

BLESSED SACRAMENT *Parish*

January 17, 2010
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MISSION STATEMENT

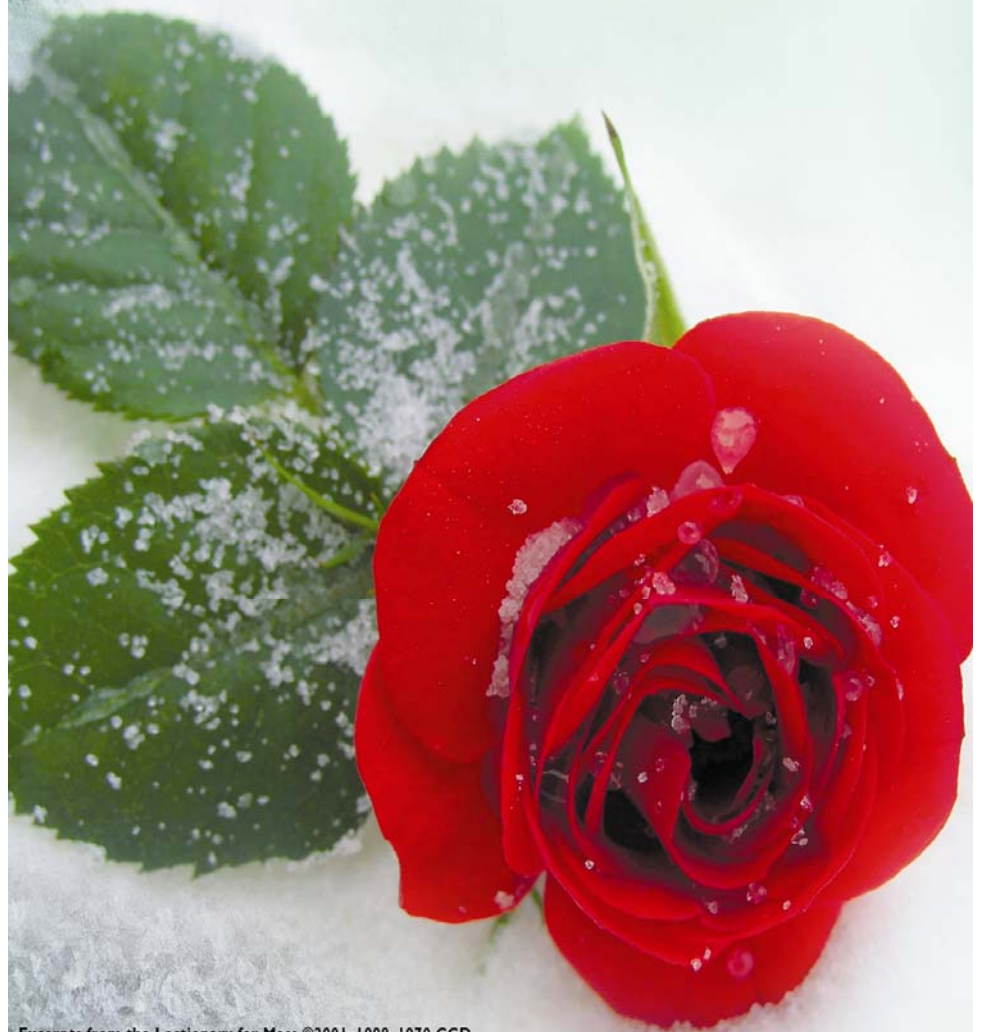
Mission Statement: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish communicates the Word of God and its message of salvation through preaching, education and the promotion of peace and justice. This mission of evangelization, which entails forming ourselves in belief, sharing that belief and transforming the world 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.

*“E*veryone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. — Jn 2:10-11



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Pastor's Letter

This weekend I will be preaching at all the Masses about our offertory commitment in the parish. Please note, that you may also be receiving some information from the Diocese about their own appeal. However, for a variety of reasons, I am delaying that in-Mass appeal until during the Lenten season. Therefore, this upcoming week you will receive a mailing from the parish that will include a financial brochure as well as information about electronic giving (either updating the form or signing up for such giving). Although some pastors do not like talking about finances (others talk too much about finances), I see it as just one aspect of the preaching mission of a pastor—to call to mind our financial commitment to our community of faith. Although the brochure is fairly self-explanatory, the section on the weekly giving in the parish is quite instructive. We have a little over 940 households in our parish and 303 households give less than \$1/week (most of those who give nothing). This number may be slightly exaggerated because those who do not use envelopes or electronic giving and just put cash in the collection basket are not accounted for in our calculations. Of course, some of those households represent people who maintain a connection with Blessed Sacrament even though they have moved far from the parish and now attend and contribute to another city parish. But, for sentimental reasons, they desire to remain registered here and often times come back to the parish for weddings, funerals or baptisms. Blessed Sacrament is still in some ways home for them. Sometimes the households represent people who have moved out of town but because they never received envelopes, we do not realize that they have moved out of town yet remain on our books. Still others are struggling financially and maybe can only afford \$1/week. Nevertheless, even after accounting for all of these people, it means that there are a lot of people disengaged from parish life. Like other Catholic parishes, we know this from the pews on Sunday. Regular Church attendance hovers around 25% nationwide. We are doing better at Blessed Sacrament (approximately 40% after taking into account our homebound population who are a vital part of our community through their prayers but cannot attend Mass).

This week I will ask you to consider

how the Lord has blessed you and how you are called to return that blessing to the Lord through your offertory commitment. However, I would also ask you to consider how the Lord has blessed you with the gift of faith and how you can share that gift with those people who are not fully engaged in the life of our community. Unlike me, who may not have easy access to these people or households, I suspect that for every disengaged household, there is one of you who is reading this bulletin right now (I'm hoping not during my homily!!!), who has a connection to that household. I am confident that through your goodness and your faith you can help that person or family to become more involved and to recommit to life in the parish. I am not talking about any type of self-righteous finger pointing. Rather, moved by the experience of the Holy Spirit, you can testify to what the parish or the Church means to you. You can utter the words of Jesus—come and see! “Come and see what has nourished me.”

Perhaps you may feel awkward about this. Maybe you feel you don't know enough about your faith. On the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas on January 28th, Brad Klingele, our young adult minister will talk about how we can more easily engage people from within and from outside Catholicism. See this bulletin for more details. Or maybe the person or household you are talking to is reluctant to come to Mass. Then you could invite the person to participate in our *Connections* program this Lent. For those of you who are new to the parish, the program involves small faith sharing groups that gather each week during the weeks of Lent to pray and reflect about the Sunday readings. This is a perfect opportunity for people struggling with their faith to reflect more deeply on their spiritual lives (again see this week's bulletin for information for signing up for this popular spiritual exercise).

So this week, I would ask you to read carefully the brochure and other information that will be mailed as we prepare to do our offertory commitment Sunday next week. However, I would also ask you to give serious consideration as to how you can help people recommit to the life of faith by sharing your story of how the parish and/or Church has nourished you. Thank you for doing this.

Fr. Pat

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, January 16**
 - 8:30 AM Tom & Marcella Claridge
 - 5:00 PM Francis Reale
- Sunday, January 17**
 - 7:30 AM William P. Huth
 - 9:00 AM Joe Gower
 - 11:00 AM Joan Kilduff
 - 5:00 PM Our Parish Family
- Monday, January 18 - St. Volusian**
 - 8:30 AM Ann Claridge
- Tuesday, January 19 - St. Canute**
 - 7:00 AM Our Parish Family
 - 8:30 AM Arthur DuBois
- Wednesday, January 20 - St. Sebastian**
 - 7:00 AM
 - 8:30 AM Eileen Ryan
- Thursday, January 21 - St. Agnes**
 - 7:00 AM
 - 8:30 AM Nicholas Favacchio
- Friday, January 22 - St. Vincent of Saragossa**
 - 8:30 AM Monica Claridge
- Saturday, January 23**
 - 8:30 AM Gladys & John Moran
 - 5:00 PM William P. Huth
- Sunday, January 24**
 - 7:30 AM Our Parish Family
 - 9:00 AM Al Krueger
 - 11:00 AM Ed Burdulis

Eucharist

- Monday & Friday8:30 AM
- Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 & 8:30 AM
- Saturday 8:30 AM (Vigil 5:00 PM)
- Sunday7:30, 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
- Kitty Maasext. 138
Director of Music and Liturgy
- Sr. Therese Rekowski, SSNDext. 118
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Coordinator of Youth Formation
- Andy Robertsonext. 145
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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, January 17

After Mass	Coffee & Donuts (After 9 & 11)	FR
9:45 AM	Ad Altare Dei Meeting	CB
10:15 AM	K-8 Religious Education	SCH&PC
1:00 PM	Young Adult Group	PC
5:00 PM	Youth Mass & Social	CH&FR
6:30 PM	High School Basic Rel. Ed.	CB
6:30 PM	Confirmation Session	FR
7:00 PM	Youth Ministry Open Gym	GYM

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King Day - NO School

9:15 AM	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	PC
2:15 PM	Den Meeting	FR
7:00 PM	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	FR
7:00 PM	RCIA Meeting	PC
7:00 PM	Bell Choir	BR

Tuesday, January 19

1:00 PM	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	PC
3:30 PM	Wolf Cub Meeting	FR
6:30 PM	JustFaith Meeting	PC
6:30 PM	Troop #16 Boy Scouts	CB
7:30 PM	Spiritual Life Meeting	PC

Wednesday, January 20

12:00 PM	Senior Meal	PC
2:00 PM	Winter Band Concert	CB
3:30 PM	Brownies	FR
6:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul	PC
6:30 PM	Winter Band Concert	CB
7:30 PM	Little Rock Bible Study	PC

Thursday, January 21

9:00 AM	Rosary	CH
2:30 PM	Scrip Pick-up	PC
6:45 PM	Young Adult Group	PC
7:00 PM	Choir Practice	MR
7:00 PM	Prayer Group	SL
7:30 PM	Pack #16 Cub Scout Leaders	PC
8:00 PM	Teen/Adult Contemporary Choir	CH

Friday, January 22

8:55 AM	Chaplet/Divine Mercy	CH
7:00 PM	AFF Movie Night	CB

Saturday, January 23

8:00 AM	Web Team Meeting	PC
9:00 AM	Reconciliation/Holy Hour/Adoration	CH
3:00 PM	Destination Imagination	CB

Sunday, January 24

After Mass	Coffee & Donuts (After 9 & 11)	FR
After Mass	Community Meal Drop-off	FR
9:45 AM	Ad Altare Dei Meeting	CB
10:15 AM	K-8 Religious Education	SCH&PC
12:00 PM	Pinewood Derby Cut-In	FR
1:00 PM	Young Adult Group	PC
6:30 PM	High School Basic Rel. Ed.	FR
7:00 PM	Ministry Training	CB

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

Contacts

Parish Office.....	(608) 238-3471
Parish Office Hours	
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Parish Website	www.blsacrament.org
School	(608) 233-6155
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Youth Ministry

TO SAVE A LIFE Movie Premiere in Madison

Join Next Step Ministries and Youth Ministry at BSP for the premiere of *To Save A Life*. This powerful indie movie is about the real life challenges of teens and their choices. Teens, adults, families are welcome to join us!

Date: Friday January 22nd

Time: Pizza Buffet at 5:00 PM (optional); movie at 6:40 PM

Place: Pizza Oven West (Gammon Road) and Marcus Point Cinema (Big Sky Drive)

Cost: \$15 (\$9 movie ticket; \$6 all you can eat pizza and soda)

RSVP: Melanie (to pre-purchase tickets—tickets will be available the night of the event, too)

J-Walking - 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.

SPECIAL SERVICE SITE

Habitat for Humanity – Saturday, January 23rd – 8:30 to 11:30 AM. Baking desserts and decorating for their annual fundraiser.
 For more details or to sign-up for any of the service sites, contact Melanie at 238-3471 x-116.

Splish & Splash at Kalahari Water Park - On Saturday, January 23rd from 1:00 to 8:00 PM, join teens from local youth ministries in for an afternoon of fun at Kalahari Water Park in the Wisconsin Dells. Stand up surf or boogie board! Hang out in the indoor wave pool or lazy river! The cost of the trip is \$40 (transportation, admission to the park). Space is limited to 30 teens. *Sign-up with Melanie by Wednesday, January 13th.*

YOUTH MINISTRY SAVE THE DATES:

- Teen Confirmation Retreat – January 30/31– Bishop O'Connor Center
 - Sledding at Shorewood – Saturday, February 13th
 - Up: Movie Party – TBA in February
 - Middle School Lock-in – Friday, February 19th – Bishop O'Connor Center
- Teen Confirmation – Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 4:00 PM – Immaculate Heart Parish in Monona.

Parish Offertory

Please take time this week to study the brochure about parish finances and offertory giving which you will receive in the mail. Next weekend, during Mass, you will receive a commitment card and will be asked to indicate your weekly commitment. Regardless of whether you give monthly, quarterly, etc., please be ready to indicate the amount that your gifts represent on a weekly basis. If you have not used Church envelopes, checks or electronic giving in the past—we ask you to do so if possible in order to allow us to send you an end of the year statement for your tax purposes. Please make a conscious effort to examine your spending priorities this week. Thank you for your generosity.

School News

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!

There is no school on Monday, January 18.

Pastoral Care

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY – GROUP MEETINGS AVAILABLE

Three or four times a year, the Westside Catholic Parishes offer anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one recently to participate in a 6-week series of meetings. The one coming up is at St. Bernard in Middleton, and will take place on Wednesday mornings, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, from February 3 – March 10.

Many have found comfort and strength from this journey through grief and loss to healing and new life. If this is the right time for you, call Ed Emmenegger at our Parish Center, or Sister Anna at St. Bernard, 831-6531, for information and a registration form. Registration must be complete by January 29.

Music Ministry

Calling All Liturgical Ministers!! Mark your calendars for January 24th at 7 PM for the All Ministry Renewal and Training evening. Pat Gorman of the Diocesan Office of Worship will lead the whole group session, and will also present a Diocesan Training for Extraordinary Ministers during the break out session. All extraordinary ministers will need to be in attendance, or attend another training session elsewhere. Gift Bearers are not expected at this training, but all other ministers should plan to attend, including servers. If you have questions call or email Kitty Maas: 608-238-3471 x 138, kitty@bbsacrament.org.

Cantors and Other Musicians of the Parish: if you have a choir hymnal at home that you once used but no longer need, or had inadvertently borrowed and didn't know where to put or when to bring back, now is your chance! We are in serious need of these books. If you have one and wish to keep it because you were a long standing choir member or cantor, please just call me and let me know. All other books need to be turned back in as we have run out and our funeral choir and other regular members need them. Many thanks in advance – Kitty Maas

Religious Education - Elementary Level



There are Religious Education Classes for Kindergarten- Grade 6 on Sundays, January 17th and 24th in the school and Parish Center from 10:15-11:30 AM. NO Religious Education Classes on Sunday, January 31st.

1st Eucharist Program, the 2nd Graders in the school will receive their Golden Books on Wednesday, January 13th and the Religious Education and Edgewood second graders will receive their Golden Books on Sunday, January 17th.

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.

Mom's Wednesday (all ages) - Wednesday mom's play & faith sharing group near church, 9:30 - 11 AM. Contact Peggy at 215-4754 or writermom67@gmail.com, or Kathryn at 347-7641 or kmlwpea@gmail.com.

Drop in First & Third Thursdays - Dine. Discuss. Dialogue. Join us in the Parish Center on Hollister for one or two or all three!

- **Dine** 5:45-6:45 PM (\$4 per adult, \$10 for families) email or call Brad by 11 AM Thursday.
- **Discuss** the upcoming Sunday readings -we'll make small groups on the spot.
- **Dialogue** Join our young adult ministry coordinator Brad Klingele for an impromptu exploration of all things theological- you provide the questions. *Children welcome to hang with us. Childcare provided!!* Starts up again January 21.

Discipleship Sundays (18-35) Sundays 12:35-2 PM, Nov. 15- Feb. 28

Interested in growing as a disciple? Willing to commit to weekly attendance, and 20 minutes of daily prayer with Scripture? We have started an intensive small group Nov. 15 - Feb. 28. Lunch, learn different ways to pray, reflect on Scripture, read from great spiritual authors from our 2,000 year tradition, learn a bit of theology, and generally try to grow as disciples of Jesus. Contact Brad for more information.

Emmaus Social Events - Join us Sunday for coffee & doughnuts after the 9 & 11 AM Mass!

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
- Cory Wendt** - Nephew of Mindy Wendt, serving in Iraq for a second time
- Micah Lillegard** - Family friend of the Slater 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 10, 2010

Envelopes	\$25,177
Offerory	\$160
Totals	\$25,337

Fiscal Year July 1, 2009-January 10, 2010

Envelopes	\$465,755
Offerory	\$11,371
Totals	\$477,126

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 23 at 5:00 PM

Lectors Nina Emerson & Ryan Fowler
Gifts Annie Stroud
Sound Board 1 Needed
Servers Mimi McMurray & Greta Treiber
EMs Jane & Scott McMurray, Meg Meyer, Madonna Scullion & Mickey Michuda

Sunday, January 24 at 7:30 AM

Lectors Scott Lindstrom & Tom DuBois
Gifts Cathy Kealy
Servers Grace Cooper-Herndon & Andrew Lindstrom
EMs Mary Kay Johnson, Eileen Pickett, Paul Buckalew, Monica Oboagwina & Nicholas Haun

Sunday, January 24 at 9:00 AM

Lectors Nick Kiernan & Keith Rabiola
Gifts Kathy Huber
Sound Board Craig Kettleison
Servers Miles & Charlie Morgan
EMs Sarah Morgan, Diane & David Deci, Jennifer Fenne, Rochelle Engel, Pat Cranley & Bob Bright

Sunday, January 24 at 11:00 AM

Lectors James Knapp & Cecelia Klingele
Gifts Michelle Affatati
Sound Board Colin Schmidt
Servers Jack Nolan & Graham Provencher
Ems Jean Robertson, Pat Frawley, Rita Harrington, Vincent Affatati, Lianna Schmidt, Marie Semrow & Mary Murphey



The January Collection

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection for January brought in \$989 in donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, January 17

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday, January 18

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 21

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 22

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 23

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday, January 24

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Parish News and Events

Movie Night - Join us on Friday, January 22nd at 7 PM in the Church Basement Band Room for our next movie night. We'll view and discuss the movie "My Sister's Keeper," starring Cameron Diaz, a heart-wrenching story of a family struggling to deal with their daughter's leukemia. The parents' desperate decisions raise ethical questions leaving the viewer asking "what would I do?" Come join us! Questions: Don and Jan Haasl 203-6645.

A Madisonian's Guide to Responding to Questions about your Faith - How can I respond to questions or comments about God or Jesus or the Church in a way that is respectful and compelling, without being overbearing or simplistic? We will focus on gracious ways to engage friends, co-workers, relatives, or our own children who ask questions because they are curious, confused, frustrated, or hurt. We will examine some of the downfalls of popular responses to these questions, and develop a more robust way to dialogue through the 3 R's "Reframe, Respect, and Resource" at the Thomas Aquinas talk, 7:00 PM, Thursday, January 28th in the Church. We begin with evening prayer at 7:00 PM followed by the presentation by Brad Klingele.

Connections - Join us for Connections during Lent. Connections is booklet for small groups with a weekly discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings. Please contact Brad Klingele if you are interested in helping or in participating in a group at bklingele@gmail.com or 238-3471 x 124.

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 per option. Purchasing stock not only helps the teens defray the costs of the trip, but also ensures each teen has an opportunity to live out their baptismal call to a life of service. Teens will provide all stock holders a return on their investment in August 2010 with a dinner and presentation about the mission trips. Teens attending CHWC in St. Louis will work with elderly, disabled, home-bound, teens, and impoverished children. Teens attending Next Step in Crown Point will help rebuild homes and do community outreach on the Navajo Nation. If you would like to purchase stock, please see a teen after a weekend masses or contact Melanie at 238.3471 x-116. Please invest in the teens of the parish!

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN provides a place of safety, confidentiality and support for Catholic parents, family and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender children. We choose to follow Jesus' example of inclusiveness in our love. The group will meet at 2:00 PM on Jan.24 in the Queen of Peace Church gathering space to watch a DVD on what schools can do to support LGBT students. For further information, contact Jane and Tim Geier at 270-6316 or jkgeier256@yahoo.com.

Save the Date! WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us on March 6th starting with Mass at 8:30 AM. The day will end around 4:00 PM. Tapping into our Creative and Collective Wisdom. 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 woman are welcome. Annette Cleary will facilitate the day.

Who is Our Neighbor? - The horror of domestic abuse and ways to deal with it will be the subject of our next community visit to Domestic Abuse Intervention Services on Tuesday, February 12th. You will be asked to sign an affidavit of confidentiality if you choose to visit a shelter with us. We will meet at the back of Church after the 8:30 AM Mass. Space is limited. Domestic Abuse Intervention Services began in 1977 as a domestic violence hotline, operating out of a church basement and staffed solely by volunteers. Today DAIS offers seven comprehensive crisis intervention and prevention programs, including the only domestic violence shelter in Dane County. In addition to direct services, DAIS provides outreach and training to area businesses, schools, law enforcement agencies, community groups and other partners to help them recognize warning signs of domestic abuse and more effectively work with survivors. More than 7,000 people access DAIS services each year. Please contact Bob Bright at 274-0915 or rbright@wisc.edu or if you will be joining the visiting team as a new member.

Come visit us during UW Men's Basketball Games! - Purchase game-time snacks from familiar faces during UW Men's Basketball Games. Concession stand #208 is sponsored by Catholic Heart Work Camp & Next Step families. All funds will benefit the 2010 mission trips to St. Louis, Missouri and Crown Point, New Mexico!