

The

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St. Bernard's
Watertown,
WI
April 2010

Rectory Ramblings...

1. **Windows in the sanctuary** need to be caulked and the stain will be painted over to make the walls clean. The **handicapped entrance door** is being repaired. Other repairs/updates are being considered and bids are out on several projects.

2. **Home visits** have been a part of each week this Lent with more to come. I enjoy this opportunity to get to know my parish family better.

3. Again, thanks to all who worked so hard to make the **"Going for the Gold Gala"** such a wonderful success. We should have a report soon. Congratulations to the prize winners.

4. Next to the meeting room in the parish center has been a kitchen which for many years was not being used. We are making it into the **reception office** for those who come to the parish business office. This will now be easily accessible from the parking area adjacent to the center.

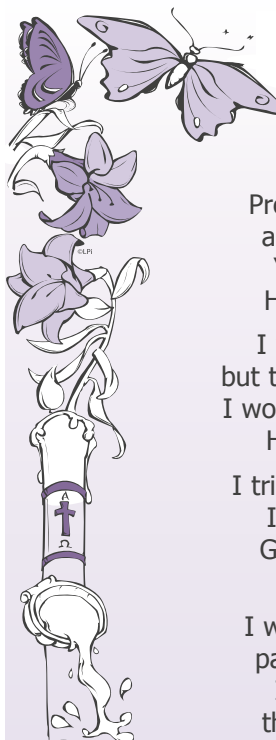
5. Thank you for your support of the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. As I mentioned at Mass, this is in addition to our diocesan assessment which covers other expenses not included in the Appeal, e.g. the support of the Bishop's office, the Office of the Vicar General, the Finance office, the Chancellor's office, the Human Resources office, the Tribunal office along with other administrative services necessary for our Diocese to operate. The assessment expense is now included in our parish budget. The amount of the assessment for 2010 is \$39,900. Please help if you can.

6. **Holy Week:** There will be no Mass on Tuesday, March 30. The **Chrism Mass** will be held in Madison at St. Maria Goretti Parish at 7:30pm. The Bishop will bless the oils for sacramental use; On **Wednesday, March 31, Mass** will be held at 5:15pm (there will be NO Soup & Rolls). I will have **confessions following the Mass**; On **Holy Thursday**, there will be no daily Mass. We will celebrate Mass at 7:30pm (St. Henry at 5:30pm);

Our **Good Friday Service** is at 2:30pm (St. Henry at 12:00pm); St. Bernard will celebrate the **Easter Vigil** on April 3 at 8:00pm (St. Henry at 7:00pm) with the blessing of fire and the lighting of the Easter Candle and the reception of the RCIA candidates; Our **Easter Sunday Masses** are at 8:00am and 10:00am (St. Henry at 8:30am and 10:30am).

7. Thank you to all the parish members who have invited me to their homes to meet & greet. I have truly enjoyed my time with you. I recently met with St. B's Council of Catholic Women where we did the Stations of the Cross. Thank you for inviting me.

8. Thanks for making me feel so welcome here at St. Bernard's. I have been here many time over the years and I am proud to call this home. In June, I will make my home at 110 S. Church Street (in earlier years the rectory) and Sr. Julie will move to the apartment at the parish center. This move will make it possible to have seminarians here this summer.



The Difference

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier became each task.
"Why doesn't God Help me?"
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning, and
paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.

Musical Notes...

Musical Opportunities! Get involved!

In the event that you didn't see the insert about the music ministry schedule that was in the bulletin, the following paragraphs have been reprinted here to inform you of the way the music ministry schedule works. I would like to highlight the invitation for all who have any musical talents to get involved. Even if you have difficulties with rehearsal times, I am flexible and will work with you all so that you can participate in enhancing worship with music as often as possible.

"I have worked it out so that I will be playing four of the six weekend Masses at both parishes. Two Sunday Masses per week will be played by someone else. I have scheduled different people to play in my place to allow for variety and opportunity for others to enhance worship with their musical talents. Because of the alternating of choirs and types of music (meaning 1st and 3rd Sundays are more contemporary in nature, and the 2nd and 4th are more traditional), and because of important events like First Communion occurring at different dates and times at each parish, the alternation cannot be as simple as every other Sunday. Please know that I have scheduled myself equally between parishes, so I will be at each place two Sundays a month. Also, in order to allow for the fairest length of rehearsals before Mass, I will be playing both Masses at one parish per Sunday. Though it would work to play an 8am Mass at St. B and a 10:30am Mass at St. H, it would be a tighter squeeze to go from 8:30am Mass at St. H to the 10am Mass at St. B.

Although this may be seen as a challenge, we can view this as a chance to involve more people in music ministry. If you or someone you know can play hymns fairly well and would be interested in helping out here and there, please contact me and we'll get you involved. Of course, if you sing and would like to participate in choir, contact me or simply show up to sing with us. Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and participation to make our music programs the best they can be."

-Monica Steger



St. Patrick's Day gets the royal green treatment at St. Bernard's School. With our nickname, the "Irish", our logo, a shamrock, and our school colors, green and gold, March 17th is "Ceoil agus a ra go maith" (singing and a good time). The day started with a special Liturgy planned by the kindergarten class. In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday and always begins with Mass. Trevor Bird was our St. Patrick and our very own Monsignor Ganshert served as our honorary parade marshal.

After our 12th annual parade down Main Street, everyone returned to the gym for a Celtic concert by local physician and musician, Dr. Kevin O'Halloran.

Many thanks to Kate Meyers and all who put this year's parade together. We also had the "Luck of the Irish" and were blessed with perfect spring weather!

School registration in February went well. We still have a few openings left in kindergarten and 4 year old kindergarten. Registration for next year's 3 year old class will take place from 10:00 am - 3 pm on April 16th. Please call the school office (261-7204) if you have questions.

Forty-four students participated in the Six Flags Read to Succeed program. Thirty students recently completed the Forensics program.

The full time teaching staff will be traveling to Minneapolis April 5-8 to attend the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Convention. Upon the recommendation of Bishop Morlino, most of the Madison Diocese Schools will be represented.

Our Lenten theme stressed improvement and forgiveness. Spring is a season of new growth. We hope to grow in our awareness of God's awesome gifts.

God bless all of you this season and always.
Jeff Allen

An Old Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back,
the sunshine warm upon your face.
May the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And, until we meet again,
may GOD hold you in the palm of his hand.*



Omega...

Please remember the following and their families in your prayers.

01-27-10	Karen Shandley
01-28-10	Darlene Poje
01-29-10	Rita Mohr
02-05-10	George Lincoln
02-09-10	Don Reynolds

The Financial Corner...



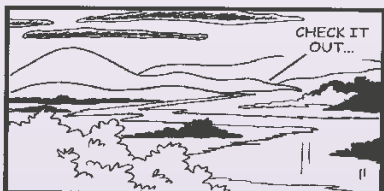
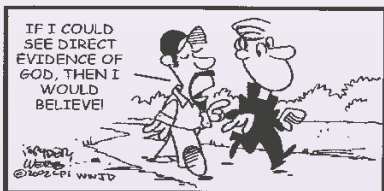
ASSETS

Checking/Savings	
CASH	57,719.
ORGANIZATION ACCOUNTS	95,414.
TEMP RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS	390,974.
M & I - Money Market Account	160,144.
Total Checking/Savings	<u>704,251.</u>
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	101.
Total Current Assets	<u>704,352.</u>
Fixed Assets	
Buildings & Land	3,881,587.
Montgomery Street House	163,731.
Emmet Street House	129,734.
FIXED ASSETS	<u>4,175,052.</u>
Other Assets	
Education Endowment Account	<u>579,581.</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>5,458,985.</u></u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Accounts Payable	71,328.
Assessment Payable	110,256.
Total Accounts Payable	<u>181,584.</u>
PAYROLL LIABILITIES	
WI State Withholding Payable	820.
Health Insurance Payable	13,356.
Total PAYROLL LIABILITIES	<u>14,176.</u>
FUNDS HELD FOR DIOCESE PAYABLE	
Educational Endowment Payable	364.
Campaign for Human Development	38.
Religious Retirement Fund	1,819.
Latin America and Home Missions	35.
Respect Life	266.
Aid to Church in Eastern Europe	279.
Catholic Relief Services	550.
Holy Land/Good Friday	3,129.
Seminarian Fund	26.
Other Collection Funds	134.
Total FUNDS HELD FOR DIOCESE	<u>6,639.</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	20,815.
Total Liabilities	<u>202,399.</u>
Equity	<u>5,075,002.</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>5,458,985.</u></u>

For more information, call Lou at 261-5133x24.



Whom God Has Joined Together...

The following couples celebrated with one another the Sacrament of Matrimony. Let's be happy for them.

- 02-21-09 Ron Albanese & Elizabeth Peters
- 02-23-09 Jason Kunath & Jennifer Busshardt
- 04-04-09 Kevin Zoellick & Susan Brugger
- 06-06-09 Samuel Koplring & Elizabeth Boelter
- 06-13-09 Jeffrey Schloesser & Marissa Floyd
- 07-11-09 Craig Godfroy & Kathryn LaCombe
- 07-25-09 Jonathan Gonring & Tamara Shanks
- 09-05-09 Thomas Schlieve & Amber Christian
- 09-05-09 Curtis Loontjer & Nikole Rupprecht
- 09-26-09 Bret Schmidt & Stacy DeGaine
- 10-03-09 Jeremy Wesemann & Sara Cahoon
- 10-10-09 Conrad Talaga & Alyse Field

The Lesson...

That Sunday it was very cold. The parking lot to the church was filling quickly. I noticed as I got out of my car that fellow church members were whispering among themselves as they walked to the church. As I got closer I saw a man leaning up against the wall of the church. He was almost laying down as if he was asleep. He had on a long trench coat that was almost in shreds and a hat topped his head, pulled down so you couldn't see his face. He wore shoes that looked 30 years old, too small for his feet with holes. I walked on by through the doors of the church.

A few minutes before Mass started, someone brought the man in to the vestibule. People snickered and gossiped but no one bothered to ask him to come into the church, including me.

A few moments later church began. We all waited for the Pastor to take his place and give us the Word, when the doors of the church opened. In came the homeless man walking down the aisle with his head down.

People gasped and whispered and made faces. He made his way down the aisle and up to the altar. He took off his hat and coat. My heart sank. There stood our priest... he was the "homeless man" we talked about.

No one said a word. The priest took his bible and laid it on the stand. "Folks, I don't think I have to tell you what I am preaching about today." Then he started singing the words to, Eye Has Not Seen, To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near, reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world.

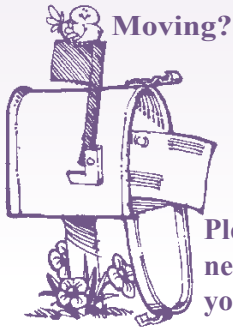
Justice: When you get what you deserve. **Mercy:** When you don't get what you deserve. **Grace:** When you get what you don't deserve.



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Moving?

Please call 261-5133 with your new address six weeks before you move. Thank you!

Easter Flowers

Parishioners who would like to donate decorations and flowers for our Easter Celebration, in memory or honor of a loved one, may do so by completing the form below and send it along with \$20 per intention, in an envelope marked

"Easter Flowers."

All donations must be in by April 1 in the collection or to the rectory.

Your Name _____

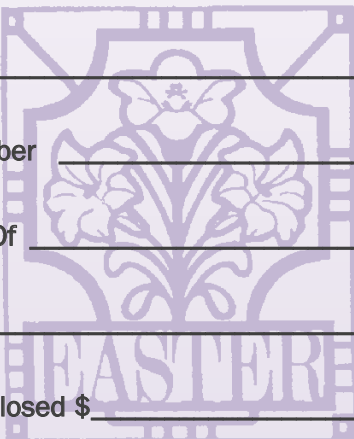
Phone Number _____

In Memory Of _____

or

In Honor Of _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____



Holy Week 2010

Passion Sunday: The holiest of weeks begins March 28 with this commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We bless the palms and the reading of the Passion reminds us of the outcome.

We have learned this Lent to share all we have and live more simply. **Operation Rice Bowl** will be collected during Holy Week in Church. Please be generous.

Chrism Mass: Our Bishop blesses the oils used for sacramental celebrations at this Mass in Madison at St. Maria Goretti at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 30.

Holy Thursday: Together we celebrate the Lord's Supper where He demonstrated its meaning by the washing of His friends. This very special celebration begins at 8pm. Adoration continues until 10:00pm.

Good Friday: At 2:30pm the Solemn Commemoration of our Lord's Passion and Death begins.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil: The most solemn and important liturgical service of the year begins with the blessing of fire and lighting the Easter Candle at 8pm.

Easter Sunday: Mass is celebrated at 8am & 10am.