



FROM YOUR PARISH PRIESTS

Dear friends,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is a “pivotal” celebration in that we mark the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of the season we refer to as Ordinary Time. Today affords us an opportunity to reflect on our dignity as baptized followers of Christ.

The prophet Isaiah wrote:

*I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon those who live in darkness.*
[Isaiah 42: 6-7]

For most of us, it is relatively easy to apply these words to Jesus. He is the anointed one – the Christ of God. He was chosen by the Father to establish the reign of God in human time and history. The public part of his mission began with his baptism when the voice from heaven declared, “You are my

beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

On the other hand, many of us would be reluctant to apply these same words to ourselves. “Me? Chosen by God? I’m not so sure about that.” And yet, that is what we celebrate today. We have not chosen God; God has chosen us to be his beloved sons and daughters, co-workers with Christ in bringing the reign of God to its fulfillment and heirs with Christ in inheriting the life of God’s reign. God has called **us**. God has taken **us** by the hand. God has formed **us** to be a light for the nations. And if God has chosen and formed us to be his light, that places upon us a sacred responsibility to live up to and live out that calling. We may not dismiss the calling. We cannot undo our being chosen. God himself has begun a good work in us and it is God himself who will bring it to completion in and through us.

Our baptism was so much more than a ritual and it so much more than a past event. Our baptism is an ever-present reality because it forever changed our relationship with God. As we continue to enter into this new year, we might spend some time reflecting upon what God has done for us, and what God expects of us as chosen coworkers and coheirs with Christ.

In Christ’s love,
Fr. Brian

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ATTENTION Wedding Couples – Our annual wedding seminar is coming soon in early February. Watch the bulletin for the date and time of this morning for all couples getting married in the next year. Cantors and instrumentalists will be playing music appropriate for all parts of your wedding liturgy and you will learn the role of music in the liturgy and how to make good music selections. There will also be information about flowers, photographers, etc. Parents and friends, siblings, etc. are also welcome to join us. Check the bulletin in the next few weeks for more details.

Celebrate with Our Northern Uganda Pilgrims

Join us at **Holy Rosary Hall on Saturday, January 23, 2010 after the 4:30 pm Holy Rosary Mass** to experience a Ugandan meal and hear about the trip our parishioners took to visit our sister parish in Padibe, Uganda. We will have a wine and cheese reception followed by a buffet that was a typical meal in Uganda. Enjoy an entertaining power point presentation and talk presented by our parish travelers to Uganda. An RSVP is required. Please contact Bob Schuelke, Director of Social Justice Ministries at the Parish Office, 414-271-6577 or email: bschuelke@threeholyywomen.org.

YOU'RE INVITED!

The entire Archdiocese of Milwaukee is rejoicing in the installation of Jerome Listecky as the 11th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Unfortunately, because of space concerns, all those who wished were not able to attend. As you have probably heard on the news and in press releases from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, six regional celebrations of welcome will take place from Thursday, Jan. 7 through Monday, Feb. 1, at parishes throughout the 10-county archdiocese. These events will provide all Catholics in southeastern Wisconsin the opportunity to meet, pray and celebrate with our new archbishop. The date designated for the celebration covering the region including Districts 12 & 13 is Wednesday, January 13th. This celebration is open to all, and will be held at:

Christ King Parish
 2604 N. Swan Blvd.
 Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Mass will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a reception during which you can meet Archbishop Listecky.

RSVP to: pernicem@christkingparish.org

Name _____
 Parish _____
 I will attend the meeting _____
 I will attend the dinner _____
 I will concelebrate at the liturgy _____

If you have any questions, please call 414-258-2604 ex. 23 (Maggie Pernice).

Thank You!

A big thank you to all the people who helped make our Christmas prayer so beautiful. You never truly know how much time, thought and energy it takes to make these big holiday seasons so prayerful until you volunteer yourself. Crib sets put up, banners painted, poinsettias ordered, music learned, schedules made, vessels cleaned, trees ordered, wreaths put up, lights put on, door signs made, etc. etc. It takes an amazing team to make this all happen and we have that here at Three Holy Women. Thanks to everyone who gave of their time and talent this Christmas season. May the Lord bless you in 2010!

Mary Robertson
 Director of Music and Liturgy

Join the Choir!

The weekly choir continues their rehearsals on Thursday January 14th at 7pm at Holy Rosary. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Mary at 414-271-6577 or mrobertson@threeholyywomen.org or come to rehearsal on January 14th. We would love to have you join our music ministry. This spring and summer promises to be a great year for our music ministry after the new pipe organ is installed and our parish prepares to celebrate our 10th anniversary. Come and get in on the excitement!

You are invited to join us to...

Eat, Drink and Be Catholic

A free speaker and discussion series for young adults in their 20's and 30's

Monday, January 18, "Beauty is the Sign: Finding Faith Through Art" By David Kang

How can our experiences of beauty in art deepen our experience of God? What wisdom does the Catholic faith offer us in this area? Through theology, film, music and other art forms, join David Kang of Furrow24, a Catholic foundation for the arts, as we explore these questions and more.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. - Speaker begins at 7 p.m. v Holy Rosary Church Hall, 2011 N. Oakland Ave.

Have any Questions? Contact Emily Kang, 414-271-6577, or ekang@threeholyywomen.org.

Sponsored by the parishes of the Riverbank Catholic Communities: Three Holy Women, Ss. Peter and Paul, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Old St. Mary, and Our Lady of Divine Providence.



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Catholic East Elementary — School News

Citizenship Program Rewards Students At Your Parish School: Catholic East Elementary

Did you know...? Students at Catholic East Elementary have a special incentive to practice what Jesus teaches. Teachers keep their eyes open for students doing a great job with the Citizenship Program theme of the month. One student in each grade is recognized as one of the school's "Citizens of the Month" at an all-school assembly, which also features a theme speaker from outside the school. Themes so far this year include Service to Others, Honesty, Christianity and Respect.

To find out more about the Citizenship Program and the other special offerings at Catholic East, please join us on Thursday, Feb. 4, for our Open House from 6 pm to 7:30 pm, 2461 N. Murray Ave., located at Murray and Greenwich adjacent to SS. Peter and Paul Parish. Catholic East always welcomes new students. Please call Jane Bartlett, 414-964-1770, if you have questions about Catholic East or would like to schedule a tour.

IT'S SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME! Shift Workers Needed

Our Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 31 from Noon to 5:30pm in St. Rita Scalabrini Hall.

We need help in many areas.

- On Saturday, January 30 beginning at 8:00am we need help making meatballs and setting up the church hall.
- On Sunday, our wait staff shifts are from 11:30am to 2:45pm and 2:30pm to 5:45pm. We also need help for clean-up at 5:15pm.

Please call JoAnn at 414-272-3974; Carole at 414-962-4035 [email: carolecas@wi.rr.com] or Sheeda at 262-789-6775 [email: sheeda@wi.rr.com] to volunteer for this fun event and give your name, phone number and be specific about which shift you would prefer.



Join us for a Special Adult Formation Event!

**Thursday, January 14:
"An Explanation of
Mass for the Masses!"**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Old Saint Mary
Parish, 836 N. Broadway**

Do you ever wonder why we do what we do at Mass, and where it all comes from? Does Mass sometimes pass you by and you feel like you're just not getting a lot out of it? Or has it been awhile since you've come to Mass, and you'd like to revisit it? Join us as Fr. Brian breaks open the richness of the Mass, explains the meaning behind the words and actions of our weekly worship, and answers your questions along the way! Whether you're new to the faith, been a Catholic for your whole life, or are someone who's not Catholic and is just curious, join us for this eye-opening evening that is sure to feed your soul, and help you encounter Christ more deeply each and every week!

Call Emily at the parish office for more information or with questions, ekang@threeholYWomen.org or 414-271-6577. Feel free to bring a friend! All are welcome!

Calling All Parents with Little ones!



P.A.L.S.

Join us for a fall gathering for young families!

When: Saturday January 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

Who: Parents and Little Ones! (kids from infant up to about age 4)

What: Join us for time to gather together as young families of faith from Three Holy Women and Old Saint Mary Parish. Families can bring their infants and toddlers! Older siblings are also welcome. We'll have a special activity on the Three Kings in honor of the feast of Epiphany for the older ones, time to play, and time for parents to meet one another and talk.

Where: Old Saint Mary Parish Center, located through the back doors of the church at 836 N. Broadway. Park in the lot on Milwaukee and Kilbourn, and enter through the back doors of the church.

Call Emily at the parish office to RSVP by January 14, at 414-271-6577. Let us know who's coming, and how old your kids are. Morning Refreshments will be provided.

We'll see you there!

