

BLESSED SACRAMENT *Parish*

February 7, 2010
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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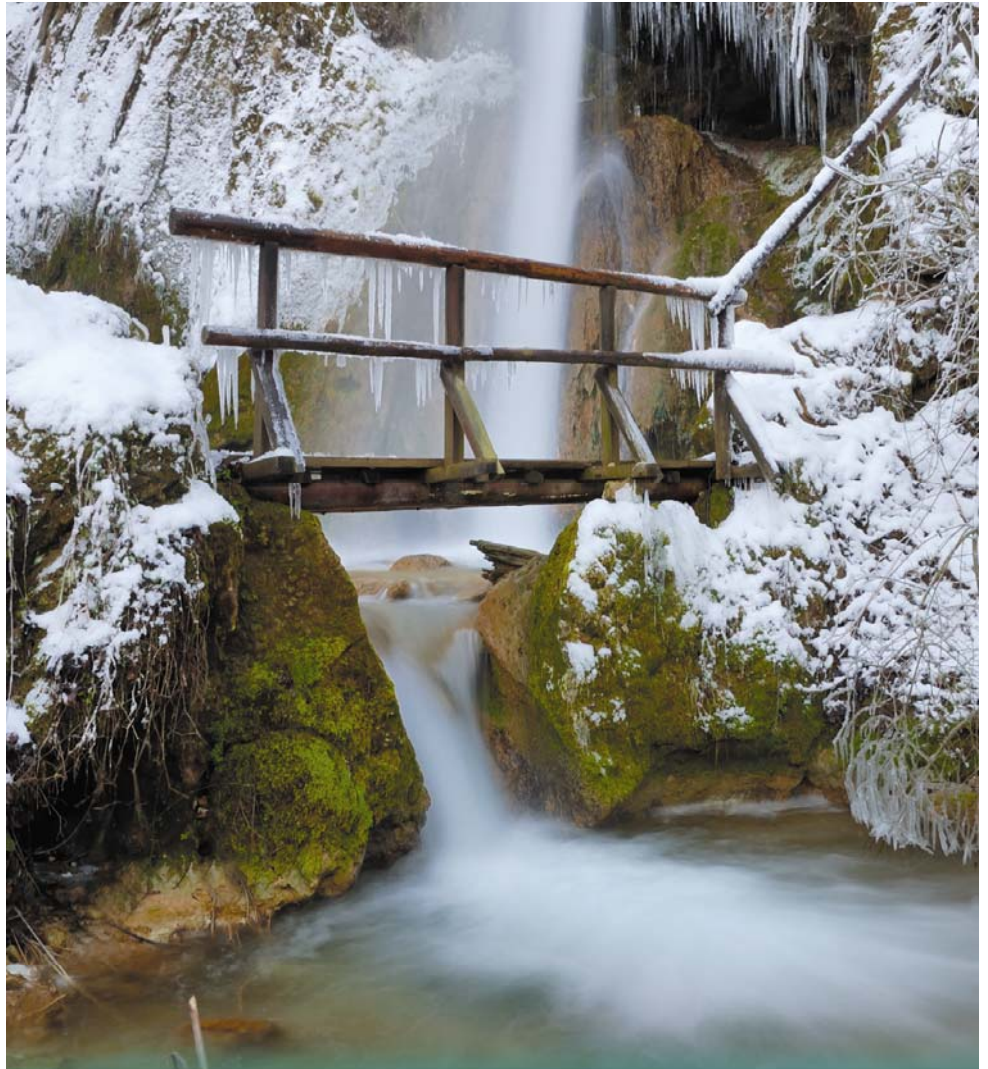
MISSION STATEMENT

Mission Statement: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish communicates the Word of God and its message of salvation through preaching, education and the promotion of peace and justice. This mission of evangelization, which entails forming ourselves in belief, sharing that belief and transforming the world around us, is achieved in the context of the Dominican tradition and its emphasis on the four pillars of celebrating God's presence through prayer, building up the Body of Christ through community life, serving God's people through ministry, and forming ourselves in Catholic Christian tradition through life-long study.



VISION STATEMENT

As a vibrant faith community. Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish shall seek to involve all parishioners in the mission of evangelization.



Astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." — Lk 5:9-10

Pastor's Letter

I'm slowly recovering from being out at the confirmation retreat until 3:00 AM last weekend! I have the energy to stay up late but I now pay for it the next day in contrast when I was in college playing poker until 5 AM. Thanks go out to our presenters, student leaders, chaperones and other volunteers who helped Melanie Ahern put on an inspiring and intense retreat. Special thanks go out to Fr. Matt Strabala, O.P., a good friend from Albuquerque, who came in to help with the retreat.

Next week the second collection is for Retired Religious. This collection helps to provide for the retirement needs of religious including Dominican women and men who have served at the parish since 1922. As you may know, religious working in the parish or school took little if no salary and so often relied on the generosity of people to bring over food and drink. Back in the good old days—there was no tuition for the school—in part because there was so little personnel cost because of the sisters in the classroom. Although this strong commitment to the Church was a great act of charity on the part of religious, in the long run, it placed many religious communities in a financial predicament as the cost of living kept rising and religious had little in savings. Currently, half of our Dominican Province of men are over 65. The average age for our Sinsinawa sisters is even higher. Most retirement funds of communities are significantly underfunded. Many communities have sold off their land assets to help. Even today with salaries, it is hard for current religious to save because of generally low salaries. As a senior pastor, I would probably make four times as much in salary and benefits if I were a senior pastor in a comparable mainline Protestant congregation. This national collection helps to defray the cost for religious that resulted from under-compensation for so many decades. Thank you for your generosity that will help these men and women who committed their lives to Christ and service of his Church. Extra envelopes are in the pamphlet racks at the back of Church.

Speaking of commitment, last week in my pastor's letter I mentioned that I would reflect more thoroughly on our Lenten theme of commitment. In contemporary society, we often view commitment from a contractual perspective. Contracts are agreements between parties that can be broken either mutually or unilaterally.

For example, in society, many people enter into marriage thinking—well if this does not work out—we can always get divorced. This is a contractual notion. The Church on the other hand understands our commitments in a covenantal manner. A covenant involves a relationship that has contractual elements but is deeper because of the presence of God in the relationship. Thus, marriage involves a covenantal agreement between the couple as well as God. The marriage covenant mimics the covenant that God has with the Israel, that Christ has with the Church. God remained and remains faithful to the people of Israel regardless of their actions (falling into idolatry, etc.). Christ remains in covenant with the Church despite the sinful actions of the members of the Church. Christian marriage reflects this covenantal and therefore indissoluble notion of commitment. One cannot authentically enter into Christian marriage if one thinks—well if this doesn't work out, we can always get a divorce.

Beginning next weekend and moving through the first several weeks of Lent, Fr. Ron and I will be focusing on this broader notion of commitment in our lives and especially how we commit to Christ, the Church and the parish during Lent and beyond. This will be like a parish mission but instead of doing four nights in a row, we will do four weekends in a row. In particular, we will focus on three different types of commitment in our lives of faith those that arise out of passion, obligation and conviction. This weekend in the bulletin is an insert with a calendar with the activities of the parish during Lent that you will have an opportunity to commit to along with a description of the activities on the back.

However, before our Lenten penances begin, remember to come out for the world famous Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the School's Athletic Committee. Not only is the food great but you get to see many current and past parishioners who still come back for the outing! So stock up on the pasta carbs and the wonderful desserts before Ash Wednesday.

Finally, weather permitting, I will be in St. Louis this week (Wednesday-Friday) for a special Provincial Council meeting of Dominicans. Unfortunately, temps are only supposed to be in the mid-30s—I was hoping for 70s!

Fr. Pat

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 6

5:00 PM The Huth Family

Sunday, February 7

7:30 AM Our Parish Family

9:00 AM All Angel Tree Helpers

11:00 AM All Those Enrolled in the Parish Bible Studies

Monday, February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani

8:30 AM Mary Ellen Bullock

Tuesday, February 9 - Bl. Marianus Scotus

7:00 AM

8:30 AM Jeanne Loechner

Wednesday, February 10 - St. Scholastica

7:00 AM John & Gladys Moran

8:30 AM Bernard & Catherine Hundt

Thursday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 AM Marilyn P. Jelich

8:30 AM Ken & Judy Japlon

Friday, February 12 - St. Saturninus

8:30 AM Rose Rabl

Saturday, February 13

8:30 AM Lucia & Jim Giorgi

5:00 PM Harold Bathum

Sunday, February 14

7:30 AM Our Parish Family

9:00 AM The Schmiedicke Family

11:00 AM Kleine Leonard

Eucharist

Monday & Friday 8:30 AM

Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Saturday 8:30 AM (Vigil 5:00 PM)

Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Parish Staff

Fr. Patrick Norris, O.P.ext. 117
Pastor

Fr. Ron Kreul, O.P.ext. 127
Parochial Vicar

Ed Emmeneggerext. 119
Pastoral Associate

Maryann Slaterext. 115
School Principal

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Director of Religious Education

Melanie Ahernext. 116
Coordinator of Youth Formation

Andy Robertsonext. 145
Maintenance Director

Mindy Wendtext. 110
Pastoral Administrative Assistant

Brad Klingeleext. 124
Young Adult Minister

Diane Jonesext. 120
Bookkeeper

Sue Nolanext. 143
Liturgy/Religious Ed/YM Assistant

Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 7 - Super Bowl		
After Mass	Coffee & Donuts (After 9 only)	FR
10:15 AM	Religious Education K-8	SCH&PC
12:00 PM	Blue & Gold Banquet	FR
1:00 PM	Young Adult Group	PC
Monday, February 8		
9:15 AM	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	PC
1:30 PM	Contemplative Prayer Group	PC
2:15 PM	Faculty Meeting	SL
3:30 PM	YoungLife Program	PC
7:00 PM	Bell Choir	BR
7:00 PM	Finance Council	PC
7:00 PM	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	FR
7:00 PM	Rosary Altar Meeting	PC
Tuesday, February 9		
9:00 AM	Rosary Altar Meeting	PC
1:00 PM	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	PC
3:00 PM	1st Grade Girl Scouts	FR
6:30 PM	Troop #16 Boy Scouts	CB
7:00 PM	Welcome Night	PC
7:30 PM	Adult Faith Formation Meeting	PC
Wednesday, February 10		
12:00 PM	Senior Meal	PC
6:00 PM	Project Girl	PC
6:30 PM	Salvation Army	PC
7:00 PM	School Committee Meeting	SL
7:30 PM	Bible Study	PC
Thursday, February 11		
9:00 AM	Rosary	CH
4:30 PM	Teachers Dinner	PC
7:00 PM	RCIA Meeting	PC
7:00 PM	Choir Practice	MR
7:00 PM	Prayer Group	SL
8:00 PM	Teen/Adult Contemporary Choir	CH
Friday, February 12		
8:55 AM	Chaplet/Divine Mercy	CH
10:00 AM	Discipleship Small Groups	PC
Saturday, February 13		
7:00 AM	Men's Group	PC
9:00 AM	Reconciliation/Holy Hour/Adoration	CH
3:00 PM	Sledding/Dinner	Park&PC
Sunday, February 14		
9:30 AM	Ad Altare Meeting	CB
10:15 AM	Religious Education K-8	SCH&PC
11:30 AM	Spaghetti Dinner	FR
1:00 PM	Young Adult Group	PC
3:30 PM	Troop #16 Committee Meeting	CB
6:30 PM	HS Religious Education	BDR

Church Basement-CB • Church-CH • School-SCH
 Parish Center-PC • Friary-FR • Music Room-MR
 School Library-SL • Bell Room-BR
 Church Basement Band Room • BDR

Contacts

Parish Office.....	(608) 238-3471
Parish Office Hours	
Mon-Fri	9:00 AM-12 noon & 1:00-4:00 PM
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(add Fr to beginning of first name for Priest)	
Parish Website	www.bbsacrament.org
School	(608) 233-6155
Priory.....	(608) 238-3472

Young Adult Ministry



Emmaus: Connect. Grow. Serve. A ministry for graduates, young professionals, engaged and very young families, and those who are 18-35yrs old. To contact Brad: brad@bbsacrament.org, 238-3471, x 124.

Service & Social Events - We voted on our February service and social events by email after the printing of this bulletin. Sign up for our weekly alert: bklinge@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry



IT'S TRUE!! THE TEEN MASS AT BSP IS WAY COOL! - What do you get when you combine teens, parishioners, the redhead priest, and a contemporary choir? The most rad mass in Madison, of course! The next teen mass is scheduled for Sunday, February 21st at 5:00 PM. Lianna Schmidt, senior at Edgewood High School, will give a reflection about the readings and how they relate to her life/the lives of teens after communion. Don't forget to stay for dinner following mass.

J-Walking - Do you have a passion for justice? Do you like to express your passion in concrete acts of social ministry? Do you want to expand the work of social ministry in teen faith communities? Join J-Walking! J-Walking is short for Justice Walking. We will do direct service, discuss issues with local service agencies, speak with those afflicted by urban poverty and continue their exploration of social justice issues through critical reflection. We will be serving at the following sites this Winter & Spring...

MONTHLY SERVICE SITES

- Salvation Army (playing with kids) — Wednesday nights – 6:30 to 8:30 PM.
- Multicultural Center (babysitting) – Thursday nights – 5:30 to 7:30 PM.
- Port St. Vincent (dinner with residents)–4th Tuesday of the Month–4:45 to 7:15 PM.
- St. Vincent's Food Pantry (stocking shelves, hosting shopping) – 1st & 2nd Thursdays from 3:45 to 6:30 PM.

For more details or to sign-up for any of the service sites, contact Melanie at 238-3471 x-116.

YOUTH 2000 - Youth 2000 is an "international spiritual initiative" born out of Pope John Paul II's 1989 call for a decade of evangelization. The retreat seeks to bring youth closer to God through the celebration of mass, testimonies, talks, music, Eucharistic adoration. Youth 2000 will be held February 26-28 at the Bishop O'Connor Center. Space is limited. For more information, please contact Melanie or check out the Youth 2000 website (www.youth2000usa.org).

If You Are in 6th, 7th, or 8th Grade, Keep Reading... - On Friday, February 19th from 7:00 to 9:30 PM, join teens from local youth ministries in a night of fun at the Bishop O'Conner Center. There will be an open gym, swimming, karaoke, video games and more. Teens must pre-register for the event. See Melanie for details or to sign-up.

Right On! Spend Time with Fr. Ron! - High School Religious Education Class Starting... Join Fr. Ron Kreul, O.P. for The Universal Truths of the Bible on February 14th & 21st at 6:30 PM in the Church Basement – Band Room.

It's not too late to register for high school religious education. Contact Melanie or download a registration form from the parish website!

YOUTH MINISTRY SAVE THE DATES:

- Sledding at Shorewood – Saturday, February 13th
- Up: Movie Party – Saturday, February 20th

Teen Confirmation – Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 4:00 PM – Immaculate Heart Parish in Monona, WI.

Religious Education - Elementary Level



There are Religious Education Classes for Kindergarten- Grade 6 in the school and Parish Center from 10:15-11:30 AM on Sundays, February 7th, 14th, 21st. Thank you for your wonderful attendance.

Retreat Opportunities

Men and Women's Retreat - Every year a group of parishioners venture up to the Monte Alverno Retreat House in Appleton, WI for reflection, pray, and rest. This year's retreat theme will be, "When the Going Gets Tough: Franciscan Helps for the Journey." We will arrive at the Capuchin retreat house between 7 and 8 PM on Friday, February 26th and leave after the noon meal on Sunday, February 28th. There is a suggested offering, but the policy is that you pay what you can. Go online to www.montealverno.org to view the facility and other information. If you are interested, please call Marcella Claridge at 238-3979. We will have a carpool available.

Men's Retreat - Any and all men are invited to attend our annual "silent" retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House, situated on several beautiful acres on the shore of Lake Winnebago near Oshkosh, WI. The retreat begins Feb. 18 with dinner at 7:15 PM and ends Sunday after lunch. Over 30 men from the Madison area including from Blessed Sacrament have already signed up. Car pooling is available. Although there is a suggested donation to cover the costs of the retreat, the \$40 registration fee is the only required cost. For more information contact Pete Cavi at 271-5405 or Stuart Herro, 255-2020.

Blessed Sacrament WOMEN'S RETREAT - Join us on March 6th starting with Mass at 8:30 AM. The day will end around 4:00 PM. Please join us for a day of connecting and reconnecting with God, self and others: a leisurely day of remembering our strengths and nurturing our souls. Come and inspire each other, reflect in prayer, meditate the Labyrinth, mindfully (playfully) collage, celebrate life and honor our journeys. All women are welcome. Annette Cleary will facilitate the day. Registration will be on the weekends of February 21st and 28th.

Scout Sunday

This year marks the 100th anniversary of scouting. Blessed Sacrament scouting began in 1930 and has served thousands of scouts during the last 80 years. Scouting places a heavy emphasis on activities and leadership training. Activities include the Pinewood Derby, summer camp, outdoor hikes, and community service projects. Leadership training occurs through merit badges and rank advancement, e.g. over 50 became Eagle Scouts.

Scouting is fun with a purpose. Its activities are geared towards helping our children grow into mature young adults. For example, older Boy Scouts sell Christmas wreaths in order to help fund their boy-led high adventure outings to such places as the Boundary Waters, sailing off the Florida Keys, or hiking at Philmont Ranch, New Mexico.

This Sunday the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will join in celebrating Scout Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass. We are very proud of our scouts and believe that scouting makes a difference in the lives of our young people. It is interesting to note that while one in four in the U. S. becomes a scout, of the leaders of this nation in business, religion and politics, three of four were Scouts. For more information on joining Blessed Sacrament scouting, please contact Chris Thorn at 236-0407 or e-mail Chris at cathorn@wisc.edu, or just "ask a scout" for more information.

New Parishioners - Tuesday, February 9, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center, we will welcome all who have expressed interest in our parish community. If you know of someone who would like to join our parish, tell them about our **Welcome Evening** or, better yet, offer to accompany them. If you plan to attend, please call and let us know, 238-3471.

Blessed Sacrament Spaghetti Dinner - Join us on Sunday, February 14th for the 25th annual Blessed Sacrament Spaghetti dinner. We will once again be serving our fabulous "made from scratch" sauce with your choice of meatballs, sausage, or both! Dinner also includes salad, bread and a beverage. Beer and wine will be available to purchase, as well as delicious gourmet desserts. We will be serving from 11:30 AM until 6:30 PM in the Friary. Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Ages 5-12 for advance sales and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from any BSS student athlete or from the school office. Proceeds benefit youth sports, gym maintenance and scholarships. Come have a romantic Valentine's Day meal with your family!



Eucharistic Adoration-Benediction

Saturday Holy Hour 9:00-10:00 AM

Rosary

Thursdays after 8:30 AM Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays following 8:30 AM Mass or by request and thru scheduled appointment with priests. Seasonal communal rites

Infant Baptism

Expectant parents are encouraged to contact Ed Emmenegger at 238-3471, ext. 119.

Marriage

Initiate preparation program at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 1:00 pm. Please submit by e-mail, fax or copy.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Process for adults interested in preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please contact Ed Emmenegger at 238-3471, ext. 119.

Homebound

Call Ed Emmenegger at 238-3471, ext. 119 to arrange for Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

Parish Membership

Please contact the parish office for information on becoming a member.

Soldiers Prayer List

Jason Nichols & Joshua Nichols - Family friends of the John McDermott family, serving in Iraq
Kyle Cumbier - Family friend of the Rita Harrington family, serving in Iraq for a second time

Please keep them and all people affected by war in your prayers.

Administration

Week Ending January 31, 2010

Envelopes\$9,792
Offertery\$384
Totals\$10,176

Fiscal Year July 1, 2009-January 31, 2010

Envelopes\$520,506
Offertery\$12,423
Totals\$532,929

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 13 at 5:00 PM

Lectors Sean McNally & Kevin Smith
Gifts Jan McNally
Sound Board Kaitlyn McNally
Servers Jack McNally & Dominic Silveira
EMs Kyle & Julie Rentmeester, Jerry & Madonna Scullion & Meg Meyer

Sunday, February 14 at 7:30 AM

Lectors Sara Jimenez & Monica Oboagwina
Gifts Jane Clark
Servers Reilly Gierhart & Mimi McMurray
EMs Elaine Lindauer, Jane McMurray, Mary Warfield, Mickey Chitwood & Tim Chisholm

Sunday, February 14 at 9:00 AM

Lectors Heidi & Katie Lucarelli
Gifts Anne LeGare
Sound Board Ben Lucarelli
Servers Sophie Held & Becca Lucarelli
EMs Mark Lucarelli, Eric Domyan, Don Haasl, Paul Higgins, Sarah Wanish, Nicholas Haun & Jenny Bernhardt

Sunday, February 14 at 11:00 AM

Lectors Mary Ellen Rodriguez & Ben Weisse
Gifts Kevin Thomas
Sound Board Kristen Semrow
Servers Allie Semrow & Alex Thomas
Ems Viet Quoc Hoang, Marie Semrow, Frank Byrne, Connie Weisse, Sarah Morgan, Michelle Affatati & Pat Cranley



The February Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be next weekend. Please mark your calendars for February 13-14. Thank you for the sacrifices you make to help feed and meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, February 7

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/
Lk 5:1-11

Monday, February 8

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 9

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 10

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 11

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 12

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 13

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday, February 14

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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Parish News and Events

An investment with a <<BIG>> pay off:

Stock in Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips - The teens of Catholic Heart Work Camp & Next Ministries will be selling stock in the summer mission trips to St. Louis, Missouri and Crown Point, New Mexico. Stock is \$25.00 per option. Teens will provide all stock holders a return on their investment in August 2010 with a dinner and presentation about the mission trips.

If you would like to purchase stock, please see a teen after a weekend masses or contact Melanie at 238.3471 x-116.

Laughter and "Latte" Mardis Gras -

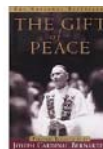
Celebrate, relax, laugh! All women are invited to Pasqual's (2534 Monroe St.) on Monday, February 15, 5-9 PM. Stop in or stay awhile, enjoy 1/2 price margaritas and dinner if you please. Contact Michelle Horton with questions, 231-0201.

Rosary Altar Meeting - February 8th at 7:00 PM and February 9th at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center. Pick a time and come join the discussion on Future Events, Trash & Treasure and the 2010 Art Fair & Bazaar. Everyone is welcome.

Men's Club - Come join us at 7 AM in the Parish Center the second Saturday of each month for coffee and fellowship. This group is a great way to connect with the parish and to explore what it means to be a Christian at work, at home, and in your community. If you have any questions, contact Mark Landgraf at 250-1993, Pete Cavi at 271-5405, or Tim O'Shea at 238-4915.

Our Lenten Book club selection: The Gift of Peace by:

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. The late Cardinal of Chicago completed this book during the last few months of his life. He writes about his personal struggles during his final three years including his own imminent death from pancreatic cancer as a true lesson of the cross. A very moving last testament, written with simplicity and deep wisdom. The cost of the book is \$13. The books will be available after Masses the weekends of February 7th and 14th. We will be discussing the book on Sunday, March 21st at 7:00 PM in the Assembly Hall. If you have any questions please contact Amy Kothe at 301-9878.



Diocesan Annual Appeal

DIOCESE OF MADISON - 2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A MAILING FROM BISHOP MORLINO

Last year, the Diocese of Madison implemented a diocesan annual appeal. It was noted at that time that most dioceses in the country are funded by a combination of diocesan taxes based on parish income, investment income and the contributions received in diocesan annual appeals.

As was the case last year, Bishop Morlino has maintained the decrease in overall parish taxes first granted in 2009. That reduction equaled approximately \$1 million. Also, this year the diocese has cut the funds needed from the Annual Catholic Appeal by nearly \$1 million.

The result is that the budget for the diocesan portion of the Annual Catholic Appeal has been lowered to \$2.7 million. The overall goal of the Appeal is \$3.43 million.

During last year's campaign, parish, school and Catholic Charities leaders told the Bishop of their concerns that funds were not available for local catholic schools, religious education programs, distressed parishes and that more funds were not available for the work of Catholic Charities. As a result, once the diocesan need of \$2.7 million is met, the next \$730,000 will be made available to help with these special priorities.

Recently, all registered parishioners received a mailing about the Annual Catholic Appeal from Bishop Morlino. We strongly encourage each of you to read the Bishop's letter and study the brochure that will accompany it. It fully describes the allocations mentioned above. Last week we also provided you with results of last year's Appeal.

Once you have read the brochure, prayerfully consider the uses of the Appeal funds. Using the pledge form and reply envelope in the mailing, please make a generous pledge to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal as a sign of your gratitude to God for the gifts that He has given to you.

The theme of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal is: "Bear fruit in the future" (Luke 13:9). Your gift is an investment in cultivating God's kingdom of heaven here on earth now and in the future. Please give generously.