

# Welcome to Saint John the Baptist Catholic Parish – Howard, Wisconsin

## O God, Hear Our Prayer

Sunday, March 14	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Ione Payette
Monday, March 15	8:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tuesday, March 16	6:30am	Liturgy of the Word
	8:30am	Beatrice Gillis
Wed., March 17	8:30am	Robert, Margaret & David Bayer
Thursday, March 18	6:30am	Liturgy of the Word
	8:30am	Roland LaCount
Friday, March 19	8:30am	Vernon De Both
Saturday, March 20	4:30pm	Ruby Hansen & Julie Peterson
Sunday, March 21	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Martha Nicholson

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**Rice bowls may be returned to school, Faith Formation or Parish Office or to Church during Holy Week.**

### Scripture Readings for March 21, 2010

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Reading I	Isaiah 43:16-21
Reading II	Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel	John 8:1-11

### Stewardship of Treasure

**Offerings for Sunday, March 7.....\$20,832**  
**Automatic Withdrawals.....+ 4,620**  
**Total.....\$25,452**

### Children's Stewardship

Here are just a few of the many "offerings" to God from the youth at St. John the Baptist:

This is how I thanked God this week:

- \*I prayed to Jesus
- \*I want to be a nun. I love Jesus
- \*I prayed for my bus driver
- \*I said please and thank you

**\*\*\*Spelling taken directly from the envelopes!**

\*58 youth envelopes were turned in for March 7...\$53.75

### Stewardship Corner

**March 14, 2010 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - Joshua 5:12*

Throughout the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

## This Week At St. John's

Sunday, March 14, 2010

Women's CRHP Retreat Weekend  
 Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 & 10:00am



Masses -Hosted by St. John's Auction Committee  
 Faith on Fire – after the 10:00am Mass in the Fireplace Rm  
 Adult Basketball – 7:30pm, Gym

Monday, March 15, 2010

Faith Formation Grades 1- 6 – 6:00pm, School  
 Faith Formation Grades 7 & 8 – 6:00pm, Ministry Center  
 Finance Council – 6:30pm, Fireplace Room  
 Picnic Meeting – 6:30pm, Commons

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Children's Choir – 3:20pm, Church  
 Stewardship Committee – 5:15pm, Conference Room  
 Men's Choir – 6:00pm, Music Room  
 Vespers – 6:30pm, Church  
 Living Waters – 7:15pm, Music Room  
 Adult Confirmation – 7:15pm, Fireplace Room

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Senior Citizen Card Party – 1:00pm, Commons  
 School Board of Ed Meeting – 5:15pm, Library  
 Faith on Fire – 6:00pm, Fireplace Room  
 Faith Formation Grades 1- 6 – 6:00pm, School  
 Faith Formation Grades 7 & 8 – 6:00pm, Ministry Center  
 Faith Formation Gr. 9&10 -7:30pm, Commons, Library, MC  
 Bible Study with George Smith – 6:30pm, Conf. Room

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Girl Scout Troop 4447 – 3:00pm Cafeteria  
 All 4 Hymn – 5:45pm, Music Room  
 Faith Formation Board Meeting – 6:00pm, Conf. Room  
 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Daisies – 6:00pm, Cafeteria  
 Parish Reconciliation Service – 6:30pm, Church  
 St. John's Prayer Group – 7:00pm, Ministry Center

Friday, March 19, 2010

Stations of the Cross/Godspell – 7:00pm, Church

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Bible Study – 9:00am, Conference Room  
 St. John's Auction – Doors open at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 21, 2010

Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 & 10:00am Masses  
 Hosted by the St. Vincent De Paul Group  
 Faith on Fire – after the 10:00am Mass in the Fireplace Rm  
 Women's CRHP – 6:30pm, Commons  
 Scouts – 6:30pm, Ministry Center  
 Adult Basketball – 7:30pm, Gym

### Before you leave Church today...

- ✓ Stop in the Family Room and have your blood pressure taken today – sponsored by the Health & Wellness Committee
- ✓ Coffee & Donuts will be served after the 8:00 & 10:00am Masses on Sunday – Hosted by Auction Committee
- ✓ Please stop at the round table and sign up to be a greeter for Spring!
- ✓ Stop in the Sunday Office and purchase SCRIP

*Anyone interested in learning more about the Picnic this summer – please join us for a meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Commons!*

*If anyone has any agenda items for the meeting please call Len Rizzo at 362-0315 – Thanks!*

**Health & Wellness Committee Sponsors  
Blood Pressure Screening in the Family Room**



Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from:  
4:00-4:30 and 5:30-6:00pm

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from:  
9-10:00am and 11-11:30am

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**WOMEN’S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH**

We pray for the women who are making the CRHP this weekend that God fill them and renew them in their faith! Blessings to the Team who have worked and prayed diligently throughout the formation process.

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*Welcome him in the Lord with great joy." Philipians 2:29a*

Our greeters’ ministry is up and running. This ministry is one that requires little time (just arrive 20 minutes before the Mass you attend). Parishioners are greeted at the door with words of welcome and awareness that we are glad they are joining us at St. John’s. Greeting is a great way for the family to be involved in the stewardship of service together. You can sign up for one Mass, or as many as you wish at the circular table in the narthex. Thanks to all who have volunteered and those of you considering it.



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**TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS**

Do you or your loved one need help getting to and from doctor appointments, physical therapy, church, etc.? Do you need help with meals because of a personal challenge, exhausted due to a medical condition you are recovering from? The Helping Hands ministry is here to help any registered member of St. John's with transportation or meals. Please call Roseann Mader 434-3732 or Sherry Van Helvoirt 434-4997. If you know of a parishioner with a need in either one of these areas, please contact us.



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**Life in the Spirit Seminar**

**A seven week course will be offered at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Sunday nights from 7 – 9pm starting on April 11<sup>th</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Seminar is designed to help awaken your faith and bring about a personal and spiritual transformation through a fuller release of the power of the Holy Spirit in your daily life. Please come and join us for an experience you will never forget! A free will offering will be taken. Explanation sessions will be on March 21<sup>st</sup> or March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. (An explanation session is necessary to attend the Seminar!) You may pick up brochures in church or the Parish Office. For more information call Karen Lepp at 360-1531, Jean Wochos at 255-2693 or Joan Bleser at 499-4616.

**Catholic Women/Christian Mothers**

Please join us for our Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 7:00pm in the commons. Our guest speaker will be Romeo Raabe, a professional with the knowledge and experience to educate on a wide range of senior concerns. His presentation will be on the Financial Abuse of Seniors Team (F.A.S.T.) in Brown County and the memory loss program provided at Curative Rehab. All women of the parish are welcome to join us and check out what our group is about. Refreshments will be served. Please bring a can of food for St. John’s pantry!

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**St. John’s 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Get Away**

This years *Spring Get Away* will be Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Rock Gardens Supper Club. Doors open at 10:00am and luncheon at 11:45am. Advance Tickets will be available after March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Office, Kimps Hardware, Olsen’s Piggly Wiggly, Thornberry Cottage and Beth’s Boutique. Advance Tickets - \$12.00 and at the door is \$13.00

Auction Items: We are again looking to you for auction items. Please have them in by April 20<sup>th</sup> so they can be included in the program. Please call Ginny at 434-1926 if you have any questions. Items can be dropped off at Ginny’s or the Parish Office for her. Thanks again for your generosity!

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**Area Happenings!**

**Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day With Us!**

**Wednesday, March 17**

**St. Patrick O’Brien Hall, 211 N. Maple Av., Green Bay**  
The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 o’clock followed by an Irish supper of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, cookies, coffee and punch. **\$7.50** adults, **\$3.00** for those 7-11 years of age; and free for 6 and younger. A hot dog plate will be available for \$3.00. We will have music by WPS Choir. Everyone is welcome! To help us plan, please phone reservations to the Quad Parish Office - 496-2160 by March 9th. Walk-ins are always welcome!

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**Crazy ‘Bout Singin’**

**Mark your calendars for Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>!!!**

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year Green Bay Marriage Encounter is sponsoring the MacDowell Male Chorus. Once again it will be at Nativity Parish starting at 8:00 PM. The doors open at 7:30.

"Crazy ‘Bout Singin’ "is the theme of this year’s concert. Come and enjoy the fantastic sounds of this amazing chorus. Tickets will be \$12.00 at the door.

**Don't miss this one!!!!!!**

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**Join us for a One-day Pilgrimage on Tuesday, May 11**

The Knights of Columbus, Fort Howard Council #5382 is organizing a one-day pilgrimage to *The Shrine of our Lady of Gaudalupe* near La Crosse, WI. We will leave at 7 am from the St. Jude Parking Lot, 1420 Division St. Green Bay, WI. Cost is \$50.00 per person. Initial \$25.00 fee must be sent with registration by April 2, 2010. Seating is limited. For more information and to register, please call John Steinhauer at 920-494-1248 or Jack Wrbanich at 920-465-3485.



St. John the Baptist School has openings for students at all grade levels. We welcome and encourage families from neighboring parishes to visit our school anytime. Please call us anytime for a tour. 434-3822 x 221

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**Registration at All GRACE Catholic Schools**

GRACE schools continue to do their own registrations for 2010-11 school year. School information and forms can be accessed by going to [www.gracesystem.org](http://www.gracesystem.org) and clicking on the individual names of the ten elementary-middle schools. Notre Dame Academy is our Catholic high school partner.

During 2010-11, the principals will be employees of GRACE. During 2011-12 teachers and support staff will be employees of GRACE. Continuing from 2009-10, the principals will work as part of a Leadership Team helping to assure an efficient and effective transition from parish schools to system schools in 2011-12.

The important message is that children are welcome to become part of a quality GRACE Catholic school family at any grade level from PreK-3 to Grade 8. Questions may be sent directly to the individual school of interest or by email to [cconwaygerhardt@gbdioc.org](mailto:cconwaygerhardt@gbdioc.org) or called in to 499-7330.

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A GRACE Website has been established for our school parents, parishioners and community members to email feedback and questions about the GRACE collaboration. Please go to [www.gracesystem.org](http://www.gracesystem.org) to access information and to provide responses on various system topics. The more we collaborate in the design of the system the more effective we should be in the full operation in 2011-12.

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**G.I.F.T. – All are Welcome!**  
**MARCH 22 AND 24**  
**6:00PM-7:30PM IN CHURCH**  
(Childcare available only upon request - please call  
434-2417 ext. 206 by Mar. 15)  
**Living out our Baptismal call**  
**Can you count the many ways?**

Did you know there are over 70 ministries and organizations within our parish that have volunteers living out their baptismal call to be Jesus to others?

We are a parish that focuses on helping people with their spiritual and physical needs. Come see many of the ministries and organizations, and hear faith stories of the love of Christ through the work of others.

**You will be amazed!**

**YOU COULD WIN \$25 OF FREE SCRIP!!!!**  
**PURCHASE SCRIP AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR A DRAWING!**

If you purchase a minimum of \$500 worth of SCRIP during the month of April, you will be eligible to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 SCRIP gift certificate. This special will also be offered during the months of May and June.

\*\*\*You must be a parish member and not be receiving a credit for either school tuition or Faith Formation.

**SCRIP NEWS**

Any home improvement projects coming up???  
SCRIP is available to order from Home Depot, Lowe's, and Menards. We also keep Fleet Farm in stock.

Volunteers for: March 20 & 21 Cindi & Alaina Gerrits  
March 27 & 28 Jeff & Julie Kloster  
April 3 & 4 EASTER – NO SCRIP

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**YOUNG ADULTS**  
**MINISTRY**

**We are on Facebook!**

Check out the Group "LIFE at St. John the Baptist" for more youth ministry events and "Young Adult LIFE at St. John the Baptist" for young adult information!

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**Project Elizabeth Dinner for Women**

Bishop David Ricken will host his first dinner for young single Catholic women, juniors in high school and older, who are open to learning about religious life. Religious sisters in a special way are encouraged to invite young women and to come with them. Tuesday, March 23—5:30 PM in Green Bay RSVP to Rebecca at [Rtappen@sjbh.org](mailto:Rtappen@sjbh.org) or call 434-2417

**Area Lenten  
Reconciliation Services**

- St. John the Baptist  
March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- St. Benedict's – Suamico  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00pm
- St. Agnes  
March 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:15pm  
Mass and Reconciliation
- SS Edward & Isidore – Flintville  
March 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

**PRAYER FORMS**

**Devotional Prayer**

*The prayers that Carol, 74, remembers as a child still brings her comfort today. She recalls her mother reciting the Our Father and Hail Mary every morning before breakfast. The Rosary was prayed as a family every evening after dinner. These prayers became a part of their family's daily schedule. Have you said your morning and evening prayers today?*

**What is it?**

- Prayer of the people in our own language.
- Recitation of prayers relating to daily life:
  1. Grace before meals
  2. Morning Prayer
  3. Bedtime Prayer
  4. The rosary
  5. Rote prayers (Our Father)
- Using ritualized prayers for assisting in meditation (the mysteries of the rosary to remember important events in Jesus' life or the Stations to meditate on the Passion).

**Why would I want to do this?**

Using prayers that leap to mind from endless repetition throughout our lives guides us easily and quickly to realizing God's presence.

**So How Do I DO IT?**

Just use the simple repetitive prayers you have learned from childhood to help you get in touch with God. Begin with the building blocks—The Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, Hail Mary and other memorized prayer. Then move into more meditative forms of devotion like meditating on the Rosary (which can be found in the Lenten booklet) and the Stations of the Cross.

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This is the final weekend to return items requested on our Lenten Giving Trees. Members of the Social Concerns committee will be packing the boxes on Monday and giving them to local families. Thanks to all our parishioners who gave so generously to this project!

*“Let your light shine before all that they may see your good deeds and praise the Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16*

**This weekend, March 13-14 the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the World's Poor Collection will take place.**

Being that the needs of our brothers and sisters in earthquake devastated Haiti are so great, Bishop Ricken has requested the World's Poor Collection for 2010 consist of only two entities: **Peter's Pence and Catholic Relief Services**. The Campaign for Human Development collection will be suspended for this year in order to provide additional funding for the relief efforts in Haiti through Catholic Relief Service.

The two agencies represented are official church agencies that work to offer relief assistance and that offer assistance to the poor, suffering and oppressed

**Catholic Relief Services** for ongoing support to Haiti.

**Peter's Pence** contributions are given directly by the Holy Father to dioceses that are suffering from immediate emergencies as a result of natural disasters, war and oppression.

**-Undesignated funds will be divided as follows: 1/3 Peter's Pence and 2/3 Catholic Relief Services-** (Here is where your help is needed – draw a line through the Campaign for Human Development collection on your envelopes!)

**Please be generous, your support will make a difference in the lives of so many.**

***Faith by the Fire***

“Over the last couple of months, I have attended Mass about six times with a long-time member of your parish. I truly get a lot out of your service and intend to continue to attend. Down the road, I look forward to meeting someone from the parish. I have questions about many things and hopefully will be able to discuss them in the future.” (from a letter this week)

There are others who feel like this. Perhaps, you are one of them. You have a story to share, a question or many to ask, or just want to reconnect with descendants of the earliest Christians again.

We would love to have that conversation as well. It'll be in the fire place room at the end of the narthex on Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. Mass and Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15 p.m. *No agenda, just some good healthy give and take. Different staff members will give a different flavor to each conversation. Come for one or more!*

Sun. Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> – Fr. John

Sun. Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> – Fr. John

Wed. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – Deacon Manny

**BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH!**

Remember that saying from your old high school days? You probably don't unless you happened to study Latin in high school. It was said by the oracle to Julius Caesar as he was on his way to the Roman Senate to be done in by his BFF, Brutus. It's funny sometimes how some words can have different meanings than were intended. One of those phrases for me is "The Bishop's Appeal".

Some folks have asked me how much the Bishop makes from the Appeal. They believe he receives a salary or maybe a bonus depending how much is raised each year. I can truly say that not one penny of Bishop's Appeal money goes directly into the Bishop's pocket. And yet, he like the rest of us is impacted by the Bishop's Appeal. How do I know this? Each year every parish in the Diocese of Green Bay is required to send in a report stating in very simple terms what we did for the past fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). How many weddings, first communions, baptisms, funerals, the number of parish members, and other categories are all reported to the Diocese by the end of September; these numbers give us a very simple picture of who was helped by the different ministries funded by the Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal reaches out and impacts the lives of thousands of people every year. Here are some interesting facts that illustrate how the Diocese is alive and growing and how the Bishop's Appeal is making a difference in the lives of young and old.

- This is the report for the past year (2008 – 2009):
- 62 Catholic schools shared our faith
  - 158 Parishes celebrated together
  - 1,216 Couples were joined in marriage
  - 2,954 Members of our Diocese passed away
  - 3,143 Adults and young people were confirmed in their faith
  - 3,725 Adults and children received Jesus through First Communion
  - 3,831 Infants and adults joined our community through Baptism
  - 10,539 Students participated in Catholic Schools
  - 29,878 Students attended Religious Education classes
  - 42,000 Individuals were helped through five Catholic Charities offices
  - 304,614 Catholics worshiped together

This is just a small glimpse into the many ways your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helps the entire Diocese of Green Bay. To date 254 gifts or pledges totaling \$40,139 dollars have been given in the name of our parish. That's almost 44% of our goal of \$91, 551 dollars. This has been done in just one month. Yes we have a ways to go to reach our goal but with God's help and your generosity we can make this the second year in a row that the parish reaches or exceeds its goal. For those of you who have already made your pledge or gift we thank you and bless you. This coming week the Diocese will send out a second mailing. We ask God's blessing on you as you wisely pray and decide how you will respond to the Bishop's Appeal.

*Deacon Manny*

**Liturgical Ministries****The complete schedule is online at [www.sjbh.org/parishcal.html](http://www.sjbh.org/parishcal.html)**

	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>Mass Ushers</b>	<b>Musicians</b>
Mar-20 4:30 Saturday	Brenda Baldwin Denise Staidl Eileen Condon Jane Phelps Lisa Ives Mary Hanson Michelle Malone Patricia Lane	Jim Jacquart Mary Ann Doucha	Avery Maney Jordan Flaten	David Kattar Lawrence Reimer Michael Gorniak Patrick Chambers Paul Chambers Scott Ives	Karen, Angela & Michael
Mar-21 8:00 Sunday	Carol Dillenburg Dawn Baker Gwendolyn Kramer James Dillenburg Linn Heinzen Mary Ann Berger Mary Moore Tina Jossart	Ann Hammes Mary Larson	Thomas Baker William Baker	Allen Olson Bob Gagan Dan Williams Joe Kimps Lawrence Stordeur Patrick Klapatch	Karen & Group
Mar-21 10:00 Sunday	Claire Lofdahl Donna Hansford Eve Schoblaska Kathleen Krause Marilyn Johnson Rachael Schelter Rose Koenig Ruth Holloway	Mark Kohls Michelle Schneider	Juliette Weslow Samantha LaCount	Anne Wagner Craig Gezella David Bjorkman Kathy Yaggie Ryan Patterson Tony Yaggie	Chris, Kim & Paul

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Enjoy a night of family fun  
along with a powerful prayer experience

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Friday, March 19, 2010

Potluck from 5-6pm &  
Games from 6-6:45pm  
in Ministry Center (Old Church)  
Godspell Stations at 7pm in the Church



- \* Soup, crackers, & drinks will be provided
- \* Bring a meatless dish to pass

The Godspell Stations start at 7pm in the Church. The St. John's Children's Choir will sing praise songs from the musical, "Godspell," to begin the evening. The Stations will be projected onto the screen and prayerful music will be sung with them.

- \*Choir members have practice at 5:45pm in church.
- \*Contact Amy Koehler at 434-2145 ext. 212 or [akoehler@sjbh.org](mailto:akoehler@sjbh.org)