solache, Yesenia Tavaréz, Rysa Weigel-Sterr.



OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER



Hi there! My name is Emily Kuh and I am so blessed and excited to be the new youth minister at Saint Bernard Parish. I grew up in Tomah, Wisconsin, where I attended school and church at Saint Mary Parish. When asked what do I bring to Saint Bernard Parish, I reflected back to my childhood when my mom had cancer and how that experience helped me to grow, both emotionally and spiritually. I also thought about the relationships I had at church with teachers and priests. Going to a Catholic school gave me the opportunity to grow in my faith and then as a teenager being able to live out what I learned through helping with habitat projects and mission trip experience. The Catholic faith has played a major part in my life and I hope to share that with the youth of the church.

After high school, I moved to Madison and went to MATC. In May 2010, I graduated with a degree in photography. My passion for photography helps me to see God's people and His creation. I had spent those years leading up to graduating perfecting my resume and portfolio. I had been praying and asking God to give me a job in my profession. Graduation came and went and I still had no job. I kept praying. Finally my husband and I realized we were praying for the wrong thing. We began asking God to guide me in the right direction. The next thing I knew I was being welcomed into this wonderful vocation of teaching God's word. At the present time, I work with two women who need a companion during the day. Working with them has taught me what it means to live out the Gospel stories.

Throughout my life I have watched people in lasting relationship and have learned what it means

to be committed to a marriage. I love cooking, kayaking and garage sales. I'm excited to continue building the team of adults who will work with the youth at Saint Bernard Parish and equally excited to help the youth see God in many areas in their life. Joining my husband, Gregg, going through the RCIA process here and being part of the Generations of Faith experience has given me a feeling of belonging and I couldn't be happier to call Saint Bernard Parish home.

While I will not officially be under contract until July 15, 2011, we will be planning some summer events for the youth. If you have any questions, please call at 608/249-7288 x232 or stop by the Parish Office. I'll be working on the Youth of St. Bernard's Facebook page and my email is stb-ym@stbernardmadison.com.

"LOVE BEGINS HERE" – A SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Love Begins Here is an apostolate of the Catholic Diocese of Madison, working to provide youth with an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a life changing way through week long, local Mission Trips while living in Catholic community and continuing the work of Jesus on earth.

There are four weeks for high school students and two weeks for middle school students. A week begins Sunday evening and ends Friday at noon. Adult chaperones are also welcome and needed.

Contact Lindsey Becher at

lovebeginshere@straphael.org

[<mailto:lovebeginshere@straphael.org>](mailto:lovebeginshere@straphael.org)

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High School Weeks

Cost: \$100

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| 1. June 19-24 | St. Mary, Pine Bluff |
| 2. June 26-July 1 | St. Mary, Pine Bluff |
| 3. July 10-15 | St. Joseph, Baraboo |
| 4. July 24-29 | St. James, Madison |

Middle School Weeks

Cost \$80

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| 1. July 5-8 | St. Joseph, Baraboo |
| 2. July 19-22 | St. James, Madison |

Cost for adult chaperones: \$50

Financial help is available for the asking.

PEACE AND JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

The Saint Bernard Peace and Justice Book Club will meet on **Sunday, June 19, 2011** at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center Room 1. Facilitated by Rich Bogovich, they will be discussing the second half of a work of fiction, "My Box of Jewels" by Kathy R. Jackson. This is a new novel. As an avid reader of Christian fiction, she longed for a story about African Americans like herself who are Catholic. So, she created one!

Newcomers, including non-parish members, are always welcome to sit in with no obligation. You are always welcome to come even if you did not participate in the discussion of the first half of this novel. This club meets monthly from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Check out their website, www.stbernards.net/book-club for both previously read and upcoming books.

HUMAN CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT EASTER BASKETS

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the Luke House Easter baskets. We collected enough items for 200 baskets, plus additional items that were taken to local shelters.

Thank you for all of the items collected for the children. The Human Concerns and Social Justice Commission delivered these items on Good Friday.

PARISH & COMMUNITY LIFE

2011 EASTER EGG HUNT

This is to send out a big "THANK YOU" to all of those who helped make our Saint Bernard Parish 2011 Easter Egg Hunt on April 23, 2011 such a big success. The morning included face painting by the McHugh Family, an Easter Egg Joust, Easter Cookie Decorating with Mary Bloesch, a very "special" Easter Bunny and live baby chicks thanks to Michelle Eisenrich.

There were over 2,000 eggs to find. In addition, the Red Robin Restaurant's "Red Robin" stopped in thanks to Heather Fuller and Morrie Danielson.

Some of our Easter Eggs had *special* messages inside. A grateful “Thank You” needs to go out to Renee Watring for making the unique Easter Bunny Cakes and Easter Cupcakes that were our *special* prizes. Thank you also to the members of the Saint Bernard Youth Group and to the Parish and Community Life Commission who volunteered their time.

Congratulations to Eugene Hannah, who won the “Jelly Bean Jar Count”. He guessed 953 jelly beans. There were actually 954 jelly beans in the jar!

We are already looking forward to next year’s Easter Egg Hunt.



FUNERAL SERVICES AND CEMETARY CHOICES

An informal presentation about funeral services and cemetery choices will be given at Saint Bernard Parish on **Sunday, June 12, 2011** at 9:00 AM in the Church Hall. Representatives from Gunderson Funeral Home and the Diocesan cemeteries will be available to provide information about choices Catholics have when planning a funeral and burial service.

Topics regarding traditional funeral services, cremation services and cemetery products will be discussed. This will be an opportunity for Catholics to learn about Church teachings regarding its guidelines on cremation.

There will be ample time following the presentation for a question and answer session about the many decisions one needs to make when planning a funeral.

This presentation is open to everyone. Refreshments will be served.

ST. BERNARD’S FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

Dear Parishioners,

Coming up very soon is our Annual St. Bernard’s Festival in the Park. This year it will be

held on **Sunday, June 26, 2011** from 10:30 AM until 4:00 PM.

There will be many activities again this year for the entire family. In addition to our General Raffle and Parking Space Raffle we will have Bingo, Bake Sale, Cake Walk, Jumping Bean Castle, Dunk Tank, Games with great prizes and entertainment provided by Jesse Walker. It is shaping up to be a fun-filled day for everyone.

Everyone should have received their Raffle Tickets by now. There will be volunteer signup sheets for all the Festival events at the parking lot gathering space entrance to the Church starting the weekend of May 28-29, 2011. We are asking for an hour of your time to help us make this festival another successful event for our parish.

We hope that all of you can make time to be a part of this very special day and join us in all of the fun and parish fellowship.

One final note: The Raffle Prizes Drawing is scheduled for Sunday, July 17, 2011 in the Church Hall after the 10:00 AM Mass.

God Bless,
Gary Olson, Festival Co-Chair



SAINT BERNARD PLAYERS

“DAMN YANKEES” – AUDITIONS SET

Saint Bernard Players has scheduled its next theatre production: “Damn Yankees”!!

“Damn Yankees” is a musical comedy with a libretto by George Abbott and Douglass Wallop and music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross. The story is a modern retelling of the Faust legend set in the 1950s in Washington, D.C. during a time when the New York Yankees dominated Major League Baseball. The musical is based on Douglass Wallop’s novel, “The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant”.

“Damn Yankees” is the only successful musical comedy built around the American national pastime of baseball--the baseball story neatly combined with the age-old Faust theme. Joe Hardy is a middle-aged, happily married baseball fan. He is found in his living room watching a game over

the television. Joe is in the depths of despair, for his favorite team, the Washington Senators, seems incapable of getting a winning stride. Suddenly the devil, in the person of Applegate, visits him with a proposition: Would Joe be willing to trade his soul if the Senators won not only the pennant but also the World Series? Joe is more than willing; he has never put much stock in his soul in the first place. And thus, we have a plot.

Auditions for “Damn Yankees” will be held in the Saint Bernard Parish Center and Theatre on **Monday, July 11, 2011** and **Tuesday, July 12, 2011** starting at 6:00 PM both evenings. The audition process will start in Room 1 of the Parish Center. During your vocal audition, please be prepared to sing a musical theatre song. Please bring your sheet music. A piano player will be available. There will also be a dance audition. That evening, you will be asked to learn and perform a short dance combination taught by a choreographer. While the vocal audition is an individual audition, the dance audition is a small group audition. Audition callbacks, if necessary, are scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2011, also starting in the Parish Center Room 1. For further information, please call Saint Bernard Players Dinner Theatre at 608/249-9256 x227.

“Damn Yankees” performance dates have been scheduled for the evenings of September 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24, 2011 in the Parish Center Dinner Theatre. Ticket reservations will be available around the first of August 2011. We look forward to seeing you at auditions!

NEW PARISHIONERS

Mary Anna Cass
Julie Hurley
Barry & Emilie Kalpinski
Jody A. McCavitt
Anne M. Piette
Catherine L. Redman
John T. Sacia
Blair A. & Jamie L. Schmitz
Angela Stehle
Robert B. Stempowski
Ellen Wedig
Adam M. Zickus

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Knights of Columbus Council 9082
26 years of service to one, service to all**

The Knights of Columbus here at Saint Bernard Parish have a busy schedule as we move into summer.

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

First off, the Council has decided to sponsor a Squires Circle for young men ages 10-18. The purpose is to develop mature, responsible Catholic leaders through leadership training. In the Columbian Squires, Knights serve as counselors to the Squires in order to draw out the leadership talent of the circle’s young men. Squires conduct widely varied activities of the community and Church service, social events and membership recruitment efforts.

Squires have fun. They meet new friends; they travel, play sports and socialize. Squires are serious-minded, too. Squires are involved in promoting vocations, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, supporting Special Olympics and promoting Catholic education, among countless other activities. Thus, the Squires Circle is an athletic team, a youth group, a social club, a cultural and civic improvement association, a management training course, a civil rights organization and a spiritual development program all rolled into one.

As with the Knights of Columbus Council, the Squires develop and run their own circle via the bylaws already in place by the home office. The Squires will work closely with the Knights Council on events and fundraisers. They elect their own set of officers and set meeting times and schedule. For more information contact Kevin Webster at Stbernardcouncil9082@gmail.com or call 240-9256.



BRAT AND HOT DOG STAND

On **June 3 and 4, 2011**, the Knights of Columbus will co-host their first of three brat and hot dog stands this summer with the Women of Saint Bernard. Contact Kevin Webster at Stbernardcouncil9082@gmail.com or call 240-9256 if you would like to help or look for the sign up sheets in the Church parking lot lobby. There will be another brat and hot dog stand on the weekend of **July 22 and 23, 2011** (Garage Sale Weekend) and the last one will be on **August 26 and 27, 2011**. Come and support these two organizations and the work they do for our Parish and Community.



Submitted by: *Kevin Webster*, Grand Knight

WOMEN OF SAINT BERNARD

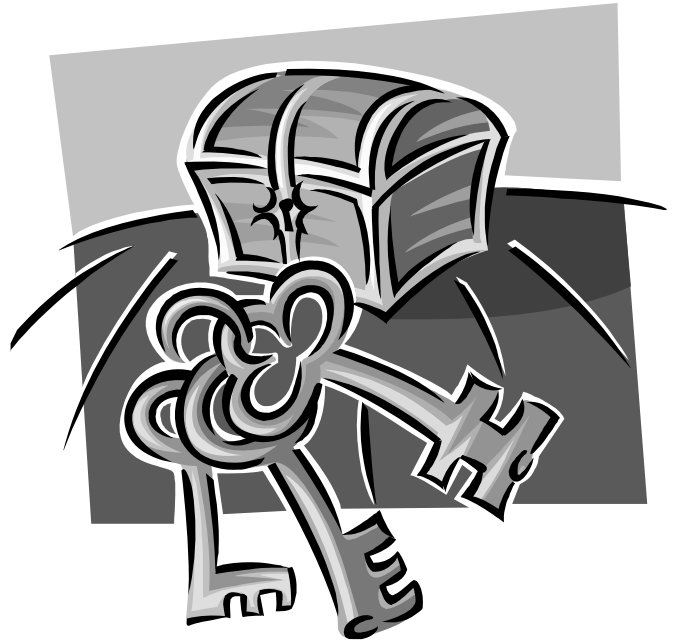
SALAD LUNCHEON

Thanks to all who participated in our recent Salad Luncheon. The food was great, and we raised more than \$800. A special thanks goes out to Jan and Michelle Rinehart and their crew for all their efforts.



GARAGE SALE

The next event for the Women of Saint Bernard is the annual Garage Sale. It will be held on **Friday, July 22, 2011 and Saturday, July 23, 2011** in the Parish Center Gymnasium. The sale is open on Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and on Saturday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There will be many, many treasures available.



Items for the sale can be dropped off beginning on July 11, 2011 between 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Lots of volunteers are needed to help with setting up the items for the sale, also beginning on July 11, 2011 between 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. More details will be in the bulletin later.



NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Our next business meeting will be on August 18, 2011 in the Parish Center Room 1.

Submitted by: *Carol Doran*, President

