

# From Our Pastor

## My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On July 7th, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI published and released a document called *Summorum Pontificum*. In this letter, our Holy Father addressed the issue of the Mass and the manner in which it is to be celebrated. In short, the Pope has now allowed, under certain conditions, for any priest to celebrate the Mass using the form that is commonly known as the Tridentine or Latin Mass. I would like to take a moment now to discuss this teaching with you and to reflect on how it might affect our parishes.

The Mass to Catholics is the source and summit of our Church's life - it is the highest and most perfect form of worship. The Mass is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist - the Body and Blood of Christ becomes really and truly present on the altar. If we are properly prepared and disposed, we may receive the Eucharist. Catholics have been celebrating the Mass since the very beginning of Christianity for we have taken seriously Our Lord's words at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me."

Throughout the history of the Church, the Mass has been celebrated in various languages and in various forms. The essence has remained the same; readings from the Bible, a sermon, the Eucharistic Prayer from the Last Supper, Holy Communion, etc. However, the form or ordering of these common themes has changed over time. In the early Church the Mass was said in the language of the people. Over time, the language of the Mass became fixed in Latin, because Latin was the language of the

Roman Empire and universally used. Gradually the use of the Latin language fell out of daily use among the people; however it remained in use by the Church. Latin was seen as a universal (common) language for the universal Church. Indeed, even today all official Church documents are first published in Latin and then translated into the particular language of a given people. The form of the way Mass was said became highly structured during the late 1500's. This was in response to the Protestant Revolution as well as to curb errant priests from changing the way Mass was said. Thus from the late 1500's until around 1970, the Catholic Mass was highly ritualized, strictly ordered, and said in the Latin language.

Between 1962-1965, the Second Vatican Council took place. During this major event in the life of the Church, all of the world's bishops gathered in Rome to discuss ways that our Faith could be proclaimed anew to the modern world. The first of the sixteen official documents that came from Vatican II dealt with the Mass. In this document, permission was given for the Mass to be said in a language other than Latin. Although it took some seven years to prepare, the new form of the Mass was published and began to take effect in 1970. This is the ritual and form of the Mass used today in our parishes and throughout our Diocese.

To be continued next week...

May God Bless You.

*Fr. Girotti*

## Parish Council 2012

One of the strongest recommendations from our recent Cathedral Parish Summit was a reorganized Parish Council with new responsibilities. We now have a completely new Parish Council that will assist in setting the direction of our Cathedral Parish. A few weeks ago we had our first organizational meeting and over the next few months we will begin to establish new duties and responsibilities for the Council. The following are the members of the new Parish Council. They are:

**Andrew Opicka** - President

**Chris Shaw** - Vice President

**Mary Fisher** - Secretary

**Ken Reigh**

**Greg Rotherham**

**Tom Vorpahl**


**Pat Cooley**

**Steve Motl**

**Dorothy Lindenbeck**

**Chuck Johnson**

Each of the members of the Council will have a particular area of parish life that he or she is responsible for and all members will contribute towards setting the direction of the parish. Terms will be limited according to Diocesan standards and future new members will be chosen according to these directives. Please pray for this group of wonderful people that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them in their work for our Cathedral Parish.



***"Help Jesus with His work  
of educating our children,  
comforting the sick and  
helping families in need."***

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**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO  
THE BISHOP'S APPEAL 2012**

## Thank You for Sunday Morning Coffee & Rolls

To Dorothy Lindenbeck of Dorothy's Custom Sewing for sponsoring rolls & coffee on the fourth Sunday of each month after Mass at SFX Cathedral.

## St Thomas More School

We are now accepting registrations for preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2012-2013 school year. Go to [www.gracesystem.org](http://www.gracesystem.org) & click on "Become a Student". We are also offering a kindergarten screening session on Friday, April 13. Please call 432-8242 for an appointment. St. Thomas More is located at 650 S Irwin Ave & is a GRACE School.

## 2012 Esto-Vir Men's Conference

ONE FINAL WEEK TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE 2012 ESTO VIR MID-WEST MEN'S CONFERENCE coming, March 10<sup>th</sup> to St. Pius X parish in Appleton. Guests include Bishop David L. Ricken, Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. Francis Hoffman "Father Rocky", and Mr. Alan Keyes - former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Mass will follow at 4PM. Registration is open online at [www.estovir.com](http://www.estovir.com). \$40 early registration until March 5th. \$50 after March 5th.

## Natural Family Planning

Engaged & married couples: Attend an NFP course & learn a Natural method of Family Planning that is healthy, effective & morally acceptable. Beyond that, it is "green" & inexpensive! Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. Classes within the diocese run continuously. For information & to find a class near you email Sam & Nicole at [nfp4marriage@gmail.com](mailto:nfp4marriage@gmail.com). or go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) CCL is teaching couples to work in collaboration with the Diocese of Green Bay as NFP providers.

## 2012 Fall Bazaar

This year's Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 17. It is not too early to be thinking about items that you may be able to donate for this year's event. We are currently looking for larger items that we can advertise to raffle or auction. Maybe you have a gift item or gift certificates from Christmas that you are not going to use that we can utilize to purchase items for the bazaar. Do you know a business that might consider donating larger auction items? Your suggestions and donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact the 2012 Fall Bazaar Co-Chairs: Sharon Nagy (339-8152) or Karen Van Beek (339-7872).

## Life in the Spirit

An introduction seminar to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. Seven Monday sessions (April 9-May 21) of teaching, guidance, sharing & prayer that lead to a deeper relationship with the Lord. A mandatory explanation session will be held March 27 & April 7 at 7P at Bernard Parish in Green Bay. Contact Cynthia at 412-1013 or Conrad at 498-9756.

## 40 Days for Life

Share your Love, Forgiveness, Faith, Charity & Hope with 40 Days for Life. Join us in this peaceful vigil of prayer, fasting, listening & walking in front of the Bellin Medical Arts Building on Mondays from February 22 - April 1, 8-10 am.

## Prayer Intentions of Pope Benedict XVI

### Apostleship of Prayer - February 2012

**Access to Water.** That all peoples may have access to water & other resources needed for daily life.

**Health Workers.** That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick & elderly in the world's poorest regions.

## PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

### Anointing Mass

Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing that is given to a person who is seriously ill or in danger of death due to sickness or old age. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the 8:30A Mass on Friday, March 2.

### Confessions

Please note: in addition to having confessions from 2:15P-3:30P on Saturdays we now have them from 6P-8:30P on Wednesday evenings. Keep in mind that the priest hearing confessions on Saturday needs time to prepare himself to celebrate Mass.

### Operation Rice Bowl

Our community will participate in the Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl this Lent as a sign of solidarity with our global family. Rice bowls can be picked up from the Lighthouse CD table in the BWC Entrance.

### Lenten Schedule

Weekday Mass,

Monday - Friday 8:30A

Confession, Wednesday 6 - 8:30P

& Saturday 2:15 - 3:30P

Weekend Mass, Saturday 4P

& Sunday 9A

Stations of the Cross, Sundays at 11A,  
from February 26-April 1

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Friday, March 2, 8:30A

Vespers with Bp. Ricken

Sunday, March 4 at 4P

Penance Service

Tuesday, March 20, 6:30P

Catholicism Series

Thursdays through April

6:30 - 8P, BWC

### Parish Stewardship

February 18th and 19th, 2012

Sacrificial Giving.....\$6541.00

Offertory Collection.....\$ 718.28

Total.....\$7259.28

We need an average of \$8000.00 from the weekly collection to meet our budget.

# Events Ahead: February 26th - March 10th, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>8A</b> RCIA - conf rm & Gehl <b>8:30A</b> Rosary <b>9A</b> Mass - Bp. Ricken - Rite of Sending <b>11A</b> Stations of the Cross  First Sunday of Lent	<b>27</b> <b>8:30A</b> Mass <b>4:30P</b> Eucharistic Adoration - Third Order of Carmelites <b>5:30P</b> Mass TOC, social after BWC  Lenten Weekday	<b>28</b> <b>8:30A</b> Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Divine Mercy <b>9:30-11:30A</b> Sanctuary Cleaning <b>6:30P</b> Parish Council Mtg - BWC <b>7P</b> Choir  Lenten Weekday	<b>29</b> <b>8:30A</b> Mass <b>9A</b> Eucharistic Adoration <b>9-11A</b> Organist Rhrl <b>CREDO Classes</b> <b>5:30P</b> RCIA - Gehl <b>6-8:30P</b> Confessions <b>7P</b> RCIA - conf rm <b>8:45P</b> Benediction  Lenten Weekday	<b>1</b> <b>8:30A</b> Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet <b>6:30-8P</b> Catholicism Series # 5 - BWC  Lenten Weekday	<b>2</b> <b>First Friday</b> <b>8:30A</b> Anointing Mass Sacred Heart Novena Muffins & Coffee - BWC <b>9:15-11A</b> Organist Rhrl  Lenten Weekday	<b>3</b> <b>2:15P</b> Confessions <b>3:30P</b> Rosary <b>4P</b> Vigil Mass  <i>Banns of Marriage II Bosetski/Rosek</i>  Lenten Weekday, St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin
<b>4</b> <b>8A</b> RCIA - conf rm & Gehl <b>8:30A</b> Rosary <b>9A</b> Mass <b>11A</b> Stations of the Cross <b>4P</b> Vespers - Bp. Ricken  Second Sunday of Lent	<b>5</b> <b>8:30A</b> Mass  Lenten Weekday	<b>6</b> <b>8:30A</b> Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Divine Mercy <b>7P</b> Choir  Lenten Weekday	<b>7</b> <b>8:30A</b> Mass <b>9A</b> Eucharistic Adoration <b>9-11A</b> Organist Rhrl <b>CREDO Classes</b> <b>5:30P</b> RCIA - Gehl <b>6-8:30P</b> Confession <b>6:30P</b> Tour-Ss Peter & Paul, Hortonville <b>7P</b> RCIA - conf rm <b>NO ESTO VIR</b> <b>8:45P</b> Benediction  Lenten Weekday Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	<b>8</b> <b>8:30A</b> Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet <b>1P</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30-8P</b> Catholicism Series # 6 - BWC  Lenten Weekday St John of God, Religious	<b>9</b> <b>8:30A</b> Mass Sacred Heart Novena <b>9:15-11A</b> Organist Rhrl  Lenten Weekday St. Frances of Rome, Religious	<b>10</b> <b>8-10A</b> Sanctuary Cleaning <b>2:15P</b> Confessions <b>3:30P</b> Rosary <b>4P</b> Vigil Mass  <i>Banns of Marriage III Bosetski/Rosek</i>  Lenten Weekday

## Catholicism Series Presentation

Thursdays through April 12, 2012

Join us for a special screening and discussion of the "Catholicism" series.

The series will be presented over 10 evenings with lively discussion about the key topics. We'll immerse ourselves in the rich beauty and teachings that Father Barron presents. These episodes fortify Catholics with essential truths that enable meaningful engagement with fellow Christians and non-Christians alike. See more: <http://sfxcathedralgb.org/Catholicism>

Presented in the Bishop Wycislo Center

Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral Church Green Bay, WI Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm

### CREDO News

Steubenville Trip Parent/Teen Meeting  
 Monday, March 19 from 7P-8P  
 Lower level of the Gehl Center



### Mark Your Calendars!

Why? SFX Cathedral will be offering a summer Catholic youth program entitled, *Totus Tuus* (Latin phrase meaning totally yours)

Who? For youth in grades 1-12; Open to parishioners and non-parishioners

Where? *Totus Tuus* will be held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

When? June 18-22, 2012

The mission of *Totus Tuus* is to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and an openness to their vocation by constantly challenging them to give themselves entirely to Christ through Mary and by continually strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of her. Stay tuned for more information!