



# The VOICE

of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish



"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

MONCHES & NORTH LAKE

MARCH 2008



## Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop William P. Callahan

Members of parishes in district 4 & 5 gathered to welcome and celebrate with newly elected Auxiliary Bishop William Callahan, Tuesday, January 15, at St. Bruno Parish, Dousman. Members of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish who attended were music director Bill Erickson, choir member Mary Claire Ramm, flutist Chris Slowinski, parish council member Cornel Rosario, and parish staff Karin Frederickson, Mary Lestina, Mary Jo Romportl and Mary Whelan. Fr. Tony McCarthy concelebrated with various priests of district 4 & 5. Bill directed Mozart's beautiful Ave Verum, which was outstanding, deeply moving and prayerful. Following the liturgy, a festive reception was served by the gracious hosts and members of St. Bruno's Parish. When asked how to describe Bishop Callahan, Mary Lestina responded:

*"A very happy, joyful, shepherd who radiates a deep prayer life, a desire to serve those entrusted to him, and a dedication to help lead our church in the coming years."* We welcome Bishop Callahan and continue to support him with our prayers.

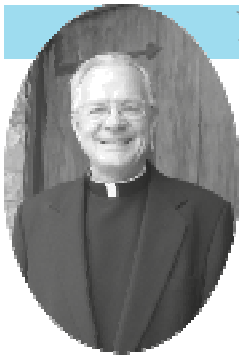
## GIVING A SMILE

The Native American culture burned brightly last December in the community of families that live in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, when they received generous Christmas gifts from Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish. The residents have a wonderful practice called the "Give-away" which allows all families a means through which honor can be given and received through displays of generosity. From this perspective of the "give-away" they believe generosity is an honorable act and it is an honor to be the recipient. Giving and receiving is not an act of charity but a "real act of love and sacrifice."



Giving does not come from the pocket but from the heart and soul. Despair often develops in the face of desperate poverty, but "your gifts have helped dispel that feeling of desperation among some of the people here on the Pine Ridge," writes Angie Stover from Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge. In fact, her long letter to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta stated that if they could speak to the "benefactors" from our parish, they would say "THANK YOU with lots of exclamation points." Some of the families mentioned, "we would not have a Christmas at all if not for this program (the Giving Tree)."

The picture to the left shows the happy smiles of the children who have benefited at Pine Ridge. Angie summed up their feelings, "Your gifts to us in items so simple, toys, clothing, etc..., carry much more in thought and deed. Your gift is one of hope."



## FROM OUR PASTOR

Mark 1:1-3

Dear Parishioners,

Not too long ago I read an article in which the author stated the most difficult challenge of Lent had been to give up giving up something! How does not giving up something for Lent strike you?

On another occasion I was listening to a convert to the Catholic Faith tell of her journey. Kimberly related this experience: as she was driving, she was drawn to stop at a local Catholic Church for personal prayer. During her visit she asked God what He wanted her to give up for Lent which began the next day. To her surprise, the Lord spoke boldly to her heart. *Kimberly, instead of giving up something, just give up!* In other words, *give yourself to me*. How does the response of deliberately giving yourself to

the Lord strike you?

These two incidents could help us appreciate the heart and challenge of Lent: to conform our lives more intimately with the Lord Jesus. The goal of Lent is not to lose weight or to look good in someone else's eyes, but to be good in the sight of the Lord.

Lent is not the occasion to profess that we belong to Jesus and then act on a daily basis as if Jesus belonged to us. What a graced time we have each Lent to get our priorities in order as we prepare to renew our Baptismal promises on Easter Sunday.

Faithfully in Christ,

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 3rd

7:00 pm at North Lake (Parish Center)

In Baptism we received the life of Christ and with it the call to be light for the world. We come together not only to acknowledge our sinfulness, but also to be fully reconciled to God, one another, even ourselves. We will have a communal prayer service, and several priests will be available for individual confessions.

### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed during Lent on **Friday mornings after the 8:00 am Mass** at North Lake. Station books are in the front church vestibule for private use during the week.

### TRIDUUM WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Holy Thursday, March 20

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm at Monches

#### Good Friday, March 21

Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
Fast and Abstinence

1:30 pm North Lake; 7:00 pm at Monches

#### Holy Saturday, March 22

Blessing of the Easter Food, 1:00 pm North Lake

#### Easter Vigil, March 22

7:00 pm at North Lake

#### Easter Sunday, March 23

7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am at North Lake  
10:00 am at Monches

### A Message From...

### The Director of Music and Liturgy

Dear Parishioners,

Since I have become eligible for retirement, I've decided to choose that option as of December 31, 2007.

However, Father Tony has asked me to continue on a part-time basis to help in the transition to my successor sometime later this spring. So, for the next few months, I will serve in the capacity of interim director.

I have truly appreciated the opportunity to serve and worship with this faith community for nearly 10 years, and with the archdiocese in this and three other parishes since 1972. I treasure the many friends and colleagues I have come to know during that time. I look forward to an active retirement with further opportunities to help in the diocese and elsewhere as guest conductor, dinician, keyboardist, psalmist (cantor of psalms) and composer.

In the meantime, I look forward to a fulfilling Lenten/Easter season for all of us. There is much to celebrate!

*With Bill Erickson's decision to retire this spring, we will gratefully acknowledge his ten years at the parish. I have known Bill for thirty-five years. We first ministered together at St. Mary Parish in Menomonee Falls.*

*A gathering this spring will give us the chance to express our gratitude for Bill's musical gifts which he has generously shared with our parish. Stay "tuned" (no pun intended)!*

Fr. Tony

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Every day families in the Holy Land try to live Christian lives as we do. These Christians who live where Christ walked and taught, lived and died, struggle in a land of war, death and destruction. Please be as generous as you can to the people of the Holy Land and the Friars who help preserve the Shrines. The collection for the Holy Land will be taken on Good Friday, March 21.

# CHRISTIAN CONCERNS



Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

Fr. Mathew Chennekudy was warmly welcomed as our Missionary Priest this past August and September. Many of you visited with him and sensed his passion for helping children. During his visit he thanked us for all we have done to help the many street children of Northern India. Last year our envelopes for January and February were over \$2000. Fr. Mathew's order, the Divine Word Missionaries, clothe, feed, and teach basic cleanliness to children at the hostels they run. There is little room financially for the teaching aspect of his ministry, so he asked for our support in building a school. So many of you responded so generously that over \$13,000 was raised toward the cost of the school.

I am writing to let you know of the progress made on the school. As you can see by the picture, little time was wasted in getting it started. Yes, with the grace of God, our parish has helped build a school! Our parish!!! Just think of that, our small little North Lake/ Monches area has started a school in India. Isn't it amazing how things happen when God asks.....

Now, as Lent begins this week, ask yourself 'Where else is God speaking to me in my world?' Sit back and listen for the prayer to be answered.

Thank you and a blessings from the Christian Concerns Committee

## CHRISTIAN CONCERNS ENVELOPES

**NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2007**

Red Cloud Indian School \$3098.00

JANUARY & FEBRUARY envelopes benefit Father Mathew's Orphanage. Thank you so much - keep using your **YELLOW** envelopes!

## From Loaves and Fishes

Blessed Teresa served 45 adults and 12 children last Sunday at St. Joseph meal site. We usually serve 75 or more but the weather was severe with wind chills 30 below. I am so thrilled and thankful for the number of volunteers who make chicken or desserts, and donate money and / or time. It's fantastic. It was a wonderful way to start Lent!

The next time we serve is October 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Blessings, Shaun & Hannah Pavlic

## Welcome New Parishioners!

(Children are listed in parentheses)

Lawrence & Sandra Demeter  
Ralph & Barbara Hasler  
Ronald & Sandra Hora  
Pamela Nettesheim (& Emily)  
Susan Roltgen  
Mary Stapleton  
Michael & Patricia Stapleton (Brian & Shawn)

## Welcome Back!

Andy & Elizabeth Meier (Samuel, Madeline & Frank)

## Born Into God's Family

Hannah Schuette  
Sawyer Schultz  
Hannah Witt

## Married in Christ

Steven Belter & Ann Marie Hartwig

## Born to Eternal Life

Suzanne Harry  
Mary Jane Grede  
Lucille Pautsch

## From the Parish Nurses

### MEETING YOUR NEEDS

Lent is a good time to reflect on our health and ways to improve ourselves physically. Many have taken the opportunity to have their blood pressure evaluated on Monday mornings or at a weekend blood pressure screening. Our Lenten improvement plan includes discerning what we can do to serve Blessed Teresa Parish more effectively. Please complete the following questionnaire and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. And, as always, feel free to phone the parish nurses at 966-2191 with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

### Health Ministry Needs Assessment Survey

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check activities which are of interest to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ CPR class

\_\_\_\_\_ Bereavement ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ Babysitter Training class

\_\_\_\_\_ Cholesterol screen

\_\_\_\_\_ Fitness for older adults

\_\_\_\_\_ Dying, death, grief and loss seminar

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# IT'S HAPPENING!

## MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS FOR CHRISTIAN WOMEN, MONDAY, MARCH 10 7:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

All parish women are welcome to join the Christian Women when they begin their meeting with our Blessed Mother's Way of the Cross. Come and join in this powerful prayer right before Holy Week.



### A Cup of Joy Coffee

Fair Trade Coffee can be purchased during business hours in the parish office, or an order can be placed by phone at 966-2191. The coffee sells in 12 ounce bags at \$8.50 a bag. All funds raised through this sale support the Christian Women's social issues.

## The Spirituality of Aging – Lenten Retreat Day

**B.L.E.S.T. Retreat - Thursday, February 28**

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parish Center

Adult parishioners 55+

As we mature, our lives are challenged by changes in our prayer life, children/grandchildren not practicing in our faith, changes within our church, and challenges to our former understanding of church teaching. But there lies a beauty within the golden years. Come discover its wealth, depth, and strength in a day of growing in faith and spirituality. This retreat will be conducted by Pastoral Associate, Mary Lestina. Mary has a Bachelor's degree in Theology and Family Ministry and a Master's degree in Theology and Parish Administration. This retreat will include continental breakfast, presentations, prayer, discussions, and lunch and close with Stations of the Cross. Deadline to RSVP: Monday, Feb. 25. Cost: \$10.00 per person.

## THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH PRESENTATION

MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> AND 9<sup>th</sup>  
AFTER ALL MASSES

Join us for an informative discussion on the financial status of our parish!

The Finance Committee and Director of Administrative Services have assembled an overview on the current financial and managerial health of our parish in light of our one-year merged parish community and the recent purchase of the 20 acre land parcel on County V V.

The presentation will take place after all Masses in Clare Hall at North Lake and in the church hall at Monches.

Fair Trade Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.



## LEAP YEAR SOCIAL—SHRIMP BOIL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 4:30 to 7:30 PM Leap at the chance to support the Workcampers!

SHRIMP (ALL U CAN EAT).....\$10.00  
BAKED FISH.....\$10.00  
KIDS GRILLED CHEESE.....\$5.00

Meals include coleslaw, apple sauce, French fries, rye bread, dessert, and a choice of beverage (lemonade, iced tea, milk, and coffee).

Purchase tickets at the door.

Gold and silver stockholders get in free!

After the Shrimp Boil, travel to St. Catherine of Mapleton and attend a special Choral Concert with over 100 singers from the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University in Minnesota, featuring sacred and secular music from the Renaissance to the 20th Century. The concert will start at 8:00 p.m. No admission charge but a freewill donation is requested. For more information call 920-474-7000 or visit [www.stcathofalex.com](http://www.stcathofalex.com)

## THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS FOR THE MICAH EXPERIENCE WORKCAMP

June 22-28, Reading, Pennsylvania

Distinctly Catholic home repair mission trip. Turn social teaching into social living. Reading has experienced a devastating decline since the end of the local textile industry in the late 1940's. There are porches to repair, graffiti to remove, and wheelchair ramps to build. Come to the community made famous by Monopoly and help its residents pass "Go!"

Contact Sue Retzlaff - [sue@blteresaparis.org](mailto:sue@blteresaparis.org)

## "CROSS PURPOSES" - Wednesday, March 12 7:00 pm Performance at North Lake School

Middle school/High school students and all parishioners are welcome to attend. Join us for a one-act performance by Acacia Theatre. This is a heartwarming re-telling of the events of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, as told through the eyes of a merchant, the soldiers, Judas and two con artists. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to the Religious Ed. office at 966-7010.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION "WHERE'S JESUS?"

Saturday, March 15

10:00 am to 12:45 pm at North Lake

Children preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to this morning of crafts, music, story and prayer. Parents are invited to join their children as they move through each of the areas and learn about Jesus. The morning concludes with a special "hunt" and parents are invited to join their children for lunch at noon. RSVP at 966-7010.

# PARISH NEWS & NOTES

By Jessica Neddersen  
4<sup>th</sup> grade correspondent

## LENT, TO ME

Lent, to me, is a time for prayer and being kind and generous to family and friends. It also means fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, praying the rosary and trying to learn more about my faith by doing all these things. Lent means trying to do something difficult so I can learn about carrying my cross just as Jesus carried His cross for all of us.

My mom, dad, brothers and I try to pray more, and read the Bible. We kids love to watch Veggie Tales movies, which show how to be faithful people in God and usually goes along with some part of the Bible we have read. My brother and I both try to do good things, so my mom started the "chain." Every time we do something good, we get to add another link (of construction paper strips that loop) to our chain. We hang them in the doorway as a reminder to keep working at them. We also try to share. I've been sharing my board games and other toys this Lent. Lent, to me, is one of the best times of the year because I spend time with my family and God.

## LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish welcomes **Reverend Leslie Hoppe** as our Lenten speaker. Mark your calendars for this Lenten Presentation:

### The Gospel of Matthew (Our Gospel for this church year)

Thursday, March 13, 2008

A soup supper will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. followed by Fr. Hoppe's presentation.

Rev. Leslie Hoppe, O.F.M. is the Provincial Minister of the Assumption Province, Order of Friars Minor (Franciscan). Fr. Hoppe holds an M.A. in Theology from Aquinas Institute of Theology and a Ph.D. in Religion from Northwestern University. He is a renowned author, professor, and biblical scholar offering popular lectures on the Bible. He last taught at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

## THE BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD

This centuries old custom is indeed richly symbolic and beautiful. It is one the whole family can participate in and help prepare. The food is bought to the church in a basket or other container and is blessed by the parish priest on Holy Saturday. Traditional fare might include ham, Paschal lamb (usually in the form of butter or cake), cheese, horseradish, salt, vinegar and oil. It varies by the family.

All can enjoy this beautiful custom by participating at the blessing of the Easter food at **1:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday, March 22, at the North Lake Church**. This is an excellent way to teach younger members of your family about this treasured tradition.

The St. Vincent de Paul / North Lake Food Pantry is collecting non-perishable food items for their Easter baskets to the needy. When shopping for your Easter meal, please pick up an extra box of mashed potatoes, cereal, or canned fruit and bring it to the door of the pantry in the lower level of the North Lake Church. Thank you!!!

## EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

Care to make a donation towards the Easter altar flowers in memory of or for the special intention of a loved one? If so, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection; mail it or bring it to the office with a \$10 donation for each name. Please **print** clearly below. The names will be listed in the bulletin after Easter. Donations will be accepted until Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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## NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR

### Sing for Easter! Join the Choir!

The Children's choir is getting ready to begin rehearsals for Palm Sunday and the Easter season. Please join us for rehearsals on Monday or Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> after Religious Education classes at 5:30 pm. Check the bulletin for additional rehearsals. Call Bill Erickson at 966-2191.



## DID YOU KNOW...

- Did you miss a bulletin?
- Misplaced the church calendar of events?
- Wondered what your grandchildren were doing?
- Looking to email Fr. Tony?

You can find these answers on the parish website:

[www.blteresaparish.org](http://www.blteresaparish.org)

For local area church information and events go to:

[www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org)

Or visit the links page on our website.

With our snowy winter season, check out our dosings on **WTMJ Channel 4** for more up to date information on Religious Education classes and events.



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Articles, photos or other materials are due to the parish office by the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month prior to the publication month.

**Please email to:** maria@blteresaparish.org  
**Deadline for June Newsletter: May 5, 2008**

**Parish Office:** (262) 966-2191  
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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - AT THE HEART OF GIVING**

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Waukesha County Needs Your Help!**

These are exciting, yet challenging times at St. Vincent de Paul in Waukesha. Due to a redevelopment project in process by the city of Waukesha, the downtown thrift store and ministry offices must relocate. We need to raise \$600,000 in order for this to happen. A larger and more accessible building will allow us to better serve the needy in Waukesha County. As God would have it, the move will also provide a new home for the St. Joseph Medical and Dental Clinic. We invite you to participate in our **“Ministry Growth Appeal.”** Please keep our outreach in your prayers. For more information, call Carol Kannenberg, president of the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Conference, through the parish office 966-2191.

Thank you for supporting our ministry to the needy of Waukesha County.



Yes, I would like to participate in the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Growth Appeal.

Please make your checks out to your parish: **BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA**. The church will forward the donation to SVDP and credit your parish account.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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