

Lifelong Faith Formation In Formation!

December 10-11, 2011

Human Concerns

The Reverse Collection

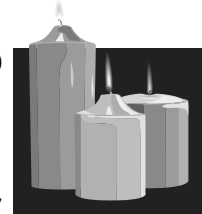
Your help is needed for
moving and sorting toys!

Join us on
Monday, Dec. 12th
9:00 a.m.
Meet in the Parish
Hall



Mass of Remembrance

This is your last
weekend to pick up
your pictures of
those we
remembered at our
Mass of Remembrance. They
are on the table in the glass
lobby through Monday,
December 12th.



Monthly Reverse Collection St. Ben's Community Meal Program

St. Ben's on 9th and Kilbourn in Milwaukee runs one of the busiest meal programs in the city. They also support those who come to that meal in other ways including running a monthly health clinic in cooperation with Columbia/St. Mary Hospitals (for the last 30 years.) Their most immediate needs for the clinic are hygiene products.

This month we are collecting.....

- Cough drops
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant for both men and women
- Disposable razors
- Personal size unopened hygiene products

*Thank you so much for your
continued support!*

The Outreach Committee with the approval of Parish Council awarded grant money to the following organizations in November.

- Agape Community Meal Program in Milwaukee
- Casa Maria Catholic Worker in Milwaukee
- Open Door Café in Milwaukee
- Parent's Place of Waukesha County
- Project Return in Milwaukee
- School Sister of St. Francis-Guadalupe Homes
- St. Dominic Outreach in Detroit
- St. Mary's Mission School in Redlake, MN
- St. Patrick's Church Food Pantry in Detroit



The Human Concerns Committee of St. William is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. It exists to spark parishioners to respond to Christ's call to serve and foster an awareness of local and global opportunities to promote social justice.

Lifelong Faith Formation

Please join us for the next Soup w/Substance!

***January 12th, 2012
6-8 pm in the Parish Hall***



Topic: LIVE THE MASS: How to Get More Out of Mass and Beyond!

The role of the assembly (that's us!) is so important to our Sunday Mass. But we don't always come prepared, or participate well, or take the Mass beyond the parking lot!

By attending this presentation and discussion you will come away with a renewed sense of worship and a commitment to take the Sunday Eucharist into your cars, your homes, your place of work and your local and global communities.

Our speaker will be Brigid O'Donnell, Pastoral Associate from St. Mary's Hales Corners

***Please see flyers in the activity stands in both lobbies for registration information.
Child care will be available but registration is needed!***

**Mass for
ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

**Saturday, January 14 at
9:30 a.m.**

Right here at St. William's!

This Mass is designed for families with children who are differently-abled or families with young children, to give them an opportunity to attend Mass as a family.

All are welcome. Please bring a canned good or paper product for St. Vincent de Paul's food panty.

Contact Kay Hokans in Child Ministry or Cindy Bergland in Adult and Family Ministry or Amy Haas, Parish Nurse for more information.

***Looking for a great
Christmas gift? Join together with
others from St. William to read***

**Remaining Catholic
Six Good Reasons for
Staying In an
Imperfect Church
By Rev. Martin Pable**

To purchase a book contact Adult and Family Ministry at 547-2763 ext. 210 or email mthiel.afm@tds.net

**The cost of the book is \$10.00
checks should be made out to
St. Mary's -Waukesha**



Child Ministry Page

Grades K3– 6

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HEALING HEARTS

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

(Death, divorce, separation, immigration, incarceration, or ???)

Next 12 week session begins February 6.
See brochures in Activities Stands.

Child CF This Week

Sun Dec 11 Grades K3-K5
Tue Dec 13 & Wed Dec 14 Grades 1-6
Sun Dec 18 Grade K3-K5
**NO CF Classes on Dec. 20 & 21 and through
Christmas break. Classes resume on Jan 8.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A few days before writing this, I had the privilege of being a Leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word at 5:00 Mass. I like to do this occasionally because it keeps me in touch with where children are in their thinking. The 5:00 group is very responsive, and they love to ask questions AND give answers. This particular day's readings were about 'making straight the paths'. To get them started, we played 'follow the leader' through the Parish Hall, first making a straight path, and then making a twisty curvy path with lots of obstacles in our way. Afterwards we talked about how much longer it takes when our paths are curvy and obstacles are in our way, leading to the purpose of our time together — the Scripture readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Finally we talked about what kinds of things they can do as 6-10 year olds to make their hearts ready for Jesus.

Is this really Mass? Absolutely! The main purpose of CLOW is to participate in Liturgy of the Word. We pray together, we read Scripture together, say the Creed and pray for

others — the same things adults do in the main assembly of Church. With children, however, the 'homily' time is interactive discussion or activities to help them understand the readings at a level that means something to them. Along the way, as a Leader I always learn some things from the readings and from the children too. It is time well spent — usually only about 20 minutes of time!

I share this story because we still need Leaders at all Masses and you can see that it's not very difficult nor very long. As you may have noticed, some Masses have gone without CLOW because no Leaders were available at that time. The Leaders we have currently are wonderful and do it as often as they can. But help is needed to keep this ministry alive and active. The more Leaders there are, the less often children have to go without.

If you'd like to know more about volunteering in this ministry, please contact Kay Hokans in the Child Ministry Office (see info on top of page).

UPCOMING EVENTS

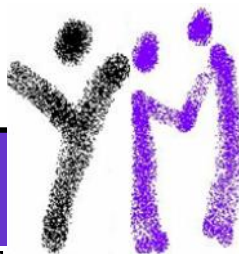
Watch for more details regarding these and other parish events.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR — **December 24 3:30 p.m.** singing for one of the Christmas Eve Masses and a short concert before.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN — **January 14 9:30 a.m.** Mass or prayer service for families who have children with special needs or small children

IMPROV TEAM FROM PIUS HIGH SCHOOL — **January 29.** Presented by CALL (Calling All Lifelong Learners) — Following 10:45 Mass, a light lunch will be provided followed by an hour of family entertainment.

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St. William Youth Ministry

Swparish.org
SW Parish Youth Ministry
SW Parish Formation Ministries

SUMMER 2012 MISSION TRIP

For High School Students
June 14 to June 22, 2012

Cost \$820

(fundraising available)

We are going to Scranton PA

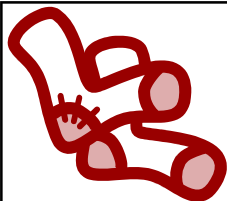
Scranton is a proud community which was built around the mining of "black diamonds" - anthracite coal. Towns throughout the area were built on the backs of immigrant men and women who labored in the heavy industries of the 19th and 20th centuries - mines, rail yards, ironworks, and textile mills. But today these industries have virtually collapsed, and life is a struggle for many.



Butterbraids on Sale Now!
Forms in the Parish Office

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30PM
ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHAPEL



Youth Ministry is Collecting Socks

Each year during Advent, Youth Ministry collects socks for the Hope Center clothes closet. Socks are one of those simple items that we don't think much about, but they are a luxury for those who cannot afford to buy them. Youth Ministry students are asked to bring a new pair of adult size socks to CF class.
December 1—January 11.

All young people 7th—12th grades are welcome to participate in YM programs. Please call Barb in the Youth Ministry office, 262-547-2763 X211.

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011

Reading I:

Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

Reading II:

I Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel:

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

See webpage YM page for
Bible study

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

John tried to help people prepare their lives for the coming of the Messiah. What do you need to change about your life to be ready for Jesus' coming?



CONFIRMATION SERVICE DAY

75 candidates and leaders were out and about on Saturday December 3 doing service at Waukesha Springs Health and Rehab, Lifestriders therapeutic riding stables, St. Vincent De Paul Store, Special Olympics and Salvation Army. My first stop was Lifestriders, what an amazing place! This is a therapeutic riding stable for the disabled. Many of our candidates impacted by this place and are signing up to return and help. I visited our kids ringing bells in support of Salvation Army and the homeless in our community. Our candidates at St. Vincent helped stock shelves, sort shoes, put on price tags and other tasks. At Waukesha Springs we helped put up Christmas decor and played bingo with the residents on the Alzheimer ward. The candidates at Special Olympics helped setup and serve a lunch to the Olympians. Candidates met many of the Olympians and discovered what a wonderful organization Special Olympics is. All candidates spent time learning about the 7 social teachings of the church and how we can affect change.

JOB WELL DONE CANDIDATES!

Winter is a great time for service!



Consider a "random act of kindness" this Advent. Shovel a neighbor's driveway without being asked. Offer to help a senior citizen with Christmas decorations or Christmas shopping. Now is also the time to contact Christmas Clearing Council if you wish to volunteer. Call 262 549 NOEL or visit www.christmasclearingcouncil.org.

Please remember to report your service to the YM office. Service is not recorded from sign up sheets.