

ALL SAINTS

Catholic Parish

United in the Spirit

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We're Making Progress



A CLOSER LOOK

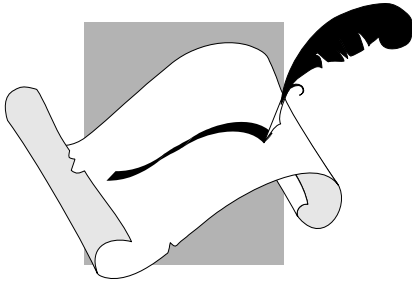
Everyday we can see more and more of our new church from the road. Of course we want more. We are curious. We want a CLOSER LOOK.

On Saturday, October 21st, from 2pm to 4pm the gates will be open at the building site and you can get that CLOSER LOOK. The Core Building Committee has arranged that day with our general contractor so we can drive our cars right up to the parking lot, get out and walk around.

All parishioners are invited to come anytime between 2pm to 4pm and spend time at our new building site and get a CLOSER LOOK at our new church during this stage of construction.



See you there! Don't forget!
OCTOBER 21 2PM TO 4PM



From the Pastor's Pen...

by Father Max

Dear Members of the All Saints Family,

Early last month, Bishop Morlino called together the priests of our diocese to introduce a new program entitled, "Guided by the Spirit". Through this program the Bishop is asking Catholics throughout the Diocese of Madison to work together in planning for the future of the Church in southwestern Wisconsin. He believes that because of changing demographics and the diminishing number of available priests to serve parishes, the time for reflection and action is now.

Three of the nine goals established for this program are:

1. To enhance the quality of parish life by encouraging collaboration and the sharing of resources among parishes.
2. To ensure that quality Catholic School education is available.
3. To build a greater sense of unity within the local church through the merging and clustering of parishes thereby continuing the Sacramental Church we are called to be.

At this time the Diocese has hired the Reid Group to oversee this program, while the Bishop has appointed a planning commission composed of both clergy and laity. Each parish in turn is to contribute a core committee of five to represent and to work at the local level.

The first workshops are to be held in October where discussions will take place and various data is shared. After more in depth conversation, at various levels, a preliminary recommendation will be made in February of 2007. Following

refinement of this recommendation, a final plan will be presented to the Bishop in May of 2007 for his approval and implementation.

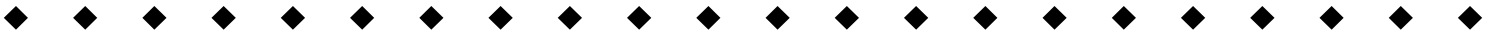
If any of this sounds familiar, it should, because we as the Catholic community of Berlin have already traveled this road. In 1980, we consolidated our schools to insure quality Catholic education. In 1998, we linked all three Berlin Parishes and committed ourselves to merging and becoming the parish of All Saints on July 1, 2001. Also, both Mr. Zangl and Sister Jude are collaborating with neighboring parishes to share resources and improve educational opportunities. You might say, we in Berlin are at least five years ahead of the Diocese.

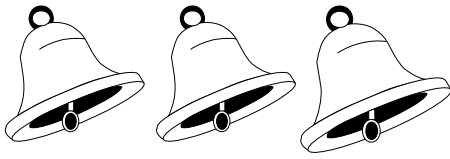
At this time I wish to commend and to thank you for decisions already made and steps we continue to take to guarantee the presence of a Sacramental Church for the future in our area. It has not always been easy, but for the most part, we have met the challenge and continue to strive for greater unity.

As other parishes may face an unknown future, may we do what we can to assist them through our prayers and the knowledge we have gained through our common experience. All Saints is a true trail blazer in many ways, and so we should be proud of what we have been able to accomplish. May we continue to move ahead together as we build our new church, as true symbol of our parish; a parish "*UNITED IN THE SPIRIT.*"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Max





THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

The bell tower for our new church is a significant architectural and historical design for All Saints Parish. Our bell tower is designed as an everlasting reminder of three Catholic parishes that worked together to become one parish, United In The Spirit. The bell tower will stand proud and tall as a tribute to our parish history and the strength of our parishioners.

One bell has been removed from each of our existing churches, to be used in the bell tower at our new church. Lee Manufacturing, of Muskego, WI was hired to select the "best" bell from each church, arrange removal, storage and restoration of the bells. At the appropriate time, the bells will be sanded down and sealed with many coats of special sealer. The bells will be restored to a bronze color and the sealers used are intended to preserve the bronze color for a long period of time.

Some interesting facts about the three bells selected:

The bell from St. Joe's church was cast by Gardnier Campbell & Sons, is 41 inches in diameter, rings a G sharp and weighs 1500 lbs

The bell from St. Mike's is a VanDusen and Tift, is 43 inches in diameter, rings an "F" and weighs 1800 lbs

The bell from St Stan's is made by Stuckstede, is 51 inches in diameter, rings in a note of "D" and weighs 2600 lbs

Of course, a bell tower should "make a joyful noise to our Lord". The Core Building Committee is currently researching methods to produce sound. Cost is a major consideration, along with ease of operation, maintenance and long-term stability of any system selected.

The bell tower design includes a **Cross** on top of the tower. The cross is already at the building site and is 30 feet high. The Cross is a symbol of our Christian faith, a symbol of God's love and ultimate sacrifice for us. Lighting the cross is the ultimate goal, so all can be reminded of God's constant love for us. Again, cost is a major consideration and information is being gathered about various methods to light the cross.

The decisive final touches to our bell tower would be the sound and lighting systems. These costs are over and above the base cost of construction of the bell tower and were not included in the Phase I costs. Information regarding these costs are being finalized and will be shared with our parish at a later date. Most likely, these costs will be included in our Memorial Campaign. The Memorial Campaign will be introduced in the future and will give parishioners an opportunity to donate to various elements of our church design, in memory of loved ones.



SUBMITTED BY: MICHELE OLSEN, LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

This article was adapted from *The Liturgical Season of Advent*, by Fr. William Saunders

The season of Advent marks the four weeks of spiritual preparation by the faithful before Christmas. Advent begins the Sunday closest to Nov. 30, (the Feast of St. Andrew) and ends with Christmas. Advent helps us direct our focus on the Christmas celebration of the coming of our Lord.

To help in our Advent preparation, we use the Advent wreath. The wreath is a circle made of fresh plant material and includes four candles, one of which is progressively lit during each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple and one is pink. All symbolize penance, preparation, and sacrifice. The pink candle is lit

on the third week to indicate we are half way through our preparation. The lighted candles represent Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord.

During Advent we are reminded to strive to "... increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth."

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING YOUR TIME & TALENTS

WEB SITE HAS NEW DESIGN

www.allsaintsberlin.org.

The community of All Saints Parish is a very gifted group of people. We are very fortunate to have so many individuals willing to share their talents.

Our parish secretary, Pat Wirtz, along with Nathan Hess of Finishline Studios has redesigned and updated our parish website. Nathan has donated his time and talent in redesigning the site. Mr. Steve Zangl assisted with school information, Cindy Schrader provided the building project information and Ruth Jodarski was the "editor & proof-reader".

The goal of our parish website is to reflect who we are as a Catholic Parish, to include information that would not only be helpful, but educational and to provide resources that would enable

visitors to the site the opportunity to learn more about their faith.

Pat Wirtz, has volunteered her time to keep the website accurate and up to date. If any parish committee or organization would like information put on the site, please give it directly to Pat Wirtz. The information will be proofed and approved before publishing. Nathan has agreed to donate his time to make design changes as needed, and Steve Zangl, our school principal has offered to continue to assist Pat with information updates.

Check out **your** Parish at

www.allsaintsberlin.org.

PARISH GROUNDS LOOKING GOOD!!

Last summer, Father Max, mentioned that we needed help with a landscaping project, and once again our people responded with the sharing of time and talent.

In short time, Al Youngbauer, John & Carol Brennan, Patti & Jenna Horn, Bob & Josh Schmitz, Peter Derleth and Bob Przybyl, removed a few inches of dirt from the west side of the church, near the ramp, mulch was added and with the guidance of "Master Gardener", Annette Stobbe, a beautiful garden has been blooming in the Sacred Heart Garden.

Annette has started many of the flowers and plants from seeds. The hydrangea tree and

"knock out" rose bushes were planted by Annette and her mother, Cathy Schmidt, who donated them in memory of her brother, Fr. Tom Sosinski.

The lawns are kept looking beautiful and well groomed by volunteer grass cutters, Wayne Morierarty and Bob Hendee. Gene Berlowski keeps the hedges and trees trimmed. The repairs that have been done by Bob Krause has kept our buildings safer and more user friendly.

We truly are blessed by generous people; people that take pride in the appearance of our buildings and grounds. Thank you for your hard work.

DONATION OF OFFICE FURNITURE & STORAGE UNITS

Recently Badger Mining replaced their office furniture and storage cabinets at their Resource Center. Being aware of our building project, Todd Huggins contacted the parish and asked if we would be interested in any of their office furniture for our new office. Members of the SAMS

committee were overwhelmed with the furniture being offered. We were given enough office furniture, desks, & storage units, to meet our needs for some time to come. As a parish family, we offer our sincerest thanks to Badger Mining for yet another generous donation to our parish.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALL SAINTS

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS Please check bulletin or contact the Parish office for meeting details

- Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Thursday before First Friday beginning @ 2:30 PM
- First Monday: Council of Catholic Women
- Second Monday: Holy Name

- Third Monday: Education Commission
Rosary @ Planned Parenthood
- Third Tuesday: Blessed Motherhood
- Third Thursday: Parish Council
- Third Friday: Senior Gathering

OCTOBER 2006

- ◆ 21: A CLOSER LOOK AT BUILDING SITE; 2-4 PM
- ◆ 24: FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT'S MEETING 6:30 @ MIKE'S
- ◆ 29: FIRST EUCHARIST ENROLLMENT MASS 9 AM
- ◆ CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL AFTER 11 AM MASS
- ◆ 31: MASS IN ANTICIPATION OF HOLY DAY 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 2006

- ◆ 1: ALL SAINTS DAY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES: 7 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM.
- ◆ SCHOOL LATE START
- ◆ 2: REMEMBRANCE MASS 6:30 PM
- ◆ 5: CONFIRMATION 11 AM MASS
- ◆ 11: FLAVORS OF FALL SOUP LUNCHEON
- ◆ BINGO @ 6:30 PM
- ◆ 22: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 PM Grace Lutheran

DECEMBER 2006

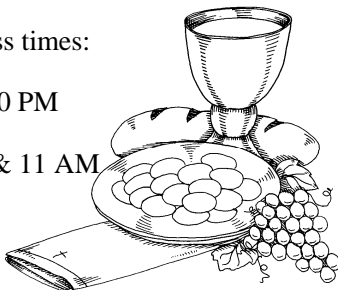
- ◆ 7: MASS IN ANTICIPATION OF HOLY DAY 6:30 PM
- ◆ 8: FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES 7 AM, 9 AM & 5:30 PM
- ◆ 12: COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION 7 PM
- ◆ 23-24: REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
- ◆ 24: CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS 5:30 PM
- ◆ 8:00 PM & MIDNIGHT
- ◆ 25: CHRISTMAS DAY: 8 & 10 AM
- ◆ 30 & 31: REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
- ◆ JAN 1: NEW'S DAY MASS: 10 AM

CELEBRATE WITH US

Mass times:

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7-9 & 11 AM



**Please note, NO Eucharistic Adoration during November.



**Support
our
School!**

PURCHASE SCRIP

SUNDAY 7:45—10:15 AM

HALLWAY BETWEEN SCHOOL & CHURCH

USE GROVE STREET ENTRANCE

ORDER SCRIP AHEAD OF TIME

CALL SCHOOL OFFICE:

361-1781

WATCH FOR:



Oct 21st – bell tower masonry, roof and electrical work completed

Mid Nov –cross erected on the bell tower

Dec 10th – church building totally enclosed and heated so inside work can be done all winter

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361-2354 to ensure your information is current.

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HOLIDAY DRIVE-AWAY**

DRAWING: SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2006

320 SW FRANKLIN ST 12:00 NOON

******GRAND PRIZE******



1999 FORD TAURUS V-6 AUTO (\$4,000 VALUE) DONATED BY FIRST NATIONAL BANK

1ST PRIZE: LADIES GOLD WATCH (\$150. VALUE) DONATED BY LEONE SEAMAN

2ND PRIZE: \$100 CASH DONATED BY RICH & GERENE BARTOL

3RD PRIZE: \$100 CASH DONATED BY FRANK & GLORIA LICHTFUSS

4TH PRIZE: \$100 CASH DONATED BY ELEANOR TREDER

5TH PRIZE: \$100 CASH DONATED BY ANDY'S DRIVING SCHOOL

TICKETS: \$10.00 EACH

ONLY 1000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

AVAILABLE AT PARISH OFFICE, AFTER MASS OR
CONTACT ANDY SEAMAN 361-0730

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