

St. Bernard's Parish

"See how they love one another"

Haiti news

This is a story about two young Haiti men, both in their 20's, both English speaking, both with young families. Their lives started in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and now both share a common heart-ache of trying to find the best solution to help their families.

After receiving a Rotary scholarship and graduating from Rocky Mountain College, Emmanuel lives here in Billings and works for Tech Time. He's married to Betsy and they have a new little daughter Mitchella, born Dec. 27, 2009. Emmanuel and Betsy had just signed papers on their first house here in Billings when the quake hit.

Emmanuel waited for days to find out the fate of his family in Port au Prince (PAP). Praise God he finally heard that his mother, sister, niece, nephew and brother-in-law had lived through the quake but were homeless and had lost everything. They needed to leave PAP and they have no money.

Emmanuel has set up a fund at Stockman Bank called Haiti Family Relocation Fund to help his family and other families to relocate. Being thousands of miles away, Emmanuel waits daily for news that his family is doing okay without him.

The second young Haitian man is Heberle (Abel) Estinord. Abel's connection to St. Bernard's Parish is that he has been the interpreter for our missions each time we make a trip to Mirebalias. He has been our interpreter since he was 17 years old. It's now been ten years. He has done a great job

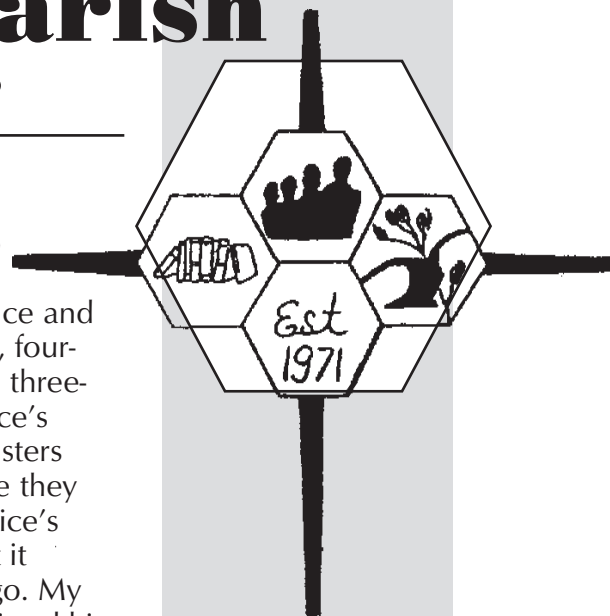
for us and is delightful to work with.

Abel is married to Clarice and they have two daughters, four-year-old Roseberline and three-year-old Berle-Rice. Clarice's mother and two of her sisters live with them. The home they lived in belonged to Clarice's mother and Abel bought it from her several years ago. My husband David and I assisted him financially to buy the home and reroof it.

Now he and his family have no home and have lost all their possessions. He and the family have been living in tents made from bed linens. It took me nearly a week to reach him by phone. I was so worried that he had died as a result of the quake because he is an interpreter for the United Nations and that building collapsed. He did not work that day because he was ill.

He was the only one of the family that received an injury. He stepped into an earth crevice and injured his leg. He is relocating his family and needs assistance also. Abel and his family have been added to the Haiti Family Relocation fund at the Stockman Bank on main street in the Heights.

I try to speak to Abel every other day and when I talked to him last he was exhausted, not feeling well and had been coughing up blood. Keep these families in your prayers.



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Lenten Observances

Ash Wednesday Masses at St. Bernard's: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, **February 17**, we begin 40 days of Lent. Lent is a time of renewal. With prayer, fasting and acts of charity we prepare ourselves for Easter and renewal of our Baptismal covenant.

We begin with ashes. Ashes from palm branches mark our foreheads to remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return; we are on a journey that requires we turn away from sin and follow the gospel of Jesus Christ.

PURPLE CROSSES have been prepared. Wear the purple cross after the ashes have been washed away as a reminder for yourself and those who see it that you are trying not to forget the work of Lent.

Booklets are available in the lobby to aid in Lenten devotion.

Boxes for **RICE BOWL** money are also available in the lobby. When you fast from food or recreation, place the money sacrificed into the box during a family prayer at mealtime. Bring the boxes back on **PALM SUNDAY**. Money received is sent to feed the poorest of the poor, where families are dying for lack of food which we enjoy every day.

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are *Fast Days* for Catho-

lics. On these two days of Lent, 18- to 59-year-olds are asked to **eat only ONE substantial meal, not eat meat and not eat between meals**. If you are ill, pregnant, etc., you are dispensed from the fast. We are encouraged to fast on as many days of Lent as we can, in solidarity and awareness of those who must fast by necessity every day. Some folks fast one day every week throughout the year. It's good for the soul and body!

The **FRIDAYS OF LENT** are also **Meatless Days** for ALL Catholics beginning at age 14.

WEEKDAY LENTEN MASSES will be at **7 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays** and **9 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays**.

Join us for the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m., preceded by evening prayer at 5:30 and Adoration until 6:00. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow. Afterward, you are invited to a simple **Soup and Bread Supper** in the Parish Social Hall.

There will be **NO** Stations of the Cross on March 19th because of The Culture Of Life Conference.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2nd at 12 noon.

Finding Time For Lent In Your Everyday

by Mary Strauss

We seem to lead such fast paced lives these days, that sometimes spending time with the Lord is non-existent or little. Lent is a good time to get back in touch with the Lord.

Take time for daily prayer. Even if it's to say good morning or thanks for the day, or to say a little prayer for someone who might have irritated you, cut you off in traffic, someone who did a favor for you. Our church calls us to a greater prayer during the Lenten season.

Try different kinds of fasting this year. Try fasting from criticism, gossip, judging others or passing rumors. Abstain from fear and anxiety.

Find ways to give of yourself this Lent. Almsgiving challenges us to take a serious look at what we need and what we want. Maybe this year give encouragement and praise to others. Show kindness and a word of thanks to others. The gift of your attention might be just what someone else needs. Most important love those close to you. So know matter how busy our lives get, when we are aware of praying, fasting and alms, you will be ready to celebrate when to dawn breaks on Easter morning.

Billings Lenten Penance Service Schedules

Wed. Mar. 3 Holy Rosary, 11:00 am

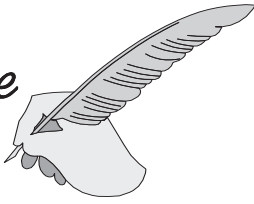
Tues. Mar. 16 St. Bernard's 7:00 pm

Tues. Mar. 23 St. Thomas, 7:00 pm (West side)

Thurs. Mar. 25 St. Patrick's, 7:00 pm

Private confessions Wednesday at 9:30am and Saturday at 4:30pm or by appointment.

From the Pastor



How about that 7 year old boy in England raising \$160,000 for Haitian relief? He planned to ride his bike 5 miles around a park and hoped to raise \$800, but with internet attention, he hit the jackpot.

Stories like his are multiplying and marvelous to behold. The world has seen the tragedy unfold in Haiti and people are reaching out to these suffering souls. We quickly received \$21,000 here at St. Bernard's and it has been sent to Catholic Relief Services which was already operating in Haiti and will reach the people quickly and efficiently. CRS has a great track record assisting those who are hurting throughout the world. It's part of our Catholic outreach.

CRS, in thanking us for the donation, stated that roads are beginning to clear and food and aid are reaching hundreds of thousands of people. But the coming rainy season brings critical need for shelter and sanitation. "It's going to turn into Woodstock out there" on the golf course. The grass has worn away under the tents and the CRS led camp attracts as many as 50,000 daytime and 80,000 nighttime. 20,000 temporary shelters have been ordered and they are planning more.

CRS distributes 62 metric tons of food per day and is the lead agency for relief in the town of Leogane, as well as 50 smaller church-identified sites. Medical teams are treating 300 people per day - gradually they are moving from acute wounds to more water-borne illnesses, such as diarrhea and typhoid, so the public health campaign has been created to encourage better sanitary practices.

CRS is extremely grateful for the outpouring of support. They have been working in Haiti for 55

years and will be there for years to come.

New York City's Archbishop Dolan, chairman of Catholic Relief Services, compares Haiti to the body of Christ in Michelangelo's "Pieta" in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, where he was praying when he heard about the earthquake. "I saw the dying, bleeding, bruised body of Jesus in the arms of his mother," he said, "and thought that body of Jesus is Haiti: bleeding, and dying and scourged...and we have to embrace that body as the body of Christ." That's what we are doing.

With this long Chinook-less Montana winter, you may be tempted to leave this ice box for the sunshine of Haiti and give a helping hand for a month or so. Wouldn't that be an adventure, and actually some of our parishioners are planning to visit Haiti in March, but all helping agencies tell us that our best outreach for the Haitians is money. Let's keep the supplies flowing to those already on the ground. Mark your donations: Haiti relief.

Helping our brothers and sisters in Haiti, the suffering Body of Christ, is life giving and embodies our Lenten conference...

AFFIRMING THE CULTURE OF LIFE

St. Bernard's is hosting this diocesan Conference March 19 and 20th; four of the presenters are coming to us from across the nation with the keynoter, Immaculee Ilibagiza, from Africa. During the Rwandan genocide, she and seven women spent 91 days huddled silently together in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor's house. She entered the bathroom a vibrant 115 pound university student with a loving family - she emerged weighing 65 pounds to find her family had all brutally murdered. Turning to prayer rather than rage, Immaculee found it possible to forgive her tormentors and family's murderers. Come and hear her

amazing story.

Register as soon as you can so you have a spot for this gathering coming here to St. Bernard's. Registration materials are in the lobby and online at the diocesan web site: www.dioceseofgfb.org

We will not have Lenten Stations of the Cross & the Soup and Bread supper that Friday of the convention, March 19th. Our Saturday evening Mass on the 20th will begin at 5:30pm, half an hour later than usual.

Catholic Schools Week

Celebrating our Catholic Schools the first week of this month brought to mind the 124 students from our parish who are presently enrolled from 80 parish families. This year, St. Bernard's is giving \$99,000 to assist the Catholic Schools. God bless everyone who is helping to make the Catholic schools a viable option in our community, esp. parents sacrificing with the hefty tuitions. The payback is helping parents pass on their faith with the same ethics and morals modeled in the home, regular prayer and liturgical experiences within the school, a close family atmosphere and academics opening college doors.

If you or a friend are looking for other alternatives in education, call the Catholic schools at 252-0997 or visit their Website: www.billings-catholicschools.org

Fr. Dave

Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1

7 pm

Good Friday, April 2

7 pm

Easter Vigil, April 3

8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30 and 11 am

CELEBRATE OUR YOUTH

Children...

by Ann Salisbury

Are your children coming home with some "stories" about what they did during Children's Faith Formation? I hope so! As often as possible, the teachers are acting out the weekly Gospel reading and the children are participating in a real-life application of the lesson. To name a few, we have rejoiced in the Lord with a parade, S.T.O.P to make loving choices, "fired up" for the Lord, made and shared Holy Spirit snack mix, and fished with Simon Peter. These fun hands-on experiences are designed to deepen your child's understanding and relationship with God.

The children have also become aware that we serve God by serving others. For our Thanksgiving service project each child created a festive craft which was used to decorate Independence Hall, a transitional living facility in the Heights for homeless veterans. The children's decorations transformed the hall and the men were truly touched and appreciative. In response to the earthquakes in Haiti, the children had a "Hats for Haiti" week. For the cost of a \$1 donation, the children could wear a hat to class. Many of the children asked, "Can we bring more than \$1?" That says it all!

Soon you will notice "faith banners" hanging around the church. Each banner was created by and represents a child preparing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation in April. Please, keep these children and their families in your prayers.

At the end of April we will finish our year with a last class Skits and Splits celebration. The skits are a fun way for the children to express and share what they have learned

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TEENS...

by Brian Shea

We continue to have great turnouts for youth group! The junior high/high school ski trip is on February 28. Last month we took forty-five 4th - 6th graders to Red Lodge for a day of skiing and snowboarding. On March 5th the youth groups will host Soup and a live Stations of the Cross. We have done this for the past two years and have had great response from the parish, so don't miss out on this activity. On April 9-11 we will take some high schoolers to Helena for the Catholic Youth Convention. Please get back to me ASAP, if you are interested.

We have made youth group t-shirts. Ben Peterson, in the high school youth group, worked really hard on designing the shirts. We will be selling them as a fundraiser for our trip to Legendary Lodge this summer. We are trying to get 17 high school youth into camp. We will need about \$7,000. If you have any fundraising ideas or wish to donate for Catholic summer camp please contact Brian Shea at brians@stbernardblgs.org or call him at the church.

We will be having a bake sale and our annual spaghetti dinner/ cake auction also.

If you have never made it to youth group or have been away for awhile we would love to see you back. We have three different youth groups that run year round. You can check out our schedule on the church website at www.stbernardblgs.org

Here is what Cody Brown, a junior at Central, has to say about his experience with the youth group:

"When Brian asked me to write about what this youth group meant to me I honestly didn't know where to begin. This youth

group has been so many things for me throughout my life. I've been attending this youth group since I was in 5th grade and it has always been the one thing I can always count on. I've made countless new friends that I know will always be there for me.

I've grown closer to God than I ever thought I could, I now know about God's endless love and forgiveness. I've learned how to show my love to God and to others and not just say it. With the faith retreats we go on, to the camping and rafting trips, I've grown to have a closer relationship with God.

Brian has done an amazing job with this youth group and has brought nearly every one, who has come to the youth group closer to God and taught them more about who God is.

This youth group has become a part of my life; the people here have become my second family. This youth group is without a doubt one of, if not **the**, best choices I've ever made and will affect the way I live the rest of my life through Christ."

Search

The spring Search for juniors and seniors will be March 19-21. This is an amazing retreat experience that you do not want to miss. If you are interested please pick up a form from the church as soon as possible. Here is what a couple of youth group members said about the last Search.

"Search to me was a total life changing experience. I was able to grow closer to God which really is a huge step for me. I was also able to better understand myself and what I stand for and it reassured me that I am not alone in my life-long journey."

Sara Ridgway - Skyview Junior

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MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Nurse's Notes

Are you overdosing?

by Priscilla Moorhouse

Self medication during this year's tough cold and flu season may cause us to make one of the most common medication errors. It is very easy to overdose on acetaminophen (Tylenol) and/or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin). This can happen when taking pain meds to relieve the pain of headaches and other aches while taking a product to ease the flu symptoms. You can be doubling up on these over the counter cold & flu remedies because they may also contain acetaminophen and ibuprofen. Some examples are Nyquil, Dayquil, Dristan, Nurofen, Contac, and AlkaSeltzer Plus. Acetaminophen can be tough on the liver so don't double dose and then consume alcohol. (Nyquil and some cough syrups also contain alcohol.)

So, read the label and watch for the "multisymptom label." Space acetaminophen to every 4 hours, ibuprofen to every 6 hours. Then remember, no alcohol, or limit to one drink while taking these medications. If there is ever a question when to use certain over the counter meds and individual prescriptions, a quick call to your pharmacist will alleviate any doubt of danger.

We have lots of choices to keep our bodies and minds healthy and comfortable. We just need to use good judgment. May this year's Lent be the most wonderful and productive for body, mind and soul you have ever experienced!



Pro-life activities

The St. Bernard's prolife group is continuing education and awareness of alternatives to abortion. One client went to Care Net to seek guidance after seeing a billboard that said, "I'm a Child not a CHOICE". She had been considering abortion, but is now carrying her baby to term. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to put up billboards at various locations.

Fr. Frank Pavone, director of Priests for Life, is teaming up with Pastoral Associate Dr. Alveda King to launch "Freedom Rides" for the unborn to galvanize pro-life activity across the country. Freedom Rides are modeled after the rides across the South in the 60's resulting in the enforcement of desegregation at bus terminals and restaurants. A longing for equal justice for everyone will be the focus of this movement in 2010 across America. For more information go to <http://www.priestsforlife.org/action/freedom-rides-report.htm>.

The March for Life commemorating the anniversary of Roe v Wade took place in downtown Billings on

January 24. One hundred thirteen people (and two dogs) participated. Bishop Warfel joined us on the walk to the courthouse where Jeff Laszloffy, of the Montana Family Foundation, spoke of the importance of listening to all points of view on the subject of abortion and euthanasia. Hopefully we will be able to influence the opposition to make wise decisions.

We will have an exhibit during the Culture for Life conference in March. We encourage you to attend the conference. Stop by our table.

We are still praying every Wednesday in front of Planned Parenthood on Wicks from 8 am and we close with the Rosary after the 9 am Mass. Please join us if you can.



*The Promise
of Easter*

A Secular Franciscan Fraternity in Great Falls

San Damiano Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order has been meeting with a group of interested persons in Great Falls with the intent of forming a new Great Falls Fraternity. Assisting in the formation process are the Poor Clares of Montana.

Lay people who are interested in Franciscan Spirituality have been drawn to the Secular Franciscan Order, or its predecessor, The Third Order, since the time of St. Francis. Now a group of men and women in Great Falls have come together to learn more about St. Francis, St. Clare and Franciscan Spirituality. Assisting in the effort of formation have been Lee and Gail Schouviller and Randy Heinz of St. Bernard's parish as well as other members of San Damiano Fraternity.

Local people who would like to know more about the Secular Franciscan Order are encouraged to contact Lee, Gail or Randy of St. Bernard's or Bruce Ellis, Minister.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Music department notes

by Judy Schwager

The season of Lent calls us to examine our souls and repent of our sins. We spend these weeks praying for forgiveness and conversion from our sinful ways. One of the songs we will be hearing and singing at mass during Lent this year talks about this concept. "Transfigure Us, O Lord" is a prayer that God will release us from the binding chains of our sins; he shows us the way to forgiveness through the guiding light that is his Son, Jesus Christ. When we accept the light of Christ, we experience healing and we receive a taste of God's glory. Finally, the season of Lent is our opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ and his way of self-sacrifice. We travel with Jesus and experience, in a deeply personal way, his crucifixion for our sins.

Transfigure us, O Lord, transfigure us, O Lord.
Break the chains that bind us; speak your healing word,
and where you lead we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord.

Down from heights of glory into the depths below,
the love of God self-emptied, the love of God to show.
You light the path before us, the way that we must go.

Light for those in darkness, the hungry have their fill,
glad tidings for the humble, the healing of all ills;
in these we glimpse your glory, God's promises fulfilled.

Pardon for the sinner, a shepherd for the sheep,
a drink of living water for all who thirst and seek,
and feasting at your table, the lowly and the least.

To the holy city, Jerusalem, you go;
your face set toward the ending, the cross to be your throne.
Shall we journey with you and share your paschal road?

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During the season of Lent, the choirs at St. Bernard's will be preparing music for Easter. If you would like to participate in the music for Lent or Holy Week (Thursday, Friday, Easter Vigil), Easter morning, or the Sundays of the Easter season, please give me a call or send me an email. The Praise

Band rehearses at 6:00 pm Tuesdays. The Sunday Morning Choir rehearses at 7:00 pm Wednesdays; singers of all ages and voice types are welcome. Or, the Saturday music group is an informal way to get your feet wet: just show up at 4:15 pm for a little practice before Saturday Mass.

Relay for Life 2010

St. Bernard's Blessed Bees

Thank you to everyone who participated in last year's relay.

Our own Mary Strauss was the top luminary seller for the City of Billings. Our team raised over \$4,000.00 and were looking pretty good at winning the category of "Faith Based" teams, but we were just a little short. Our goal this year is to win both!

Jacinta Walsh performed a wonderful song for the talent contest. We felt she was the best, but the judges weren't seeing our point of view.

Our cancer survivor community is wonderful at coming to the track and walking, especially during those early morning hours and we

thank them with all our heart.

As we begin preparing for Relay 2010, we find ourselves in need of a few more "Worker Bees." It is a lot of work holding fundraisers, selling luminaries, and raising the money; so we are asking for more participation from the parish community.

This year's relay is scheduled for July 9th and 10th at the West High track. If you have great fundraising ideas, have a knack for selling, and have a compassion for ridding our community of this disease, please call one of the team captains; Cathy Buechler 855-1155, Mary Strauss 259-4350.

Remember, we still have our cookbook available for those who

haven't gotten one. They are paid for so we have lowered the price to \$6 each with all monies going to the American Cancer Society. We have over 600 left so please buy one or more!

Thanks again for helping the Blessed Bees.

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"God touched my heart at the Search, he filled me with the fire of the Holy Spirit and I value him much more than I used to."

Anna McCullough -
Skyview Senior

Why am I Involved with the Liturgy Committee?

by Mary Strauss

So, do you ever wonder who climbs the ladder and hangs the drape on Jesus or who hangs the banners, puts up the Christmas trees? I asked some of our helpers why they became involved with the Liturgy/Worship committee. Here's what they had to say:

Well for me it's about spending a little time to help. It only takes a few hours to add some special touches.

Jennifer Jensen

Ever since I joined St. Bernard's I have been amazed at the physical transformation of the church as it coincides with each celebration throughout the year. It really helped me to better appreciate God's many gifts rather than just observe. By helping decorate I hope I can help bring that same feeling to others that attend our wonderful community! Plus its quite fun and the other helpers are the best.

Mike Hopf

When I joined I wasn't really sure what it was all about. I like the physical part of the ministry. I enjoy organizing the celebration for others. I like that what we do is felt by the parish. It takes many people to make our church run and I enjoy knowing that I can be of assistance.

Roy Brown

The reason I am on the committee is that I was "chosen" by a higher calling. One morning at daily Mass Fr. David invited several of us to stop in his office and sign on!! The reason I stayed with it has to do with something I learned when I was on a teacher education committee at MSUB about making all the decisions.

Diane

I am new and look forward to being a good member.

Sharon Kummerfeldt

I was asked to join in the fall of 2007 and thought it would be a good way to share my time and talents. I have gotten so much more in return and have found out just how much goes on "behind the scenes" that I never realized before.

Sara Cameron

To start off I was volunteered by Father Dave several years ago. I have enjoyed it ever since. I have learned a lot regarding the liturgical part of the church being on this committee and enjoyed planning and decorating for St Bernard's. Being a part of this committee has brought several good people into my life. I love being a part of the St

Bernard's community. I also enjoy working with the children.

Deb Hanley

Preparations have been made for the Lenten Season. If your heart is telling you to do something during Lent and would like to volunteer your time, please call Mary at the office 259-4350.

As for me, I've been involved off and on for about 25 years. I stay because I feel it is something I can give back to the church, the gift of my time. I love all the people who are involved and have been involved. It's amazing how transforming an environment gives great pleasure to others. God Bless!

Prayer for Haiti

Lord, I just want to say THANK YOU,
because this morning I woke up and knew where my children were.
because this morning my home was still standing
because this morning I am not crying
because my husband, my child, my brother or sister needs to be buried out
from underneath a pile of concrete,
because this morning I was able to drink a glass of water,
because this morning I was able to turn on the light,
because this morning I was not planning a funeral,
but most of all I thank you this morning
because I still have life a voice to cry out for the people of Haiti.

Lord, I cry out to you, the one that makes the impossible, possible,
the one that turns darkness into light.

I cry out that you give those mothers strength,
that you give them peace that surpasses all understanding,
that you may open the streets so that help can come
that you may provide doctors, nurses, food, water, and all that they need in a blink of an eye.

For all those that have lost family members,

give them peace,

give them hope,

give them courage to continue to go on!

Protect the children and shield them with your power.

Adult faith formation

by Kris Nelson

It was about twelve years ago that I walked through the doors of St. Bernard's on a Sunday morning. I came at the request of one of my adult, adopted sons who was in the midst of yet another crisis due to his alcoholism. "Mom," he pleaded, "Please come to church with me."

I hadn't been to church in years. "What could it hurt?" I thought. "It may even really help him."

As the reader began with announcements before Mass that day, I remember hearing for the first time what has become so familiar to me: "We hope you feel the love of Jesus in our gathering."

Three weeks later, my son was off on another binge, but the following Sunday morning I was at Mass.

I want you to know that I was not completely without faith before I came here. I was baptized as an infant in another faith and attended various churches as I grew up both with my family and with friends. My husband and I were married in a church and had our own two boys baptized there. But, with the rigors of his job and the demands of a young family, over time, it became very easy to just stay home. And soon I had myself convinced that I didn't really need

to go to church at all.

Well, all those years ago, I did feel the love of Jesus in that gathering. What began that day as a gesture to help my son became one of the most pivotal days of my entire life. My relationship with God was rekindled that day and has been growing stronger ever since. One of my greatest consolations is the words of St. Paul when he writes, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."

As many of you may already know, in May I will be retiring. By next year we will be moving to Polson. I will hold all of you close to my heart, and all that I have experienced and learned these past twelve years I will take with me. It has been a blessing to serve our Lord alongside each of you. I will miss you, but it is our promise in Christ that the best is yet to come. It is in that spirit that my journey will continue. Please come see us at Flathead Lake! I think John Newton summed it up best when he said, "I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am." Blessings to you all, Kris

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about their faith with each other. And the splits are a blast to build and fun to eat!

As always, know that the many devoted teachers, volunteers and I rejoice in the time we spend together with your children growing in our faith. What a blessing!

Dates to Note!

- **February 27**, Confirmation/First Communion Retreat, 1 – 6 pm
- **Week of March 15th**, Return Faith Banners
- **March 29 & March 31**, No Classes, Spring Break
- **April 3**, RCIC Complete Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil
- **April 10**, 2nd Grade Confirmation/First Communion Pictures and Dress Rehearsal, 10 am – Noon
- **April 11**, Confirmation/First Communion Liturgy, 2 pm
- **April 26 & 27**, Skits-n-Splits Last Class Celebration

PARISH STATISTICS...

Deaths

January, 2010

Mary Jo Sherman	Jan. 3
Scott Herren	Jan. 10
Walter Setera	Jan. 21

**Lord, we give them
back to you.
May they rest in your
loving care.**

Baptisms

November 26, 2009 –
January 31, 2010

Children

- Parents
- James David Orler**
Mark & Beth Orler
- Belyn Genevieve Downer**
Perinne Elizabeth Downer
David & Lisa Downer
- Noah Brian Lewandowski**
Brian & Amber Lewandowski
- Myli Grace Ridgeway**
Brad & Amy Ridgeway
- Chase Steven Salyer**
Joseph Salyer & Kristen Husar
- Savanna May Sundheim**
Keith & Diane Sundheim
- Aubree Marie Bates**
Charlie & Stephane Bates
- Mirkalla Elizabeth Martinez**
Julio & Claudia Martinez
- Birkley Marie Mauer**
Jared & Brittney Mauer
- Dane Christopher Mueller**
Jason & Heather Mueller
- Kathryn Ann Swenson**
Jacob Charles Swenson
Scott & Julie Swenson
- Anneva Mikal Braun**
Ken & Laurie Braun
- Blayke Reuben Ochsner**
Vanessa Armstrong

Adult Baptism

Gary Lawrence Sherwood, Jr.

PARISH STATISTICS...

New Parishioners

The following have recently joined St. Bernard's Parish. Some couldn't be reached, others preferred not to be published, but many shared information. If you discover any new neighbors, introduce yourself! If you see someone with similar interests, or with children having the same ages/activities as yours, invite them to groups that serve those interests, activities or age groups

Pamela Roxas (engineer) from Michigan. Interests: golf and photography. (734) 968-5754.

Patrick (St. Vincent Hosp.) and **Jamie** (Walgreen's) **O'Neil** from Nampa, ID. 3 children: Meagan, 15; Amanda, 13; Patrick, 9. Interests: fishing, all outdoor things, spending family nights together. 2437 Riveroaks Dr., 59105.

Bryan (veterinarian) and **Bridget** (nurse) **Roe** from Harlowton. Interests: archery, working with the deaf community, raising cattle. 3465 Yeoman Rd., Shepherd 59079, 373-3485.

Ray (Mgr., St. John's) and **Lorena** (teacher) **Dicken** from Buffalo, WY. 2 grown children. Interests: traveling, playing guitar, singing, teaching, selling art. 750 Nottingham Circle #6, 59105.

Richard (diesel mechanic) and **Angie Murnion** from St. John the Baptist in Jordan. Interests: spending time with family and friends. 736 Nottingham Circle #5, 59105, 697-8338.

Christopher (KOA) and **Ali** (home-maker) **Mink** from St. Mary Queen of Creation in New Baltimore, MI. 2 children: Conner, 8 and Caroline, 4. Interests: entertaining, gardening, playing piano, painting and drawing; children: baseball, football, crafts and playing.

Brian (sales) and **Amity** (home-maker) **Neff** from Valley of Flowers in Belgrade. 4 children: Abby, 7; Riley, 5; Bria, 3 and North Richard, 4 mos. Interests: family movie nights, baking and spending time together. 371-5205.

Patrick Wisecup (Flomart) and **Jennifer** (United Blood Services) **Harris**

from St. Patrick's. 1 child: Sophia, 21 mos. Interests: camping and spending time with family.

Billie McMillen (retired) from St. Mary's in Phoenix AZ and St. Joseph's in Hardin. Interests: reading and crafting. 835 Dreamers Loop, 59105, 698-7475.

Marjorie Francis (retired) from Balfield, ND. 4 grown children: Robbin, Terry, Rusty and Toby. Interests: driving granddaughter to and from school, sewing, crocheting, cooking. 1651 Sagebrush Rd. 59105, 252-5902.

Bradley (carpenter) and **Michelle** (college student) **Crawford** from Holy Rosary in Bozeman. 2 children: Presley, 10 and Paycer, 3. Interests: spending time with family and friends. 1444 Janie St., 59105, 671-6157.

Shawn (Ashley Furniture) and **Erin** (student) **Lafavor**. Interests: working on cars.

Joe (school counselor & therapist) and **Daniela** (business analyst) **Walsh** from Butte, Bozeman and Billings (Joe) and Nicaragua and Miami (Daniela). Interests: spending time with family and friends, dining out, traveling, cooking and all outdoor things. 438 Indian Trail 59105, 672-0400.

Daniel (tech trainer) and **Mary Faulkner** from Holy Spirit in Butte. 2 children: Megen, 15 and Rebecca, 12. Interests: swimming, camping, 4-wheeling, video games.

Lynnel Bullshoe (teacher, counselor) from Little Flower in Browning. 1 child, Tristin, 13. Interests: all outdoor things, football, camping, 4-wheeling, basketball. 1600 Ave. E, Apt. 58, 59102, 360-8484.

Urian (trucker) and **Whitney** (St. of MT) **Jagelski** from St. Pius. 3 children: Shelby, 6; Emily, 3; Tyler, 13 wks. Interests: going for drives, playing outdoors. 4534 Ryan Ave., 59101, 252-5518.

Gabriel (sales) and **Jennifer** (dental assistant) **Johnson** from California. 3 children: Wyatt, 13; Kathleen, 8 and Cole, 6. Interests: hunting, fishing, gardening, horses. 3830 Molly Dr., Shepherd 59079, 373-9844.

James Berg (retired) from Wyo-

ning. Interests: hunting and fishing.

William Rash (fire chief) from Lewistown. 2 children: Ciera, 21 and Lindsey, 19. Interests: physical fitness, camping, fishing. 550 Toluca Dr., 59191, 534-1915.

Christina Victoria-Petty (MDU). 1 grown child. Interests: trying to get her house in order!

Amy MacKenzie (retired) from Helena. 4 grown children. Interests: traveling, babysitting grandkids. 1117 Primrose, 59105, 461-1710.

Jack (retired) and **Joyce** (retired) **Cavanaugh** from Sacred Heart in Miles City. 2 grown daughters. Interests: sports, reading, being with family. 1065 Picador Way, 59105, 371-5812.

Paul (construction supervisor) and **Kate** (homemaker) **Montgomery** from Rifle, CO. 4 children: Coy, 5; Sara, 5; Cody, 4; Shea, 2. Interests: outdoor things, riding, rodeo, camping, fishing.

Guy (retired) and **Lillis** (medical secretary) **Chilson** from Great Falls, originally Billings. 2 grown children. Interests: outdoor things, fishing, gardening, reading, movies, metal detecting, history, music. 458 Poppy Pl., 59105, 534-4230.

Jason (information technology technician) and **Heather** (cosmetologist) **Mueller**. 1 child, Dane, 5 mos. Interests: members of Buses of Yellowstone Preservation Trust. 248-1093.

Terry (CPA) and **Rusty** (manager) **Izett** from St. Pius. 1 child, Kale, 2 and 2 stepchildren: Ryley, 20 and Megan, 16. Interests: archery and spending time with family. 949 Constitution Ave., 59105, 254-0656.

Julio (carpenter) and **Claudia** (data processing) **Martinez** from San Francisco. 2 children: Claudia, 13 and Mirkalla, 2. Interests: outdoor things and computers.

Michele Neuharth (internet marketer) from St. Joseph's in Eureka, SD. Interests: reading, watching movies, being around children, taking walks. 1518 Spring Gulch Way, 59105, 534-4850.

Kayla Melugin (college student and Herbergers). Interests: camping, 4-wheeling. 208-2342.

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Lenten Prayer Opportunities

During Lent there will be many opportunities for prayer outside of weekend Masses. We will again be offering Evening Prayer every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm; this prayer is from the Liturgy of the Hours and consists of a hymn, several psalms, a short scripture reading, and prayer petitions. This service will be followed by a time for Eucharistic Adoration before Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm. As always, there will be soup and bread supper after Stations.

Lent may also be a time for you to attend Mass more frequently. St. Bernard's daily Masses are Tuesday/Thursday at 7:00am, Wednesday/Friday at 9:00am.

The Rosary is prayed after the Tuesday/Thursday Masses at 7:30am, and before the Wednesday/Friday Masses at 8:30am.

The Chapel at St. Bernard's is always open when the church is open. Ask in the front office about opportunities to pray in the Chapel.

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NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

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Opportunities

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Council of Catholic Women
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Mary Ann Kostkas 259-2807
Boy Scouts Walt McIntosh 670-1846
Cum Christo Mary Strauss 245-9657
Secular Franciscans Randy Heinz 534-3933
St. Vincent de Paul Harry Merchant 252-1855
Alcoholics Anonymous Mon. 7 pm, Thurs. 7 pm

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