

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

O God, Hear Our Prayer

Sunday, February 7	8:00am	Louis, Susan & Billy Williams
	10:00am	All Living & Deceased Members of SJB Catholic Women
Tues., February 9	8:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Wed., February 10	8:30am	Delores Mary McCabe
Thurs., February 11	8:30am	Mel Huben
Friday, February 12	8:30am	Thomas, Ron & Chester Farr
Sat., February 13	2:00pm	Wedding – Claire Lofdahl & Joe Smith
	4:30pm	Ervin Humecki
Sun., February 14	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Chuck Konowalski

Ash Wednesday - February 17, 2010

Ashes will be distributed at all the services

6:30am – Liturgy of the Word

8:30am – Mass

5:00pm – Liturgy of the Word

6:30pm - Mass

Scripture Readings for February 14, 2010

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Jeremiah 17:5-8

Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings for Sunday, January 31.....\$13,065

Total collection sent for Haiti relief.....\$10,602.38

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 made my brother laugh because I know that laughing is a good gift.

*I prayed for the people of Haiti.

*I took care of my dog Spencer by feeding him.

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

*58 youth envelopes were turned in for January 31.....\$49.96

Before you leave Church today...

✓ Stop for Coffee & Donuts after the Sunday Masses – Hosted by Boy & Girl Scouts

✓ Sign up to be a greeter (table in Narthex)

✓ Stop in the Sunday Office and purchase SCRIP

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Coffee & Donuts – Hosted by the Boy & Girl Scouts
Sunday Night Basketball – 7:30pm, Gym

Monday, February 8, 2010

Faith Formation Grades 1 – 6 – 6:00pm, School
Faith Formation Grades 7 & 8 – 6:00pm, Ministry Center
1st Eucharist Breadfeast – 6:00pm, Commons
Building & Grounds – 6:30pm, Conference Room

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Children's Choir – 3:20pm, Church
Women's CRHP – 5:00pm, Fire Place Room
Men's Choir – 6:00pm, Music Room
Webelos Den 2 – 6:00pm, Cafeteria
Cub Scouts Den 10 – 6:15pm, Ministry Center
Living Waters – 7:15pm, Church
Knights of Columbus – 7:30pm, Commons

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

1st Eucharist Breadfeast – 6:00pm, Commons
Faith Formation Grades 1-6 – 6:00pm, School
Faith Formation Grades 7 & 8 – 6:00pm, Ministry Center
FF Grades 9 & 10 – 7:30pm, Ministry Center, Cafeteria &
School Library

Thursday, February 11, 2010

Girl Scout Troop 4198 – 3:00pm, Cafeteria
All 4 Hymn – 5:45pm, Church
St. John's Prayer Group – 7:00pm, Ministry Center

Friday, February 12, 2010

Game Night Grades 6-8 from 6:30-9pm, Fish Bowl

Saturday, February 13, 2010

Bible Study – 9:00am, Conference Room
First Eucharist Bread Sharing at the 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, February 14, 2010

First Eucharist Bread Sharing at 8:00am & 10:00am Masses
Scouts – 6:30pm, Lower Ministry Center
Sunday Night Basketball – 7:30pm, Gym

SCRIP NEWS

The rebate for Shell gas cards has increased from 1.5% to 2.5%. Going to a movie? We carry gift cards for Marcus Theatres. Stop in today.

Volunteers for:

Feb 13 & 14 Paul Matuszak & Barb Gaura

Feb 20 & 21 Jean Payette & Vicki Torres

Feb 27 & 28 Brian & Lynn McKean

Stewardship Corner

February 7, 2010

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" - Isaiah 6:8

Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, "Here I am, send me!"

Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1-8 are canceled February 22 and 24.

We are canceling the Faith Formation program for grades 1-8, February 22/24 in order for parents/catechists and high school students to be able to attend the Parish Mission. This is such a dynamic perspective of the Stations of the Cross, through the imagery of photography and artistry of modern times that you won't want to miss this opportunity during Lent to attend a presentation like this. Some of the images may be too graphic for younger children, so we do not recommend bringing any children younger than high school age. Fr. Neilson will also be presiding at the Masses the weekend of Feb. 20/21.

Grades 9-11 are encouraged to attend all three nights of the Parish Mission and are required to attend at least their regular scheduled night for Faith Formation by going to the Parish Mission as a class.

First Eucharist Bread Feast February 8 and/or 10

Feb. 8 and/or 10 is the Bread Feast from 6:00pm-7:15pm in the Commons. Only children who are preparing for their First Eucharist should attend with their parent(s). Faith Formation children, please be sure to attend the night that is your regular scheduled evening of Faith Formation. St. John's day school children, please attend the night that you signed up for. This is a very special evening in preparation with your child that you won't want to miss. (All children in Faith Formation not in preparation for the sacrament should attend their regular scheduled evening session.)

ADULT CONFIRMATION: St. John the Baptist parish will be offering a program entitled "Choosing Jesus and the Church" to prepare any adult who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program will run for 4 Tuesdays nights from 7:15-8:30pm in the Fireplace Room. Please call Marge Schiffer at 434-2145, Ext. 214 if you are interested in attending this program.

George Smith's Bible Study

Many of us find the New Testament easier to understand than the Old Testament. Within the New Testament, most of us find the narrative Gospels easier to understand than the other writings. But of all the Gospels, we who have been raised in a Western (Greek/Roman based) culture will most likely find Luke the easiest to identify with. We will take a journey through Luke during the 5 Wednesdays of March from 6:30-8:00 P.M. (Bring your Bible. Please read the introduction quickly and the first two chapters carefully as these will be discussed at the first session.)

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

Saturday, February 13 from:
4:00-4:30 and 5:30-6:00pm

Sunday, February 14th from:
9-10:00am and 11-11:30am



NEW PARISHIONERS FEBRUARY

MARY SUE EARLE

ANNA REINHARD

ERIC & TRACY VAN DE YACHT
CARSON & REESE

PAUL & SARAH VELDKAMP

PAT WEBSTER

Bring in Your Dried Palms...

If you have old dried palms, they can be brought to the church by the weekend of February 6/7 to be burned for Ash Wednesday, which is February 17th

Lenten Book Fair coming February 13-14

The Stewardship Committee along with St. Catherine Book Store will be offering a variety of books on subjects of prayer, Lent, Catholics Come Home, Teens, etc. Please stop by in the Narthex that weekend!

"To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus..." 1Cor 1:2 That is each and every one of you! We invite you to experience the **Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)** weekend here at St. John's in March. The weekend is led by people from St. John's who have experienced the weekend before. Each has a story to share and are eager to share their faith with you. We hope and pray you will consider this renewal weekend during Lent. The Men's weekend is March 6-7 and the Women's is March 13-14. Please contact Ruth @ rholloway@sjbh.org or at 434-2145 x209.

Brunch with the Boys

Who: All Men's CRHP team members, Men's group and any interested men parishioners

What: A casual opportunity to talk/network with past, present and future CRHP members and enjoy

When: Sunday Feb. 28th immediately following 10am Mass

Where: Legends of Howard

Why: To continue our mission of serving as a Christian Community

I miss all of you and I hope to see you there,
Marc Fry



Because of the tremendous need the **Friends of Haiti Mission Group** is collecting crutches until the end of February. Please drop them off on the porch of the Parish Office Center. If you have any questions – call Bob at 494-6617. Thank you!

The St. Vincent De Paul Society will do sorting at the store of bric-a-brac electrical, toys, stocking shelves, etc. on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00pm with a short meeting to follow. Welcome to any new volunteers. The group meets monthly for sorting and council meeting. Call John at 434-2745 or Dick at 434-2783

Join Us as We Welcome Fr. James Neilson

Parish Mission

February 22, 23, and 24 from 7-8:15pm

As He Presents to Us:

**Halting Places to Ponder the Passion and
Death of Jesus Christ**

A Presentation of The Stations of the Cross

Artists have, throughout time, gladdened and delighted us with images of beauty and grace, revealing the triumph of the human spirit...they have also shocked and disturbed us into recognizing the world's horrors. In his presentation Fr. Neilson, artist and professor of art at St. Norbert College, seeks out resemblances, similarities and overlapping truths between the sign and symbol of Christ's passion and death and contemporary Catholicism and culture. Images of both "traditional" and contemporary Stations of the Cross will be presented, revealing the evolution of the Christian imagination and the belief that Christian art is an irreplaceable way of understanding and expressing deep and abiding faith in Christ.

Stewardship of Prayer

"For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something great, supernatural, which expands the soul and unites me to Jesus." - St. Therese of Lisieux,

Next week we will receive our prayer commitment forms and hopefully take time to reflect on the importance of prayer in our lives and especially during Lent. Prayer, like Stewardship, can become a way of life for us if we take the time to nurture our relationship with God, even in small ways. The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a book sale from St. Catherine's Bookstore before and after all the Masses. Please come to Mass early, or plan to stay a while after Mass to browse through the selections. The Lenten Book of Reflections, compiled by members of our parish community will be available also. A monetary donation would be appreciated to offset the printing costs.

**A letter from the Catholic Foundation
for the Diocese of Green Bay**

Thank you for your gift of \$2,924.00 to the **World Mission Sunday Collection**. Through your support, the roots of the Catholic Church are strengthened in Eastern Europe, Latin America and mission dioceses throughout the world. Grants to provide catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization projects, as well as formation programs will be established from funds received for the Latin American Collection (\$843.00); funds for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (\$905.00) will be used to support seminarians, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church restoration and spreading the Gospel message through the mass media. The funds designated for The Propagation of the Faith (\$1,176.00) will support the work of the Church in mission dioceses around the world. Without your support, these programs would not be possible!

Area Happenings!

KC Council #6764 and KC Ladies Auxiliary

Perch Fish Fry

Place: St. Benedict Parish in Suamico

Dates: February 12 & 26, 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.

Holy Cross Parish - 3002 Bay Settlement Road

FISH DINNERS

Fridays: February 12, 26, 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

Mardi Gras ~ Friday, Feb. 12, 2010

Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main St., Green Bay

All you care to eat family-style chicken dinner, 7pm, \$30 at the door. Auction only admit after 7:30, \$15 at the door.

Cash Raffle – **Grand Prize \$20,000!** Total cash prizes \$45,000! Only the first 2000 tickets will be accepted! One in 20 chance of winning! Silent & Oral Auctions, Autographed Aaron Rodgers Cleats Raffle. Proceeds to benefit the communities of Annunciation, St. Joseph, St. Jude and St. Patrick.

Call 496-2160 for more info!

**All Are Welcome to the Semi-Annual Cribbage
Tournament**

K C Council #6279 - St. John the Baptist Parish

February 16, 2010, 6 PM

Townline Sports Bar & Grill - 2544 Lineville Rd., Green Bay

The entry fee is \$40.00 per team (\$20.00 per person)

Price includes food and refreshments

For more information call Brian Ebben 434-4969 or

Chuck Johnson 865-7517

Natural Medicine 101

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 from 6:30-8:00pm

Nelson Hall at St. Edward and Isidore Parish

Presented by: Cheryl Myers, RN at EurPharma Inc.

Natural Medicine 101 will provide you with the basics for making choices that are right for you—from proven supplements to reduce arthritis symptoms to ingredients known to help prevent cancer, Natural Medicine 101 will help you avoid the health scams and focus on things that can make a real difference in your life.

Wanted: Catholic Grandfathers, Fathers, Sons, Grandsons

The Esto-Vir Annual Men's Conference is coming soon March 6th to St. Pius X parish in Appleton, WI. This year's featured speakers include Matthew Kelly, Hector Molina, and our own Bishop David L. Ricken. Mass with Bishop Ricken will follow at 4PM. Registration is open now online at www.estovir.com. \$40 early registration ends February 26th. Registration at the door is \$50.



**Hands Busy at Work:
9th & 10th Grade Service Projects**

The 9th and 10th 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 Karen Monfre's group
Karen's group has decided to go to Grancare Nursing Center on Dousman Street the evening of Wednesday, March 3rd. They will receive a tour of the facility, as well as spend time with the residents playing games, socializing, and sharing a snack. **Watch for more details of all the service projects in the coming bulletins!**

Dodgeball & Game Night

When: February 12th from 6:30-9pm
Where: Fish Bowl (end in gym)
Who: 6th-8th Grade

Needed: Small prizes, snacks, & bottled water can be dropped off in the Parish Office or porch marked, "Bingo." Middle School Bingo and

Dodgeball still needs adult volunteers. If you can help even for an hour, please call Amy at ext. 212. 6th-8th grade students...we hope to see you there Friday, February 12th from 6:30-9pm. Please meet us in the Fish Bowl. Concessions will be selling snacks, soda, and water.

Help create a new meeting place at St. John's

We would like to turn the old "cry room" in the Ministry Center into a warm meeting/gathering space for small groups to use, but we need your help and talent. The room needs to be emptied out, cleaned, painted, and organized with donated items to fill it (couches, lamps, end table, small wooden desk, etc.). If you are interested in helping or have items to donate please call Amy at 434-2145 ext. 212.



St John's Auction – Deal or No Deal?

Mark your calendar for March 20, 2010 for a night of casino fun with a few surprises. More information to follow on the fantastic raffle prizes for this year.

**GRACE Website with Opportunity for
Feedback and Questions**

As of Catholic Schools Week, the GRACE website established an email section for our school parents, parishioners and community members to email feedback and questions about the GRACE collaboration. Please go to 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.

Are you Brave Enough to Take the Plunge?
Students from St. Johns Parish (grade 7-12) will be participating in The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics on February 26. If you are interesting in joining the fun visit the parish webpage www.sjbh.org and click on youth ministry for more information and to print permission slips and a pledge form.



"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 webpage for more information including registration forms, or contact Rebecca in the parish office.



**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 Johns the Baptist" for young adult information!

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 or email rtappen@sjbh.org

ATTENTION TV VIEWERS!

Be watching for the GRACE School System commercials throughout the coming days and weeks. WLUK Fox 11 will be televising 30 second spots featuring three of SJB School's students- Will O'Shaughnessy, Jonathan Koby, Maria Sausen- and Mrs. Polacek, our office manager. NBC26 will be televising 15 second vignettes sponsored by GRACE during the Winter Olympics.

FIRESIDE DINNER THEATRE 2010

We still have bus seats available for the Wednesday, March 17, 2010 Fireside Dinner Theatre to see “Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”. Cost is \$83.00. Bus leaves Nativity at 7:00 AM and returns between 6:30 & 7:30 PM. Enjoy a fabulous meal and show. Makes a great gift certificate! Call Mary Mullin at 494-6438 or the Nativity Parish Office at 499-5156.

Let the visitor be received as Christ!

The Rule of St. Benedict reminds us: Let the visitor be received as Christ. The Diocesan initiative – **Catholics Come Home** – dovetails beautifully with Lent. The potential for healed relationships, deepened faith and a more fully alive and active parish is awesome.

If we keep Benedict's advice in mind, we will want to yield a seat, move over to make room, introduce ourselves, ask a name, thank folks for being with us, give the example of arriving on time, praying with a full heart and voice, and reverencing Christ and the community by staying till worship is finished. People who return to the church often cite hospitality and reverence as something they have been missing!

We will have some substantial ways to follow up our Ash Wednesday gatherings. If folks do "come home" and aren't received well, the experience could further disappoint or even alienate them. Each one of us has a significant part to play! If we expect visitors to our homes, we prepare. If we expect visitors to the parish, we prepare our hearts. Let's take this to prayer during this week and a half before Ash Wednesday!

We have been preparing for Fr. Jim Nielsen and the Parish Mission starting the weekend of Feb. 20th and 21st. It will continue that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15. We strongly encourage you to attend the weekend and all three evenings.

Fr. Jim's Presentation will highlight the power of the Cross. Jesus faced the strongest of temptations and the deepest entrenchment of sin.

His victory promises us victory as well. The images are strong and the hope tangible.

A mission is a series of presentations (this one using a lot of visual as well as words) around a common theme designed to encourage a fresh way of thinking and living. We have asked all groups in the parish not to meet during this time so that all people have a chance to be at the mission.

Next Sunday, **St. Catherine's bookshop** will be bringing a wide variety of books for the Lenten Season. Come early or stay late so that you will have time to find something to enrich your faith life. We will also have the wondrous gift of daily meditations written by parishioners and following the daily scriptural readings.

Finally, can I add my strongest encouragement to consider the men's and women's **Christ Renews His Parish?** These weekends are held right here. They are so respectful of where each person is and so helpful. To hear real men and women connecting their faith with their lives is incredibly helpful to all who attend. Any investment that we make in our spirituality and practical skills will bear huge benefits for our families, our marriages, and our lives. Register soon. Both men's and women's weekend have a few places left.

So often, people view faith as something not too practical and rather other worldly. The opposite is true. Catholics Come Home, the Mission, Christ renews His Parish and the helps for Lent are faithful to Jesus. Like a seed sown in a field, like yeast in bread, we are embedded in the world to make a difference.

Fr. John

Liturgical Ministries

The complete schedule is online at www.sjbh.org/parishcal.html

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Mass Ushers	Musicians
Feb-13 4:30 Saturday	Brian Mc Kean Francis Neis Lois O'Neil Lynn Mc Kean Mary Jo Romenesko Peggy Neis Sara Zittlow Wendy Hopp	John O'Neil Patricia White	Andrew Zittlow Peter Gaura	Ben Malone Ed Lukowitz LaVerne Ruhland Marilyn Bardwell Richard Malone Zachary Chambers	Children's Choir
Feb-14 8:00 Sunday	Carol Gagan Diane Stepien Eugene Gullickson Jacalyn Amschler Michelle Stratman Robert Buss Rose Ault Steven Pamperin	Dale Phillips Larry Solway	Eric Stratman Jacob Stratman	Alvin Gerczak Bernard Karls John Gerczak Ralph Klasen Randall Gerczak Richard Boyer	Kim, Chris & Paul
Feb-14 10:00 Sunday	David Bjorkman Gary Ronsman Laura Garland Lori Gezella Marilyn Johnson Roseann Raupp Sally Ronsman Terence Raupp	Laura Garland Mark Kohls	Cassandra Schultz Sean-Michael Swick	Charles Johnson Craig Gezella Edward Casleton Gene Luedke John Plumb Thomas Gitter	Haley, Karen and Youth Group