

# The STEEPLE

# Lent

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St. Bernard's  
Watertown, WI  
February 2010

## Rector's Ramblings...

Meet Msgr. Dan Ganshert!

I was born and raised in Gratiot, which is a community of about 200 people located 30 miles from Dubuque, Iowa. My home parish is St. Joseph. I was ordained in 1974 and my first assignment was at St. James in Madison.

I would like to thank you all for your most warm welcome. I feel at home already. Getting to know you will be a real joy and I look forward to working with the school and parish staff and committees and meeting members of St. B's and the community.

Mass times will be changing. Also as Lent begins I plan to hear confessions in the sacristy in the back of church from 4-5pm on Saturdays before Mass. This will change from using the current reconciliation room off the chapel. By using the sacristy it will eliminate having to go up and down steps. The option to use the screen or face to face will still be provided. I hope this will be more convenient.

### Weekend Mass Schedule Adjustments:

Both Msgr. Ganshert and Fr. Wilk, in consultation with the Music Director Monica Steger, have taken some time to look at past schedules to see what has worked and to determine how music might be handled if the schedule were to be changed. Both of your priests do feel strongly that with two priests in Watertown more opportunities for Mass attendance should be made available on Sunday.

#### New Mass Schedule

Effective the weekend of March 6 & 7

#### Saturday

4:00pm St. Henry  
5:30pm St. Bernard

#### Sunday

8:00am St. Bernard  
8:30am St. Henry  
10:00am St. Bernard  
10:30am St. Henry

The Saturday schedule will remain the same. Feedback since July when this was implemented has been very positive. You may recognize that the Sunday schedule is the one that was in place prior to July. Attendance figures, and the distribution of people among the Masses indicated that this was the best received schedule for all involved. Monica is implementing a plan to have quality music available at all Masses.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support as I begin my pastorate at St. Bernard's. I will be available most days

(except Monday) to take phone calls or I will call you back. My email address is: [daniel.ganshert@straphael.org](mailto:daniel.ganshert@straphael.org).

Our **February 17, Ash Wednesday schedule is: 7:00am, 12 noon and 7:30pm.** The new Lenten theme for 2010 will be revealed at the exciting Fat Tuesday Pancake Feast & Talent Show. See you there!

Also, on **March 7 is the "Going For The Gold" Gala** at Windwood of Watertown. Check this publication for more information. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you!

We are looking for a fire-proof cabinet to store Sacrament Books and other important documents. If you have one to donate, please call the rectory.

There was a reception held on January 31 to welcome me and to thank Fr. Brian. I was able to meet many people (don't test me). It was a wonderful gathering. Thank you.



God bless you always,  
Msgr. Dan

## Lenten Regulations...

Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.



## School News...

**Catholic Schools Week** was a great chance to celebrate and appreciate our Parish and School. The theme, **"Catholic Schools-Dividends for Life"**, made us aware that the moral, academic and faith lessons we teach at this early age, if nurtured properly, can pay dividends for a lifetime. Letters from the school children were sent to all parishioners thanking them for their support of Catholic education.

Over 250 people were part of our Special Person's Day celebration on February 5 which included Mass, classroom visits, entertainment and lunch (compliments of the Home & School Association). Catholic Schools Week ended with an "80's Disco-Sock Hop" organized by our fifth grade class. I've included some pictures of other activities during Catholic Schools Week.

The staff and students feel very blessed to have Msgr. Dan as our resident pastor. He has been a source of encouragement and inspiration already. Many thanks to Fr. Brian for helping us the first half of the school year.

Spring is on the way! One of the first signs is our annual **"Fat Tuesday Pancake Feast and Talent Show"**. This kick off to Lent will take place in the gym from 5-8pm on Tuesday, February 16. Around 7pm, Msgr. Ganshert will announce the parish theme for Lent.

The **Parish Auction** is back in a big way. This event called, **"Going for the Gold"** will take place at Windwood Country Club and feature Olympic-like games for the Parish children during the day. That evening will be the St. Bernard's Auction Gala for the adults. Watch for more information.

Spring for me officially arrives the day of our **St. Patrick's Day Mass and Parade**. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 17 for 8:45am Mass, followed by our annual parade down Main Street.

I'd like to thank our coaches and scout leaders for the many hours they put in helping our children develop important lifetime attitudes and skills.

Many thanks to all who save labels for us. They certainly add up! We received enough money to add a new piece of playground equipment.

We still have a few spots for next year's all day kindergarten class. Please call the school office for more information. Registration for next year's am three year old class will take place at school from 10am - 3pm on Friday, April 16. Please call 261-7204 with questions.

Thank you for all you do.  
Jeff Allen

## Musical Notes...



### A Season of Reconciliation/Renewal

We've ended the season of Christmas carols and moved into Ordinary Time, and now Lent is just around the corner. This is the season in which we turn to Jesus for comfort, (as in "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"), in which we return after an absence (as in the first line of "Hosea:" "Come back to Me, with all your heart..."), and a time in which we seek renewal of spirit in hopes to do better (as in "Renew Us").

It is from these elements I would like to draw inspiration, so many more will join us in leading music in worship. It is a ministry that is possible for anyone to do with a little effort, and the journey is rewarding. It is up to all of us to have a thriving church. As one verse in "The Summons" so perfectly puts it:

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

-Monica Steger, Director of Music Ministry  
St. Bernard's and St. Henry's Catholic Churches  
(920)261-5244x32; (920)261-7273x28; (920)960-7988 (cell)

## Mid-Year View of Income & Expenses, Jul - Dec 09...

### PARISH OFFERTORY INCOME

· Collection-Envelopes	\$258,783.51
· Loose Offerings	8,673.72
· Children's Offering	227.96
· Diocesan Monthly Assessment	<u>15,537.48</u>
Total · PARISH OFFERTORY INCOME	252,147.71
SCHOOL INCOME	163,715.80
HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAY	9,156.28
PARISH ACTIVITIES	10,568.14
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	<u>5,338.83</u>
Total Operating Income	<b>\$440,926.76</b>

### PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES

· SALARIES & WAGES	302,962.97
· BENEFITS & INSURANCE	50,345.30
· WORSHIP EXPENSE	5,656.86
· TELECOMMUNICATIONS	3,005.61
· OFFICE MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	12,940.39
· BOOKS / CONSUMABLE	19,082.80
· BOOKS/NON-CONSUMABLE	563.14
· LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	1,342.14
· OTHER SERVICES & FEES	2,887.65
· SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS	1,911.31
· PROPERTY TAX - Non Exempt	6,028.48
· OPERATION & MAINT EXPENSE	21,748.32
· UTILITIES	17,709.84
· UPKEEP OF PROPERTY	5,268.48
· PROPERTY INSURANCE	<u>10,000.00</u>

Net Operating Expenses ..... **451,453.29**  
Net Income ..... **-20,526.53**

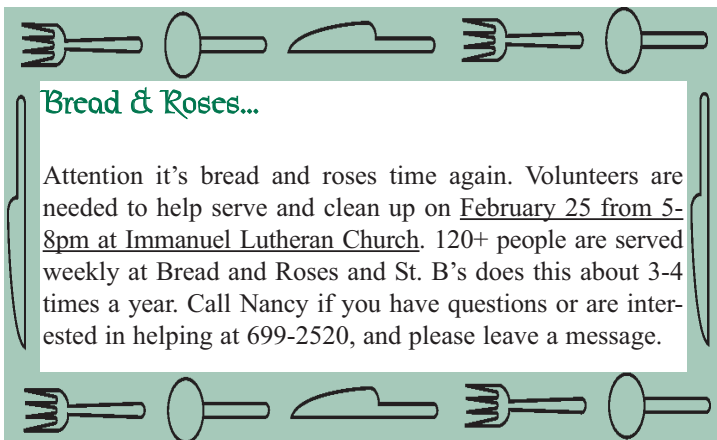
**Call 261-5133x24 with questions.**

## The Dead Theologians Society...

Did you know that St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests? He was born in France in 1786. As a boy, he had average intelligence but struggled with academics. He was a humble, gentle, soft-spoken, and patient man who was called by God to become a priest. As the priest of Ars in France, his primary mission was the salvation of souls. He often spent 16-18 hours a day hearing confessions. It is said that he was granted the ability to read souls, to heal the sick, and to levitate during prayer. St. John Vianney died in 1859 at the age of seventy-three. He is one of over 200 Catholic saints found to be incorruptible, meaning his body did not decompose after his death. He was canonized in 1925 and his feast day is August 4. [Information gathered from [www.deadtheologiansociety.com](http://www.deadtheologiansociety.com)]

St. John Vianney is one of several saints that the newly formed high school chapter of the Dead Theologians Society has studied. The high school group meets twice a month to learn about the lives of the saints and to grow in their faith through fellowship and prayer. By embracing our Catholic traditions and fostering both spiritual and social connections, DTS "inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow!"

- Jim & Lisa Steffl,  
DTS high school chapter leaders



### Bread & Roses...

Attention it's bread and roses time again. Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up on February 25 from 5-8pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. 120+ people are served weekly at Bread and Roses and St. B's does this about 3-4 times a year. Call Nancy if you have questions or are interested in helping at 699-2520, and please leave a message.

## Lenten Study...

The **Sunday Evening Bible Study** will begin the Epistle of James by Jeff Cavins on February 14 at 6:30 pm in St Bernard's Chapel. James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Like the book of Proverbs, it is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. These teachings speak loudly to all those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers "pearls for wise living" to the present day. If your looking for something extra to help you grow in your faith during Lent, join us. Call Kathy/Al 261-3539 with questions or to sign up.

**Lighthouse CD:** Searching The Scriptures Stephen Ray's introduction to this Beloved disciple and the faith of the early Church gives a new appreciation for the richness and the passion of John's Gospel. John's Gospel will become more alive and your ability to share the fullness of the Faith will be increased. There are many other titles to choose from. Suggested cost \$3.00 each.

## Alpha...

We welcome into our parish family the following children through the Sacrament of Baptism:



- 11-21-09**      **Aiden James Babe**  
son of Jody & Stephanie
- 12-05-09**      **Sophia Grace Yearling**  
daughter of Brian & Stacy
- 12-12-09**      **Aubrey Jean Chandler**  
daughter of Robert & Chelsea
- 12-19-09**      **Vincent Schimming**  
son of Anthony & Julie
- 12-19-09**      **Ezekiel Arturo Rebollar**  
son of Orfanel & Brianna
- 12-20-09**      **Colton Dean Dutcher**  
son of Mark & Tina
- 12-27-09**      **Nathaniel Joseph George**  
son of Jason & Kathleen
- 12-30-09**      **Luke Anthony Goerning**  
son of Thomas & Stephanie
- 01-10-10**      **Logan Allen Powell**  
son of Andrew & Mary Ellen
- 01-10-10**      **Cecily Josephina Soliz**  
daughter of Marcos & Amanda
- 01-24-10**      **Olivia Joann Frey**  
daughter of Jason & Meagan
- 01-24-10**      **Rylee Petrowski**  
daughter of Michael & Karrie

## Omega...

Please remember the following parishioners and their families in your prayers.

- 11-30-09**      **Leonore R. Lenth**
- 12-25-09**      **Robert J. Hunter**
- 01-09-10**      **Kenneth L. Gora**
- 01-15-10**      **Viola G. Wickert**



## Group Discussion...

**Join a discussion on the readings and homilies of Lent on Sundays after 8am Mass in the Chapel on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.** The short discussions and ideas come from you ... and will help implement the message.

## Palm Sunday Bake Sale...

St. B's Council of Catholic Women will have their annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale after the Masses on March 27 & 28. Parishioners are asked to donate baked goods; please bring to church on March 27 between noon & 2pm. The proceeds go toward the purchase of Communion Bread and Wine and local charities. Questions call 262-0841.





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you move. Thank you!

# FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE FEAST & TALENT SHOW TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 FROM 5-7PM

Come and bring the family to this fun night  
before Lent. It's a way to enjoy a family  
evening together and have  
lots of pancakes and enjoy  
the entertainment.



There is still room  
for more talent! Please call Monica  
for a time to perform at 261-5133x32.

