



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2010

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Called to serve

Mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community

Inspired by the Word of God and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, we are called to be HIS church by promoting the values of the Gospel through our daily living at home, work, school and play.

Values in Action...

We are called:

- ◆ To see the Eucharist as the center of our lives and to celebrate the Good News in liturgical worship and private prayer.
- ◆ To rediscover the roots of our Catholic Christian heritage as a foundation for continued spiritual growth.
- ◆ To take personal responsibility for stewardship by sharing who we are and what we have.
- ◆ To reach out to those in need and experience the joy of serving others.
- ◆ To build a community that accepts all people, welcomes new members, and holds all life sacred.
- ◆ To promote healing and reconciliation as we journey toward eternal life.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Worship Site <u>435 High Avenue</u>	St. Mary Worship Site <u>605 Merritt Avenue</u>
Saturday 4:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM
Sunday 9:00 AM	10:45 AM

Reconciliation 7:05-7:30 AM & 2:45-3:30 PM
 Saturday Only - St. Peter Worship Site

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Worship Site	St. Mary Worship Site
Monday No Mass	Monday LWC
Tuesday 6:30PM	Tuesday LWC
Wednesday No Mass	Wednesday 7:00 AM
Thursday 7:30 AM	Thursday LWC
Friday No Mass	Friday 7:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM	Saturday No Mass

*Please note that there is also a 9:00 AM Mass some Wednesdays at the St. Mary site during the school year.

*LWC (Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 7:00 AM)

Reconciliation First Friday of each month 10:00-10:30 AM, St. Mary Site

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

Saturday - 4:30 PM (Oregon Street)
 Sunday - 7:30 AM (Knapp Street),
 9:30 AM (Oregon Street),
 11:00 AM Bilingual Mass (Knapp Street)
 Monday & Friday - 7:30 AM (Knapp Street)
 Tuesday & Wednesday - 7:30 AM (Oregon Street)

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saturday - Reconciliation 4:30 PM
 Mass at 5:30
 Sunday - Mass at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELIGION OF VICARIATE (SERV)

Tom Mentele, Director 426-5682

GRIEF SUPPORT

Linda Hillary, M.S., Facilitator - Meets at St. Jude the Apostle 235-7412

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
LOCATED AT 449 HIGH AVENUE

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 Friday: 8:00 - 4:00 PM
 Phone: 920-231-9782, Fax: 920-231-9808

PASTORAL TEAM

Father James Jugenheimer, Pastor
 Rick Hocking, Deacon
 Lyn Zahorik, Director of Worship
 Sr. Diane Faust, Pastoral Ministry w/Senior Members (after hours: 426-0112)
 Thomas M. Donovan, Parish Business Administrator

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deacon Kurt Grube, DRE & Middle School Youth Coordinator (235-7412)
 Kristin Bird, High School Youth Coordinator
 Mary Wichmann, Elementary Youth Coordinator
 Joanne Brown, Administrative Assistant

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MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
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WORSHIP

We are called to see the Eucharist as the center of our lives and to celebrate the Good News in Liturgical worship and private prayer.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, February 6
thru
SUNDAY, February 14

FOR THE LIVING
& THE DECEASED

(All weekend intentions are read at all Weekend Masses)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Marian Gumz, Eileen Morgan, Louis Dorschner,
Eleanor, Mary & Edward Gronowski

MONDAY NO MASS (LWC)
TUESDAY 6:30P Patricia Nielsen (SP)
WEDNESDAY 7:00A Kenneth McCaigue (SM)
9:15A LWC (Evergreen Manor)
10:30A LWC (Northpoint Medical & Rehab)
THURSDAY 7:30A John Comparoni (SP)
FRIDAY 7:00A The Prickett Family (SM)
SATURDAY 8:00A Evelyn Hudson (SP)

SATURDAY, & SUNDAY,
James Noffke, Harry Paulsen, Mary Kane, James C. Reifer

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2010:

GENERAL: For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.

MISSION: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.



The bread and wine for this weekend's Liturgies have been donated by Al & Kathy Teclaw in loving memory of ANGIE TECLAW.



There will be no hospitality tables next weekend, February 13 and 14, due to the **Valentine's Dinner on Saturday**. Hospitality will return the weekend of February 20 and 21. Thanks to all those who volunteer for this service!

LITURGICAL WORSHIP & PRAYER SCHEDULE

MONDAY 6:30A Morning Rosary (SM)
8:00A Eucharistic Adoration until 8:00 PM (SM)
12:10P Daily Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet (SP)

TUESDAY 6:30A Morning Rosary (SM)
12:10P Daily Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet (SP)
5:20P Divine Mercy Chaplet/Evening Rosary (SP)
(1 Mystery before Mass and other 3 after)
6:30P Perpetual Help Devotion (SM)

WEDNESDAY 6:30A Morning Rosary (SM)
12:10P Daily Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet (SP)
5:30P Divine Mercy Chaplet/Evening Rosary (SM)

THURSDAY 6:30A Morning Rosary (SM)
7:00A Morning Rosary (SP)
10:00A Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00 PM (SM)
12:10P Daily Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet (SP)

FRIDAY 6:30A Confession (SM)
6:30A Morning Rosary (SM)
12:10P Daily Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet (SP)

FIRST FRIDAY 12:10P Mass (SP)

SATURDAY 7:05A Confession (SP)
2:45P Confession (SP)
3:00P Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary (SP)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:30A Eucharistic Adoration begins after 8:00 AM Mass until 4:00 PM Mass (SP)

SUNDAY 3:00P Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary (SP)



BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism is given the 2nd weekend of each month and may be held within the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday or either the 9:00 or 10:45 AM Mass on Sunday. Please call the Parish Office at least 3 months prior to the birth of your child to arrange a date.

WEDDINGS:

The Sacrament of Marriage may take place any given weekend providing the site is available. Weddings may be held at the St. Peter, St. Mary or St. Josaphat site on Saturdays at 1:00 PM or on another day per arrangements made through the Parish Office. Please call at least six months prior to your wedding to secure a date and begin the initial steps of your wedding preparation.



BREAD & WINE, MASS INTENTIONS

If you are interested in scheduling a Mass Intention or paying for the Bread and Wine for a given weekend, please call Laurie or Angela at the Parish Office, 231-9782. The stipend for Mass intentions is \$10 and \$30 for Bread and Wine.



If you would like to receive more information on scheduling a Baptism or a Wedding, please call the Parish Office at 231-9782.

A Week in the Liturgy

Sunday is not the only day we should pray and bless the Lord. As individuals and as families all are encouraged to meditate daily on the Sacred Scriptures and read about the lives of the holy men and women that have blessed our Church. Below is a daily listing of the Scripture readings used in daily Mass and reflections corresponding to these Scriptural passages. Jesus asked his apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane if they could not stay up and pray with him for one hour. Can we not find a few minutes each day to spend with our Lord in prayer?

FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, February 8

Weekday

1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13

Mark 6:53-56



FIRST READING: The Ark of the Covenant, containing the tablets of the law, is brought into the temple and placed in the holy of holies. God's law that demands right relationship with God and neighbor dwells in the midst of his people. May God's glory fill us as it filled the temple so that we might be faithful witnesses to his covenant.

GOSPEL: The people's longing for healing and fullness of life are evident in the frenzy of their seeking Jesus and bringing the sick to him. Their faith in his power to heal leads them to desire to touch the "tassel on his cloak" (Mark 6:56). Praise be to the Lord, who summons us to believe in his saving power.

TUESDAY, February 9

Weekday

1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30

Mark 7:1-13



FIRST READING: Solomon, aware that the presence of the temple cannot control the presence of God, petitions the Lord to hear the prayers uttered within its walls. While God draws near in relationship to his people, he remains always the sovereign king of heaven and earth.

GOSPEL: Jesus exposes our sinful propensity to set aside God's law for reasons that serve our own pursuits. God's law demands so much more of us, our very selves, so we substitute actions that demand less of us and try to convince ourselves that it is all that he requires. Yet, God is jealous for us and desires that we give our lives completely, not partially, to him.

WEDNESDAY, February 10

Memorial

St. Scholastica, virgin

1 Kings 10:1-10

Mark 7:14-23



FIRST READING: The Queen of Sheba testifies to the wisdom of Solomon and to the love of the God of Israel for his people in establishing Solomon as their king.

GOSPEL: Jesus proclaims that right relationship with God is a matter of the heart. He challenges the crowds to shift their attention away from ritual purity to the purity of their hearts. When we allow ourselves to become aware of the evil that dwells within, we become more aware of our need to be saved and entrust ourselves to God's mercy made manifest in Christ.



TODAY'S SAINT: Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict. Her story is told in Book II of the Dialogues of Saint Gregory the Great. Once a year she would visit Benedict at his abbey to spend time in worship and holy conversation. On one visit, at the end of the day, Benedict rose to leave, and Scholastica begged him to stay. When he insisted that he had to return to his abbey, she bowed her head in prayer and a wild storm arose, making it impossible for Benedict to leave. Gregory

comments that God heard Scholastica's prayer rather than her brother's because, since "God is love," it is natural that she who loved more, did more. She is the patron of female Benedictine monastics.

THURSDAY, February 11

Weekday

1 Kings 11:4-13

Mark 7:24-30



FIRST READING: In his later years, Solomon, who built a magnificent temple honoring the God of Israel, turns from the Lord and builds temples dedicated to strange gods. Solomon's divided heart becomes the backdrop for a divided kingdom in the time of his descendants. Since we also know the human struggle of maintaining a single-hearted devotion to God, let us pray for this grace with humility and compassion for those who struggle as we do.

GOSPEL: Jesus' initial refusal to grant the request of a foreigner becomes an occasion for her faith in God's power and of his desire to bestow the gift of salvation on all people to be made manifest. When our good desires and intentions voiced in prayer are not met initially with "success," it may be that we are called to imitate the faith of this woman in her insistence that the Lord recognize and respond to her need.

FRIDAY, February 12

Weekday

1 Kings 11:29-32;12:19

Mark 7:31-37



FIRST READING: Abijah engages a prophetic symbol tearing a new cloak into twelve pieces and bestowing ten pieces on Jeroboam. In fidelity to David, one tribe will remain subject to Solomon's descendants, while the remainder of Israel will be torn away. In this prophetic action, God's fidelity and the consequence of human sin are manifest.

GOSPEL: In healing a mute man's deafness, Jesus grants the gift of speech as well. When we allow the Lord to remove the obstacles that truly prevent us from hearing his word we, too, will be empowered to proclaim his word with the witness of our lives.

SATURDAY, February 13

Weekday

1 Kings 12:26-32;13:33-34

Mark 8:1-10



FIRST READING: Jeroboam, entrusted with the care often of the tribes of Israel, fearing he'll lose his newly acquired kingdom, leads the people to the worship of false gods. He claims that the idols he erected are the work of God's redemption in leading forth his people from slavery in Egypt. Jeroboam seeks to dupe the people by establishing parallel feasts and worship. Fear, and a lack of trust in God, led him to offer such false hope to the people.

GOSPEL: With seven loaves and a few fish blessed and broken, Jesus feeds four thousand and gathers up the fragments that fill seven baskets. In so doing, God's blessing on those who seek to hear and to live by God's word is made manifest. Abundant blessings are prepared for the Lord's disciples.



Message from our Bishop

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

~St. Augustine

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I came across this quote from St. Augustine, it made me pause a moment and reflect on those gifts that God has given to me. God has blessed me greatly with love and joy from family and friends. Another wonderful blessing has been the opportunity to work together with you in serving and leading the Church here in northeastern Wisconsin.

I continue to be amazed by the breadth of ministries and services that reach thousands of families in search of Jesus' love. A large part of this work is funded by the Bishop's Appeal. In fact, many of these ministries would not be possible without your support of the Bishop's Appeal.

Commissioned Ministry is one such program that receives funding from the Bishop's Appeal. This program helps train deacons and lay leaders to serve in our parishes and schools. Barb Tremel, a business manager at St. Thomas More Parish in Appleton, completed the Commissioned Ministry program.

"I felt the Commissioned Ministry program gave me an opportunity to explore more of the spiritual side of things. I knew I had the numbers background; I knew I had the accounting; I knew I had the payroll and personnel; what I didn't have was the spiritual, and Commissioned Ministry cemented that for me," said Barb.

Barb is just one example of someone who has been Called to Serve and is making an impact in our parishes. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to the 2010 Bishop's Appeal. Please know whatever you are able to give is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all your support of the Church. Please remember me in your daily prayers as I remember you in mine. Blessings on you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay



From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we launch our diocese's annual Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal is the annual fund-raising campaign conducted by the Catholic Foundation of our diocese to support the ministries and services of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay to our parishes, schools, families and individuals. **The Bishop's Appeal funds the following in our diocese:**

Catholic Charities in extending outreach to the poor and needy.

Education in assisting Catholic schools and parishes in their mission to share our Catholic teachings with people of all ages.

Evangelization and Worship in reaching out and providing opportunities for people to embrace and share their faith.

Marriage Tribunal - Canonical services in operating the Marriage Tribunal and in the work of the Chancellor.

Ministry Formation in training and forming deacons and lay ministers.

Stewardship and Pastoral Services in helping parishes develop and enhance ministries that encourage prayer, service, sharing and engagement in parish life.

The Compass newspaper in publishing news and information about our Church and faith.

Every diocese has this type of diocesan collection to promote these vital programs and services that are in place to assist all of our parishes. Without this appeal, most of these programs would disappear. I can vouch personally that our parish relies very much on these programs in supporting, guiding and training our core committees, particularly in Faith Formation, Human Concerns, Worship, and Stewardship. We have drawn upon the resources from the diocese to allow these vital committees to grow and continue on course with our strategic plan as a parish.

Many of you as parishioners have been very generous in your giving in this appeal. I wish to thank you for your contributions in the past.

Each family is asked to again prayerfully consider how much they will pledge as our partners as the heart and hands of Jesus in service to others.

Please remember to keep supporting our SCRIP program too!

God bless and have a great week!

Fr. Jim



Liturgically speaking...

"It is becoming a more frequent feature of parish life in this country for the community to gather and celebrate the word of God and distribute holy communion in the absence of a priest." *Directory for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest* (Rome 1988).

I am sure many of you have seen the following under our Mass listings in the bulletin – LWC and wondered what secret group that is. LWC stands for Liturgy of the Word with Communion. You may have heard similar terms such as "A Eucharistic Service" or "A Communion Service," terms often used for this service, but the correct name is Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

The people (of a parish) gather together as a community to pray when there is no Mass available—be it a weekday, or on a Sunday when no priest is available. The Liturgy of the Word with Communion focuses on hearing the Word of God, and it includes hymns, a reflection on the Scriptures, the Intercessions and the Our Father. Holy Communion is distributed to those present. No prayers whatsoever are taken from the Eucharistic Prayer since Holy Communion is from the reserved Blessed Sacrament, which was consecrated by a priest at an earlier Mass.

The Church makes the provision that a LAY PERSON (someone who is not a priest or deacon) may lead this service. At Most Blessed Sacrament the Liturgy of the Word with Communion is held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 AM, and on Wednesdays at two of our local nursing homes. Our Lay Leaders of Prayer have roots that date back to the time of St. Mary Parish. Our group remains extremely faithful, but as with any other group there are occasions when a person needs to "retire." This particular ministry is now in need of new people. Could God be calling you? What does it take to be a Lay Presider of Prayer?

First, of course – you have a feeling that you are being called to this ministry.

You must have a deep love for the Scriptures and be able to write and give sound reflection on the Scriptures that is in keeping with the Catholic teaching. Additionally, it helps if you have confidence in leading the community in song.

The candidate then meets with Fr. Jim. If the candidate and Fr. Jim feel this is an appropriate time to go forward, the candidate then begins a period of training. This is done both at diocesan and parish level.

When a candidate is ready, he/she is fitted with an alb (the white outer garment they will wear whenever they are presiding) and they begin their ministry under the mentorship of the other Lay Leaders of Prayer.

Lay Leaders of Prayer may also be called upon by a pastor to assist at other devotions and rituals, such as the Rosary, a Novena, the Stations of the Cross, Benediction or the Distribution of Ashes or the Blessing of Throats.

If reading this is leaving you with the feeling of "maybe me?" talk to people who already are Lay Leaders of Prayer in our parish: Judy Russell, Bill Hammond, Joan Reiter, Tom Lynch, Sam Wood, Bob Jakubowski or Chris McPhetridge. Let them share their story with you. Of course, you can also speak with Fr. Jim or myself. Lay Leaders of Prayer, a small group of dedicated people that you probably did not even realize existed in our parish – quietly building up the Body of Christ. Take a step in faith and join them.

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Pastoral Ministry with Senior Members...

Today's readings give us the stories of three individuals who looked deep into themselves and found that they weren't perfect. In fact, they were pretty "unworthy" no matter how you looked at it. And yet each of these non-perfect people found themselves called by God to go out and do something.

Don't know about you, but I can very much identify with them. I certainly don't have the "perfect part" down pat no matter how I try, and to be honest I am not sure I try that hard much of the time.

In preparation for this article I was reading a reflection of Father Ron Rolheiser and he included these words from a book on mystical prayer by a British Carmelite by the name of Ruth Burrows. She said:

"Surrender and abandonment are like a deep, inviting, frightening ocean into which we are drawn. We make excursions into it to test it, to see whether it's safe, to enjoy the sensation of it. But, for all kinds of reasons, we always go back to dry land, to solid ground, to where we are safe. But the ocean beckons us out anew and we risk again being afloat in something bigger than ourselves. And we keep doing that, wading in and then going back to safety, until one day, when we are ready, we just let the waters carry us away."

To me this spoke about the life that most of us live. We aren't perfect, but there seems to be something in us that calls and attracts us to God. We test that out for a bit and then often we go back to our everyday living. But God, who knows and loves us, keeps enticing us to join in the "God life." As we age we find ourselves more often than not being drawn to this God. We find it a little easier to spend more time, as Ruth would say, in the "water." Our Scripture writers today used different words to talk about this call. "Here I am, send me." Or "They left everything and followed Jesus." However, aren't they speaking of that need and ability to leave the familiar and strike out into the unknown to follow Jesus. To go where they are sent.

This week we pray:

"Here I am!"

Let nothing hold us back.
Give us the grace, and let us
plunge right into the deep with no
safe ground beneath our feet, no harbor-
haven we can find, no lifeboat, no rescue team, no notice of
undercurrents, sharks, thrashing waves.

Oh God,
give us your leap-of-faith grace.
Help us leave the shore
and enter the water.
And send us
where you
will.

-The Center of Liturgy Sunday Web Site

S. Denise

PARISH LIFE

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THE WEEK AHEAD AT MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY, February 8

8:00 AM-8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (SM Site)
 12:00 Noon Senior Potluck (SP Lower Church)
 5:30 PM Esto Vir (SP Rectory)

TUESDAY, February 9

10:30 AM Senior Bible Study (SP Lower Church)
 1:00 PM Senior Yoga (SP Lower Church)
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (SP)

WEDNESDAY, February 10

6:00-7:30 PM Religious Education, Grades 1-8 (SP)
 6:00-7:30 PM Fr. Jim's "The Catholic Church-Our Story," (SP McKeough Hall)
 6:30 PM Parish Life Comm. (SP Rectory)

THURSDAY, February 11

9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (SM Site)
 6:30 PM Vocal Choir (SP)
 6:30 PM RCIA (SP)


FRIDAY, February 12

6:30 PM Adult Study Group "Lost in the Cosmos" by Walker Percy (SP Site)

SATURDAY, February 13

7:00-9:00 AM Men's Basketball (SP Site Gym)
 5:00 PM Valentine's Dinner for Couples (SP)

SUNDAY, February 14

10:00 AM **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!** 
 5:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (SP Fireside)
 CYO at Lourdes High School

Valentine's Day Romantic Dinner for Two

Most Blessed Sacrament's Parish Life Committee will be sponsoring a Romantic Valentine's Day Dinner for Two featuring spaghetti, bread, wine, dessert and music on Saturday, February 13, following the 4:00 PM Mass.

This "couples only" dinner is the perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Reservations are required. Sign-up sheets are located at the SCRIP table or call the parish office at 231-9782 by February 10.

Limited to 50 couples.

\$14.00
Per couple



LENTEN PROGRAM FOR SENIOR MEMBERS



We are offering a Lenten program for Senior members on Wednesday mornings beginning on February 24, from 9:30-11:00 AM. It is a video retreat by Father Ron Rolheiser, which will consist of watching some of his talks each week and using some of his questions for personal reflection and group discussion, as well as closing with a prayer time. Coffee and morning snacks will begin each session. Consider making this a part of your Lenten practices this year. There is no charge for this program. Have questions? Give S. Diane a call at 231-9782.

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WOMEN'S SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFT CLUB



The MBS Women's Scrapbooking/Craft Club will meet on Monday, February 22, in Aquinas Hall at the St. Peter site. We will be making a handmade card and a scrapbook page. Watch this bulletin next week for details and a list of supplies to bring.

If you are interested in joining this group, please call Laurie at the parish office at 231-9782, or email lpollack@mbsoshkosh.org. Or if you are unsure, just show up on February 22 and join in the fun!



UPCOMING PARISH LIFE EVENTS

- March 27 - Family Movie Night
- April 17 - Family Potluck
- June 5 & 6 - Corpus Christi
- July 9, 10 & 11 - Parish Picnic

If you would like to help with any of these events, please contact one of the Parish Life Committee members: Anna at 233-7753, or Jan at 203-0165.

FAITH FORMATION

We are called to rediscover the roots of our Catholic Christian heritage as a foundation for continued spiritual growth.



FIRST COMMUNION AGAPE MEAL AND CHURCH SCAVENGER HUNT

On Wednesday evening, February 10, those second-grade children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist in May, along with their parents/guardians, will have the

opportunity to participate in an Agape Meal and a Church Scavenger Hunt. Please meet in the cafeteria at 6:10 pm. The cafeteria is located below the gym in the Education Building at the St. Peter site. This event is primarily for the second-grade children and their parents/guardians. The children and their parents/guardians will, first, attend the Agape Meal in the cafeteria and then, directly following the Agape Meal, everyone will go to the church to participate in the Church Scavenger Hunt. The session will end at 7:30 PM.

What is an Agape Meal? The Agape Meal is a fellowship meal **among its participants, where our Lord's Last supper is recalled.** It is a simple meal in the context that a hymn is sung, the Jewish **Exodus is recalled and linked with our Lord's Last Supper.** It is a wonderful experience for those children preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist. It allows the children to learn about and somewhat experience our first Mass, the holy meal that Jesus shared with his disciples at his Last Supper.

During the Church Scavenger Hunt, the children and their parents will have the opportunity to search throughout the church for various items that they otherwise may not get a close-up look at when attending the weekend liturgy. All the items will be identified and explained. During the hunt the children will also have the opportunity to experience various functions of the Mass, such as cross bearer. A pamphlet will be provided for each family to help them locate all items.

YOUNG ADULT FOOD FOR THOUGHT



For singles and couples in their 20s and 30s: young adults trying to make sense of their lives. Join us for an opportunity to meet others asking some of the same questions, and share in food and fellowship with other young adults. Thursday, February 25, at 6:30 PM. Most Blessed Sacrament St. Peter site lower church - enter on Pearl Ave. Babysitting service available upon request - call Kristin Bird at 231-9782.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

A time to recognize the many religious who serve and have served us.



IT'S ALMOST FINISHED!

Have you heard the exciting news? There is a City-Wide Perpetual Adoration Chapel being built at Most Blessed Sacrament - St. Mary site! It is almost finished and hopefully will be open by Ash Wednesday. It will be dedicated by Bishop Ricken during a 7:00 PM Mass on Tuesday, March 9, at the St. Mary site.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Perhaps you are asking yourself...what is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration? It is a Eucharistic devotion in which a parish sets aside a little room or chapel that is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day with permanent exposition or showing of Jesus in a monstrance with a Host contained in a glass receptacle. People from all of the Oshkosh parishes commit to spending an hour/s in adoration before **the Most Blessed Sacrament. These folks are called "adorers."** The norm is that there are two adorers present at all times and that Jesus is never left alone. The adorer accepts the responsibility for being present for the hour/s that they have committed to.

Now you may be asking...Why do we do this? The Holy Eucharist is the mystery of our faith. Jesus said that faith can move mountains. One person coming before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament represents all of humanity. Every man, woman and child on the face **of the earth receives some new, wonderful effect of God's love** when they put their faith into action, and come to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Think how this could change our world!

Not only can we change the world but there are other spiritual benefits and graces that we receive through Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: an increase in Mass attendance and reception of the sacraments; return of Catholics and increase in the number of conversions; increase in priestly, religious and lay ministry vocations; Renewal of Catholic family life; a greater community **spirit, centered on Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. What** do you do for the hour you spend with Jesus? You can bring your own prayer books, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or sit in silence before the Presence of God. Being silent is my favorite. I enjoy the gift of peace that Jesus gives and empty myself to receive any words that God may have for me. All Jesus asks of us is what any friend asks...time to be together.

How do you get involved? Call Kathie Reed to become a regular adorer and sign up for a specific hour each week as your schedule allows, be an hourly captain, or a division captain. Kathie can be reached at 251-2672 or kathiereed_3@yahoo.com.

See you at the Perpetual Eucharistic Chapel!
Patti Christensen, St. Jude Parish

Source: <http://www.mbprice.com/therealpresence/pea-whatispera.htm>

STEWARDSHIP

We are called to take personal responsibility for stewardship by sharing who we are and what we have.

HUMAN CONCERNS

We are called to reach out to those in need and experience the joy of serving others.



Stewardship of Prayer Ministry

Call Ruby at 231-7581, Fran at 231-9813, or Vi at 235-5114 with your prayer request and a prayer chain will be initiated on your behalf.



If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion, or if you would like to learn more about the Stewardship of Eucharistic Ministry to the homebound, please call Sr. Diane at 231-9782.



PARISH FOOD PROGRAM

Food donations are greatly needed and appreciated! Food baskets are located in the church entrances at the St. Mary and St. Peter sites. All donations are delivered to, and distributed from, the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry located in the Saint Vincent de Paul Community Center at 2551 Jackson Street. Visit our website at www.svdposhkosh.org.



“There are international campaigns afoot to reduce birth-rates, sometimes using methods that respect neither the dignity of the woman, nor the right of parents to choose responsibly how many children to have; graver still, these methods often fail to respect even the right to life. The extermination of millions of unborn children, in the name of the fight against poverty, actually constitutes the destruction of the poorest of all human beings.”

~Pope Benedict XVI,
“Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace,”
January 1, 2009



STEWARDSHIP

2009 - 2010 Budget Year

Offertory Support	Last Week	Year to Date
Budget	18,538.46	574,692.26
Actual	12,066.43	550,208.24
Over/(Short)	(6,472.03)	(24,484.02)

WE ARE STEWARDS OF OUR VOCATION

Jesus calls us as his disciples, to a new way of life – the Christian way of life of which stewardship is a part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually by name. Each one of us – clergy, religious, lay person, married, single, adult, child – has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan.

~ To Be a Christian Steward
A summary of the U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Stewardship
Submitted by the MBS Stewardship Committee



THE WEEK AHEAD AT OUR UNIFIED CATHOLIC SCHOOLS February 8-12

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday - Market Day orders due in the office
Friday - on-line Market Day orders due
Thursday - Liturgy with Father Jim and class 1B
Bake Sale - Class 5B Dare Program at 2:45 PM

St. Frances Cabrini

Monday - 100th day of school
Tuesday - P.A.W.S. Meeting in Activities Room - 7:50 AM
Wednesday - Adoration (No Liturgy/Fr. Tom visits) 9:00 AM
UCS Town Hall Meeting at Lourdes - 6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday - Market Day Pick-Up - 2:30-5:30 PM
Friday - Classroom St. Valentine's Day Parties

St. John Neumann/Lourdes High School

Tuesday - Home and School mtg., 6:30 PM, art room
Wednesday - Solo and Ensemble 4:00-6:00 PM
Thursday - Mass & Lourdes Feast Day, 10:10 AM in Commons
Mark your calendars! Fishing and Fundraising Opportunity - Get your raffle tickets for the 3rd Annual Battle on Bago Fishing Tournament (Feb. 26-27) and UCS gets 60% of the proceeds! Cost for one ticket is \$5 or get six for \$20. Each school and the Central Business Office has tickets to sell and if all are sold, UCS will make \$1500 that will go toward the technology budget.

demonstrations • door prizes • exhibits

care fair

GREEN

Participants:

- Golden Goat
- Just Act Natural
- Globally Sound
- Caring for God's Creation - Green Living

- Integrative Medicine
- Mercy Medical Center/
Affinity Health System
- Chair Massage

- Oshkosh Senior Center
- National Association for the Mentally Ill
- Alzheimer's Association
- Oshkosh Convention & Visitors' Bureau

- Christine Ann Center
- "Care Plus" Dental
- Valley Visiting Nurses' Association
- Fair Trade Coffee
- and more...

Demonstrations:

- Healing Touch
- "Stepping On"
- Advance Directives

SATURDAY
Feb. 27

9AM - Noon

St. Jude Church

1225 S. Oregon

(lower level)

Handicap accessible

**free
admission!**

Sponsored by: St. Jude, Most Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary/Omro, St. Mary/Winneconne, St. Raphael