



“I will show you the way to heaven...” —St. John Vianney

# Vianney Vibes

## From the Pastor's Desk...



### Lent is the time to sharpen the edge of your axe!

A rivalry began at a lumberjack camp in northern Wisconsin. A young, athletic and muscular lumberjack coveted the title of “head lumberjack” and initiated a challenge to the veteran “head lumberjack.” The challenge was accepted and rules were simple; “tomorrow from sunrise to sunset, we will both take our axes, cut down trees and at the end of the day, whoever has dropped the most trees, will be “head lumberjack.” Both agreed.



At daybreak, the young lumberjack ripped into the forest, chopping away as fast as he could. He did not stop for a break or for lunch. He simply kept at it. By the middle of the afternoon, the young lumberjack began to cramp and slowed down considerably until he came to a halt.

The veteran’s approach was a little different. He took his axe, chopped until the tree fell, then stopped for a break. This was his pattern of behavior. Drop a tree and then stop for a short rest.

Late in the afternoon, the young lumberjack approached the veteran with a sigh of surrender as it was clear to all that the old man had cut down more trees than the younger. The young man asked for an explanation and was disappointed that his quick labor did not yield a victory but instead left him exhausted.

The old man’s response was simple. “Yes, after each tree fell, I took a rest. Not only did I take a rest but I also sharpened the edge of my axe.”

Lent is the communal invitation through the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to sharpen your edge. Just as our relationships with one another need continuous attention and focus, so, too, does our relationship with God. The letter of James reminds us “draw near to Him and He will draw near to you.” (James 4:8). Strive to keep your edge sharp and do not grow weary during this Lenten season of 40 days.

*Peace,  
Fr. Randy*

### Ash Wednesday

#### Mass Times

**February 22**

8:15 a.m.

12:15 a.m.

5:15 p.m.

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Since September, 2011

Matthew and Robin Anderson, and Arthur

Karl Biermann

Bruce and Paula Davis

Emilie Borgmann

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Ruth Ann Derouin

Gregg and Stephanie Grover, and Layla

Brian High and Stephanie

Joshua and Renee Kojo, Lauren and Allison

Brent and Laura Laux, and Oliver

Tony and Jennifer Magestro

Robert and Katherine McCutcheon

John and Jessica Mock, and Bradley

James and Mary Nachtwey

Anthony and Sarah Palmer, and Grace

Jacob and Mary Penny, Fiona and Lana

Douglas and Amelia Roehl, and Athena

Thomas and Bernita Roth, Thomas, Nicholas and Chelsea

Timothy and Susan Silha

Kristine Singer

Michael and Luisa Spafford, and Charlotte

Francisco and Jodi Suarez, Juan, Jazmin, Desire and Jacob

## Recently Baptized

Sophia Christine Hoitink, 9/18/11, child of Todd and Abigail

Phillip Thomas McDonald, 9/18/11, child of Thomas and Elaine

Abraham Patrick Tomasik, 9/18/11, child of Matthew and Emily

Brynley Magdalene Tukiendorf, 9/18/11, child of Christopher and Mandy

Reese Elizabeth Vander Kooi, 9/25/11, child of Randy and Kristin

Andrea Jane Hanson, 10/9/11, child of Timothy and Stefanie

Charlotte Rose Spafford, 10/9/11, child of Michael and Luisa

Gabriel David Kazda, 10/15/11, child of David and Rikki

Brooks Thomas Timmerman, 10/15/11, child of Scott and Angie

Jack Charles Sheridan, 10/16/11, child of Chad and Sky

Mae Elizabeth Lieder, 10/31/11, child of Chad and Melissa

Fiona Kelly Penny, 11/5/11, child of Jacob and Mary

Lana Elizabeth Penny, 11/5/11, child of Jacob and Mary

Joseph Edward Richardson, 11/6/11, child of Matthew and Julie

Tatum Elizabeth Richardson, 11/6/11, child of Matthew and Julie

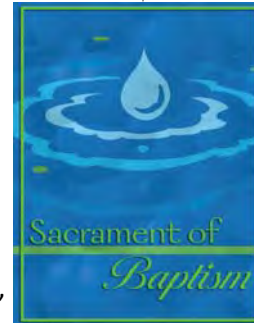
Ella Armstrong Whinney, 11/13/11, child of Robb and

Kristy

Paige Alivia Malterer, 11/19/11, child of David and Jennifer

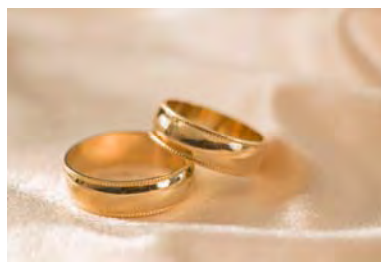
Anna Lucile Dillon, 12/22/11, child of Brian and Elizabeth

Bradley Dale Mock, 2/5/12, child of John and Jessica



## Marriages

Jamin Seippel and Allison Stark, 12/30/11



Darrin Bemrich and Erika Enke, 12/31/11

## Recently Deceased

Andrew Morris, 9/4/11

Deborah Kauchak, 9/10/11

William Ryan, 9/17/11

Helen Monat, 9/24/11

Mary Hulick, 10/11/11

John Hull Jr., 10/7/11

Mary Tyler, 10/15/11

Richard Penning, 11/19/11

Mary Hamlin, 1/18/12

Richard Byrne, 1/30/12



## SJV School

THE STATE OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL:

As I sit to write this article, the President presents his State of the Union speech and the Governor presents his State of the State report. I am inspired to present to you the State of St. John Vianney School report.

St. John Vianney School operates for 250 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade with an average of 25 students at each grade level. We employ 18 teachers, 1 aide, 1 secretary, 1 cook, 3 extended care supervisors, and 1 principal. We fill all 16 classrooms, the library, the computer lab, the gym, the Commons, and the school office for most of every day. We fill the Church on Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons.

Our 250 students represent approximately 165 families where more than 95% are parish members. Parish members pay \$1,650 tuition for each child while out of parish families pay \$4,200. We require that all parish members contribute a minimum of \$800 in parish envelopes to earn this tuition rate. We distribute approximately \$15,000 in tuition assistance annually for families that apply.

Fundraising is an integral component of our budget. We rely on several fundraisers to help balance the budget and relieve the parish of additional financial burden.

- SCRIP is a requirement for every school family. All are expected to purchase a minimum of \$3,000 in SCRIP annually. SCRIP contributes at least \$35,000 to the school budget. This is a direct result of selling over \$1,300,000 over the course of the year. We are grateful for the parish sup-

port of our SCRIP program and mention that the more successful this program is the more relief it will be to the parish budget too.

- Mardi Gras is a fundraiser that offsets the expenses of our budget. This year's Mardi Gras will be February 18<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome. I invite you to gather with parish and school families to celebrate before Lent begins with some food, drinks, and dancing. I'll be there. I look forward to seeing you too.
- The SJV Golf Outing in August is our third major fundraiser of the year. It is hard to think about warm weather and golfing at this time of year but we can dream!!!

The School Endowment Fund was established to help offset the expenses of the school. Currently, we have a matching offer for our Endowment Fund. We need to raise \$50,000 for the Endowment Fund this year. Any donation will help.

Our school does everything possible to maintain our excellent reputation. We set high standards for all our students. We teach the Gospel daily along with expecting Christ kind behaviors. We teach and model service to others. We expect appropriate behaviors and manners. Our academic standards never waiver and are among the highest. Our students learn and display strong study skills that propel them to achieve at any level. Our students excel as strong Catholics, leaders, and citizens.

I am always proud to be connected to St. John Vianney Parish and School but pray that I make each of you proud as well.

*Blessings,*

*Judi Dillon*

## Distinguished Graduate

St. John Vianney School is pleased to honor Brian Cullen as their 2012 Distinguished Graduate. Distinguished graduates are honored for a life of service to their church and community. Brian received this award during the all school Mass on February 2, during Catholic Schools Week. After Mass, Brian spoke to our middle school students, sharing his experience as a student at our school and how his Catholic education has influenced his life.

Brian is a 1977 graduate of St. John Vianney Catholic School and a 1983



graduate of Craig High School. He attended and graduated from both the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the American University in Washington, DC. Brian has been a member of the Rock Aqua Jays since 1977, participating as an announcer or skier for 16 national championship teams. He has also served as show director and assistant show director for eight championship teams.

Brian has been involved at St. John Vianney School as a cross country coach, assistant coach, Cub Scout den leader, and announcer and master of ceremonies for many activities over the years. He continues to serve the church as a proclaimer and athletic board member.

Congratulations to Brian Cullen on his life of service to our school, community, and church and for being named the 2012 St. John Vianney School Distinguished Graduate.

## SJV Faith Formation News

### K-5 Program

Meet Therese, the newest addition to our K-5 Faith Formation program. She has made new friends in our kindergarten, first and second grade classes. Therese (named after St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower of Jesus) visits her friends to find out what they are learning. The students have enjoyed sharing prayers, thoughts and even hugs with Therese. She's looking forward to seeing her friends again soon!



Do you know where Therese is sitting? She's waiting to see her friends coming to class. Who is she sitting next to, and where can you find this spot? It's somewhere at SJV. She'll ask her friends if they know the answer next class.

Marie Wallace  
Faith Formation Director, K-5

### 6-12 Program

And we're off! What an exciting and eventful start to our time here at St. John Vianney! The Youth Formation & Ministry (YFM) program is well underway and has offered many new opportunities for students to engage in the Catholic Faith. We started the year off with a High School Pilgrimage to Holy Hill for St. John Bosco Youth Day – an annual event in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that brings 2,000 youth from the Midwest under one tent to sing, listen to awesome speakers, and pray. 13 Students represented St. John Vianney. Their favorite part, unanimously...“the beautiful church!” A group of 9 students also went on pilgrimage to the Basilica of St. Josaphat on Milwaukee's south side in January. One student says, “The church was just so beautiful; I can't stop thinking about it!”

St. John Vianney is now an official chapter of the Dead Theologians Society (DTS). This youth Apostolate was started right here in our very own diocese and has spread throughout the world. The mission: to learn about the Saints so that we may become Saints ourselves and realize we are not alone on this journey called life. Not only will students learn from these great examples of holiness, but we share a meal and fellowship with each other before and after each meeting, along with a game or two. We meet every other Wednesday night from 7-9 p.m. in Marian Hall. Check the website for more info.

“...meet Jesus Christ,  
risen from the dead,  
in a life-changing  
way.”

A newsletter, NUNCIO, has begun circulation via e-mail and is also available in the kiosk in the Gathering Space. If you would like to receive the NUNCIO, please e-mail us at youth@sjv.org .

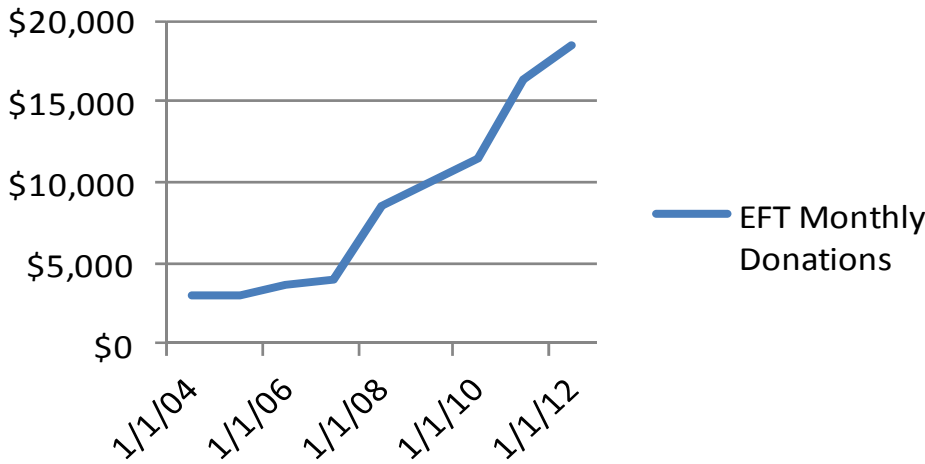
The Janesville-Milton Cluster Middle School Rally: *Catholics on Fire* was held in late January and those who attended had a blast! Social Justice advocates John & Sarah Ramthun of *6:8 Ministries* spoke about “Serving God with a Joyful Heart.”

A group of 9 students attended Resurrection Rally 2012 at Chula Vista Resort in the Dells at the beginning of February. Resurrection Rally is an annual weekend event put on by the Diocese of Madison for about 350 high school students for fun, learning and prayer. The theme this year was “Calling: *Can you hear Him now?*” and students learned about the various ways that God calls us to live out our one true calling – holiness.

Thanks so much to all of our catechists, board, parents and volunteers who assist us in fulfilling the mission to help students “...meet Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, in a life-changing way.”

*Pax Christi,*  
Wes+Megan Hardin  
Coordinators of Youth Formation &  
Ministry  
A.M.D.G. – *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*  
“For the Greater Glory of God”

# EFT Monthly Donations



Since 2004, a number of parishioners have taken advantage of the automatic withdrawal or EFT process available for church support donations. We began with 34 participants generating \$2,931 in monthly donations and are currently at 122 participants at \$18,504 in monthly donations. We invite you to participate in this simple process.

Donations can be made the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month or the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Simply complete the form provided in the Vibes or go online to [www.sjv.org](http://www.sjv.org) to print off the form. **A voided check must be attached to the forms.** Forms can be sent to the Parish Office at 1245 Clark Street, Janesville, WI 53545 or placed in the collection basket. You will still receive collection envelope packets due to the special collections throughout the year. Online giving is also available through PayPal at [www.sjv.org](http://www.sjv.org). If you have any questions about the process, please contact Jeanne at the Parish Office, 752-8708 ext. 103.

"EACH ONE MUST DO AS HE HAS MADE UP HIS MIND, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER." 2 COR 9:7

## EFT Member Authorization Form

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

- New authorization     
  Change in amount     
  Change in account

Frequency	Amount	Start Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly <i>(1st and 15th of month)</i>	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	_____	_____

Please take my contribution directly from my  Checking Account  Savings Account

Bank Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize St. John Vianney to process debit entries to my account. **I have attached a voided check.** This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization.

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## Liturgy

### Awaken Your Catholic Faith

Sometimes important things get away from us ----things like faith.

Is this you?

- Too Busy? Not been to church in a while?
- Children asking questions about faith that you're not sure how to answer?
- Looking for an opportunity to explore your faith?

*Awakening Faith* may be just right for you. This six-session series includes topics such as "Spirituality: What's the Buzz?", "Who is Jesus?", "Do We Need the Spirit?", "Can I Accept God's Mercy?", "Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful?" You can learn and ask questions....all in a friendly and



confidential setting with other Catholics.

St. John Vianney invites you to six Awakening Faith sessions, 10-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays beginning on February 25. No charge. Go to [www.sjv.org](http://www.sjv.org) for more information or contact Mary Eckert at [meckert@sjv.org](mailto:meckert@sjv.org) or by phone at 608-752-0563.

Mary Eckert,

Director of Liturgical Ministries

## SJV Justice and Peace Committee

As we approach the season of Lent, the Justice and Peace Committee is planning our next parish service project. Under the guidance of Sr. Connie Fahey, we will be collecting certain books to send to the Diocese of Solwezi, Zambia. Our efforts will include learning about the needs of the Diocese, collecting and packing books and raising funds to help pay for shipping. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

We approach each project on the basis of "What are we called to do" as Catholics. The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Our Catholic Tradition instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me....Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."*

Matthew 25:35-36, 40

The committee is open to any parishioner that would like to join in the discussion and move forward a variety of projects that use the time, talent and treasure of all who take part. We meet on an "as needed" basis. Contact Dona Bolton, [kkdpro@yahoo.com](mailto:kkdpro@yahoo.com) or Jeanne Vogt, [jvogt@sjv.org](mailto:jvogt@sjv.org) or the parish office, 752-8708 to be added to the contact list as meetings are planned.



## Roosevelt & Jackson Schools Breakfast Clubs

The joy of serving breakfast at Roosevelt and Jackson Schools continues with our dedicated and reliable volunteers from St. John Vianney Parish. Other participating churches include Cargill United Methodist, First Presbyterian, St John's Lutheran and St Mark's Lutheran. SJV serves every fifth week at Roosevelt and a reminder is in the SJV bulletin under "This Week In Our Parish." Breakfast is served every Thursday at Jackson School.

Food preparation begins at 7:00 a.m. and clean up is completed by 8:20. Each

day a healthy breakfast of cereal, toast, milk, juice, cheese and bananas is served to 50-70 eager students.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Come as your schedule permits and know you are welcome to join this happy group of volunteers. For Roosevelt B.C. call Kit at 302-1065 or Bill at 752-9869. For Jackson B.C., call Sylvia at 752-0716.

Future weeks at Roosevelt are Mar. 12-16, April 23-27, and May 29- June 1.

*We welcome anyone...come as your schedule permits.*



## SJV Parish Nurse Ministry

Independent Living is something we all hope to maintain. **Society's Assets** is a non-profit organization which was developed to serve our area of Wisconsin, in 1974. It's primary function is to serve people of all ages who have disabilities by helping them achieve their full potential. The group also assists local communities in removing barriers to independent living. Some areas in which they can assist you are:

- ADA Assessment
- Assistive technology (phone, hearing, visual & mobility aids etc.)
- Benefits Counseling to help find financial resources
- Care Management Resources
- Companionship, Respite & Home Health Services
- Disability Awareness Programs
- Household Assistance & Home Modifications
- Independent Living Skills Training & Personal Care Services
- Student and Peer Support

## Women's Scripture

Please consider joining us as we reflect upon the readings of the coming weekend. It is a time to see the Word of God impacting our relationship with Him.

We meet each Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. in Marian Hall.

All are welcome.


*Joan Prendergast*  
Facilitator

The Elkhorn office serves Rock County. The phone number is: 800-261-8181. Or learn about Society's Assets on the web: [www.societysassets.org](http://www.societysassets.org).

They also publish a quarterly newsletter at no charge in hard copy or email form. Phone to request it.

**SJV Rides Program Reminder:** Call to volunteer as little or as often as you wish. Need a ride to a healthcare appointment, Mass or grocery store? Phone and request a list of volunteer drivers. Or stop at a Blood Pressure Clinic held the third Sunday of the month in the Gathering Space Hospital-ity Room for more information.

We need more currently licensed R.N.s to assist with Blood Pressure Clinics. You only need to commit to about 30 minutes after one Mass approximately every 3 months. We'd also be very happy to hear from any parish nurses we haven't met. Our contact number is 608-752-6400, which is also the number for our Pastoral Minister, Sister Lauretana or email Diane at: [dnd68@charter.net](mailto:dnd68@charter.net)



**"Retro Style"**  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
6:00 P.M.  
Saint John Vianney Commons & Gym

Evening to feature:  
Tastings of over 50 different style beers,  
Sampling of 25 different wines,  
Delicious gourmet foods catered by  
Best Events Catering,  
Entertainment by  
**VO5**

Cost: \$50.00 per person  
Tickets can be purchased in the school office or after Mass.

## Pastoral Ministry

Thanks to two generous donors we were able to order an additional supply of pyxes. We are grateful to them as well as to you for returning pyxes not in use to the collection basket or sacristy.

The parish continues to be blessed with compassionate and generous men and women who volunteer as weekly home Communion ministers to the homebound. It is an opportunity to serve weekly, or as the need dictates. If you are thinking of trying out this ministry give me a call and ask for details. New friendships have been forged with mutual appreciation expressed for those weekly communion calls. The short training session fulfills diocesan requests and the only other requirement is your desire to fulfill your commitment to the ministry for the length of time you are able to do so.

Again, our sacramental outreach to the homebound this year includes home visits by Fr. Randy to bring the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to those not able to come to church for anointing. It is a time of grace and blessings for all involved and open to anyone suffering the effects of illness of body, mind or spirit.

A reminder that our Parish Nurses are partners in health and that they continue to provide a variety of up-to-date community resources and health information available for the asking. Their **SJV Rides Program** is offered to assist your needs.

Give me a call at 752-6400 if you are in need of a home visit or Communion visit.

*Blessings,*

*Sister Lauretana Gorman*

## Progress of Cause of Sainthood for Bishop Sheen

From Msgr. Deptula, Director of the Fulton J. Sheen Foundation:

- Dr. Ambrosi finished the two-volume *Positio Superior Virtutibus*, which Bishop Jenky and I had the privilege of presenting personally to the Holy Father.

- With unprecedented speed, the theologians of the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints reviewed and unanimously approved the *positio* in October.

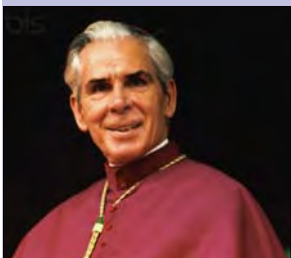
- We also opened and concluded the canonical tribunal investigating the alleged miraculous healing of the stillborn James Fulton -- who is now a happy and healthy 16 month old!

- Ignatius Press prominently promoted our film in time for holiday gift giving.

- And most recently, EWTN sponsored what I call "Sheen Week" with the world-wide premier of our documentary film and other special promotions, including programs featuring Fr. Andrew Apostoli.

- And generous donors from around the world continue to help us lead others to Christ through Sheen's teaching, especially through our efforts to bring the Wartime Prayer Book to our troops.

- And I can attest that based on the moving, and seemingly countless letters and emails we receive in Peoria -- Fulton Sheen continues to reach out to converts, help young men and women to discover their vocation, and to inspire many devout Catholics to deepen their love for Christ and His Blessed Mother.



## Process of Becoming a Saint

What is a saint? In the Catholic faith a saint is a role model for others and an intercessor in heaven before God.

The "cause" or the process whereby the church determines whether a candidate for sainthood is worthy of that special status is beatification.

Contrary to the popular idea that the Pope "makes" saints, the process is bottom up, not top-down. The church initiates a cause in response to a preexisting sense on the part of believers—a sense considered to be the work of the Holy Spirit—that someone who recently died exhibited a "heroic virtue" while alive. The bishop of the area then opens an inquest and assembles a "dossier" he will send to Rome if the cause seems worthy of support. From then on, the subject is called "the Servant of God." Without waiting for validation from Rome, these believers begin praying for that person to intercede before God on behalf of themselves or their loved ones. If they find that their prayers have been answered and spread the word, that person develops a reputation for sanctity. Only when such a reputation becomes widespread does the church investigate. And in most cases it will not begin that inquiry until at least five years after the death of the candidate for sainthood.

Once opened for the process, the Congregation for Causes, acting with the approval of the Pope, appoints a "postulator." The postulator presents the cause with the help of a lawyer; a promoter general of the Faith, better known as the "Devil's Advocate," whose mission is to reveal the weaknesses in the dossier. He or she must assemble the truth about the candidate, concentrating on the information that indicates sainthood. Out of this raw data the postulator then crafts a report called a *positio*. The purpose of that

report is to show how the person in question lived what are called the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity, as well as the human, moral virtues of prudence, justice, courage (or fortitude), and self-control. The completed report goes to two commissions, one composed of nine theologians and the other of cardinals and bishops. After considering the evidence, the commissions make their recommendations to the Pope.

Once the Pope receives the *positio* from the commission and judges it to be of heroic virtue, the individual is then proclaimed "Blessed" rather than the "Venerable Servant of God." That is beatification.

Next comes what is called "the testimony of God," as the miracles are called. After this declaration, the further progress of a cause depends on miracles. More specifically it depends on the confirmation of miracles, usually medical, that have occurred through the candidate's intercession with God. In this context, they serve as God's validation. If there is some unknown reason that should disqualify someone from sainthood, God would not answer a plea addressed to Him through that person.

Once a first miracle is judged to be worthy through the intercession of the individual considered for sainthood, the process for beatification occurs. Beatification allows candidates for sainthood to be venerated in their local churches, within their own religious congregations, and in other places by those who receive permission. It is an extraordinary milestone, but still one step away from canonization, which requires a second miracle.

Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC

(TIME)

## SJV Catholic Charities/Second Harvest Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry has been in operation for over two years in meeting the needs of our clients. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Randy for his vision and the Mobile Food Pantry Steering Committee for carrying out this vision. The purpose and goal of the Mobile Pantry is to provide food to any client who is in need without regard to financial status.

To meet this goal, the following partners provide strategies to administer GOD’S work: Catholic Charities provides the funding, Second Harvest provides and delivers the food to the site, and the final player is St. John Vianney Parish providing a place, time, and volunteers to distribute the food each month.

As you can see, there are three very important players involved in the distribution of GOD’S work throughout the community of Janesville. Two years ago the pantry started out by serving 60

clients and has grown to our current monthly average of 157 households. As noted, we would not be able to carry out the pantry without the help of our volunteers (monthly average of 45 volunteers) with the distribution of food to our clients. So come and join us in GOD’S work and also enjoy the fellowship of volunteering, socializing, and fun pizza suppers.



It is truly exciting to see how GOD works through this pantry. And yes, there are many other ways that GOD is working that cannot be measured or observed through this pantry, but they’re there.

We may be separated by geographical locations, financial status, and beliefs, but GOD has provided a wonderful opportunity for St. John Vianney Parish to serve others.

*Dan Teal, Chairman  
SJV Mobile Food Pantry  
Steering Committee*

## Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign of 2005 continues to provide funding to repay project debt from the 2002 building and renovation project. The “Finish the Race” campaign has brought SJV \$102,614 closer to paying off our debt. The total unfunded debt in January, 2011 was \$433,325 and the **current unfunded debt is \$330,711.**

The outstanding debt of \$659,000 includes \$139,000 of parishioner notes that will be coming due this year and \$520,000 owed to the SJV Endowment Fund.

As of January 9, 2012:

\$659,000	Outstanding Debt
(147,382)	Outstanding Pledges
<u>(180,907)</u>	Savings Available to Pay Debt
\$330,711	Unfunded Debt as of 1/9/12

## A Gift That Gives Back to You

Did you know that when you make a gift to establish a **Charitable Gift Annuity** that you also provide income to yourself? A Charitable Gift Annuity provides a fixed amount of income, based strictly on your age, to you for as long as you live. For example, a gift of \$10,000 pays the donor 5.8% (\$580 per year for someone who is 75 years old) each year. The donor also receives a tax deduction in the year the gift is made and the donor can opt for quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments.

The charity, i.e. SJV, then becomes the recipient of the residual of this gift at the time of your death. In essence, your gift to your parish provides income to you for your life.

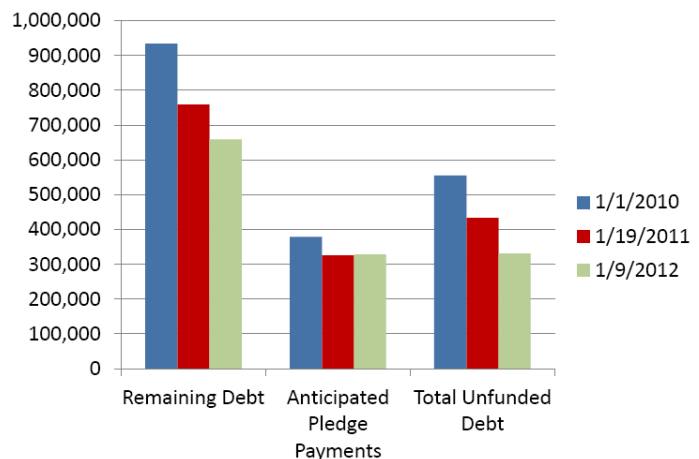
Many parishioners would like to make a legacy gift for their parish but still would like to retain the income from an investment during their life. This giving option allows for both, plus the donor gets to decide how the parish may use their gift. Truly, a win/win for everyone.

### Charitable Gift Annuity Rates

Age	Rate
65	4.7%
70	5.1%
75	5.8%
80	6.8%
85	7.8%
90+	9.0%

*Single Life Rates effect 1/1/12*

2002 BUILDING PROJECT DEBT



## 2012 SJV School Endowment Matching Gift Challenge

An anonymous donor has made available a \$50,000 matching gift challenge for the SJV School Endowment Fund. Our SJV School Endowment helps subsidize school operating costs. Beginning in 2012, 5% of the year end principal balance of the endowment fund will be distributed to fund a portion of the school budget. Giving to the endowment fund is a wise investment in the future of Catholic education and helps to maintain affordable tuition for those who seek Catholic education for their children. Place your gift in an envelope clearly labeled "2012 SJV School Endowment Challenge."

### Bob & Helen Sweeney Answer the Challenge

For many years, **Bob and Helen Sweeney** have been parishioners of



St. John Vianney. Being the recipients of many of God's blessings, Bob and Helen have made provisions in their will for St. John

Vianney and in particular for the SJV School Endowment Fund. They want to make it possible for children of the future to continue attending school and have made a \$5,000 gift to our SJV 2012 Matching Endowment Fund Challenge Gift. Through careful estate planning, their legacy gift will help to support the parish for future generations.

## St. John's Commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal

Over the past few weeks, information regarding the Annual Catholic Appeal has been in the parish bulletin and a mailing went out to all parishioners from Bishop Morlino. The Bishop is asking for a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the work of the Diocese of Madison. This year's theme is "Fountains of Living Water."

**This year's ACA Goal for St. John Vianney is \$81,278.** Please prayerfully consider making a pledge payable over five months to the appeal. In 2011, SJV pledged \$58,489 or 67% of last's year's goal of \$87,145.

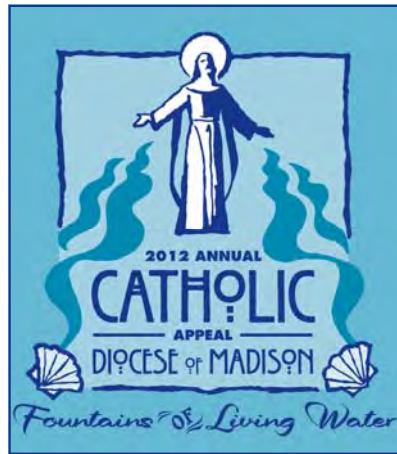
Through your donation, the Annual Catholic Appeal is able to reach out and help create a new heart for so many in the Diocese of Madison.

Your donations are put into action through a number of agencies and projects including:

- **Catholic Charities** – programs include mobile food pantries, **including the monthly pantry at St. John Vianney**, respite care services, rural life initiatives and the Catholic Multicultural Center.
- **Camp Gray** – your donation helps support the 225 acre site which provides an opportunity to renew faith, enjoy friendship and have fun through summer sessions for children in grades 2-12 and countless year round retreats for middle and high school students **including St. John Vianney 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students.**

- **Catholic Schools** – Planning for the future of Catholic Schools has been a major focus through the past few years. Increasing enrollment at the 44 Catholic schools and developing a funding plan to support over 7,500 students is ongoing through development workshops being offered to all the Diocesan Catholic schools including **St. John Vianney.**

- **Evangelization and Catechesis** – includes Youth 2000 retreats, Love Begins Here programs, Marriage Preparation classes, Natural Family Planning courses, Seat of Wisdom Institute workshops, St. Therese Lecture series and much more. The programs for both young and old have **many participants from St. John Vianney.**



- **Seminarian Education** – through your prayers and support, the Diocese has been blessed with 26 seminarians, **including our own parishioner, Jared Holz-huter**, in various stages of their education, two of whom are projected to be ordained in 2012. Your support helps our seminarians focus on their education and spiritual growth as they progress toward the ultimate reward of serving God through the priesthood.

More information is available through the diocesan website at [www.madisondiocese.org](http://www.madisondiocese.org) to see your dollars in action.

# Marriage Trends

A Dec. 14, 2011 Pew Research Center report out of Washington D.C. indicates marriage rates in the U.S. are at a record low, as young couples are delaying marriage longer than ever before.

Some sobering statistics from the article:

- Only 51 percent of adults in the U.S. are currently married, compared to 72 percent in 1960.
- New marriages in America dropped 5 percent between 2009 and 2010.
- The decline in marriage was most drastic among young adults. Only 20 percent of adults between the ages of 18 and 29 are married, a drop from 59 percent in 1960.

The Pew authors said it was “beyond the scope of this analysis to explain why marriage has declined” but they noted that its popularity has fallen less sharply among college graduates. The report found that the median age at first marriage has been steadily rising for both men and women over the past five decades, from 22.8 for men and 20.3 for women in 1960. The median age in 2010 was 26.5 for women and 28.7 for men in 2010.

- In the Diocese of Madison, we have seen a 40% decline in Catholic marriages from 1999-2009, while the number of civil marriages in the same time period dropped 11 percent.

What do we make of all this regarding the status of marriage in our country

and even worldwide as the findings clearly indicate a decreasing level of marriages in other developed nations?

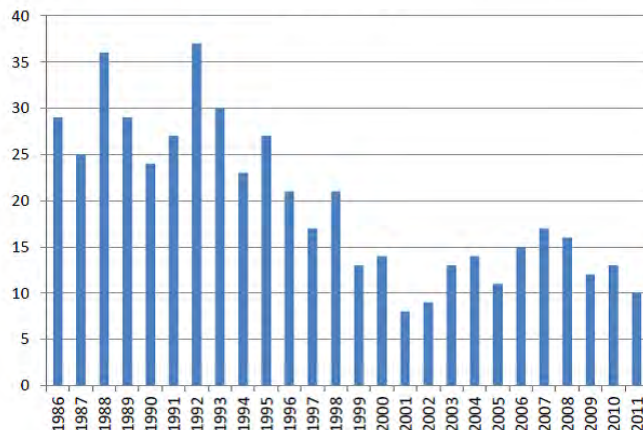
Thus we shall strive to place an emphasis upon marriage preparation and marriage enrichment opportunities. Clearly, those who are choosing to get married and particularly those who marry in the Church are counter-cultural.

In 2004 the U.S. Bishops launched their Pastoral Initiative for Marriage and the related “For Your Marriage” website, [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org), to help people better understand the Catholic viewpoint on marriage and to strengthen the bonds of couples, whether they are Catholic or not, married in the church or not. <http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/>

**John Paul II said: “as the family goes, so goes the world.”**



Number of Weddings Celebrated at SJV



## BREAKFAST

Presented by the  
Serra Club of Janesville  
Sunday, February 26  
after 8:15 a.m. and  
9:45 a.m. Mass

St. John Vianney Commons  
\$5.00 Adults,  
\$3.00 Age 3-12, Under  
3 – Free

Includes egg casserole, French toast, sausage, and beverage.



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the way to heaven..."  
- St. John Vianney

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**MARDI GRAS**  
Saturday, February 18, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Beer tasting, Wine Sampling, Gourmet Food and Live Entertainment by VOS  
Tickets: \$50 per person  
Tickets may be purchased after Mass or in the School Office

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