



St. William Newsletter

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A Message from Father John

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed so generously to our Debt Reduction Drive. It is because of your generosity that we have been able to improve the financial position of our parish.

The following update is evidence of your giving spirit.

Total Pledged	\$924,902.00
Down Pymts/Pymts	\$487,573.00
Balance Due	\$437,329.00
Loan Balance	\$302,867.68

I would also like to thank those parishioners who have increased their stewardship contributions to include what was considered the Diocesan Services Appeal contribution. In the past, each parishioner was asked to contribute \$75.00 each year to this appeal. There is no longer a separate envelope for this appeal, however, the parish is still responsible for making this payment to the Diocese of Madison. If each parish family increases their stewardship contribution by this amount, we will be able to meet this obligation.

The Finance Commission and I are very thankful for your continued support during these challenging economic times.

May God bless you,

Father John

Meet Our New Friends in the Parish

Ms. Judy Ayers. Judy is retired.

Mrs. Shirley Deems. Shirley is employed by Kwik Trip.

Mrs. Henrietta "Henny" DeLaGarza. Henny is retired and the mother of an adult son.

David Eppihimer. David is employed by Pieper Electric as an electrical estimator and is a member of Electrician's Union #890. He is the father of Drew, age 14.

Matthew and Angela Flynn. Matthew is employed by the Beloit School District, and Angela is employed by the Beloit Turner School District. They are the parents of Brady, age 17 months.

Wayne and Pam Gratz. Wayne is employed by Blain Supply, and Pam is a Special Education Aide in Brodhead. They are the parents of two adult children.

John and Cheryl Hafeman. John and Cheryl are retired and the parents of four adult children.

Henry G. Heinle. Henry is retired and the father of five adult children.

Ms. Rachel Laurin. Rachel is employed by W.W. Grainger.

Dirk and Jennifer Lessner. Dirk is employed by Fireplace Professionals, and Jenny is a Nanny. They are the parents of Rylee, age 2, and David, age 7 months.

If you have questions, comments, or contributions, please contact the Communications Commission at polishps@charter.net or call 756-2186

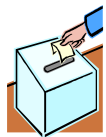
Sean and Stephanie Mawhinney. Sean is employed by Larson Manufacturing. They are the parents of Drebyn Arrowood, age 11, and Eiley Mawhinney, age 9.

Jared and Nicole Schultz. Jared is employed by Pieper Electric, and Nicole is employed by the State of Wisconsin. They are the parents of Lauren, who was born September 24th.

Parish School News

The Catholic School Advisory Board is in its second year. Members are 7th and 8th graders from all four Catholic schools in Janesville. St. William representatives for this year are Jenna McDade, Taylor Hagemann, Emily O'Leary, and Mary Rebut.

The Board meets once a month to plan activities and service projects for the middle school students. The first activity is a retreat with Camp Gray staff to be held in December at St. Mary School.



The Student Council election was held and the representatives for this year are:

Jacy Benway	Keara Richards
Riley McDade	Emily Wagener
Maddie Nelson	Jenna McDade
Lydia Thompson	Sydney McDonald
Emily O'Leary	Hanna Rainiero
Savannah Pearson	Kristen O'Leary
Jacqueline Polglaze	

Ms. Urbanick is the Council's advisor. The Council has already taken part in Mix-It-Up Day at lunch and the annual Trick or Trunk. Throughout the year, service projects and other all-school events will be planned by this group of young leaders.

The 2012 Raffle Calendars are now available from any school family or in the school office. Profits from the sale of the calendars are used for large projects that benefit the school. Last year, a portion of the profits was used to purchase additional tables in the playground area. Thanks go to **Mitch Treinen** for installing these tables as part of his Eagle Scout project.



Mark your calendars for December 2nd and 3rd! The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be performing **"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"**.

The Saturday night performance will be preceded by a deluxe ham dinner served in the Parish Hall at 6:15 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for the play and \$10.00 for both the dinner and the play. Tickets are available from any middle school student or in the school office.

The performance will begin at 6:30 pm. on Friday, December 2nd, and at 7:30 pm on Saturday, December 3rd. A silent auction will also be held both nights. Proceeds from the auction will benefit a local charity.

This is a wonderful way to begin the Blessed Christmas Season while enjoying the talents of our middle school students.

Office of Faith Formation News

Faith Formations classes have started with a full staff of volunteers. Many thanks to all who are sharing their talents by guiding and directing our young people on their path to living their Catholic Faith.

The Sacrament of Confirmation was held here on September 21st. The Confirmandi, enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit, will be guided by the Holy Spirit as they go forward in their lives.

The students in the Faith Formation classes will be participating in the children's liturgy during the month of November.

Watch the bulletin for the time and date of the Christmas Pageant that will include the children from the parish school and the Faith Formation classes.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the time for the Saturday evening Mass has changed from **4:30 pm to 4:00 pm** effective November 4th. Going forward, this time change will hopefully accommodate the parishioners' schedules.

Did you know that St. William Home & School is sponsoring their Annual Christmas Caroling Party on Tuesday, December 6th from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm.



So, don your winter wraps, prime up your voices, come join the carolers, and lift the spirits of our neighbors with song.

Carolers will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm and following the caroling will return to the Hall for additional festivities. Each family is asked to bring a plate of cookies or bars to share. Hot Chocolate will be provided.

This is a Family Event, so parents must accompany their children.

Did you know that St. William Parish again this year hosted the GIFTS Men's Shelter for a week in October.

Local churches take turns operating the homeless shelter. GIFTS stands for God Is Faithful Temporary Shelter. This is a Christian-based shelter for local men who find themselves homeless during the coldest time of the year. The shelter has, over the

past four years, housed more than 100 men each season, averaging more than 20 per night. More than 2,000 men, women, and children volunteered last year.

St. William parishioners donated meals, served a hot dinner, breakfast, and provided each guest a sack lunch. Volunteers served as overnight chaperones for our guests who enjoyed a warm bed and friendly surroundings.

St. William parish will have another opportunity the week of March 25th to the 31st to host the shelter. The volunteers will agree that they receive much more than they give when they help others in need.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."
Hebrews 13:2

Did you know that "ToT" stands for "Theology on Tap" and it is a speaker series in the fun, relaxed setting of a local pub or restaurant. ToT focuses on topics of faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of young adults (ages 21-39). It originated in the Archdiocese of Chicago and has spread throughout the country as a vital and popular component of young adult ministry. The goal is to provide a forum for young adults to learn about and discuss their faith and to form lasting friendships with those who hold a faith in common with that of their own.

ToT events in Janesville are typically held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Speakeasy Restaurant and Lounge. Drinks are provided and meals may be ordered.

The next event will be held on November 17th and the speaker will be Father Gary

Krahenbuhl from Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Beloit. His topic is "Sin, Penance and How to Forgive Yourself". This session will explore the many ways that God has revealed His mercy and forgiveness, how we can accept that gift through the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and our personal prayer life.

In December, a missionary from The Evangelical Catholic Church will be speaking. His topic is to be announced.

The January meeting will feature Father Eric Nielsen, pastor of the St. Paul's University Catholic Center at UW-Madison.

All are welcome to attend - married, single, practicing your faith or not practicing your faith. For more information, please contact Jeff Spiegelhoff by phone at 262-366-3542 or by email at janesvilletot@hotmail.com.

Featuring Our Young Stars

Catholic Saints Band



Practice has begun for the Catholic Saints Band. Membership is comprised of students in the 4th through 8th grades from St. Patrick, St. John Vianney, and St. William Schools. Mrs. Catherine Mumma is the Catholic Saints Band Director.

Three middle school students from the Janesville Catholic Saints Band were selected for the 2011 Honors Band sponsored by the Wisconsin Youth Band Directors Association (WYBDA). The students were nominated by Mrs. Mumma based on their musicianship and demonstrated performance and selected by WYBDA. Among the students chosen are St. William 7th graders **Savannah Pearson**,

playing the flute, and **Alex Winter**, playing the Alto Saxophone.

The seventy-five member group performed at the Wisconsin Music Educators Association annual convention in Madison in late October. They performed a wide variety of music, including the world premiere of a new composition, "The Legend of Devils Lake", commissioned by the WYBDA and written by renowned composer Michael Sweeney specifically for this group. The students had the rare opportunity to meet with and rehearse the piece with the composer, who also directed the performance at the convention.

The entire band will perform their Christmas Concert on December 12th at 7:00 pm in the St. William School gym. Admission is free, and it is a wonderful way to get in the Christmas Spirit while listening to our talented students.

Boy Scout Troop 539



In July, four Scouts and four adults took a High Adventure trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Northern Minnesota and Southern Canada. They spent a week camping, canoeing, and fishing. They returned with great pictures as well as some fish stories; however, the fish stories were true based on the photos they took as proof!

The Troop 539 Fall Court of Honor 2011 was held on October 9th. Awards and Merit Badges were presented. Parents and the Scouts were recognized for making the 2011 Summer Camp at Camp Indian Trails and the High Adventure Trip great successes.

The Scouts were encouraged to think about what each of them would like to accomplish as a Scout this year. They were reminded

that only through hard work and dedication would they be able to achieve the Rank of Eagle.

**Boy Scout Troop 539
DATES TO REMEMBER**

Nov. 3rd-Preparation for Spaghetti Dinner
Nov. 4th-Spaghetti Dinner 3:30-9:00 pm
Nov. 11th-Veterans Day
Apr 13, 2012- Prime Rib Dinner Preparation
Apr 14, 2012-Prime Rib Dinner

Coming Events

Nov 9 - Adult Catholic Spirit Club- St. John Vianney Marian Hall - Noon Potluck - Program 1:00 pm - Adrienne Brunhoefer - "A Demonstration of Zumba Gold" - Collection for House of Mercy

Nov 17 - Theology on Tap - Speakeasy Pub and Lounge - 7 pm - Father Gary Krahenbuhl - "Sin, Penance and How to Forgive Yourself"

Dec 2 - St. William School Christmas Play School Gym - 6:30 pm - Middle School Students - "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" - Tickets \$5.00

Dec 3 - Deluxe Ham Dinner - Parish Hall 6:15 pm and **St. William School Christmas Play** - 7:30 pm - School Gym - Middle School Students - "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" - Tickets \$5.00 Play Only -\$10.00 Dinner and Play

Dec 6 - St. William Home & School Annual Christmas Caroling Party - 6:00 pm - Meet in Parish Hall

Dec 15 (Tentative date) - Theology on Tap - Speakeasy Pub and Lounge - 7 pm - Program to be announced

Dec 12 - Catholic Saints Band Christmas Concert - 7:00 pm - St. William School Gym

Dec 14 - Adult Catholic Spirit Club - St. John Vianney Marian Hall - Noon Potluck - Program 1:00 pm - St. John Vianney School Youth Choir

The Catholic Corner

Questions on the Roman Missal

Why is there a need for a new translation?

Pope John Paul II issued the third edition of the Missale Romanum (the Latin text of the Roman Missal) during the Jubilee Year in 2000. This new edition included many new texts requiring translation. In addition, the experience of the years after the Second Vatican Council gave rise to a desire for more formal and literal translations of the original Latin texts. This new translation will employ the best of what we have learned about translation and liturgical language in two generations of celebrating the Liturgy in the vernacular. It will provide an opportunity to reflect ever more deeply on the Eucharistic celebration that lies at the heart of the Church's life.

Holydays of Obligation

All The Sundays of the year

January 1 -Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord

40 Days After Easter - Ascension Day

August 15 - The Assumption

November 1 - All Saints Day

December 8 - The Immaculate Conception

December 25 - Christmas Day

"The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the Maker of them all."
Proverbs 22:2