

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

## O God, Hear Our Prayer

Sunday, March 7	8:00am	Virgil VanderVelden
	10:00am	Dennis Powers
Monday, March 8	8:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tuesday, March 9	6:30am	Liturgy of the Word
	8:30am	Thomas, Ron & Chester Farr
Wed., March 10	8:30am	In Thanksgiving for Bea Rosabella Rayel
Thursday, March 11	6:30am	Liturgy of the Word
	8:30am	Delores Mary McCabe
Friday, March 12	8:30am	Robert Loop
Saturday, March 13	4:30pm	Paul Schauer
Sunday, March 14	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Ione Payette

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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 14, 2010

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

Reading I	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Reading II	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## Stewardship of Treasure

**Offerings for Sunday, February 28.....\$15,061**

## 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 raised money for Haiti.
- \*I read a prayer in church on parent day.
- \*I read the Bible on Friday at school.
- \*I invited friends to go sledding.
- \*I helped my friend not get hurt.
- \*I watched my little brother for mommy at the hairdresser.

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

\*40 youth envelopes were turned in for February 28...\$38.07

## Stewardship Corner

March 7, 2010

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

*"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" Luke 13:7*

Are we like the barren fig tree? What does God find when He searches for the fruits which we have given back?

## This Week At St. John's

### Sunday, March 7, 2010

Men's CRHP Retreat Weekend

Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 & 10:00am Masses

Hosted by Health & Wellness Committee

Faith on Fire – after the 10:00am Mass in the Fireplace Rm

Scouts – 6:30pm, Ministry Center

### Monday, March 8, 2010

Faith Formation Grades 1- 6 – 6:00pm, School

Faith Formation Grades 7&8 – 6:00pm, Ministry Center

Building & Grounds – 6:30pm, Conference Room

### Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Children's Choir – 3:20pm, Church

Men's Choir – 6:00pm, Music Room

Webelos Den 2 – 6:00pm, Cafeteria

Cub Scouts Den 10 – 6:15pm, Ministry Center

Vespers – 6:30pm, Church

Living Waters – 7:15pm, Music Room

Adult Confirmation – 7:15pm, Fireplace Room

Knights of Columbus – 7:30pm, Commons

### Wednesday, March 10, 2010

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 – Commons, Library, MC

Bible Study with George Smith – 6:30pm, Conf. Room

### Thursday, March 11, 2010

Girl Scout Troop 4198 – 3:00pm Cafeteria

All 4 Hymn – 5:45pm, Music Room

"End of Life Issues" Presentation – 6:30pm, Commons

St. John's Prayer Group – 7:00pm, Ministry Center

### Friday, March 12, 2010

Stations of the Cross – 7:00pm, Church

### Saturday, March 13, 2010

Women's CRHP Retreat Weekend

Bible Study – 9:00am, Conference Room

### 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

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## SCRIP NEWS

Don't forget to pick up SCRIP to do your grocery shopping. We carry Copps, Festival, Piggly Wiggly, Walmart and Woodmans.

Volunteers for Mar 13 & 14 Penny Warren & Dawn Rost  
Mar 20 & 21 Cindi & Alaina Gerrits  
Mar 27 & 28 Jeff & Julie Kloster

### Before you leave Church today...

✓ Ruth Holloway, Pastoral Minister, will be in the Fireplace Room after the 4:30 mass on Saturday, March 6 to register anyone interested in becoming members of St. John's.

✓ Coffee & Donuts will be served after the 8:00 & 10:00am Masses on Sunday – Hosted by Health & Wellness Committee

✓ Stop in the Sunday Office and purchase SCRIP

**MEN’S Christ Renews His Parish**

Blessings and prayers to all who are either on the team or receiving the Men’s CRHP this weekend. Please stop in the Narthex and sign the prayer card to show your support and prayers!

Also-keep in prayer the Women’s Team who are finalizing their preparations and those women receiving on the weekend of March 13/14.

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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 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.

***The plates are shifting  
(but who pays any attention?)***

Recently, we have witnessed two major earthquakes. Earthquakes are caused by the shifting of the great plates that form the foundation of the earth. Such shifting causes everything to change. Such shifting is unsettling and causes death. One thing is sure – nothing is ever the same again. The foundation of life has shifted!

Didn’t we pray as Lent began “*disturb us*, O Lord”? We were disturbed by this week’s daily readings. Unsettling images were presented back to back. Jesus says that those who serve God with all their heart, soul and strength will be laughed at, suffer and, perhaps, physically harmed (as he would be in Jerusalem). Totally deaf to his words, a mother comes seeking special privileges for her sons. The mother (and the disciples) just didn’t get it. (Mt. 20:17-28)

Then the earthquake of the soul began to happen. They began to sense foundations were changing. Living was about getting out of oneself and loving deeply (even if it meant dying). We can imagine the horror in the hearts of those who heard Jesus and began to intuit what he was saying.

***They had a decision to make.*** Continue following Jesus and find the fullness of life here and forever or subtly and unconsciously begin to withdraw and renege on the commitment to be disciples and friends. We can imagine them saying, “Wow, so this is what it is all about! I hadn’t envisioned all this. I don’t know if this is what I want.” Some made the choice. Many walked!

While it is horrible to be caught in an earthquake of the soul, we thank God. ***Thank God when our priorities get shaken up, when the foundation of our lives is reaffirmed and we get a chance to commit again to real life.***

Today’s readings call for such a decision. Like the Corinthians, we have been favored with all that we need for salvation – the gospel written and preached, Christ really present in Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist, and a living community of faith. Paul pleads with us “***do not imitate those who have squandered the benefits of Baptism, Eucharist, and Reconciliation.***” 1Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12

Lent is moving at breakneck speed. People are being invited back to church. Thanks to God for that invitation. If you have been away, we are glad that you are here today. Please come back for you – and for us.

For all of us, the chances for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are numerous. See the various penance services in the area. Don’t wait, put it off, or miss the opportunity. The readings today simply say: Don’t take things for granted. Who knows how long we have.” It is not about scaring anyone. We have today and its invitation to rediscover our foundation. That is what counts!

The plates are shifting. Do we notice?

***Fr. John***

*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!*

**Area Happenings!**

**KC Council #6764 and KC Ladies Auxiliary**

Perch Fish Fry

Place: St. Benedict Parish in Suamico

Dates: March 12 & 26

Time: 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Dinner includes: Perch, Baked Potato or Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Dessert and Coffee.

Carry outs are available for 25¢ more.

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**Holy Cross Parish - 3002 Bay Settlement Road**

FISH DINNERS

Fridays: March 12, 26

Serving from 5 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria

Baked fish, potato salad, coleslaw, bread, beverage, and homemade desserts.

\$8 for adults; \$5 for children 12 years and under

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Fish Bake – Fridays, March 12 & 26, 5-7 pm.

St. Jude, 1420 Division St., Green Bay

\$7.50 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 ages 11 and under

Baked fish (fish sandwiches available), mac & cheese, fries, baked potatoes, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, corn, stewed tomatoes, coffee & milk. Other beverages and desserts will be available.

**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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**In Need of Income?**

The 2010 Census still has hundreds of job opening for this area – most of which are paying over \$14.00 hour plus mileage. The first step is to take a 30 minute test. You can call 1-866-861-2010 to find one to fit your schedule. [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

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**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



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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**Our thanks go out to Marilyn Johnson for doing the church linens for the month of February!**

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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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**Hands Busy at Work:  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Projects**

The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation is excited to share with you over the next few weeks what each small group is planning to do for their service project. They've worked with their catechist(s) to plan where, when, and how to make each project possible for several weeks now.

**This week we're featuring Mary Leonard's group.**

This Saturday from 1-4pm Mary Leonard's group will be volunteering with the Special Olympics at Bay View Middle School here in Howard. Each Special Olympic athlete will compete in basketball skills from 10am-3pm. Each St. John's volunteer will escort the athletes to each of their skill stations and to the rewards. Afterwards, they will help with clean up. There are 194 Special Olympic athletes for this event and range from 8-65 years old. For more information about Special Olympics of Wisconsin visit:  
<http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/index.html>.



**This week we're also featuring Peggy Malueg's group.**

You may recall reading about the Blessings in a Backpack that Peggy organized. Her group is also helping at the Salvation Army Thrift Store on W. Mason St. this Saturday from 10am-12pm. They will learn more about the Salvation Army, receive a tour, clean, organize, and sort items. To learn more about the Salvation Army visit:  
<http://www.sagreenbay.org/>.



*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice for they will be satisfied"*  
Matthew 5:6

**High School Food Fast  
March 12-13**

**WHAT'S A FOOD FAST?**

It's fasting for 24 hours (Yup...that means not eating 3 main meals, but you get juice and water) with other high school students to be in solidarity with those in hunger and to join in activities that help you gain a better awareness about global issues of poverty and hunger. This year, Food Fast will focus on the effects of natural disasters in poverty stricken nations, such as the earth quake in Haiti, and how we as Catholics are called to respond. In addition to fasting you are invited to raise donations for Catholic Relief Services which directly serves the poor throughout the world. Please visit the parish web-page for more information including registration forms, or contact Rebecca in the parish office. (434-2145 ext. 210)



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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**

Bishop David Ricken is inviting young single Catholic women, high school juniors or older, to Mass and Dinner with him and sisters from our area. The Dinner will be Tuesday, March 23, beginning at 5:30 PM in Green Bay. After supper, there will be a discussion about consecrated religious life for women. Religious sisters in a special way are encouraged to invite and bring young women. To register, contact Rebecca Tappen, at 920-434-2417 ext. 210 or email [rtappen@sjbh.org](mailto:rtappen@sjbh.org)

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

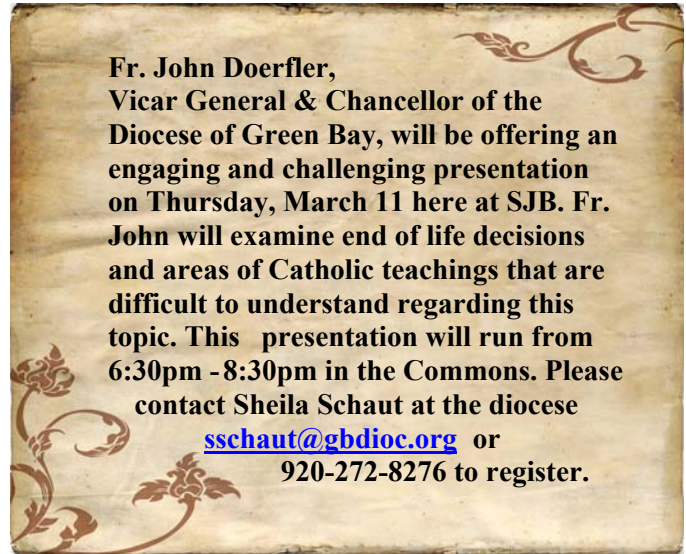
**Friday, March 19, 2010  
Ministry Center  
Potluck from 5-6pm &  
Games from 6-7pm  
Godspell Stations 7-pm in church**

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

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

**Area Lenten  
Reconciliation Services**

- Nativity Parish  
March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- 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**

**Act of Contrition**

*Tom, 47, married and father of 2, had not experienced Reconciliation for many years. During Lent last year while attending a Reconciliation Service at his parish, he was handed the "Act of Contrition" prayer as he entered church. As he reflected on his life, he read the prayer and immediately realized what changes he wanted to make in his life. God is merciful and forgiving.*

**What is it?**

- Usually associated with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, should be prayed every day as part of our normal prayer life.
- While praying, we are acknowledging our sins, asking God for forgiveness and expressing our desire to repent.

**Why do it?**

- To continue the healing mission of Jesus Christ.
- Expressing our desire to turn away from sin allows the sinner to start over again.
- Genuine contrition changes us because of God's love for each of us.

**How do we do it?**

- Simply pray the words:

"My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy."

***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. 7<sup>th</sup> – Fr. John, Therese Schelter, Marie Francis (Faith Formation people)

Sun. Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> – Fr. John, Karen Bernstein (Music), Vicki Marotz (school principal)

Sun. Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> – Fr. John, Marge Schiffer, Ruth Holloway (Pastoral ministry people)

Wed. Mar 10<sup>th</sup> – Deacon Manny, Rebecca Tappen (Confirmation, youth and young adult)

Wed. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – Deacon Manny, Marge Schiffer (Pastoral)

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There are still some crosses left on our Lenten Giving Trees. Remember that the parish hopes to provide 27 local families with food and products as well as donate diapers to the Love life program. If you are purchasing Scrip, just leave the certificate with the Scrip sellers. All items must be returned by next Sunday, March 14. Thanks to all who have already donated!

***"In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35***

**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-13 4:30 Saturday	Carol Paul Colleen Pamperin Kevin Mason Mary Jo Romenesko Mary Van De Yacht Patricia White Roseann Mader Wendy Hopp	Colleen Pamperin Thomas Brice	Dennis Kleczka Hannah Cook	David Kattar Dede Rife Lawrence Reimer Michael Gorniak Patrick Chambers Paul Chambers	All 4 Hymn
Mar-14 8:00 Sunday	David Schlegel Deborah Rentmeester Donald Martens Elizabeth Gaywont Eugene Gullickson Fern Martens Michelle Stratman Rose Ault	Gary Lockstein Michelle Stratman	Benjamin Stratman Mitchell Steckler	Allen Olson Bob Gagan Dan Williams Joe Kimps Lawrence Stordeur Patrick Klapatch	Kim & Bob's Group
Mar-14 10:00 Sunday	Claudene Tomlinson David Tomlinson Gary Ronsman Luis Padilla Mary Graycarek Roseann Raupp Sally Ronsman Terence Raupp	Sally Ronsman Theresa Ostert	Lauren Seidl Nicholas Ronsman	Anne Wagner Craig Gezella David Bjorkman Kathy Yaggie Ryan Patterson Tony Yaggie	Haley, Karen and Youth Group

**On the weekend of 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.**

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**Reaching Out to the Homebound**

Imagine being homebound. You are unable to attend Sunday Mass. For some people within the Catholic Diocese, this is a reality. The Bishop's Appeal makes it possible for the homebound to celebrate God's Good News with thousands of Catholics across the airwaves. TV Mass provides them with the opportunity to participate in Sunday Liturgy while bringing comfort and joy to people in need. It is a sort of peace that one can only achieve through their relationship with God. Making a gift makes a difference in the life of someone else and is one way we are *Called to Serve*. Please give generously to Bishop's Appeal 2010.

For more information on how to support TV Mass by giving a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, please contact your parish, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at [www.gbdioc.org](http://www.gbdioc.org), or call Debbie toll-free at 877-500-3580 ext. 8184.